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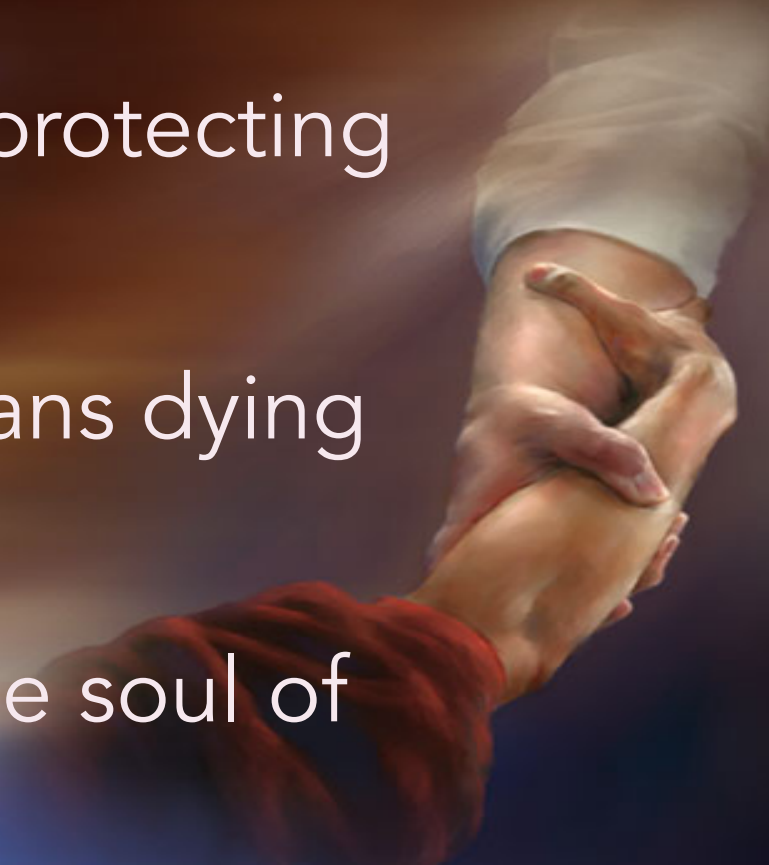
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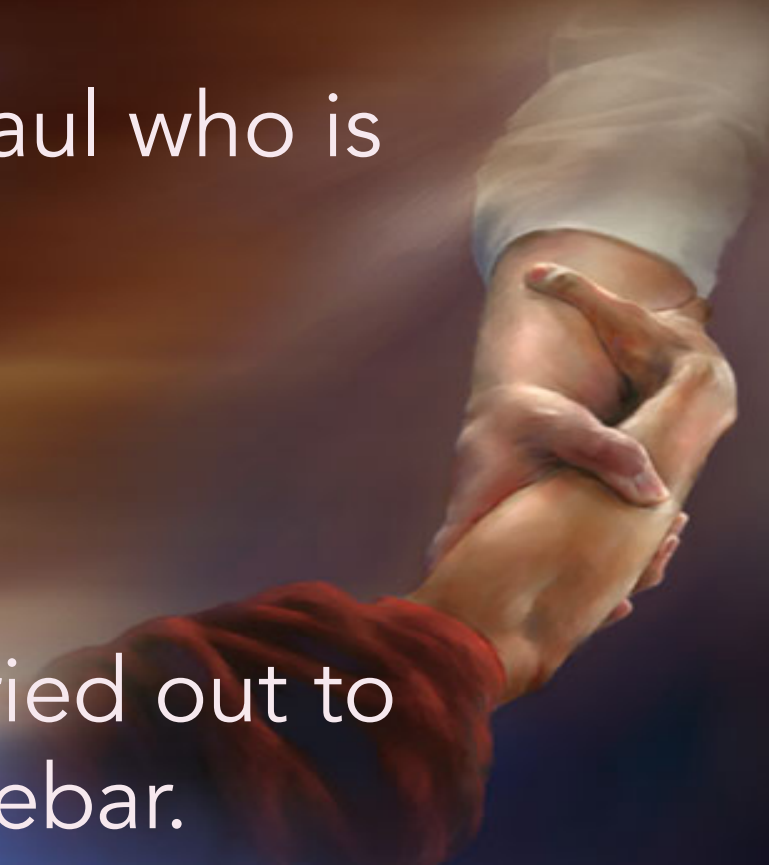
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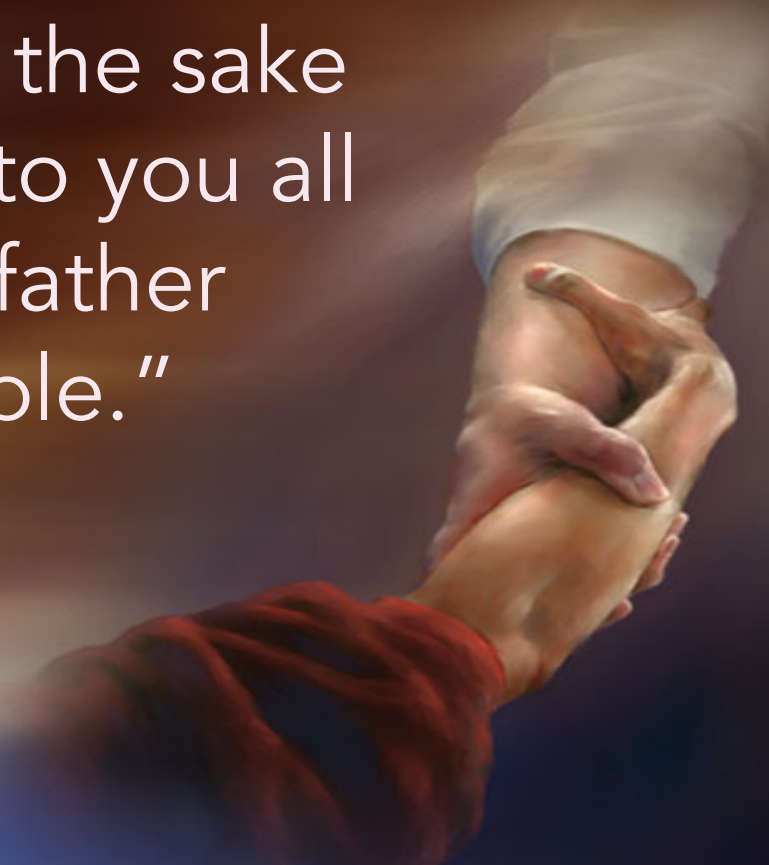
Ziba (David's Servant): "Yes...one is left...Mephibosheth."



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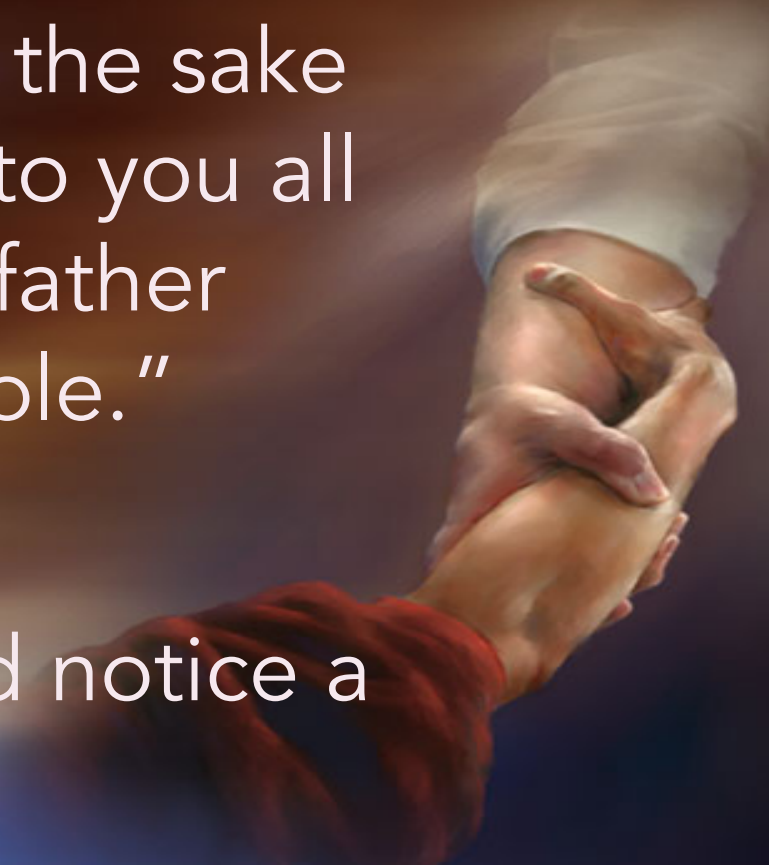
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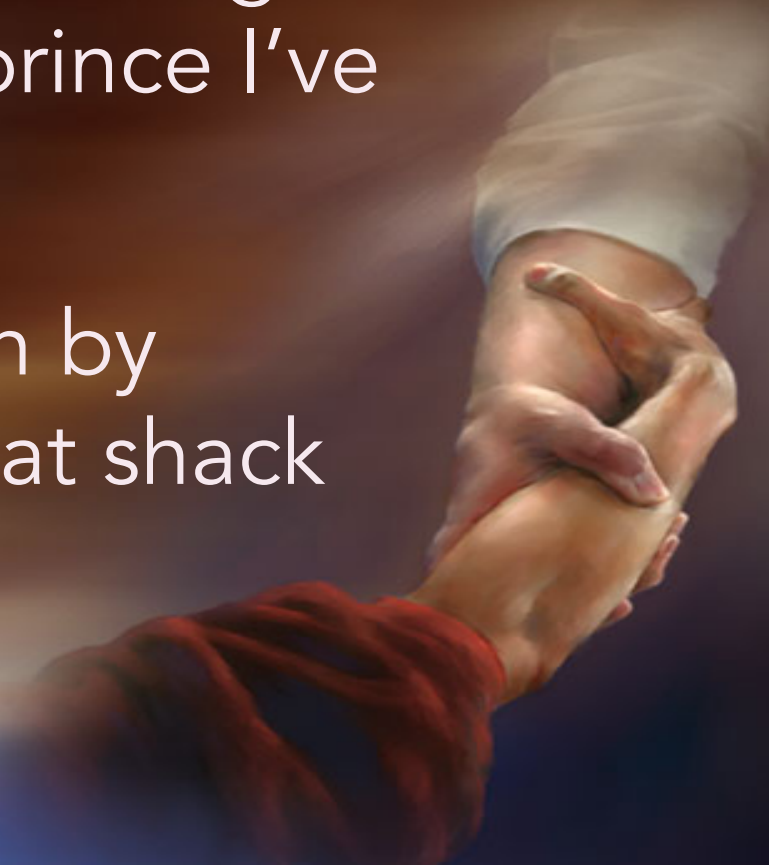
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The court jester: "Mephibosheth, you really don't belong here."



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“You’ll have to go take that up with David himself.”



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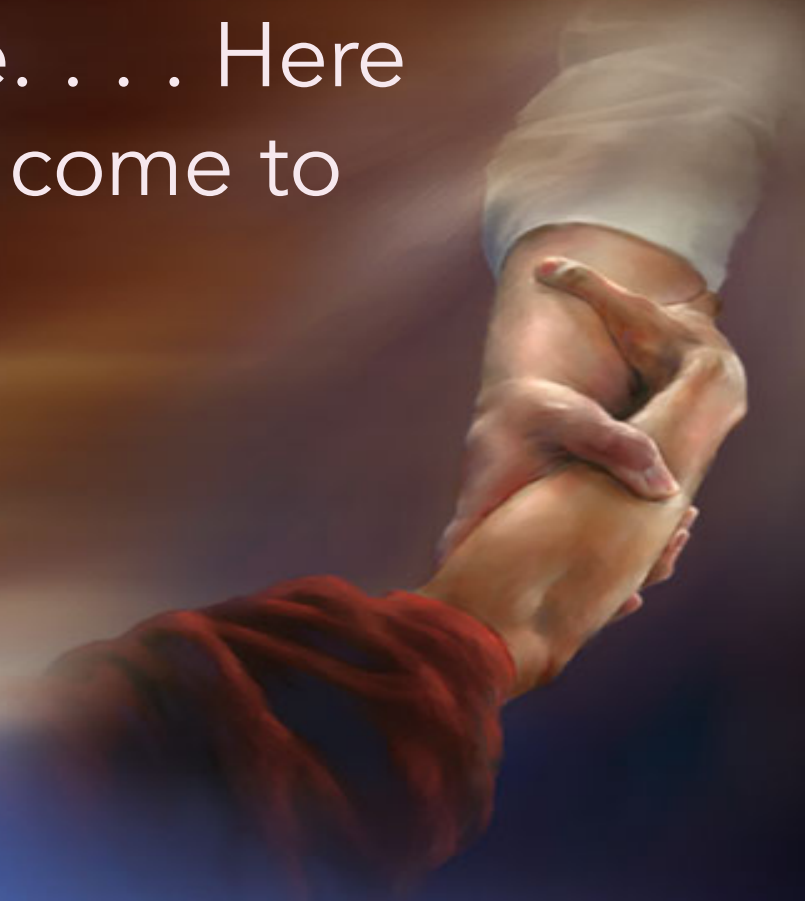
Jesus: "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)



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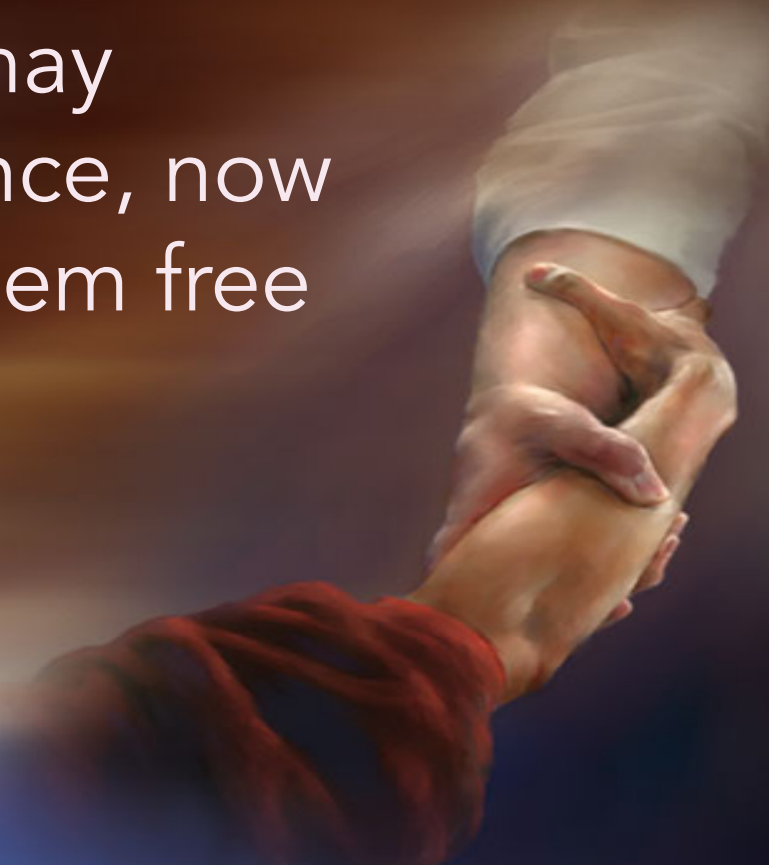
"Sacrifice and burnt offering you did not desire, but a body you have prepared for me. . . . Here I am, it is written in your scroll. I have come to do your will, O God."



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Hebrews 9:15

“For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from sin.”



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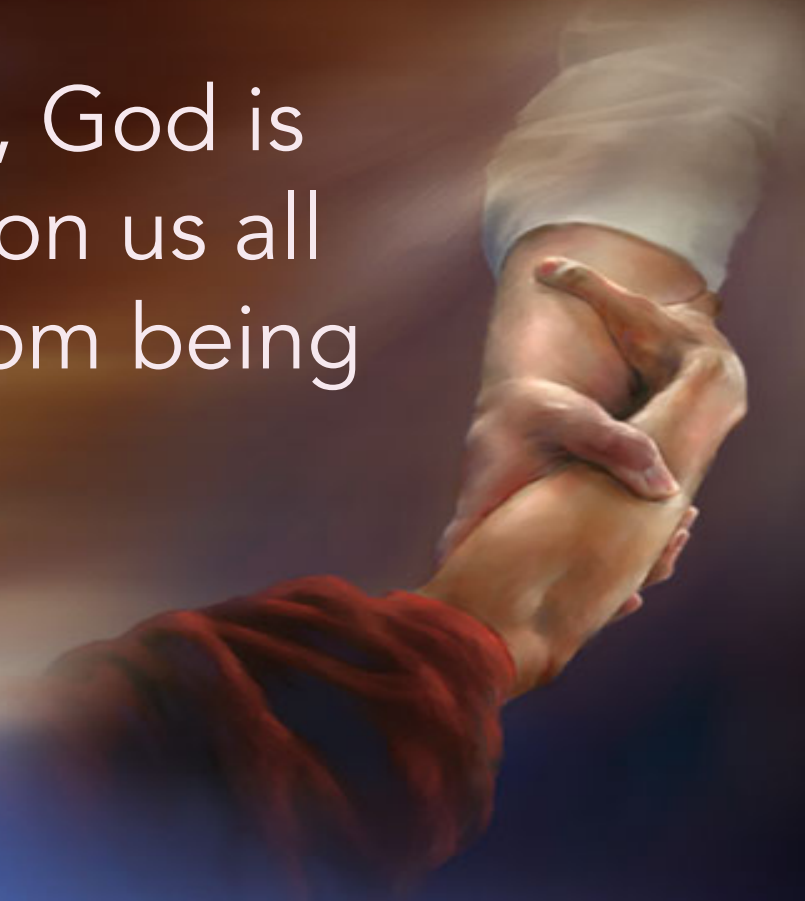
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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.



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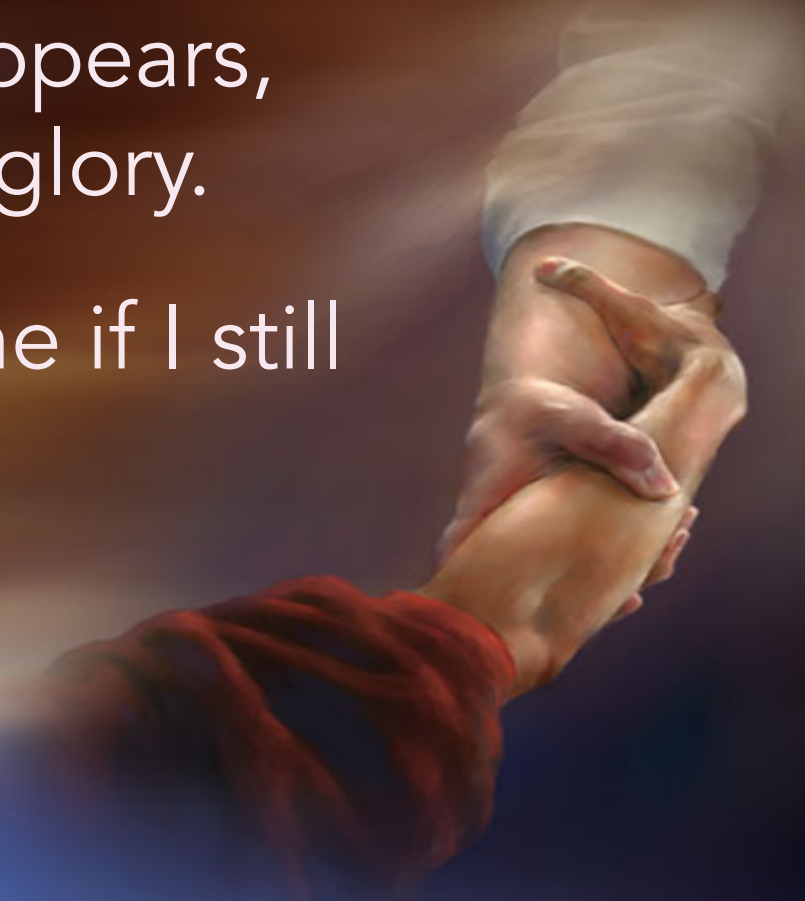


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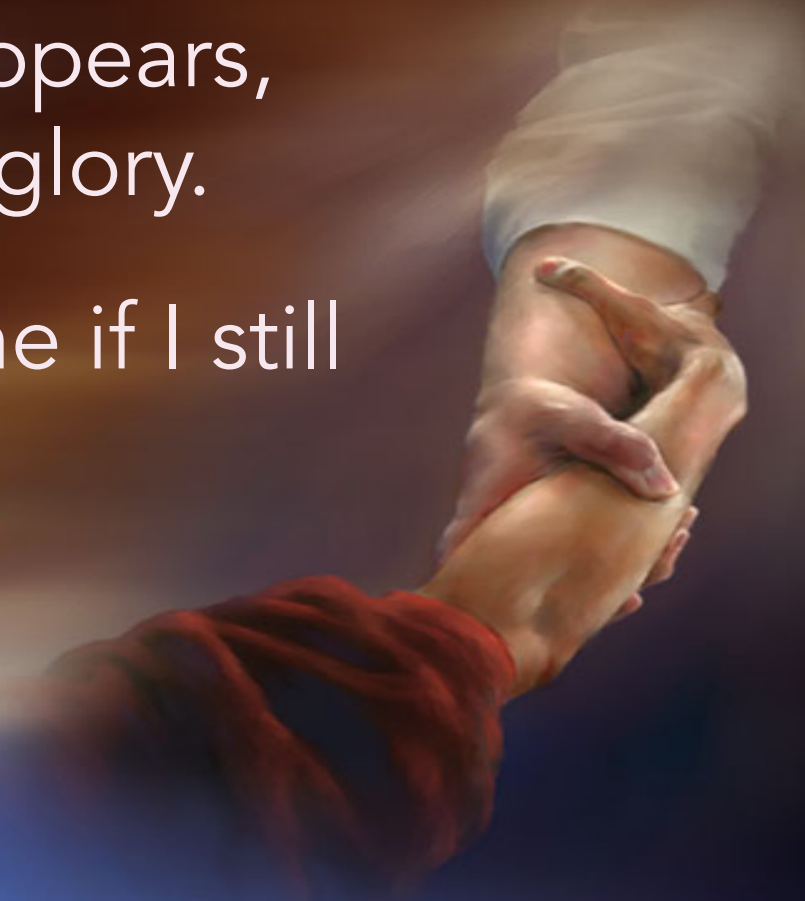
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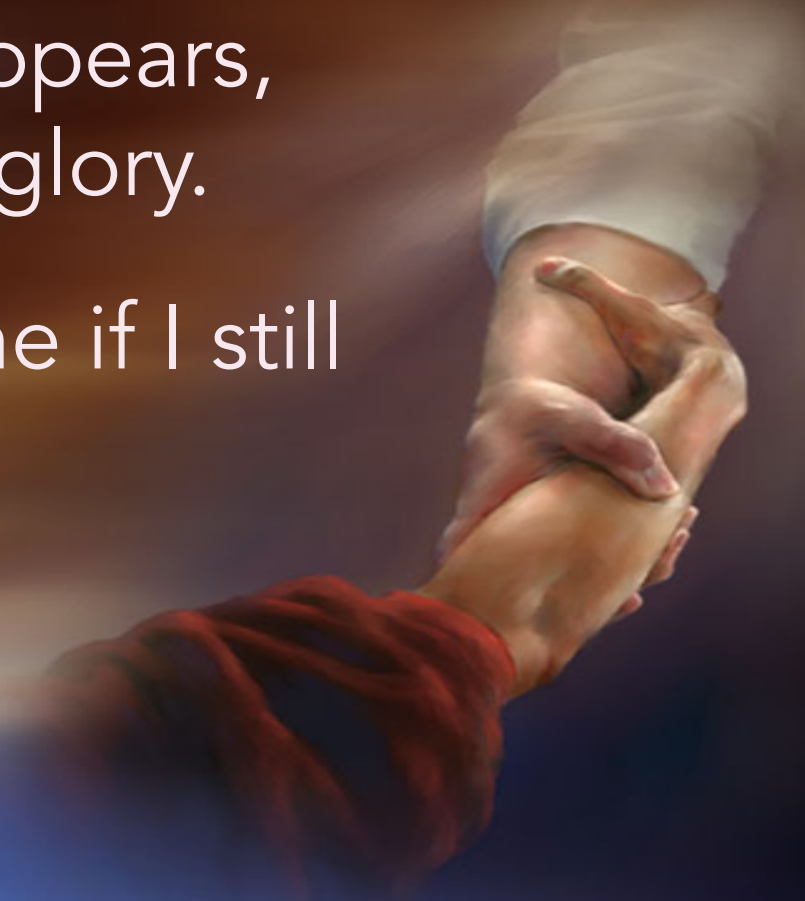
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