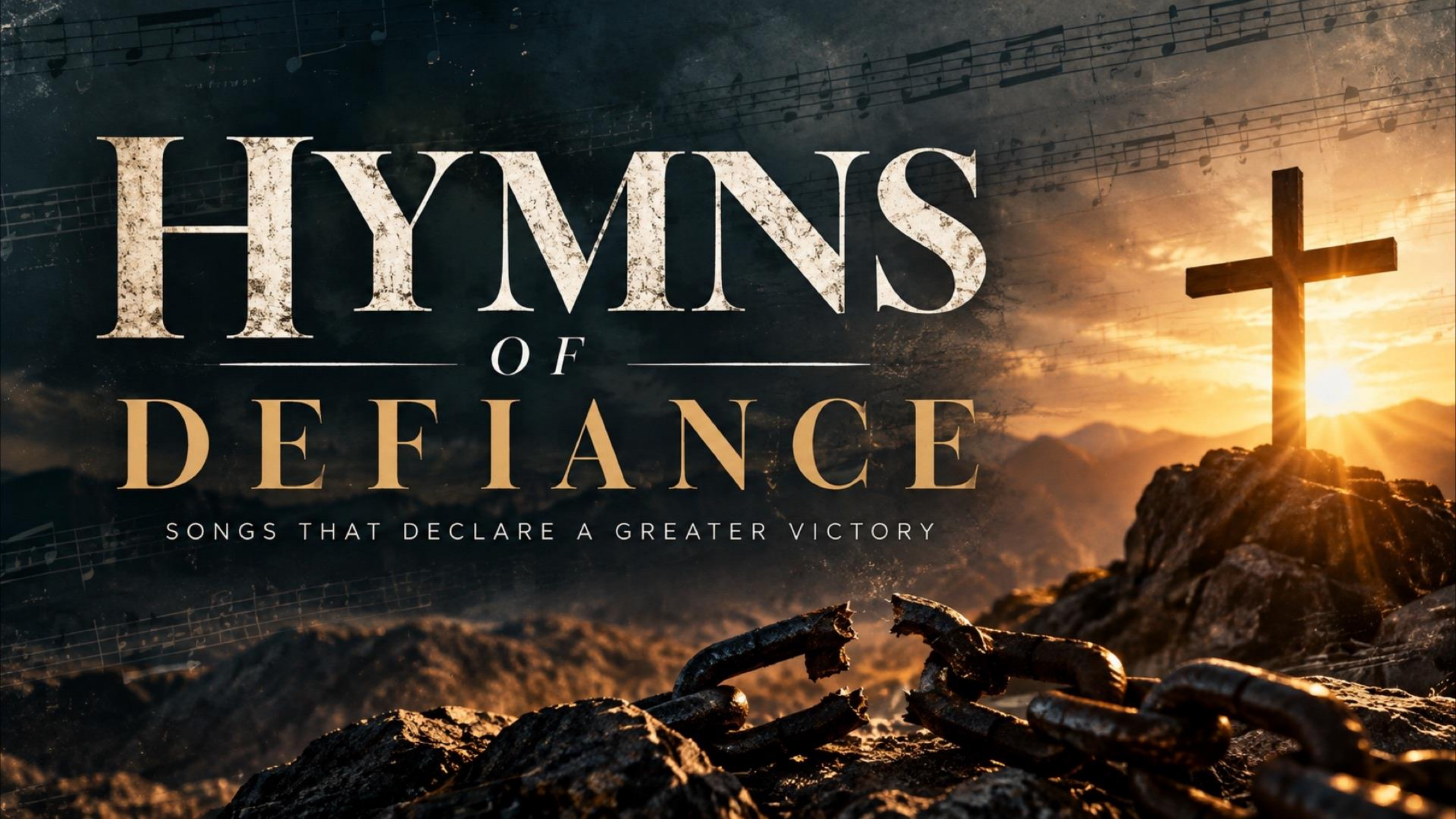
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It’s easy to recognize God’s greatness when the storm has passed. What happens when you’re still standing in the midst of it?

# The Heavenly Wager

- **God praised Job** as a blameless and upright man.
- Satan accused Job, claiming he only served God because God blessed him with wealth and protection.
- God allowed Satan to test Job, with one rule: he could not kill Job.

## The Losses (In a Single Day)

**Job lost his entire livelihood, servants, and all ten of his children in rapid succession.**

# The Physical Affliction

- Satan struck Job's body with painful, rotting boils/sores from head to toe.
- Job sat in the ashes (trash heap) scraping his skin with a broken piece of pottery.

[20] Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. [21] He said,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked I shall return there.
The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.
Blessed be the name of the Lord."

[22] Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

Job 1:20-22

How can we, like Job, continue to focus on the greatness of God even in the midst of unfathomable suffering?

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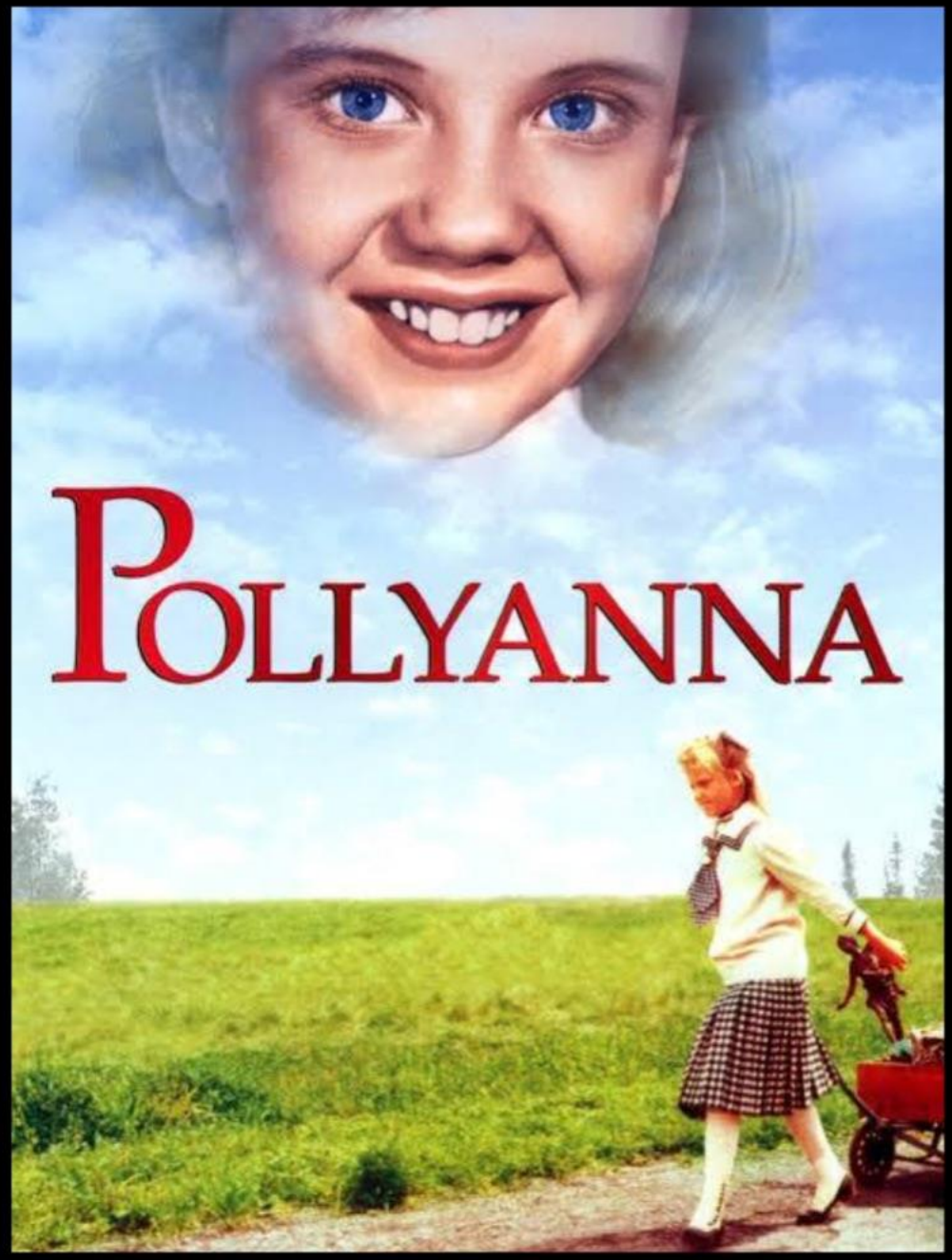
**God's sovereignty** means He has absolute power, authority, and control over all creation, history, and human events.

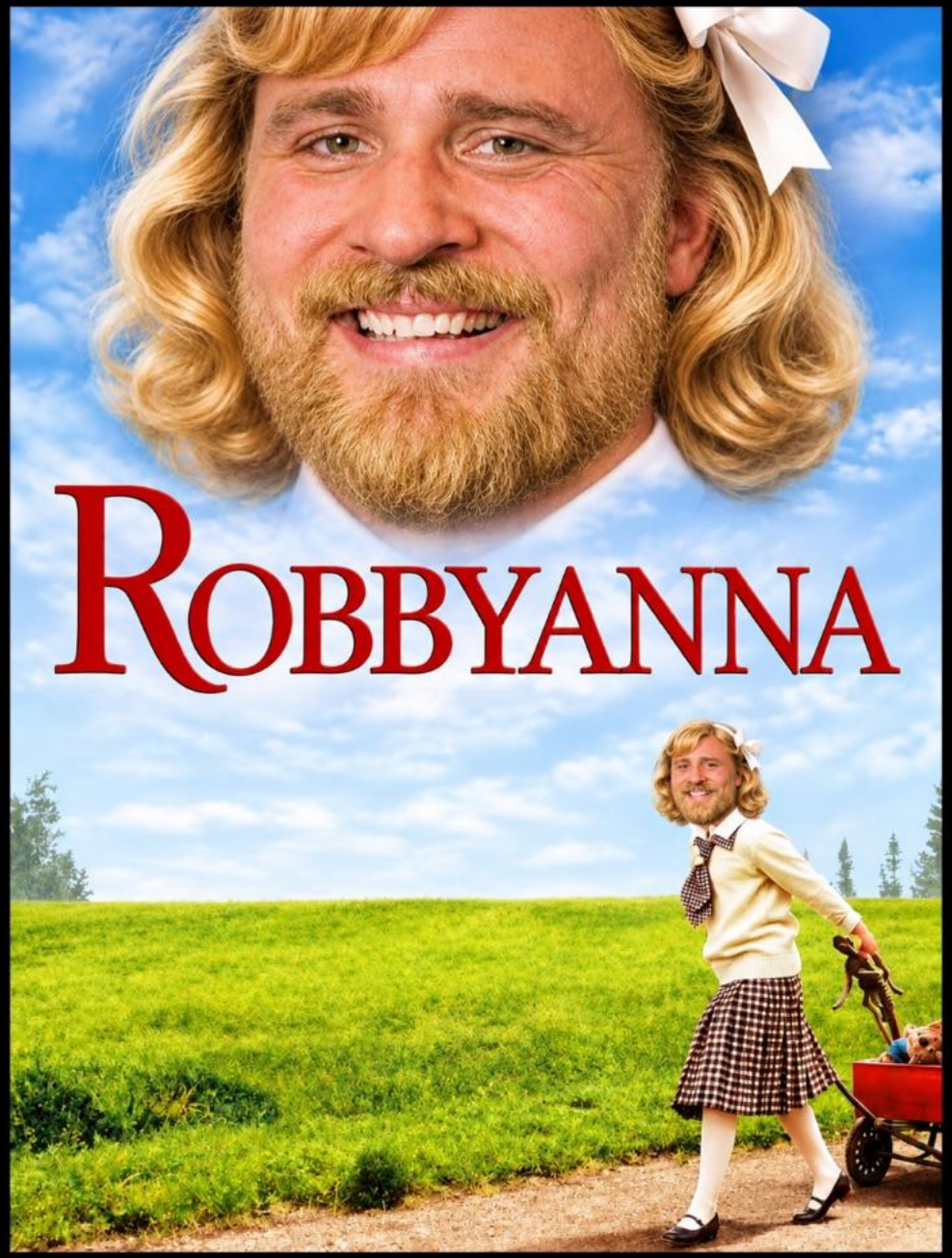
[11] Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

# Where is God when bad things happen?

Joseph's brothers deliberately planned evil against him. Yet God worked through the circumstances to preserve lives and ultimately as part of His plan to provide a "Holy Land" for His people.


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God doesn’t become less great when life becomes more difficult.

We often judge God's goodness by what is happening around us. Faith allows us to trust God's character when we cannot understand His purpose.

# God's Character

**Immanence** - God is everywhere
(Psalm 139:9-10)

**Omnipotence** - God is all-powerful
(Jeremiah 32:17)

**Immutability** - God's nature never changes
(Malachi 3:6)

**When we worship God, it should always be rooted in who He is and not in our current circumstances.**

When we don’t **understand** what God is doing, it is ok to **question** God.

[1] Then the Lord answered Job from
the whirlwind:
[2] “Who is this that questions my
wisdom with such ignorant words?
[3] Brace yourself like a man,
because I have some questions for
you, and you must answer them.

4 **Where were you** when I laid the foundations
of the earth?
Tell me, if you know so much.
5 **Who determined** its dimensions
and stretched out the surveying line?
6 **What supports** its foundations,
and **who laid** its cornerstone
7 as the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?

**Job 38:1-7**

God confronts Job with the vast difference between God's infinite wisdom, power, and authority, and humanity's limited understanding.

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

**Reveals God's eternality.**

(God existed before creation and is not limited by time)

Who determined its dimentions?

**Reveals God's omniscience.**

(God knows what we do not.)

**What supports its foundations and who laid its cornerstone?**

**Reveals God's omnipotence.**

**(God can do what we cannot)**

Job wanted God to explain his circumstances, but instead, God revealed His character.

**We don’t have to understand everything God is doing to trust the greatness of the God who is doing it!**

Sometimes faith means admitting that we don't have all the answers while still trusting the One who does.

# God's Greatness...

1) ...is not diminished by our circumstances.

2) ...exceeds our understanding.

3) ...calls us to trust and worship Him.

[1] Then Job replied to the Lord:

[2] “I know that You can do anything,
and no one can stop You.
[3] You asked, ‘Who is this that questions
my wisdom with such ignorance?’
It is I—and I was talking about things I
knew nothing about,
things far too wonderful for me.

4 You said, ‘Listen and I will speak!
I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.’
5 I had only heard about you before,
but now I have seen you with my own
eyes.
6 I take back everything I said,
and I sit in dust and ashes to show my
repentance.”

Job 42:1-6

Job's encounter with God and His majesty allowed him to accept that there are situations in life that we simply won't grasp, but we can trust in God and His purpose.

O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You.”

2 Chronicles 20:12

The most profound change in Job wasn't his circumstances. It was the heart change he had after encountering God!

# Look beyond your circumstances...

1) Focus on what you do know rather than what is puzzling you.

Look beyond your circumstances...

2) Be honest with God about your questions.

Look beyond your circumstances...

3) Set up stones of remembrance

The greatness of God isn't only revealed in His creation. It is also demonstrated in His profound love for humanity.

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?.

Romans 8:32

We may not understand everything God allows, but in Christ, we have a compelling reason to trust His love.

The enemy wants our suffering to convince us that God is absent. Worship reminds us that God's greatness isn't limited by what we can see, feel, or understand.

# What is **Your**
# Next Step of Obedience?



Surrender



Baptism



Membership



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