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A serene sunset scene over a lake. In the foreground, two dark-colored Adirondack chairs and a small square table are positioned on a wooden deck. The chairs are facing away from the viewer, looking out over the water. The lake is calm, reflecting the warm orange and yellow hues of the sunset. In the distance, a dark line of trees marks the horizon under a sky with soft, wispy clouds.

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When we're trapped on an island,  
we want a book that  
will help get us home...

We want a book that  
will show us how to be saved.

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The truth is that  
we are trapped  
– trapped in patterns  
of thought and behavior  
that lead to death.

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We are all trapped ...  
on an “I-land,”  
where we are looking for  
a message that  
help is on the way.

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So the followers of Christ  
have historically sought  
to be a people devoted  
to the Word.

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## 2 Timothy 3:10-17 NIRV

<sup>10</sup>But you know all about my teaching. You know how I live and what I live for.  
You know about my faith and love.  
You know how patient I am.  
You know I haven't given up.

## 2 Timothy 3:10-17 NIRV

<sup>11</sup> You know that I was treated badly.  
You know that I suffered greatly.  
You know what kinds of things  
happened to me in Antioch,  
Iconium and Lystra. You know how  
badly I have been treated.  
But the Lord saved me from all my  
troubles.

## 2 Timothy 3:10-17 NIRV

<sup>12</sup>In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be treated badly. <sup>13</sup>Evil people and pretenders will go from bad to worse. They will fool others, and others will fool them.

## 2 Timothy 3:10-17 NIRV

<sup>14</sup>But I want you to continue to follow what you have learned and are sure about. You know the people you learned it from.

<sup>15</sup>You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child.

## 2 Timothy 3:10-17 NIRV

They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes.

## 2 Timothy 3:10-17 NIRV

It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.

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<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace  
you have been saved,  
through faith—and this  
is not from yourselves,  
it is the gift of God—  
<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that  
no one can boast.

Ephesians 2 NIV

<sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork,  
created in Christ Jesus  
to do good works which  
God prepared in advance  
for us to do.

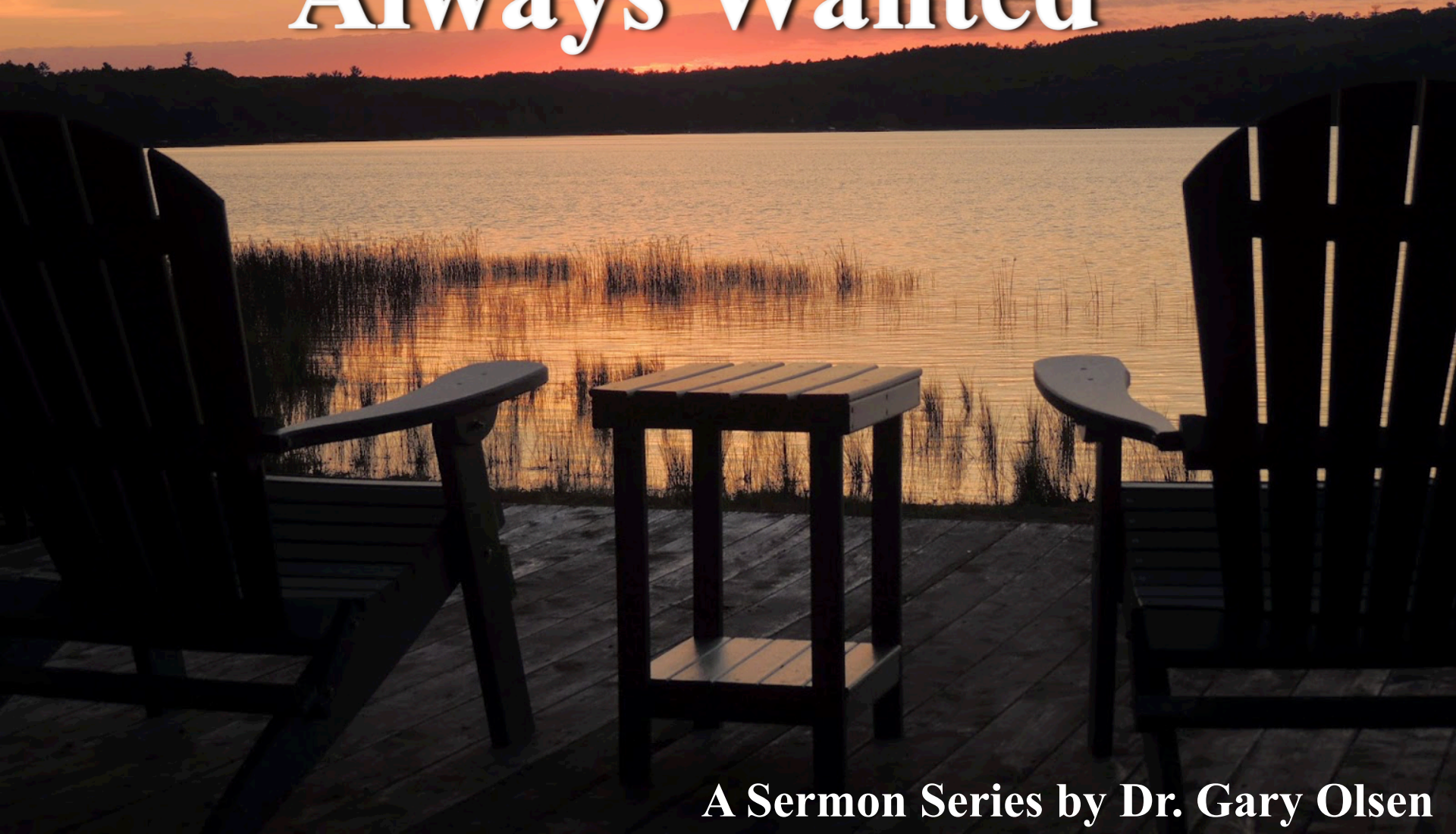
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# Scripture Meditating

<sup>15</sup> I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.

<sup>16</sup> I delight in your decrees;  
I will not neglect your word.

Psalms 119 NIV

Meditating

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Marinating

The goal is not  
for us to get through  
the Scriptures.

The goal is to get  
the Scriptures through us.

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... to have our minds  
re-formed by  
immersing them in Scripture.  
.... deeply saturated in Scripture.

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<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the one ...  
<sup>2</sup>whose delight is in  
the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on  
his law day and night.

Psalms 1 NIV

<sup>3</sup>That person is like a tree  
planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf  
does not wither...

Psalms 1 NIV



# Bible Marinating Idea #1

Ask God to meet you  
and to fill you  
in your Bible readings

## Bible Marinating Idea #2



Choose a short  
passage or story and read it  
like you would a love letter

## Bible Marinating Idea #3

Take one thought or verse  
with you through the day

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into all Scripture.

2 Timothy 3 NIRV

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said,  
“May peace be with you!  
The Father has sent me.  
So now I am sending you.”  
<sup>22</sup>He then breathed on them.  
He said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

John 20 NIRV

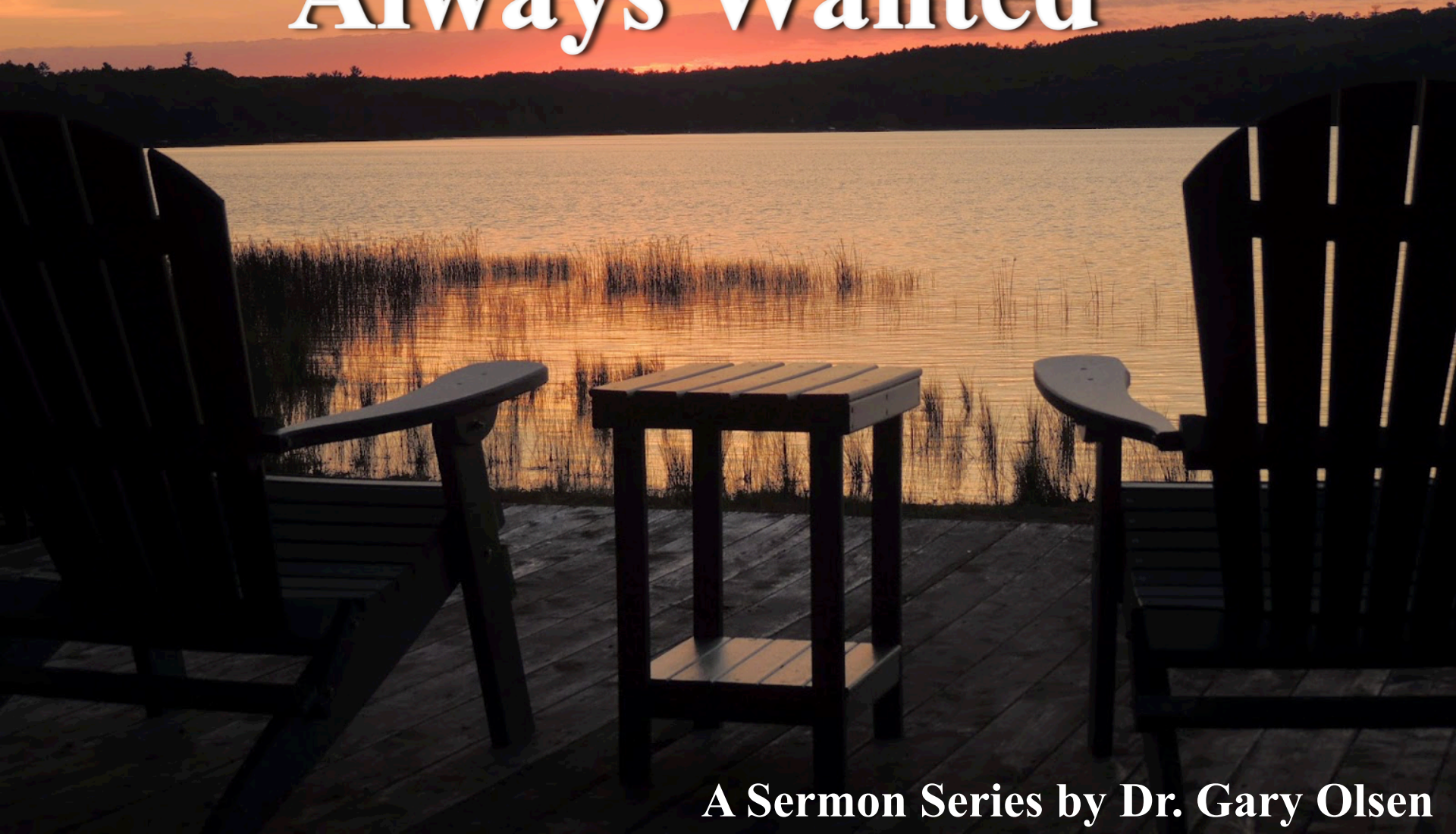
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teach me how to be saved  
by believing in Christ Jesus;  
teach me what is true;  
correct my mistakes;  
make my life whole again;

train me to do what is right;  
prepare me to do  
every good thing;

Breathe your life, your Holy Spirit,  
in me so that my life may be read  
to tell of your “Word made flesh”!

In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen

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