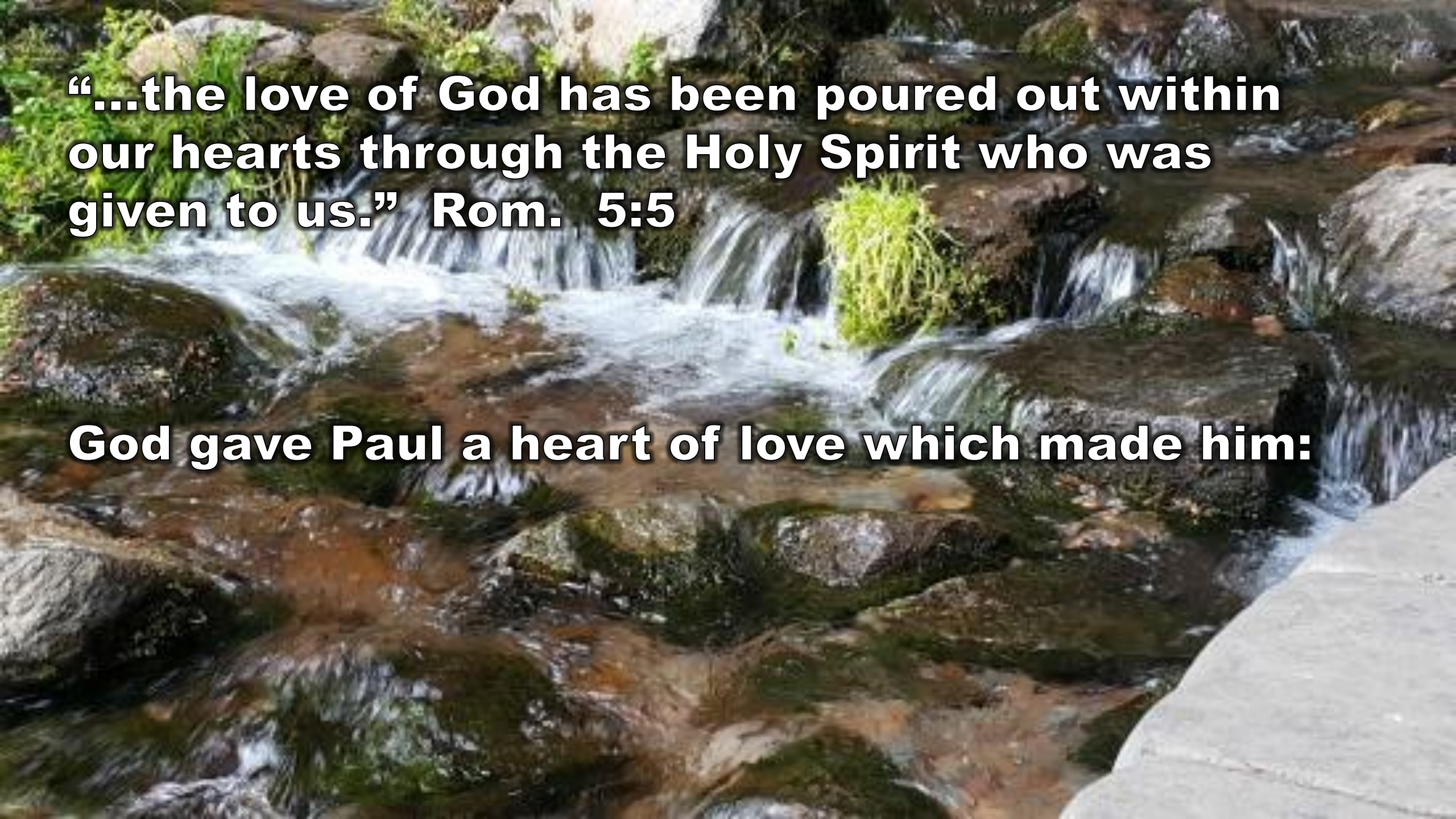


**IMPATIENCE
AS A
VIRTUE**



A scenic view of a waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a lush green forest. The water flows from the top right towards the bottom left, creating a series of small cascades. The rocks are covered in green moss and small plants. The background is filled with dense green foliage.

“...the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Rom. 5:5

God gave Paul a heart of love which made him:

1. LONG TO BE WITH THEM. Vs. 8-13

“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world. For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.” vs. 8-10

A. Because they were family.

“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.” Gal. 6:10 (NLT)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:34-35

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world’s goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” 1 John 3:16-18

B. Because God’s love was in his heart.

“For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other’s faith, both yours and mine. And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.” vs. 11-13

C. Because he’d be *blessed*.

2. WANT TO PREACH. Vs. 14-17

“I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.” vs. 14

A. He was in the Red.

“Finally, they said to each other, ‘This is not right. This is a day of good news, and we aren’t sharing it with anyone! If we wait until morning, some calamity will certainly fall upon us. Come on, let’s go back and tell the people at the palace.’” 2 Kings 7:9

“And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” Eph. 4:32

“And walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.” Eph. 5:2

“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.” Rom. 5:6

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Rom. 5:8

“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.”

Rom. 13:8

B. He was Ready to go.

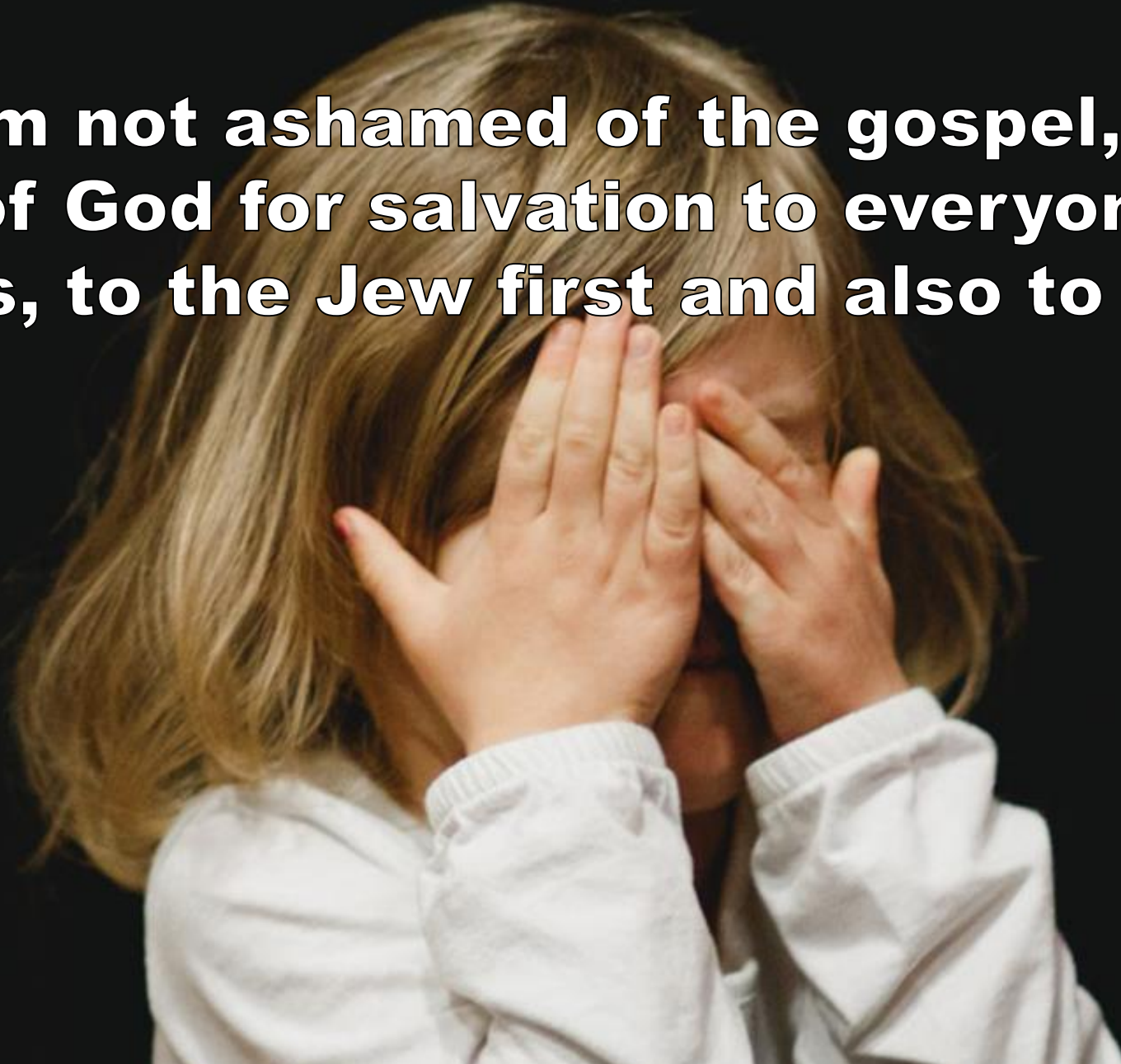
Thus, on my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.” vs. 15

“Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, stewards of the mysteries of God.” 1 Cor. 4:1



C. He was not Red in the face.

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”
vs. 16**



“...some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. And some were saying, ‘What would this idle babbler with to say? Others, ‘He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,’—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.” Acts 17:18

“Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, ‘We shall hear you again concerning this.’” Acts 17:32

APPLICATION FOR ME

Have I experienced the Love of God personally?

Is God's love evident in how I serve my church family?

Is God's love evident in how I share the Good News of Jesus Christ?

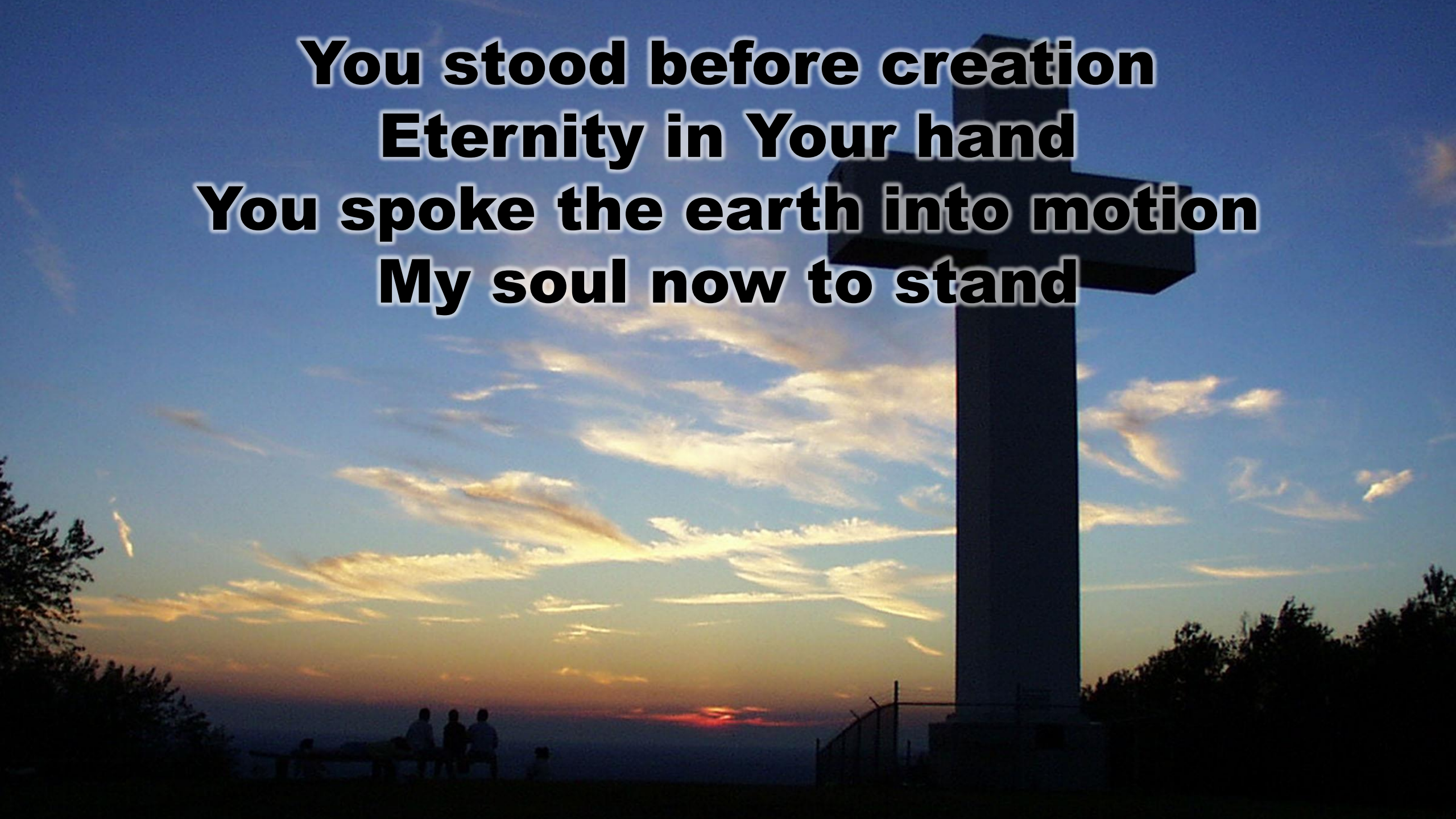
**IMPATIENCE
AS A
VIRTUE**



The Stand



**You stood before creation
Eternity in Your hand
You spoke the earth into motion
My soul now to stand**



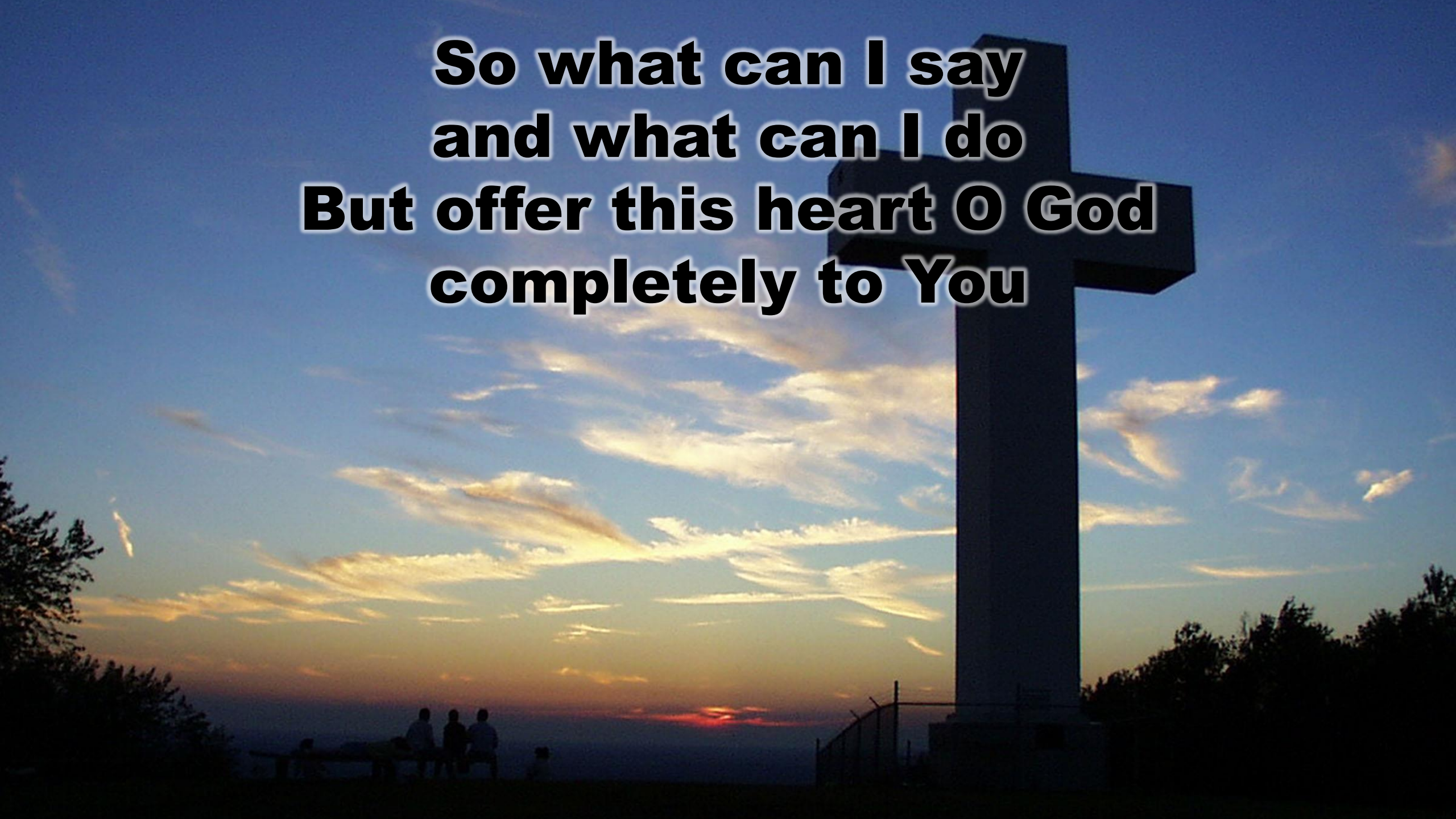
**You stood before my failure
and carried the Cross
for my shame**




**My sin weighed
upon Your shoulders
My soul now to stand**



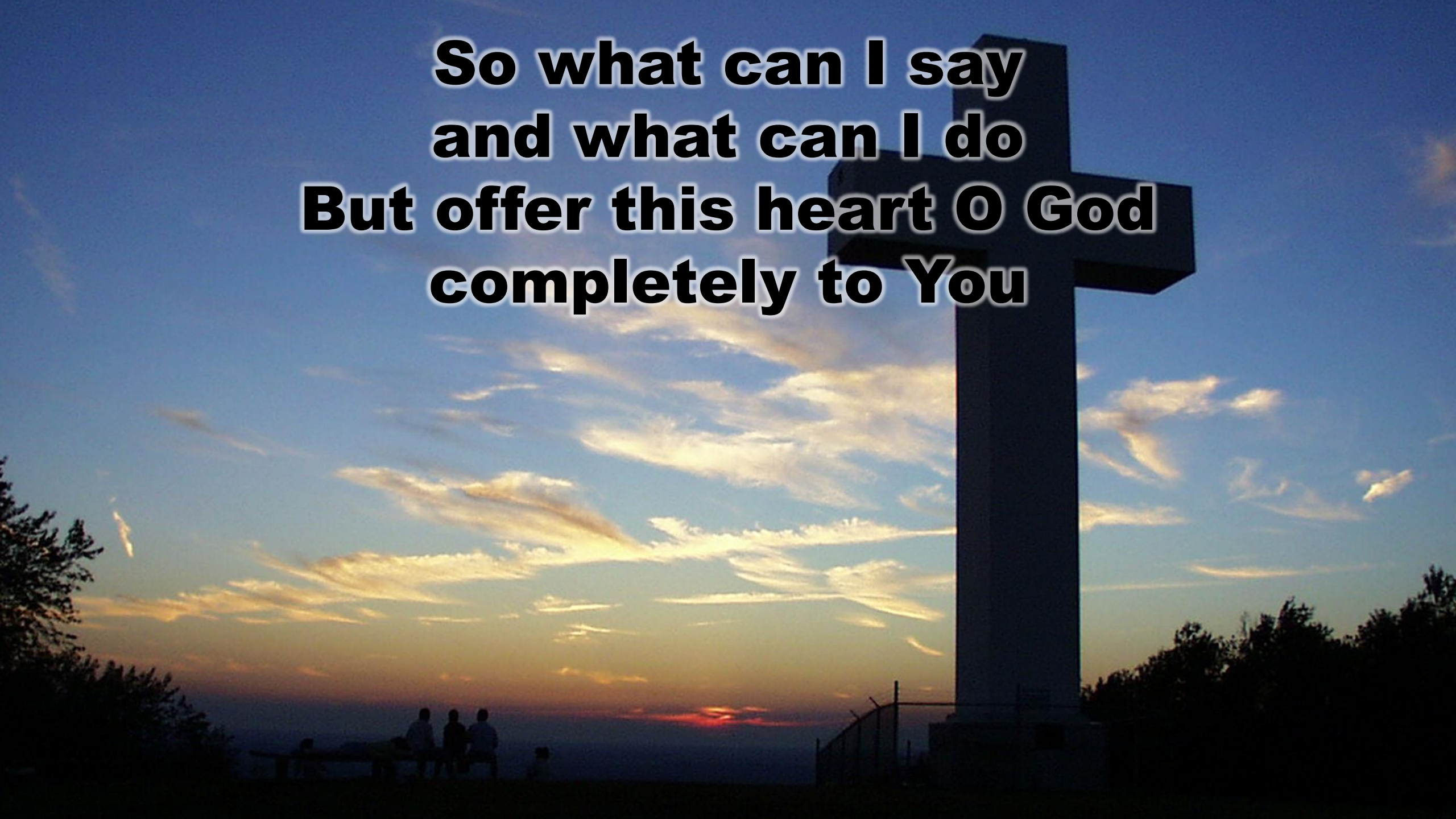
**So what can I say
and what can I do
But offer this heart O God
completely to You**



A large, dark stone cross stands prominently on a hill against a dramatic sunset sky. The sky is filled with wispy clouds, some of which are illuminated from below, creating a golden glow. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, some sitting on a bench and others standing, looking towards the horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

**So I'll walk upon salvation
Your Spirit alive in me
My life to declare Your promise
My soul now to stand**

**So what can I say
and what can I do
But offer this heart O God
completely to You**



**So what can I say
and what can I do
But offer this heart O God
completely to You**



**So I'll stand with arms high
and heart abandoned
In awe of the One
who gave it all**



**I'll stand my soul
Lord to You surrendered**



All I am is Yours



**So I'll stand with arms high
and heart abandoned
In awe of the One
who gave it all**



**I'll stand my soul
Lord to You surrendered**



All I am is Yours



**So I'll stand with arms high
and heart abandoned
In awe of the One
who gave it all**



**I'll stand my soul
Lord to You surrendered**



All I am is Yours



All I am is Yours