



**CHURCH,
DEVOTE YOURSELVES**

SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023





Jeremiah 31:33-34

**This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel ...
I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.**

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

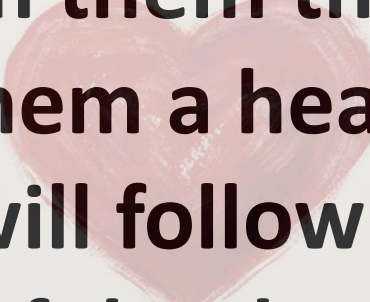
**No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother
saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.**

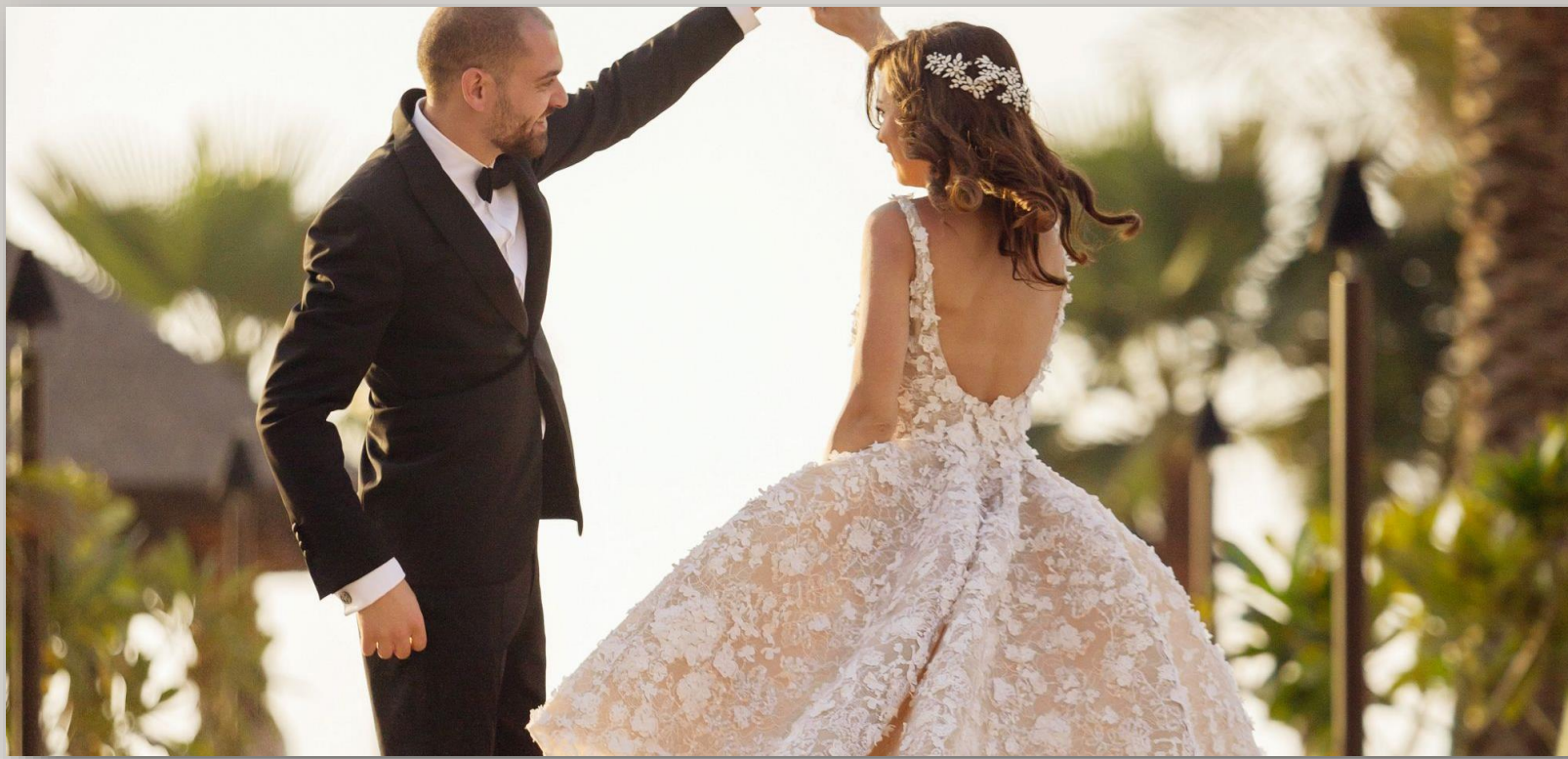
**For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.**



Ezekiel 11:19-20

**I will give them an undivided heart
and put a new spirit in them;
I will remove from them their heart of stone
and give them a heart of flesh.
Then they will follow my decrees
and be careful to keep my laws.
They will be my people,
and I will be their God.**

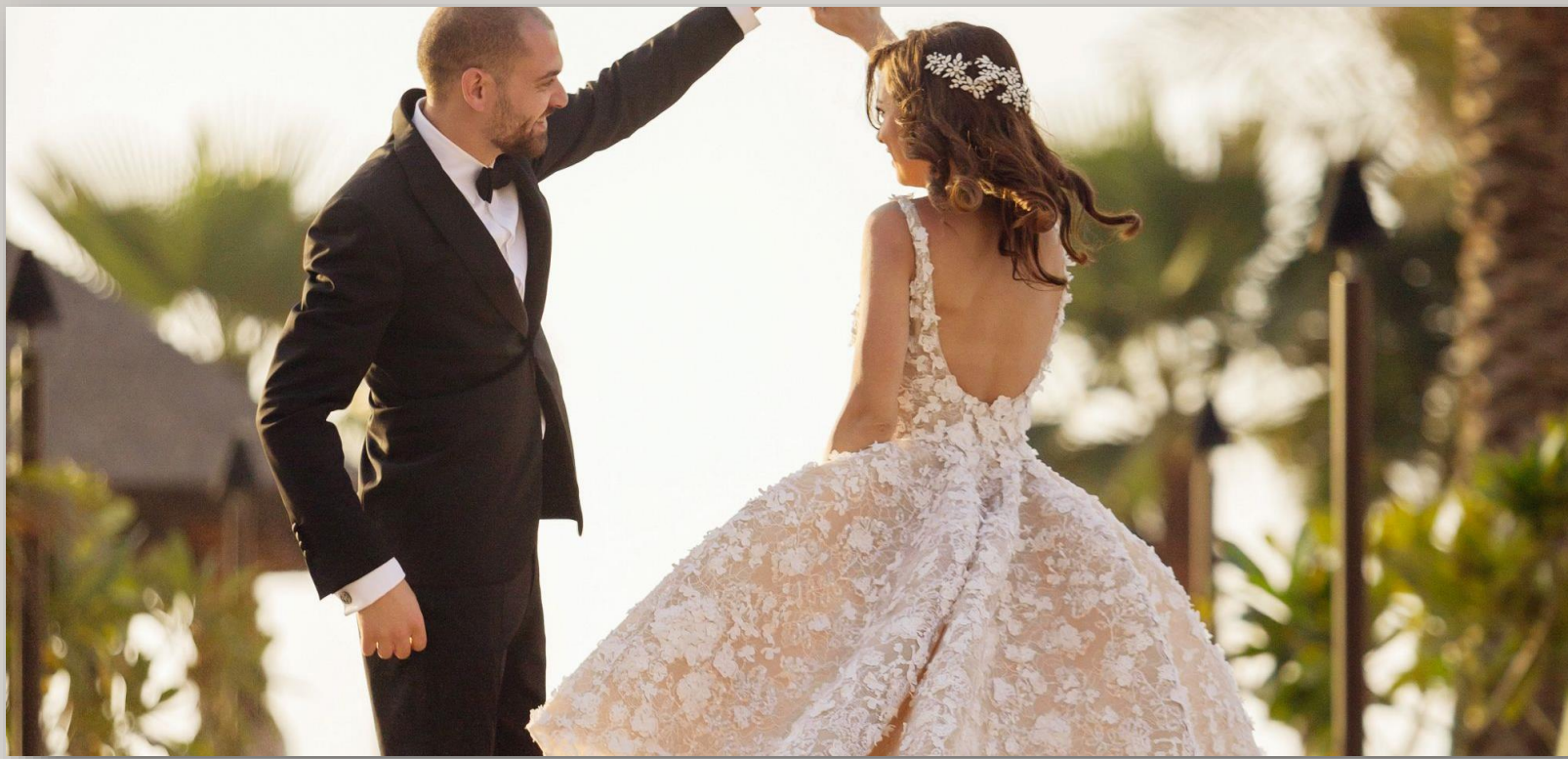




“continually devoted themselves”

**adhere, to be devoted or constant to one
be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care
continue all the time in a place**

persevere and not faint



“continually devoted themselves”

the apostle’s teaching

the fellowship of believers

the Eucharist

prayer



EMPOWERED GUIDANCE

God U and I DANCE

**Holy Scripture
Fellowship of Believers
Sacrament
Prayer**

1 John 4:15-16











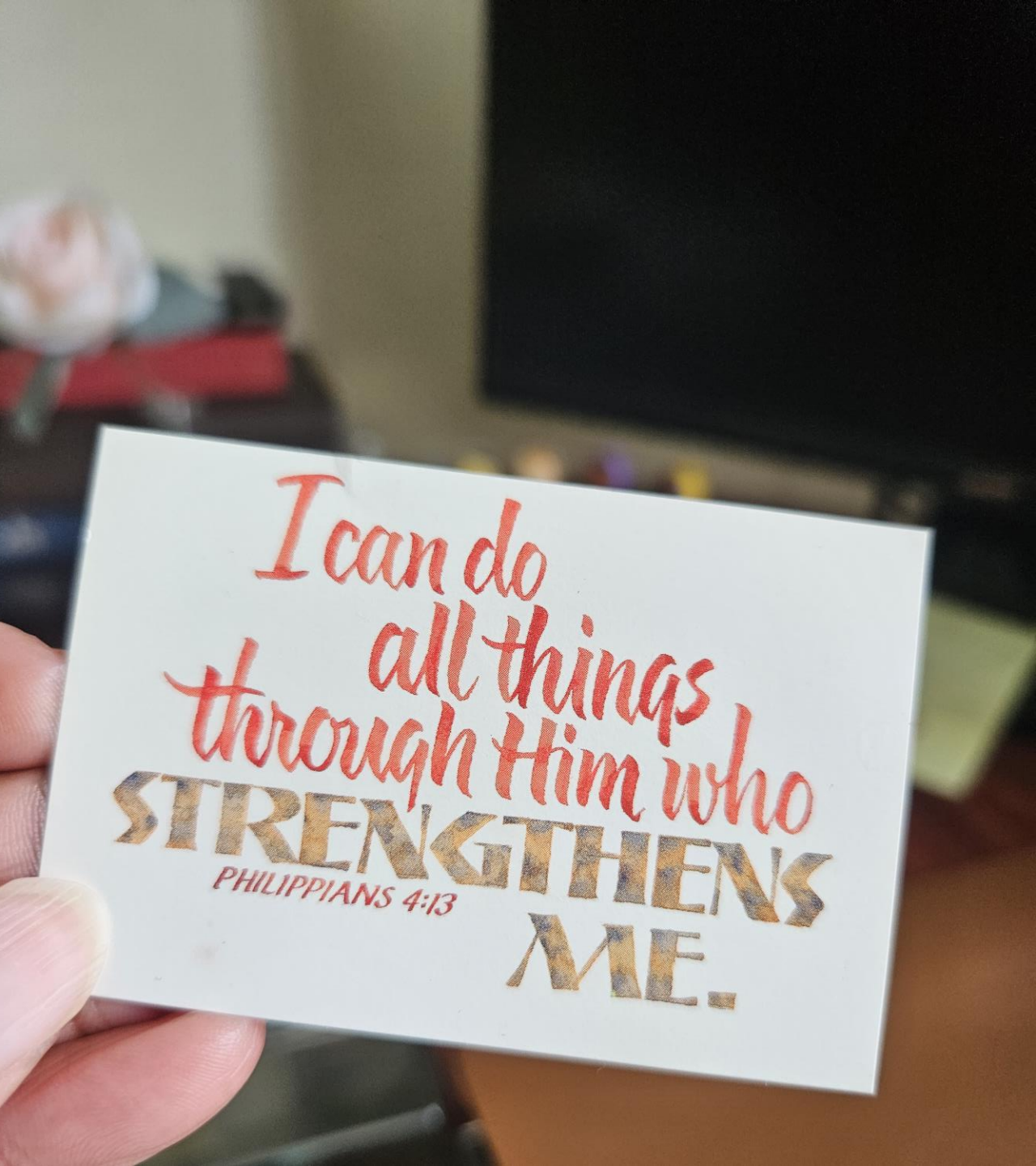
Church, devote yourselves.
To abide in Him
through His Word is also
to be cleansed



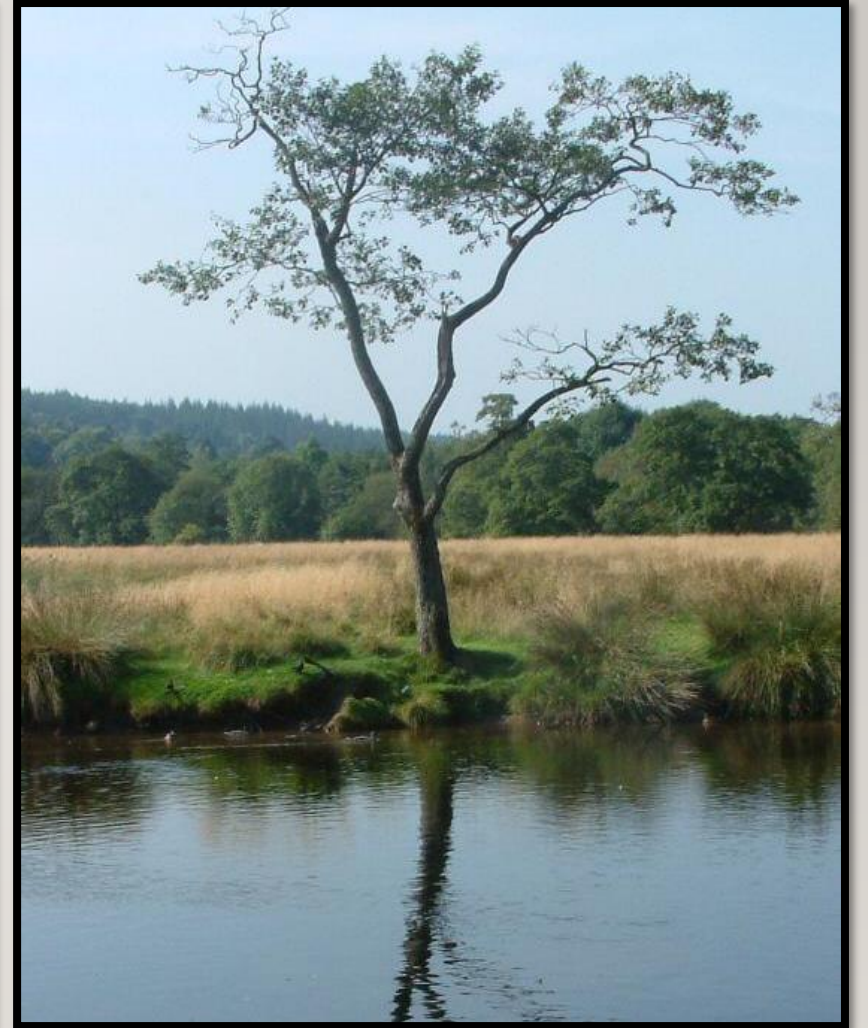
Church, devote yourselves.
To abide in Him
through His Word is also
to bear fruit for God's glory



Church, devote yourselves.
To abide in Him,
keeping His commandments
by His Spirit,
is to abide in the LORD's love



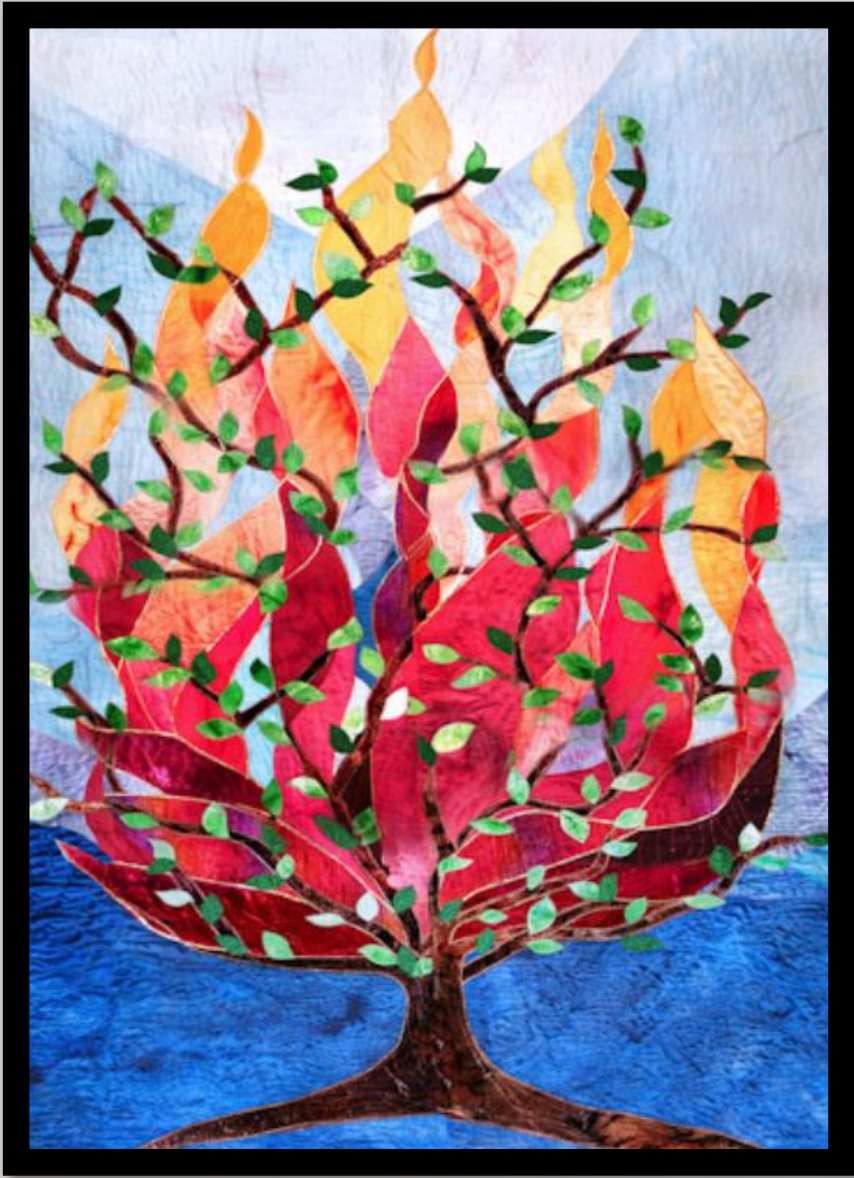
I can do
all things
through Him who
STRENGTHENS
PHILIPPIANS 4:13
ME.



Trees planted by streams of water

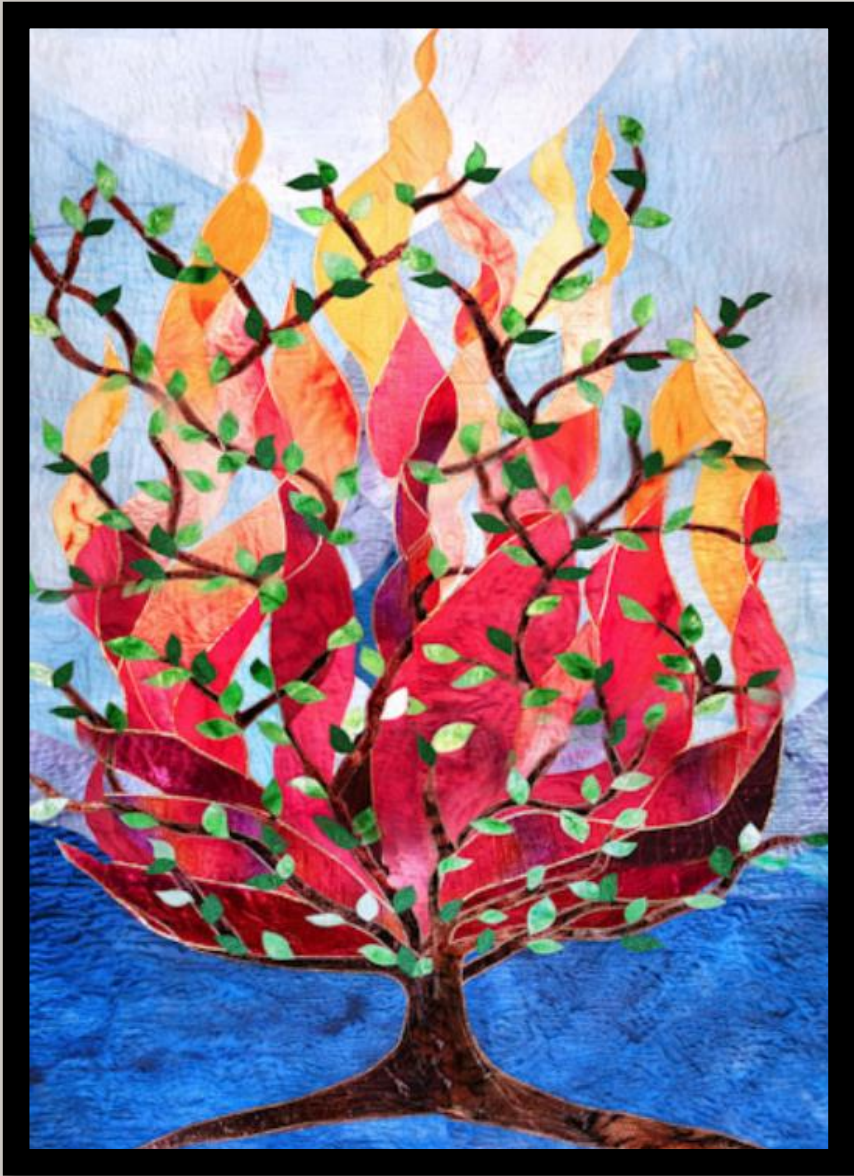


Church, devote yourselves to Christ
a devotion that includes abiding
in Jesus through His Word



**Attention is the beginning
of devotion.**

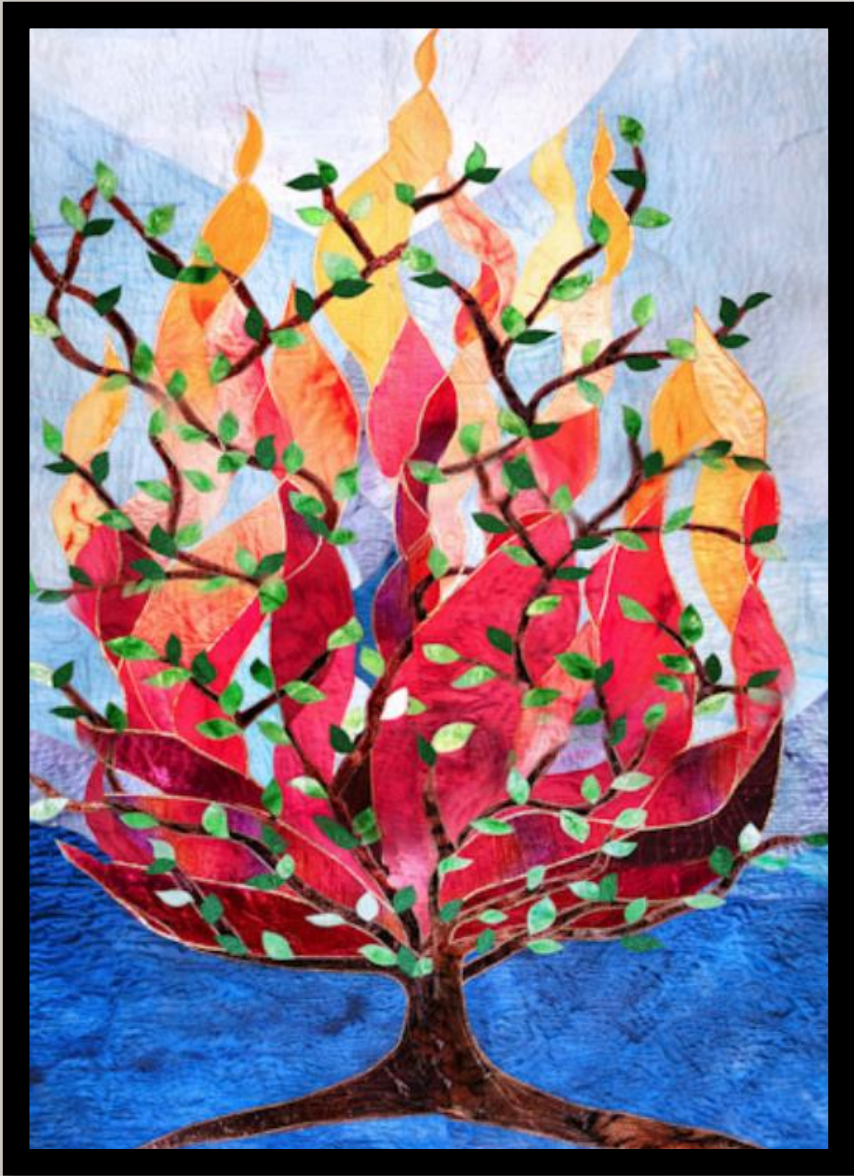
- Mary Oliver



Connecting with God through Scripture

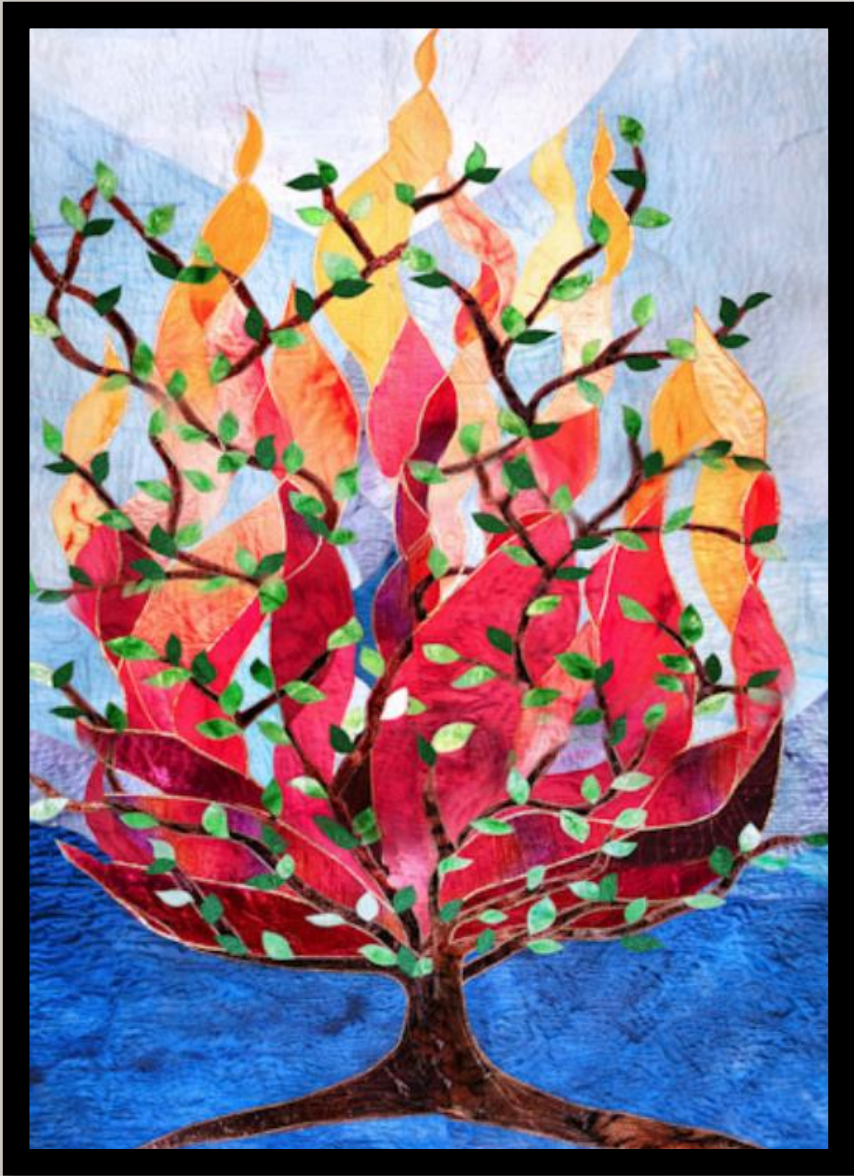
Pilgrimage – a lifelong process

Position Yourself to Hear God – time and space to set aside for God; value the LORD and His Word



**If Jesus rose from the dead,
then you have to accept all that he said.
If he didn't, then why worry
about any of what he said?
The issue on which everything hangs
is not whether you like his teaching,
but whether he rose from the dead.**

-Tim Keller

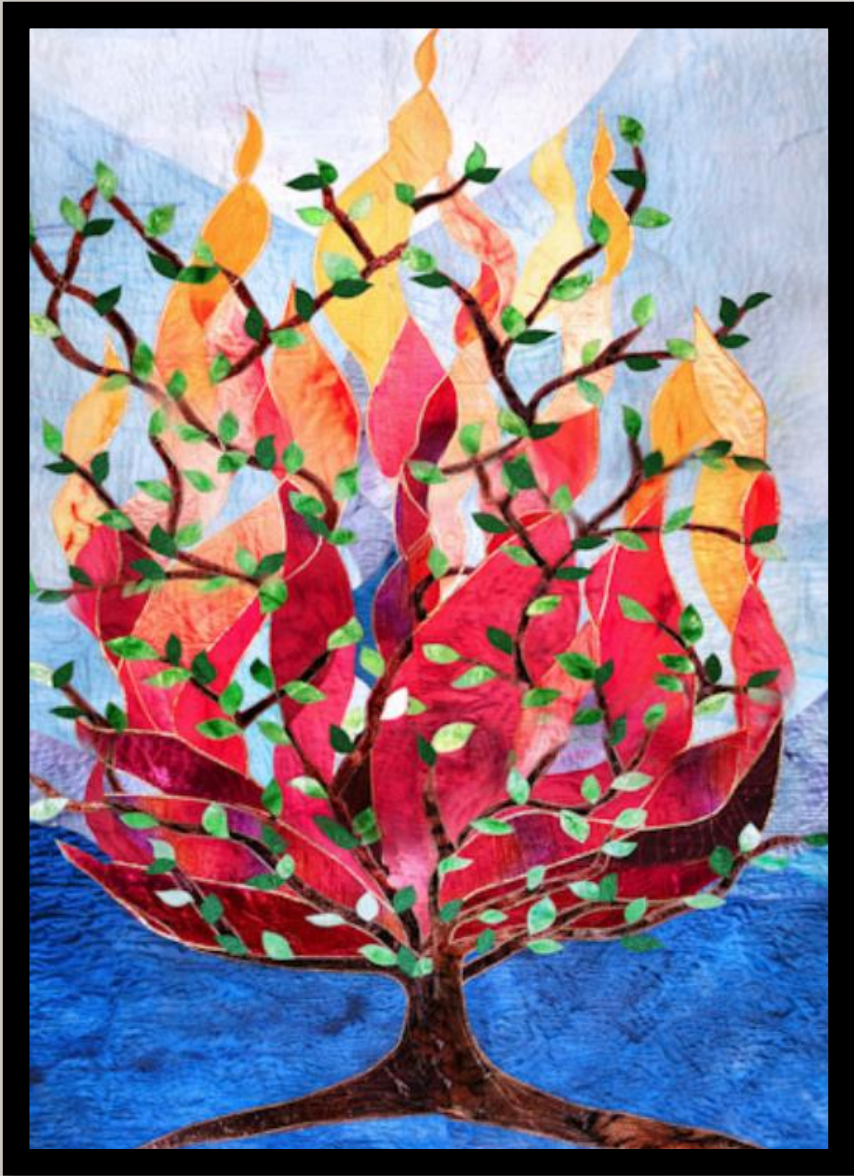


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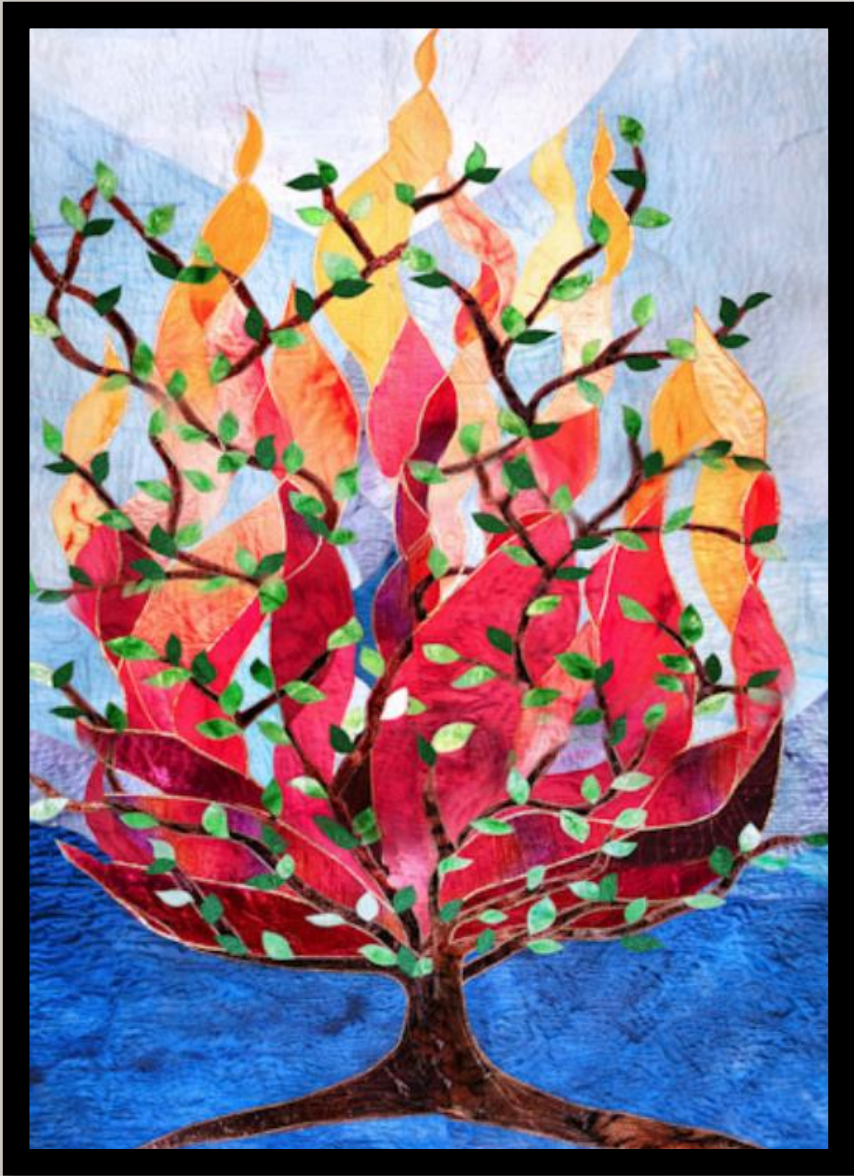
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Plan Your Starting Point – saves time



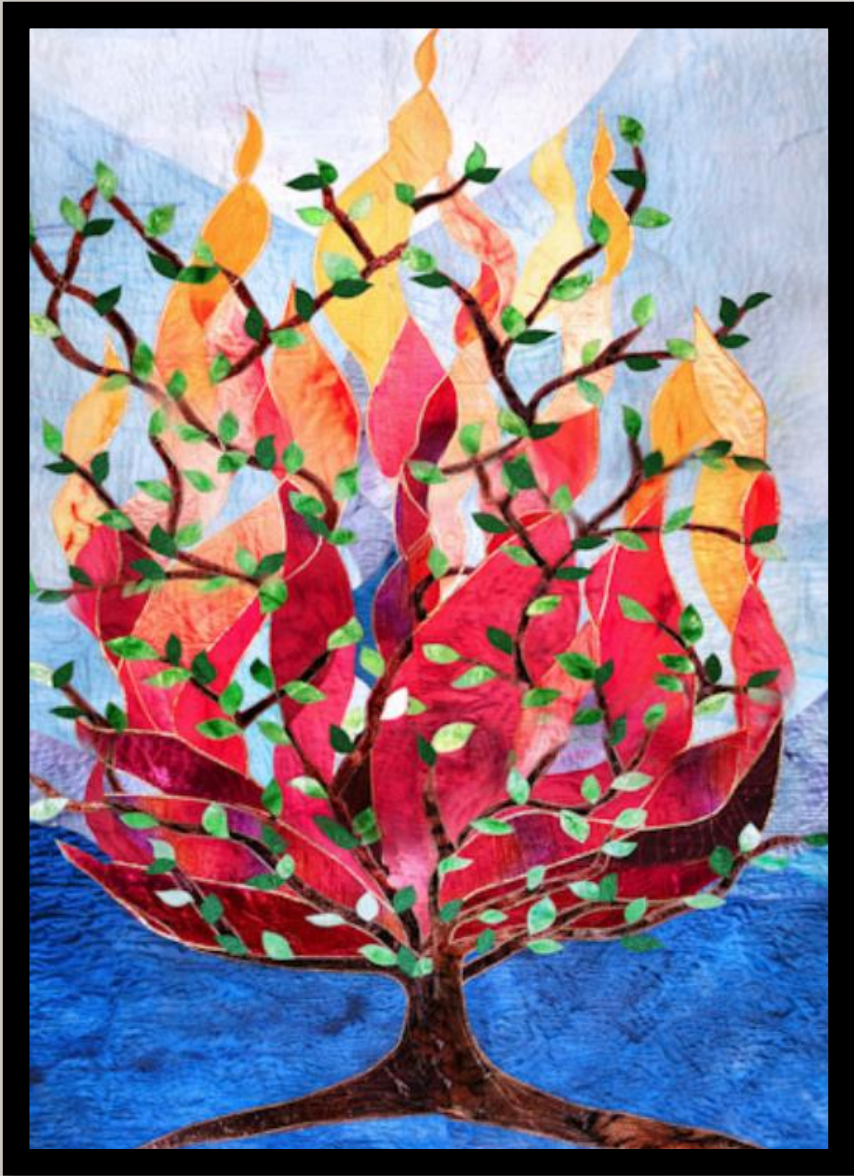
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Pour over, ponder the passage and paraphrase significant points – read slowly; quality, not quantity. Paraphrase a passage (1-3 verses) in your own words.



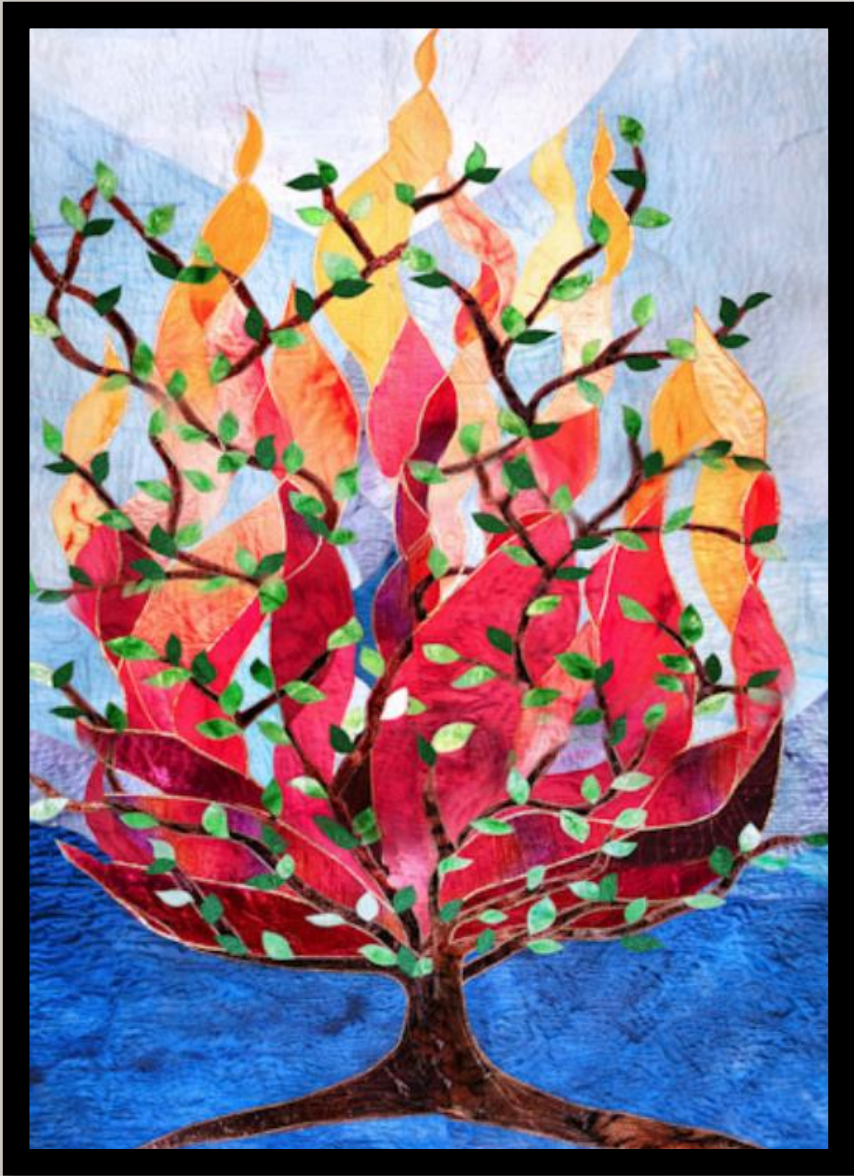
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Pull out Spiritual Principles from your Paraphrase – what does God want you to know through these Scriptures? Is there a command to follow? A promise to heed? What attribute/characteristic of the LORD is revealed in the passage?



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Pose the question – turn your observations into personal questions regarding the text. Am I heeding this command or directive? Do I believe that promise? Do I believe God is Who He reveals Himself to be in this passage?



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Plan Obedience

Preach God's Word to yourself and others

**Write your focus Scriptures on an index card to read throughout the day & week.
Share what you are learning – someone may need the same message.**



