




# THE PRIVILEGES OF GOD'S CHILDREN



***"If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all."***

J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 182



***How well do you know about  
yourself as a child of God?***

Galatians 4:4-7 (NKJV)

**But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

Romans 8:14-17 (NKJV)

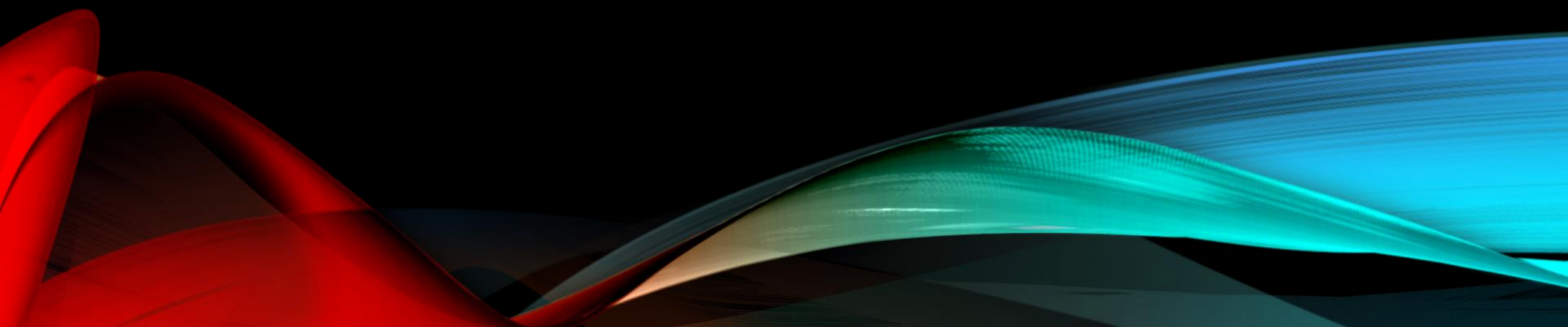
For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For **you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**



*What are our privileges  
being sons and daughters  
of God?*

# 1. We are safe

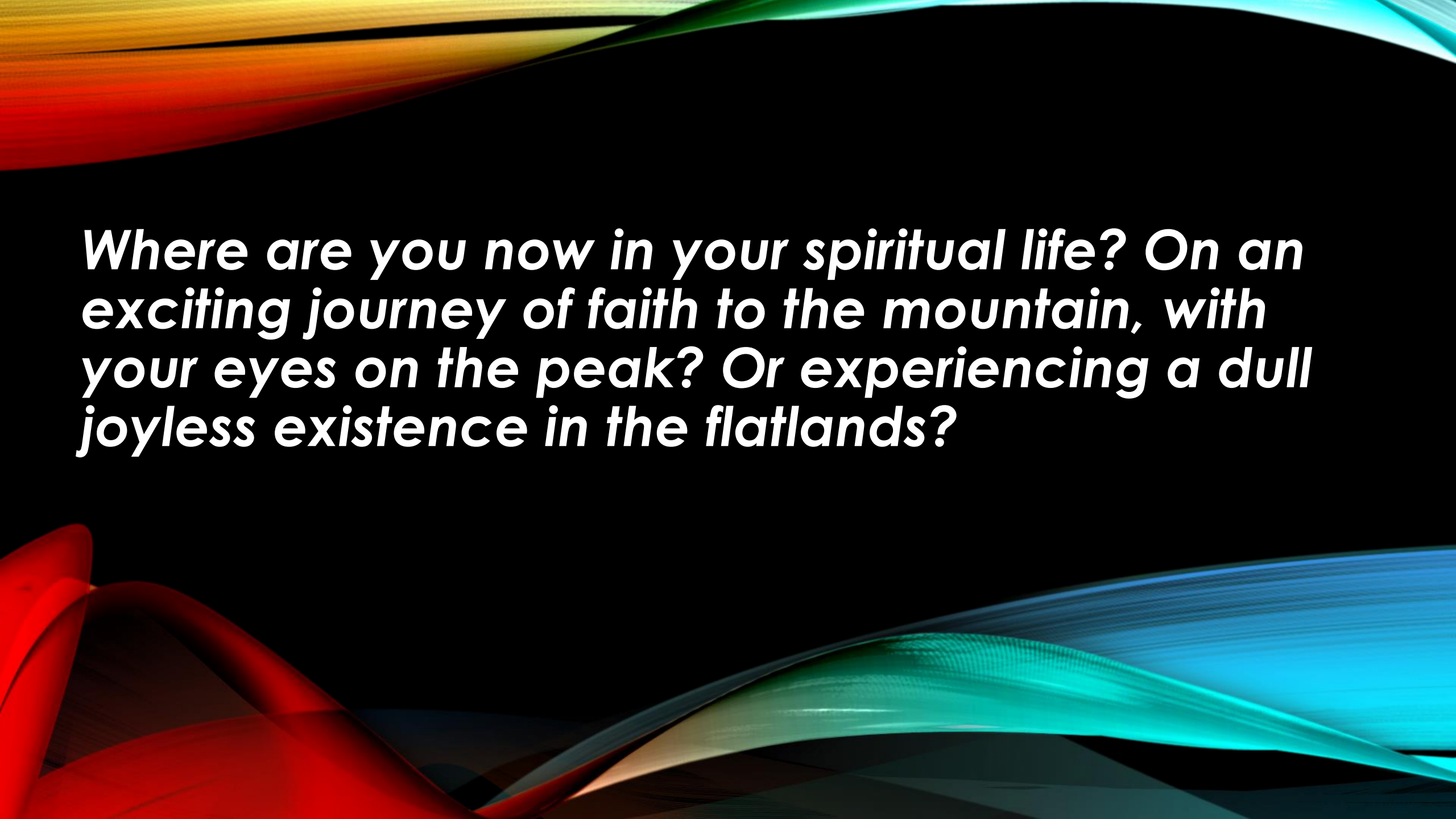
*For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear*



***Fear. His modus operandi is to manipulate you with the mysterious, to taunt you with the unknown. Fear of death, fear of failure, fear of god, fear of tomorrow—his arsenal is vast. His goal? To create cowardly, joyless souls. He doesn't want you to make the journey to the mountain. He figures if he can rattle you enough, you will take your eyes off the peaks and settle for a dull existence in the flatlands.***

Max L. Lucado





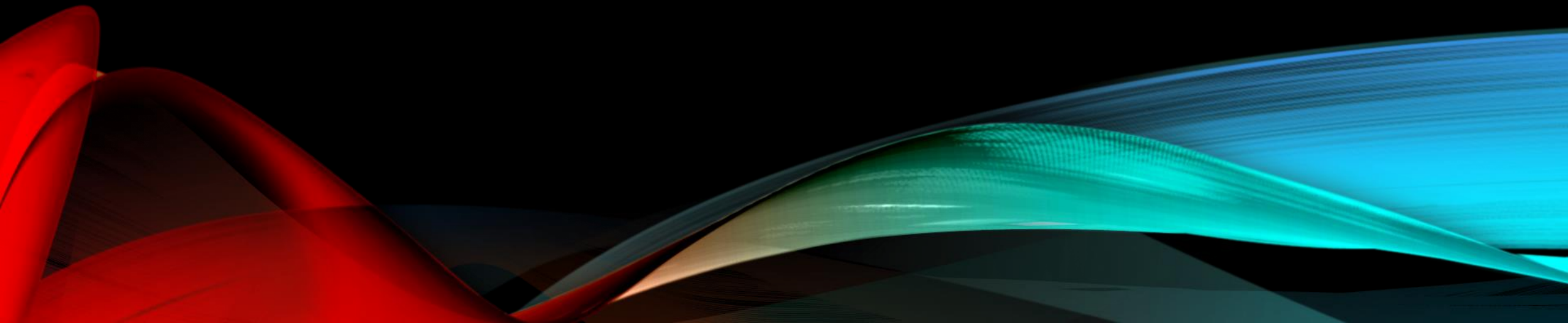
*Where are you now in your spiritual life? On an exciting journey of faith to the mountain, with your eyes on the peak? Or experiencing a dull joyless existence in the flatlands?*

## 2. We Have Mandated Power

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*



**Slaves have no authority  
but sons have.**



**“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. **Your playing small doesn't serve the world.** There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. **We are all meant to shine, as children do.** We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And **as we let our own light shine, we subconsciously give other people permission to do the same.** As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”**

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON.

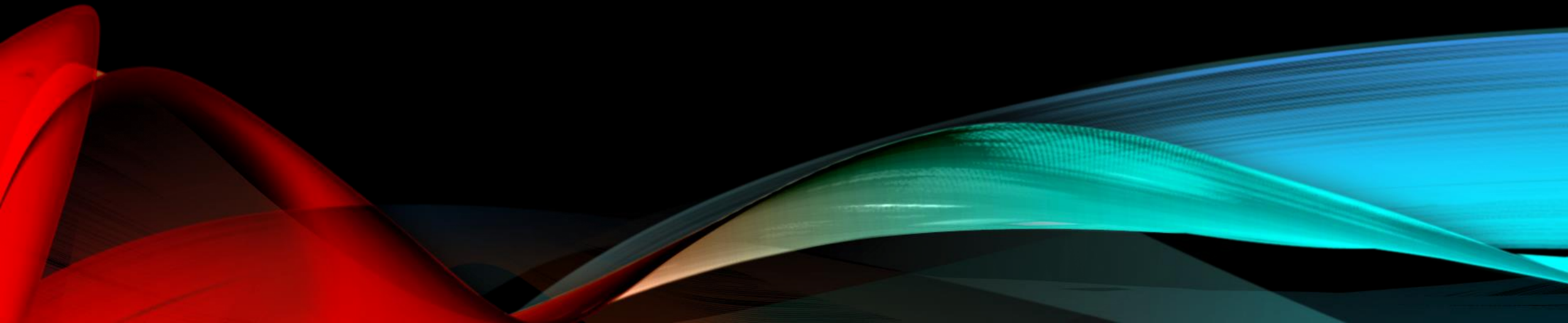


***Are you shrinking  
or shining today?***

### 3. We Enjoy A Close Relationship With God

*... you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

***Do you know you are in the  
Father's heart?***



# 4. We Are Affirmed By God's Spirit.

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...*








***“I do not stop being a child  
of God because I am a  
problem child.”***

# 5. We Have A Marvellous Future.

... we are children of God, and *if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,*

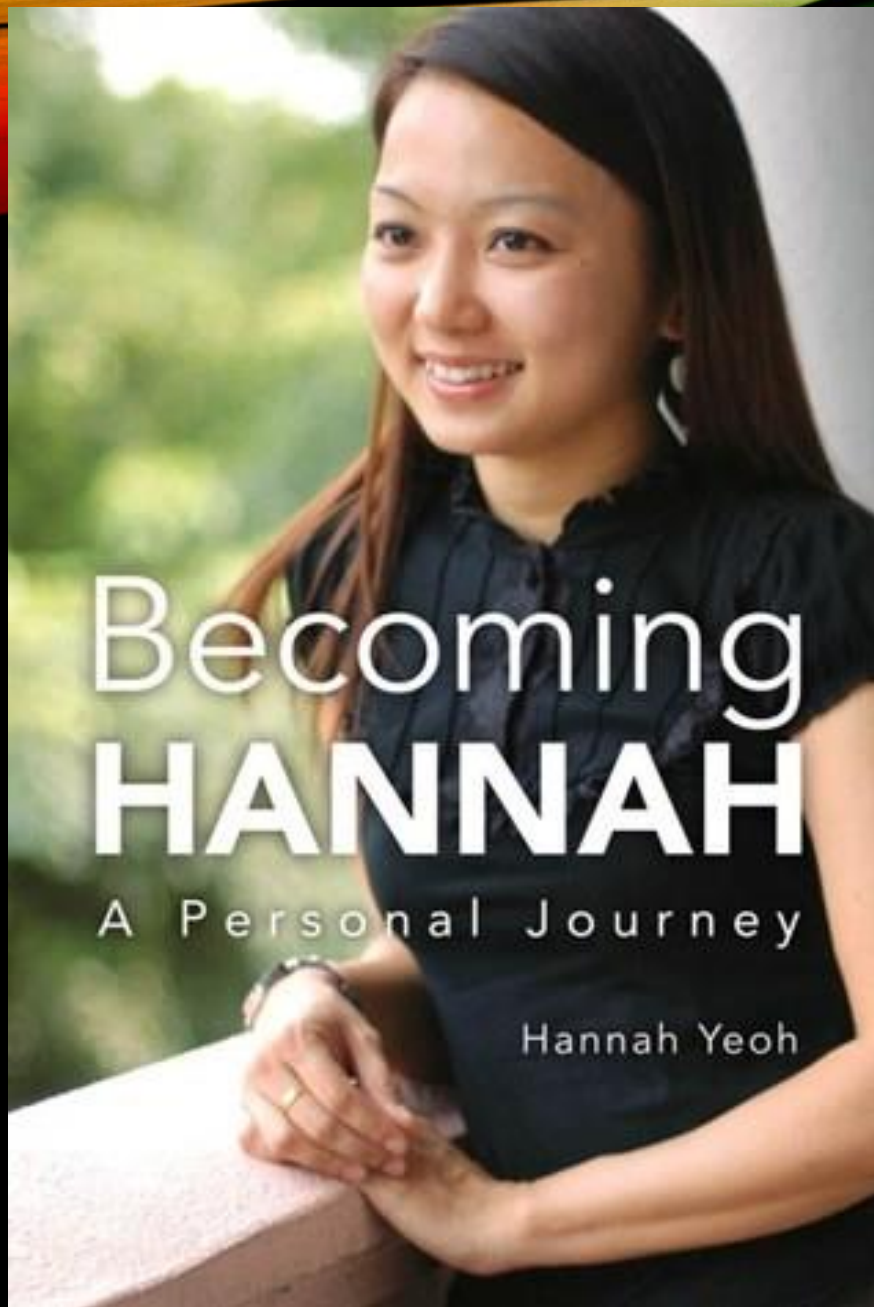
- We are heirs of God himself: **we will receive all that God has promised** to us as His children.
- We are joint heirs with Christ: **our inheritance is secure** because there is absolutely no doubt that Jesus will inherit all that the Father has ordained to give Him



**As an heir of God, you inherit eternal life, God's kingdom and all that you need. Are you rejoicing in that? Or have you somehow miss out on this?**

## 6. We Get To Be Like Christ.


... *we suffer with Him*, that we may also be glorified together.




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***Are you being made fun of because of your faith? Do you feel the pressure of being the minority faith in your working place?***



***"If a Christian is not having  
tribulation in the world, there's  
something wrong!"***

Leonard Ravenhill



Matthew 5:11-12

***Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***‘Ware was du bist’ (German)***  
**Become who you are.**

*Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

# Know that you belong to God.

*Isaiah 43:1 But now, this is what the Lord says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; **you are mine.**"*



**Stop thinking that you need to perform  
in order to have a place in God's  
heart.**

*Jeremiah 31:3 ...I have loved you with an  
**everlasting** love; I have drawn you with loving-  
kindness.*