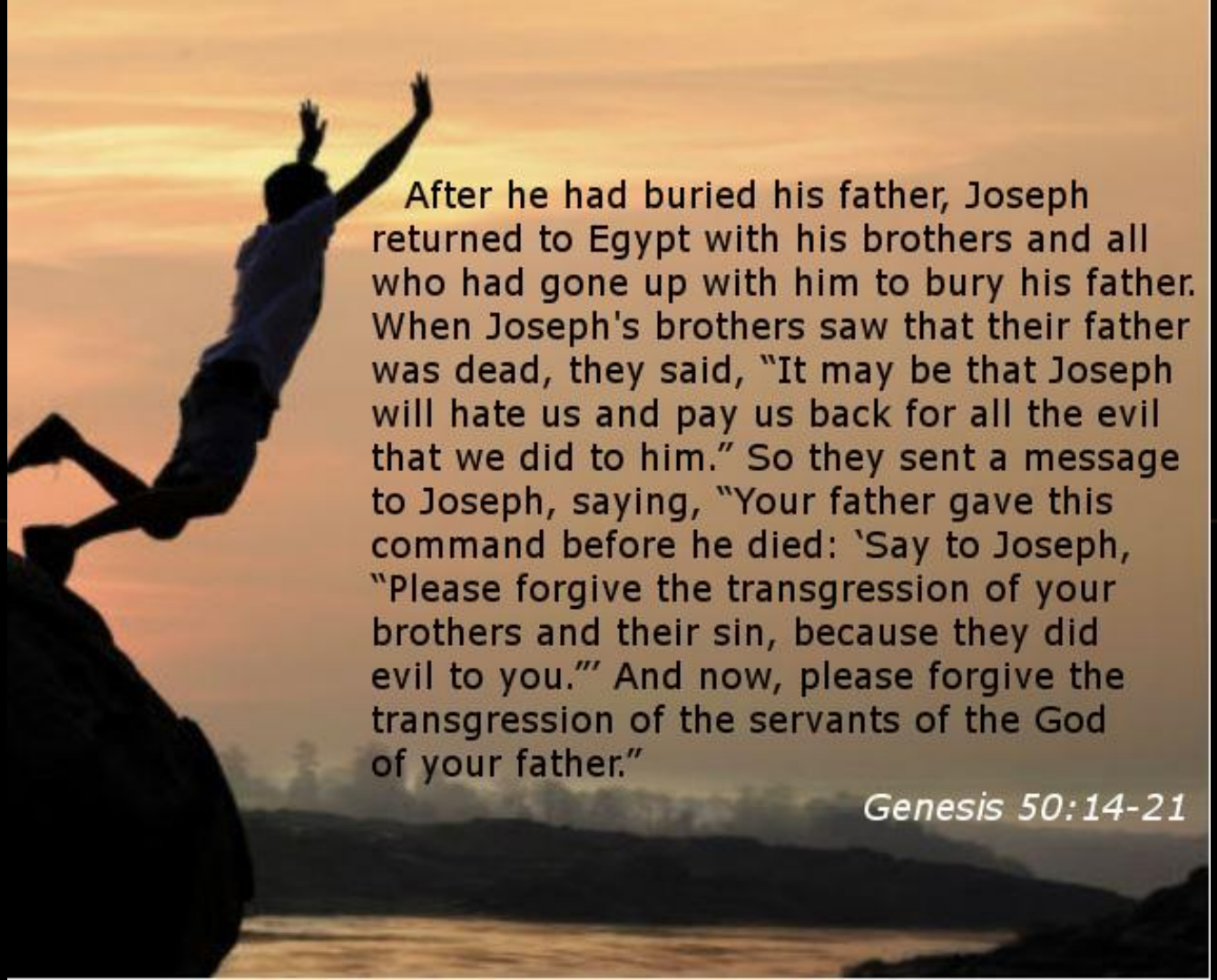
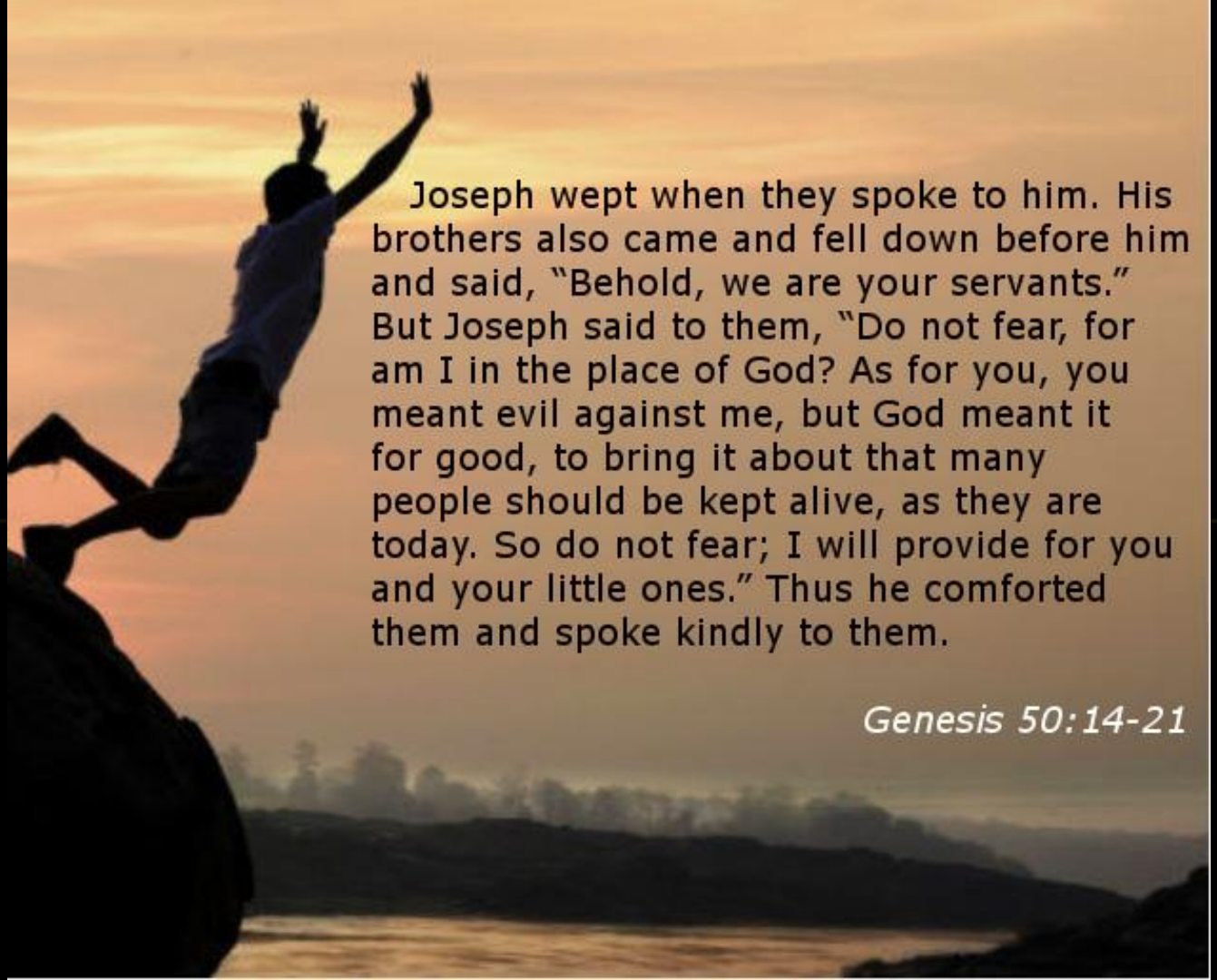
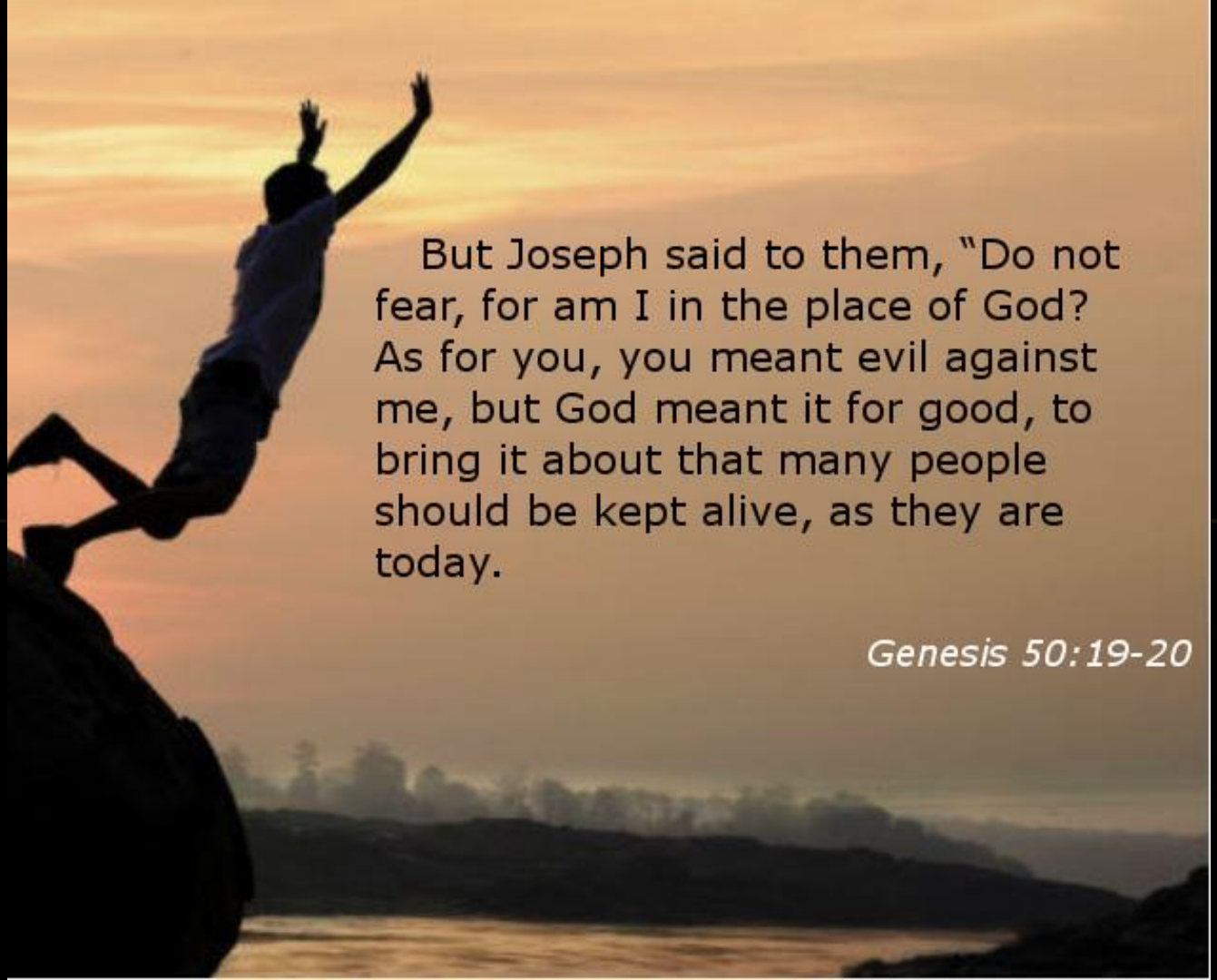
Betrayal ...
... and the faithfulness of God


After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father. When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."
Genesis 50:14-21


Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.
Genesis 50:14-21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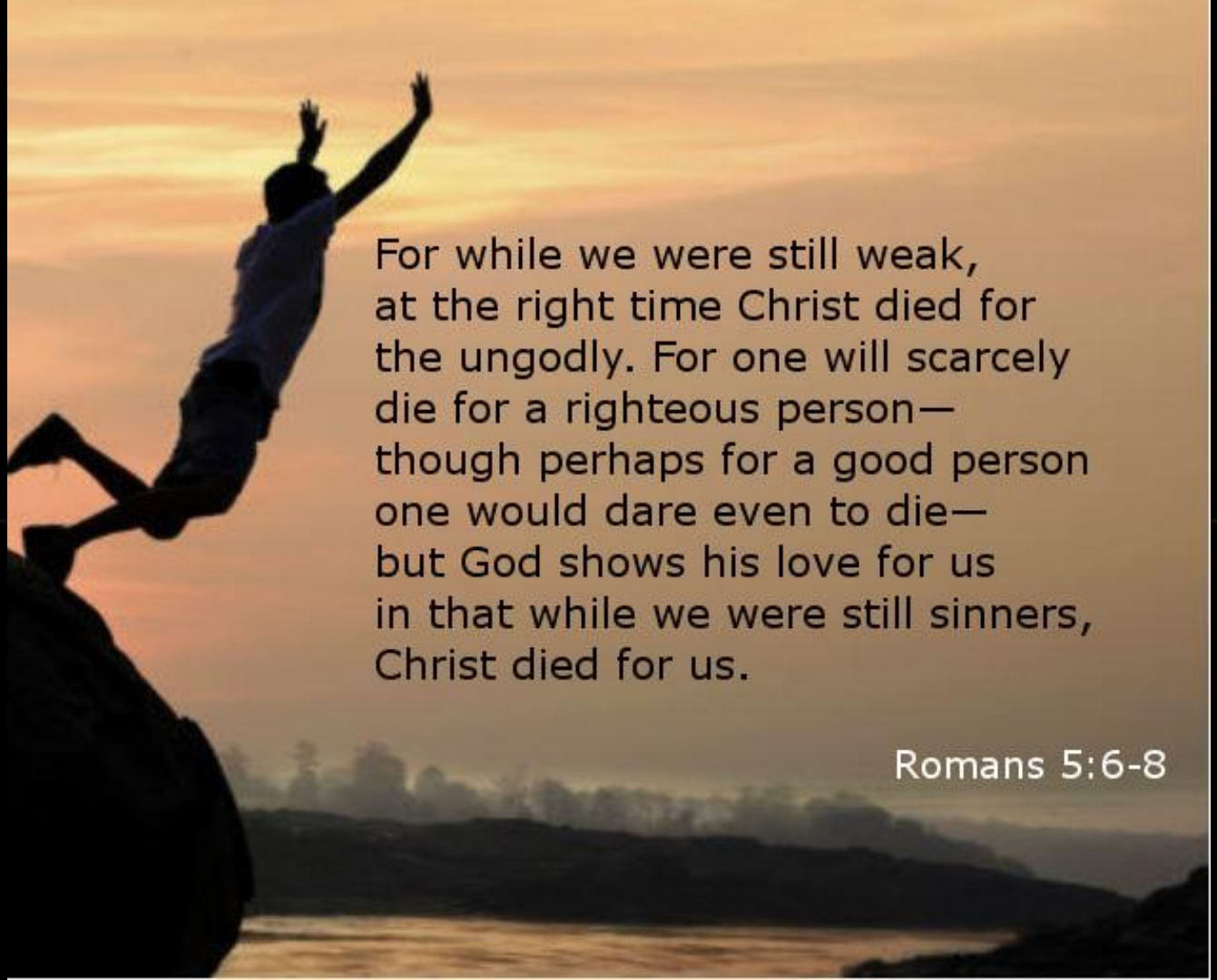
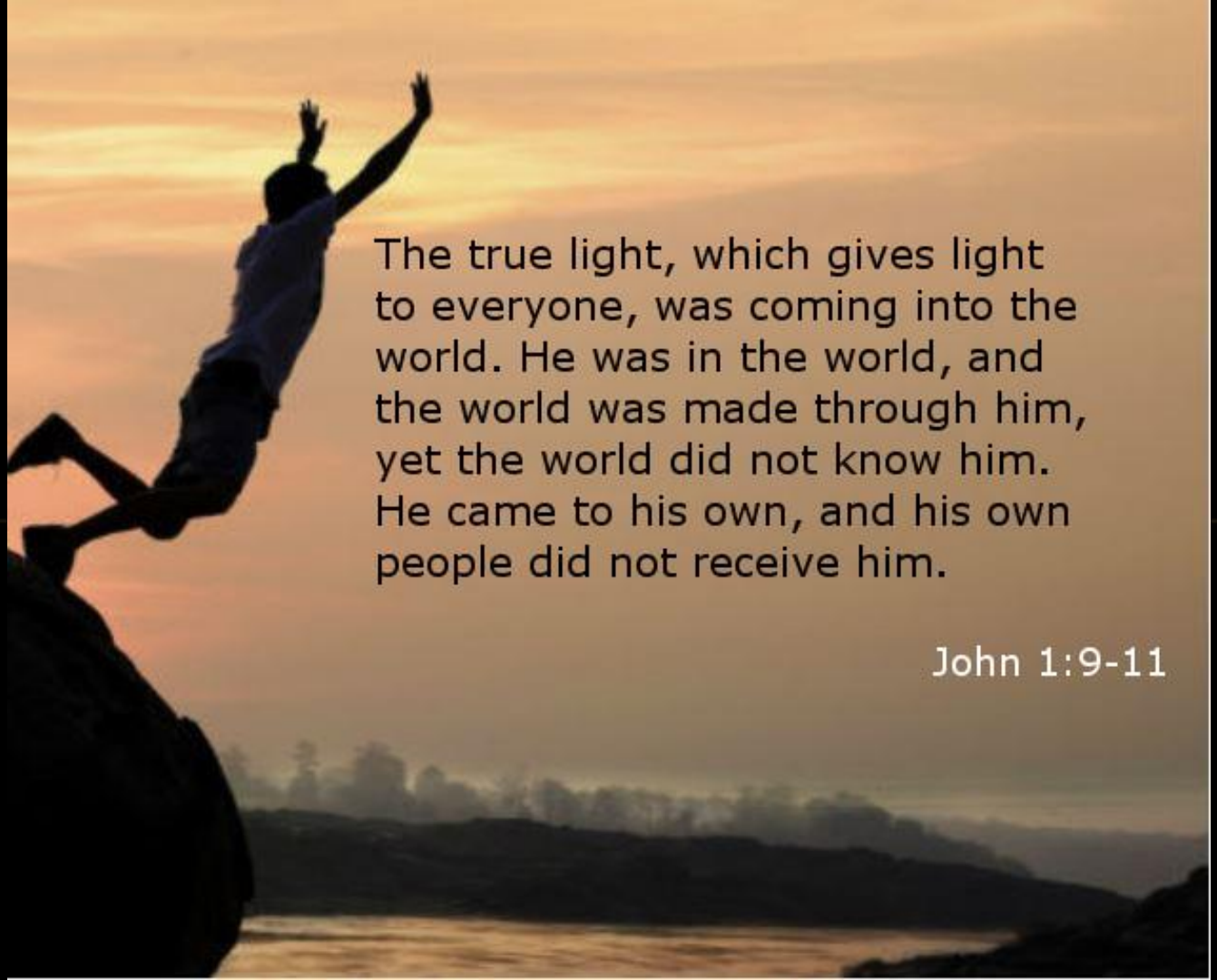
Genesis 50:19-20

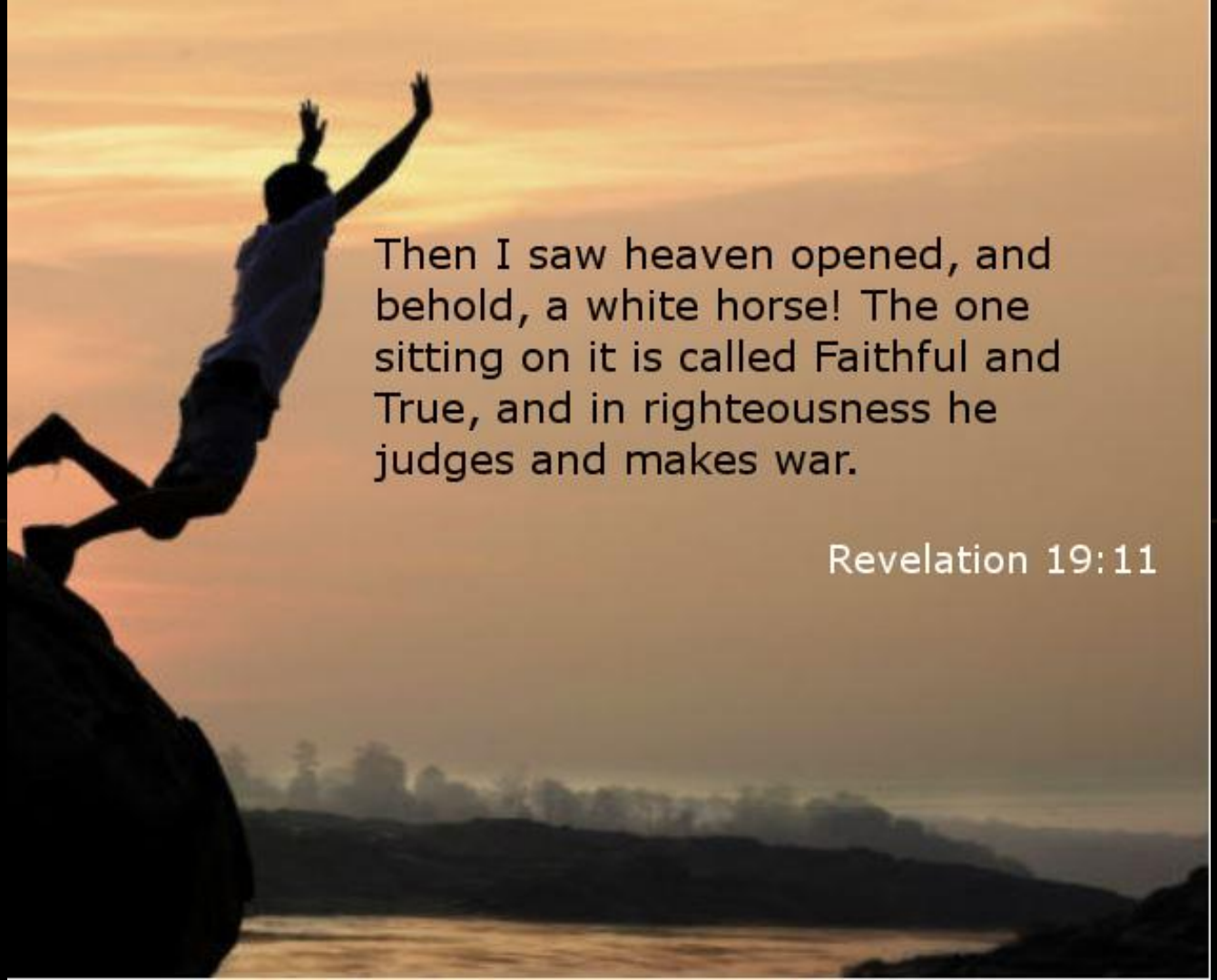
What does God's faithfulness look like to me?
- Steadfast love

The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning.
Great is Your faithfulness, O God!
Lamentations 3:22-23

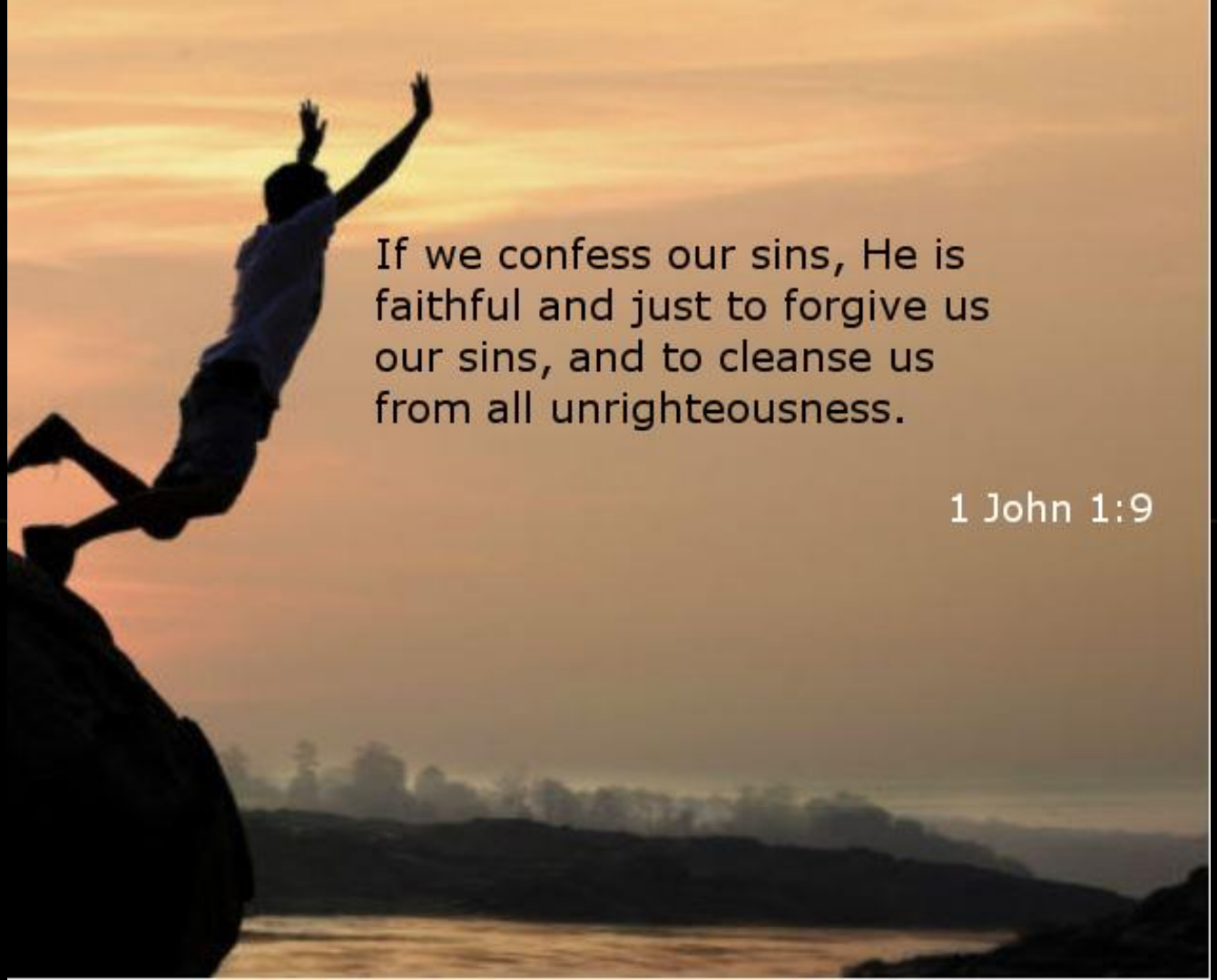

For while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for
the ungodly. For one will scarcely
die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person
one would dare even to die—
but God shows his love for us
in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.
Romans 5:6-8


The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
John 1:9-11

What does God's faithfulness look like to me?
- Steadfast love
- Truth (keeping His promises)


Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.
Revelation 19:11

What does God's faithfulness look like to me?
- Steadfast love
- Truth (keeping His promises)
- Justice


If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9

Can our free choice coexist with the sovereignty of God?
- We can choose evil
- But God means it for good

Where does this leave you and me?
- We can choose how we respond to betrayal
- Trust that God is at work for your good and the good of His Kingdom
- Look heavenward and leave the vengeance to God

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