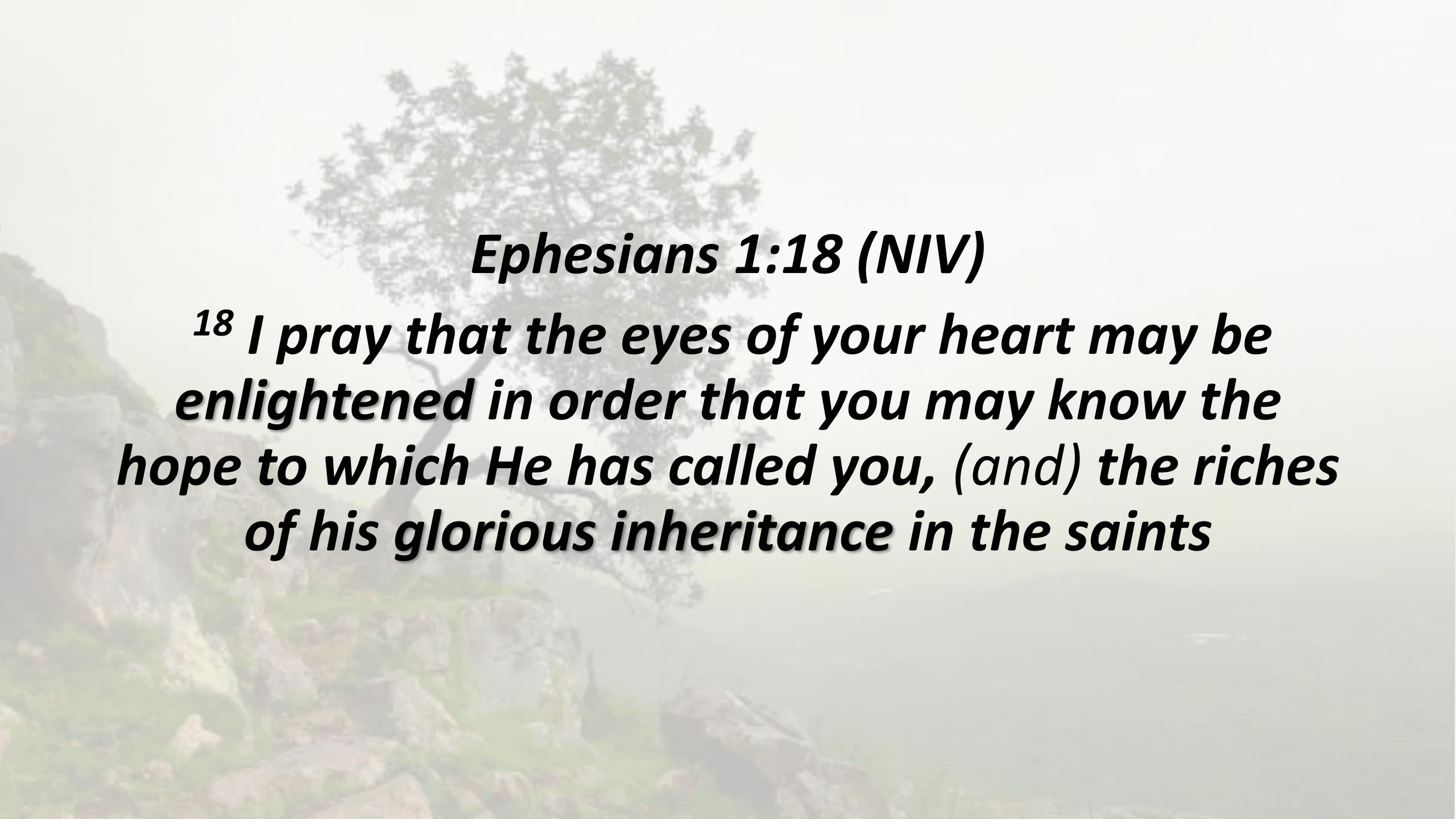


A scenic landscape featuring a large, gnarled tree with dense green foliage growing on a rocky, grassy cliffside. The tree's trunk is dark and twisted, leaning slightly to the right. The background shows a vast, hazy valley with rolling hills and a distant town or city, all under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Journey:**  
*We Have a  
Future!*

## **Revelation 21:1-5**

***<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new! . . . **Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.**”***



***Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)***

***18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, (and) the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints***

# We Are Jesus's Inheritance

- We have *a place* to belong (John 17:24).
- We have *a person* to whom we belong (Colossians 3:12).

# Jesus Will Give Us an Inheritance

- **What I do in my everyday life will matter in eternity (Matthew 6:19-20, 16:27).**
  - **Bring the heart of our Father to those I work with (Colossians 3:22-23)**
  - **Bring the heart of our Father to how I see and spend money (1 Timothy 6:16-19)**
  - **Bring the heart of our Father to hard-to-love people (Luke 6:35-36)**
  - ***Bring the heart of my Father to the poor, needy, marginalized, and oppressed people (Hebrews 10:32-36; Luke 14:12-14).***

# **Jesus Will Give Us an Inheritance**

- **What I do in my everyday life will matter in eternity (Matthew 6:19-20, 16:27).**
- **Our mission is to disciple, equip, and strengthen us to live this purpose within these walls, in our neighborhoods, and in our workplaces.**

## ***2 Thessalonians 1:7-9***

***This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power***

# Processing Questions

- *We are Jesus' inheritance. What do you think it will be like for you when this promise is fulfilled?*
- *How was delight shown in your family? Church?*
- *How was delight withheld by others? By you?*
- *How can you give to others—family, neighbors, workplace, church—the gift delight?*
- *Read Matthew 16:27. Watch Francis Chan's short video. (Go to YouTube and search "Francis Chan rope illustration" and consider the following: How does the truth "What we do now will matter for eternity" refocus your priorities and choices?*
- *In light of eternity, what priorities and choices are you willing to change?*