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## Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing  
May our streets be filled with joy  
May injustice bow to Jesus,  
As the people turn and pray



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From the mountain to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air



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May a light shine in the darkness  
As we walk before the cross  
May Your glory fill the whole earth  
As the water over the seas



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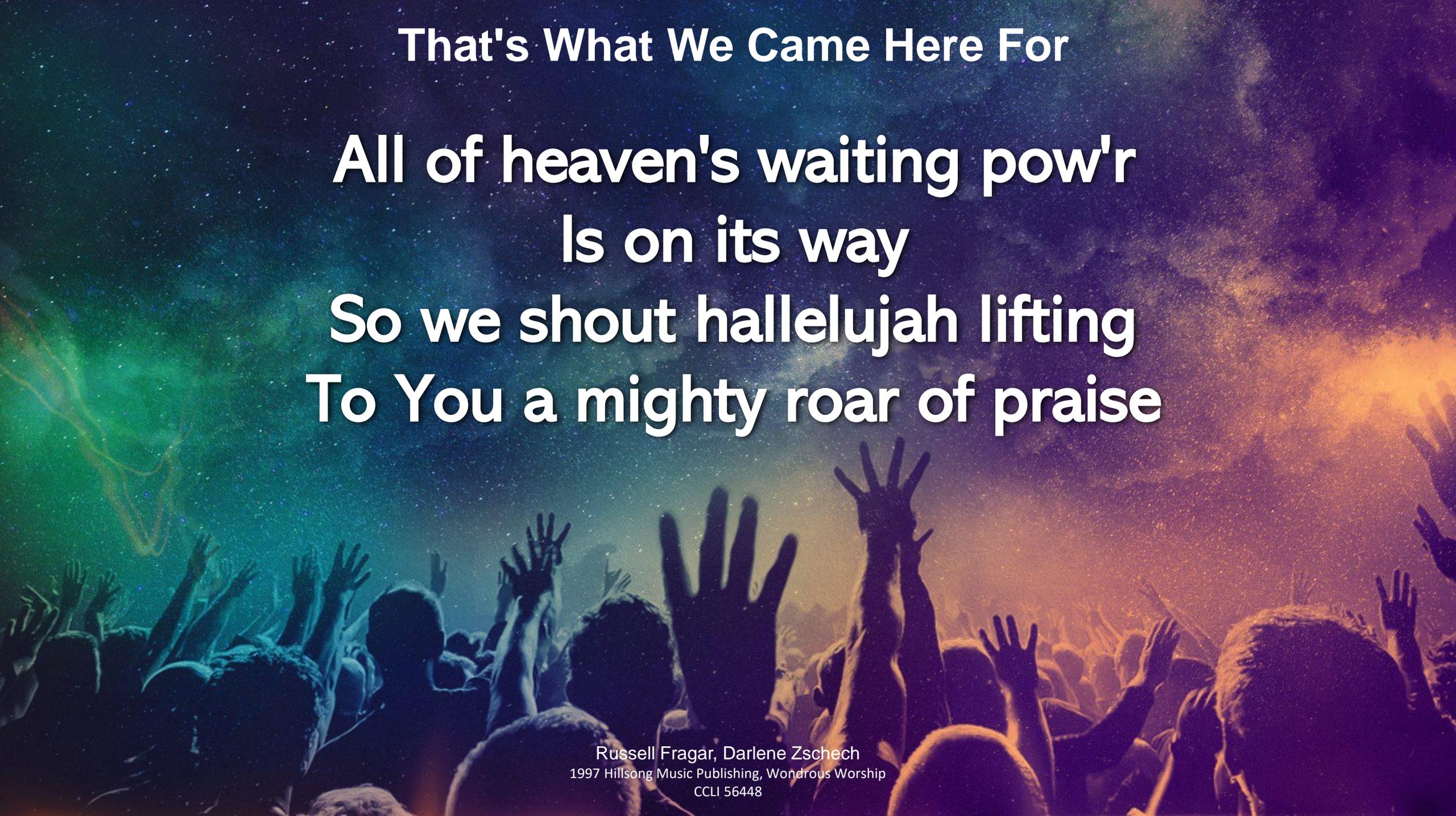
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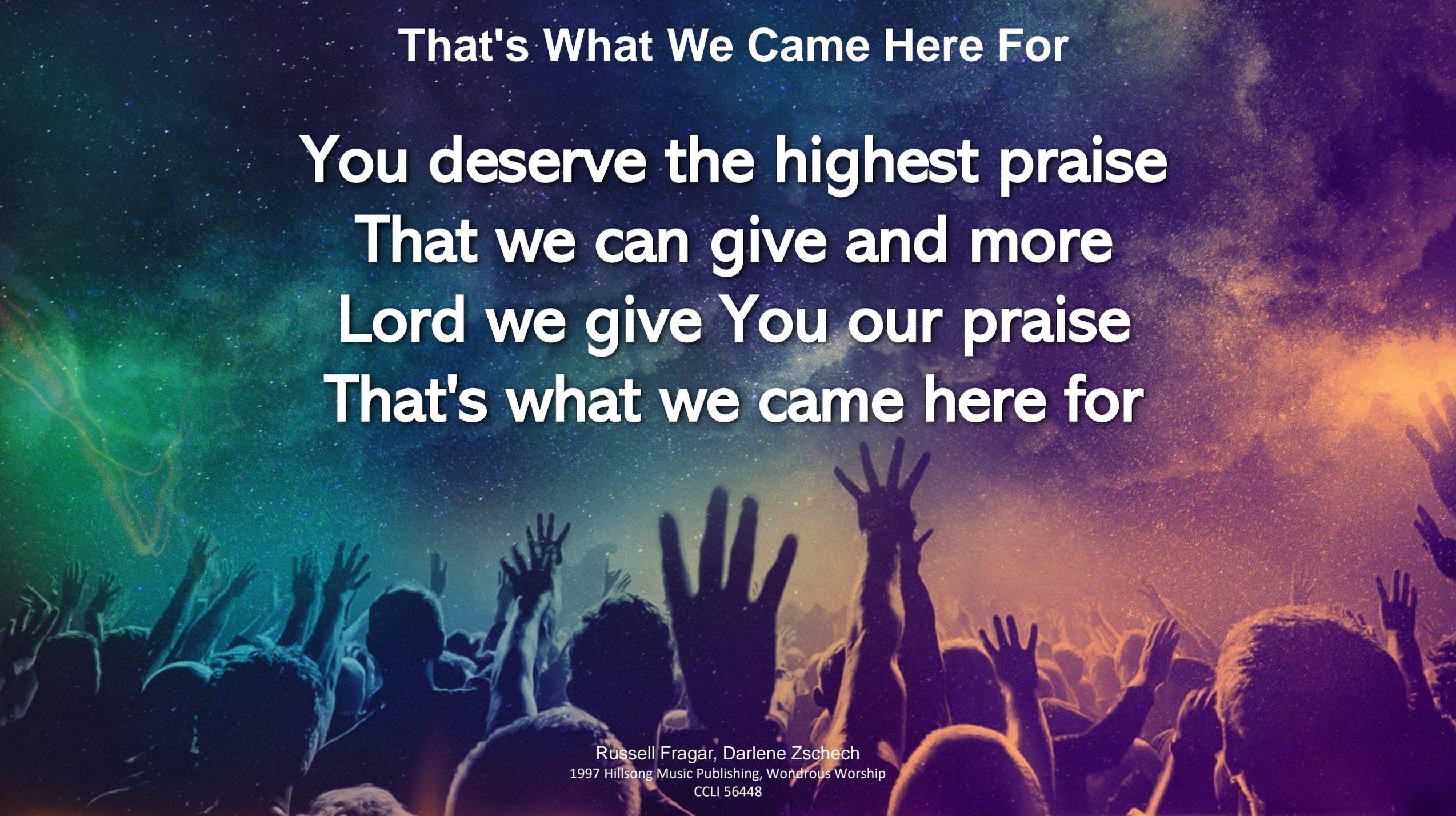
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**We come into Your presence**  
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**Come into Your presence with praise**  
**And enter Your gates with**  
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**We are going to celebrate**

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**All of heaven's waiting pow'r**  
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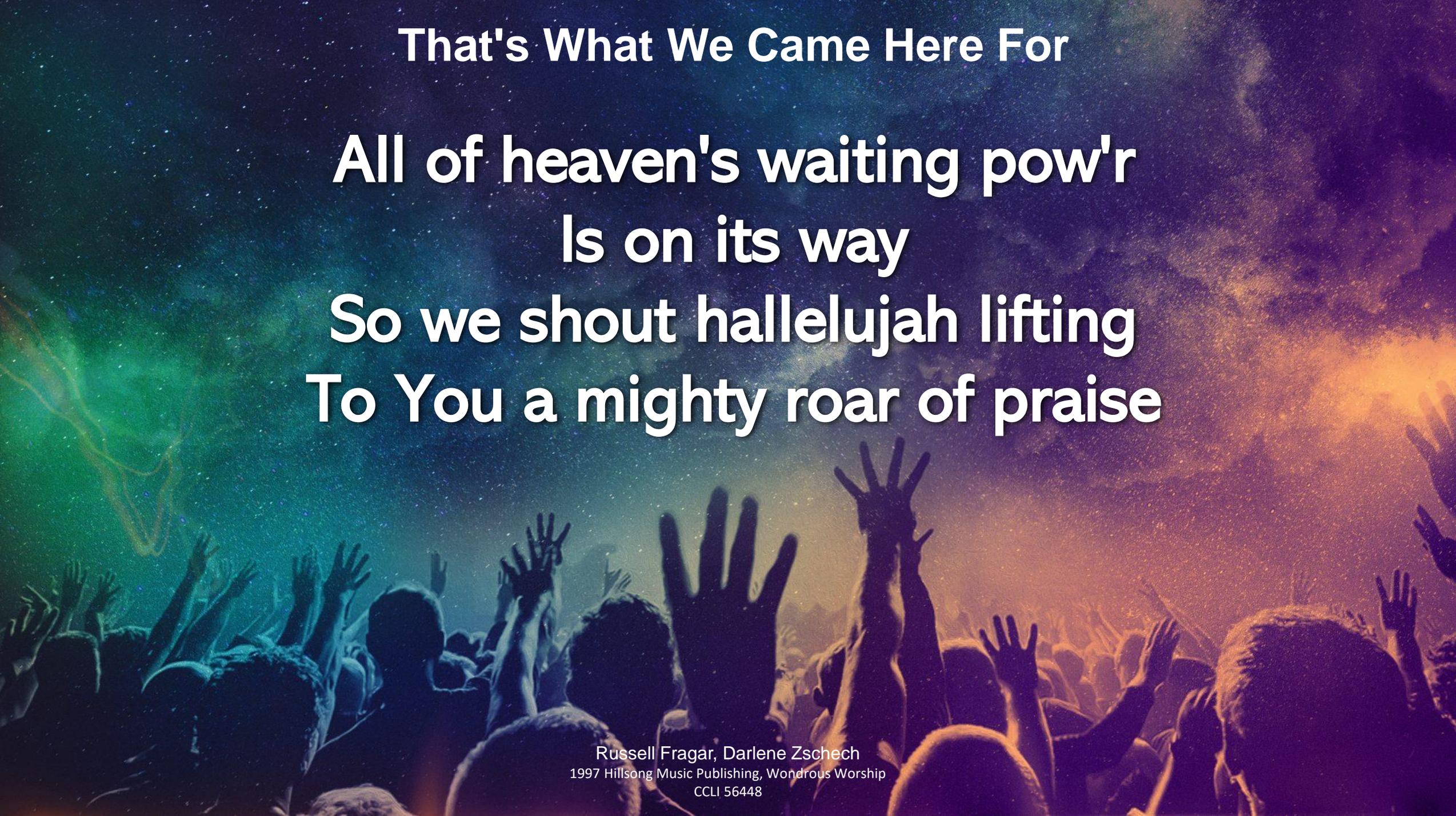
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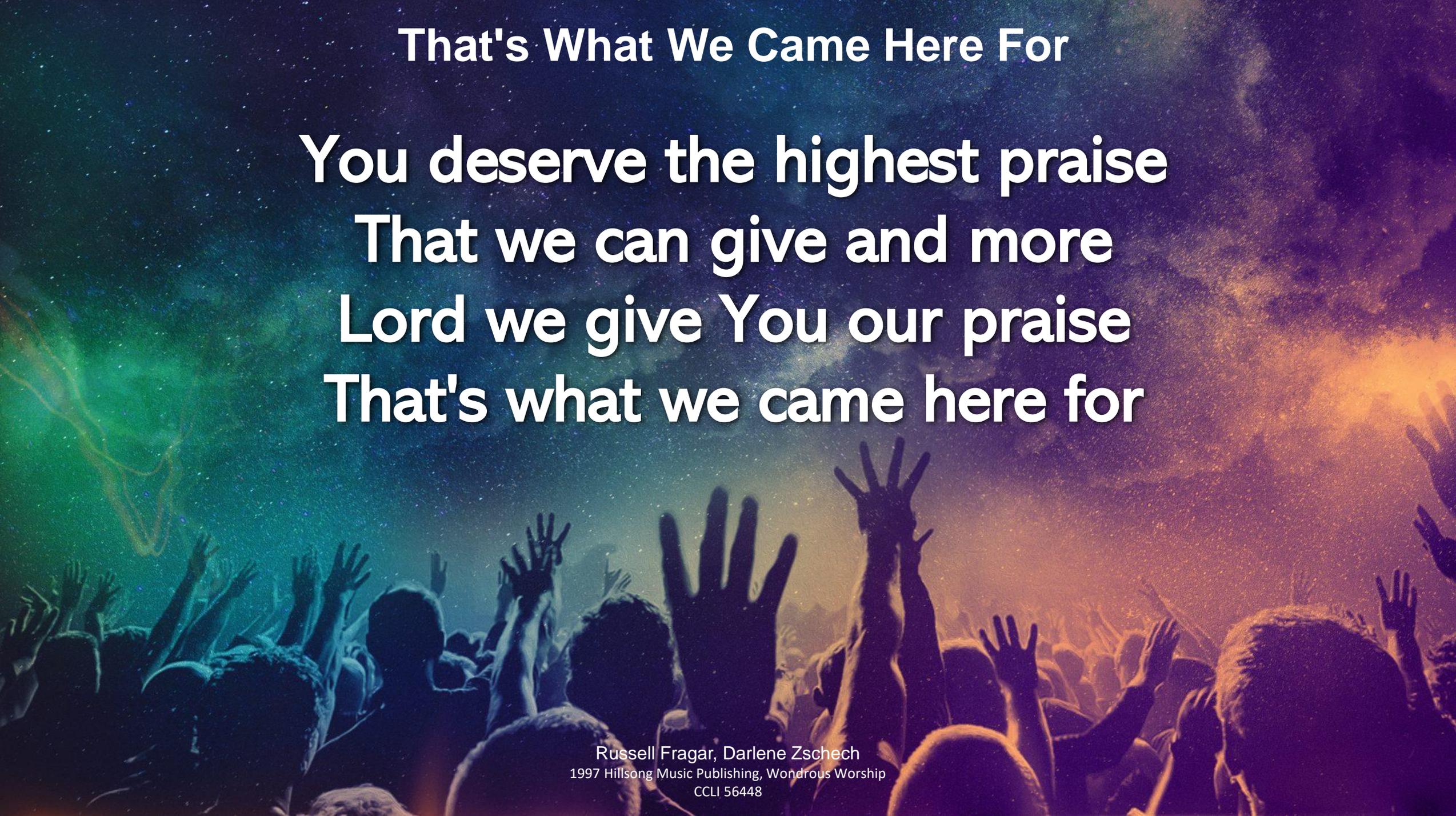


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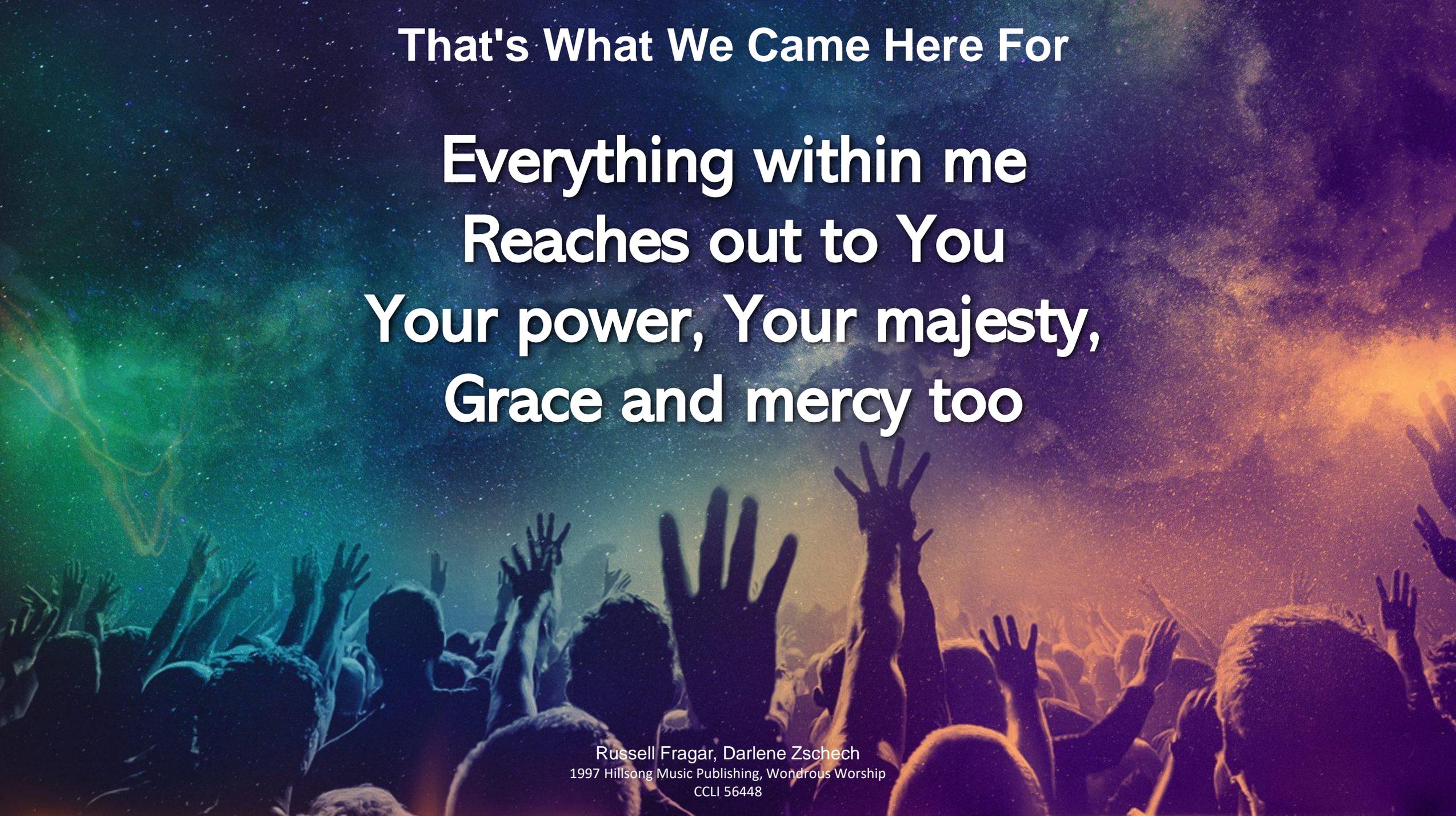
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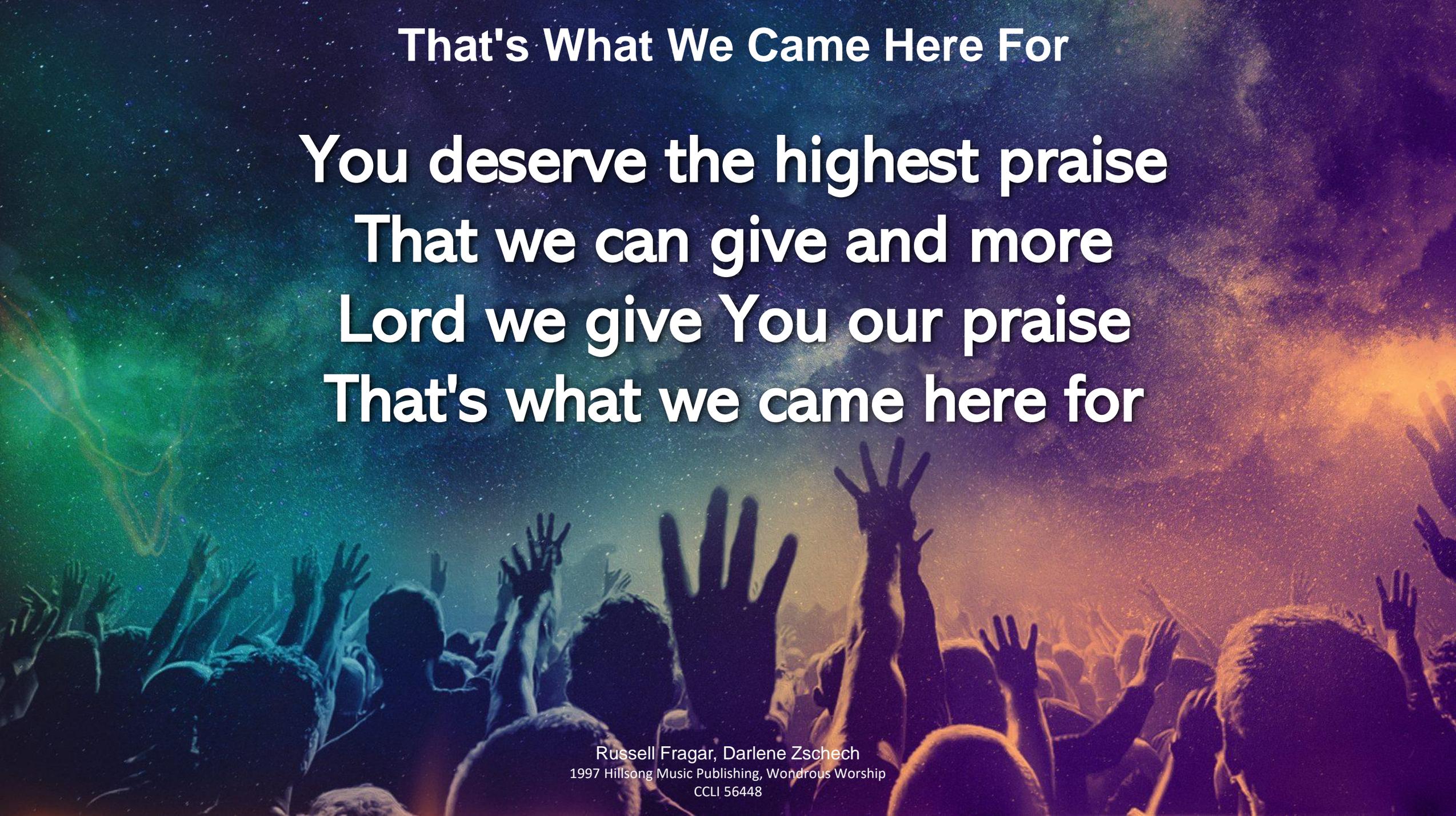
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**Reaches out to You**  
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**There'll be singing  
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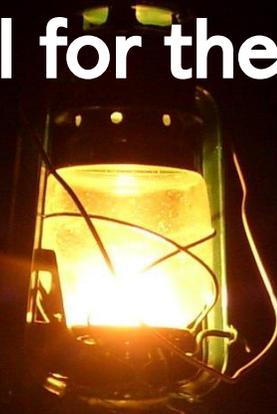
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**Matthew 25:1-13** (New Living Translation)

## **Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

**25** “Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids<sup>[a]</sup> who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, **4** but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. **5** When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. **6** “At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’



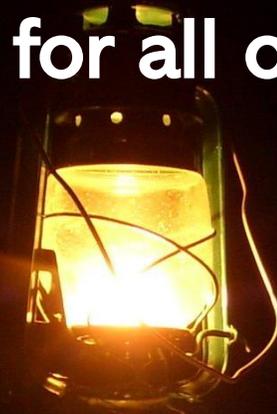
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**<sup>7</sup> “All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. <sup>8</sup> Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’**

**<sup>9</sup> “But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’**

**<sup>10</sup> “But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. <sup>11</sup> Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’**



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## **Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

**<sup>12</sup> “But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’**

**<sup>13</sup> “So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.**

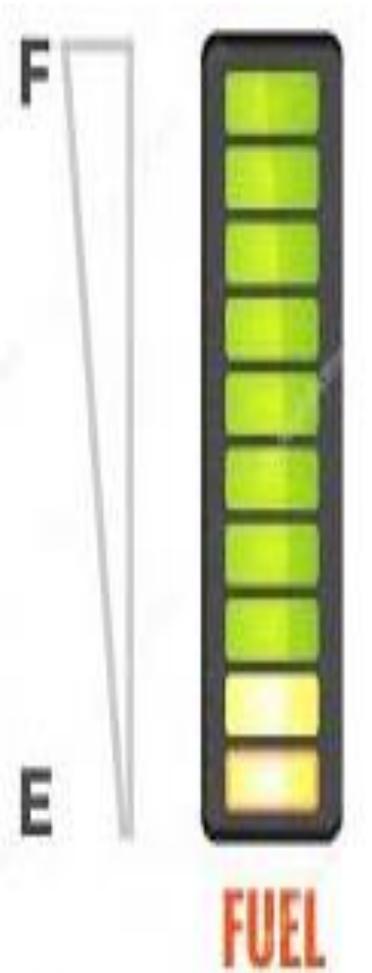




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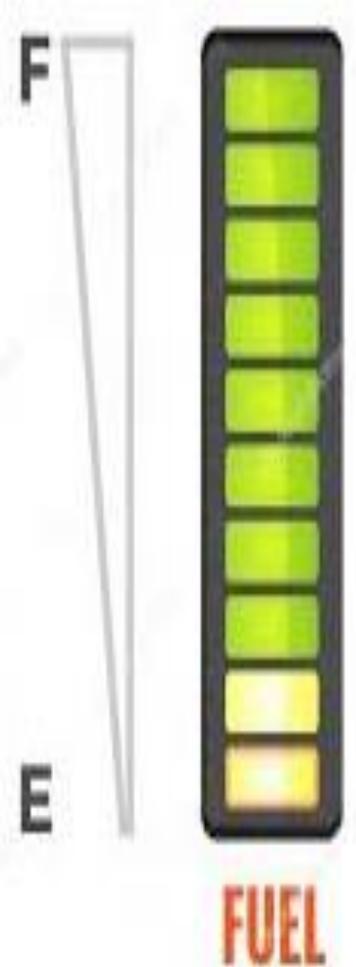


# Are you ready for Good Works in 2022?

How can we do really well in 2022?

...be constantly (always) aware that we live in the presence of God.

When we are conscious of God like this, we can do no less than live really well.



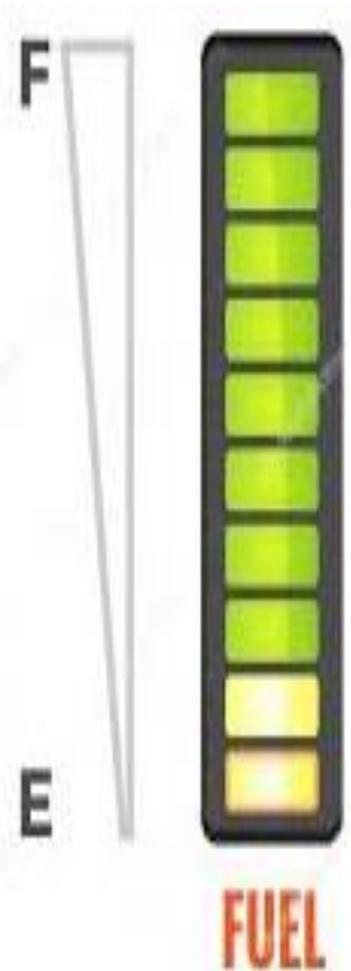
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Let's live 2022 with Christian purpose, joy and enthusiasm.

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Good works..., that God has already planned for you to achieve.

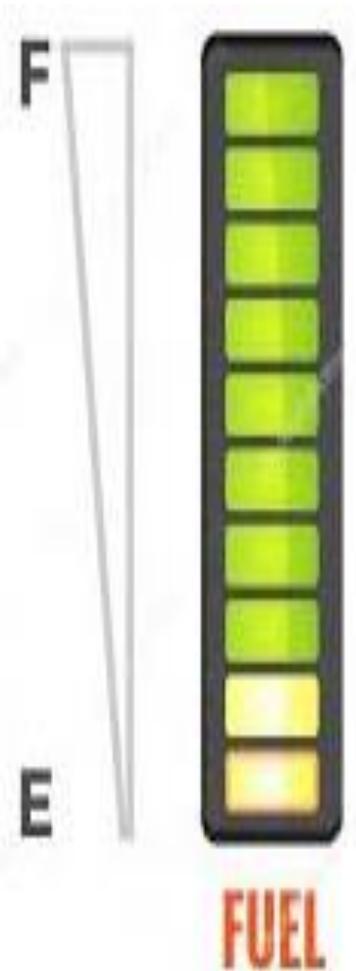


# What are good works?

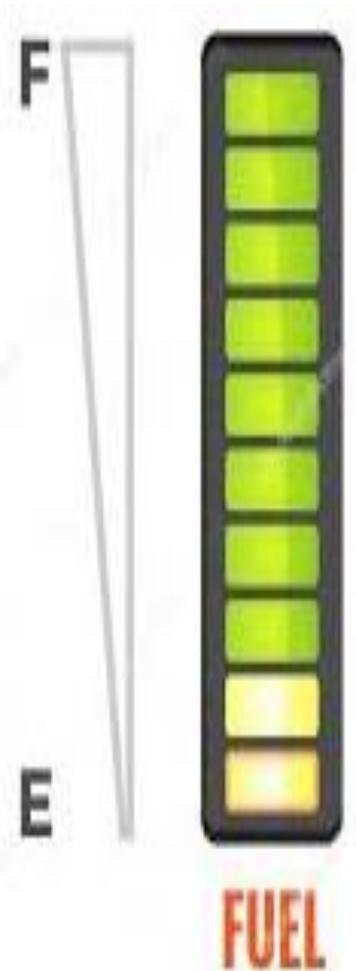
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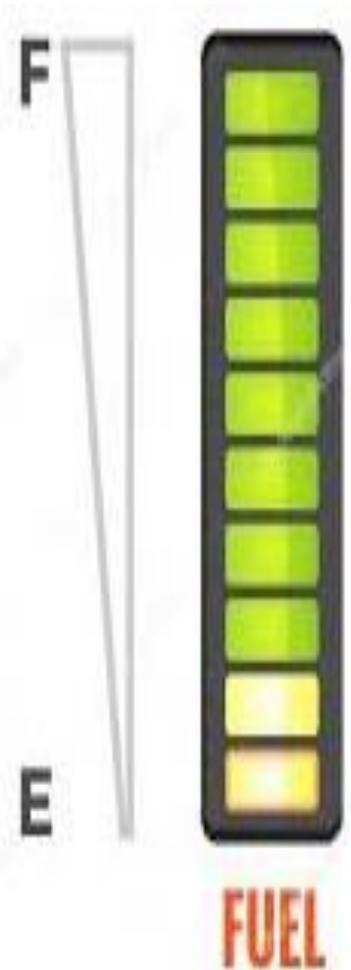
**Works that are inspired by God and naturally demonstrated by God's sons and daughters in everyday life. (Home, school, college, university, shopping, work and work seeking, relaxing with friends... etc)**

# The bible speaks about good works!

Matthew 5:16 suggests that *your good works should shine for everyone to see...*

Galatians 6:9 suggests we not tire nor retire from doing what is good...

Hebrews 10:24 suggests we *think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.*

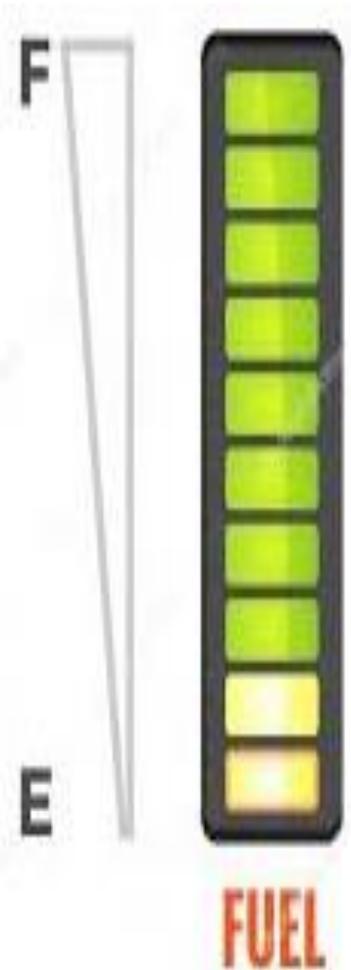


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Ephesians 2:10 informs Christians that *“we are God’s masterpiece..*

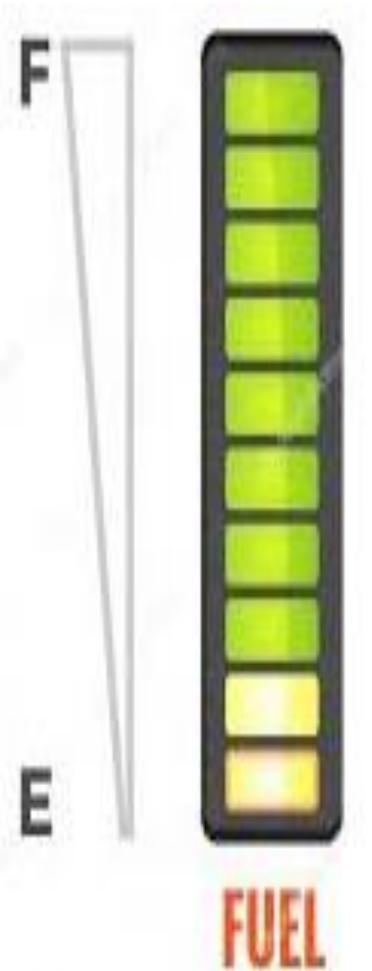
*...that God has created us new through Christ Jesus...*

*...so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”* (NLT)



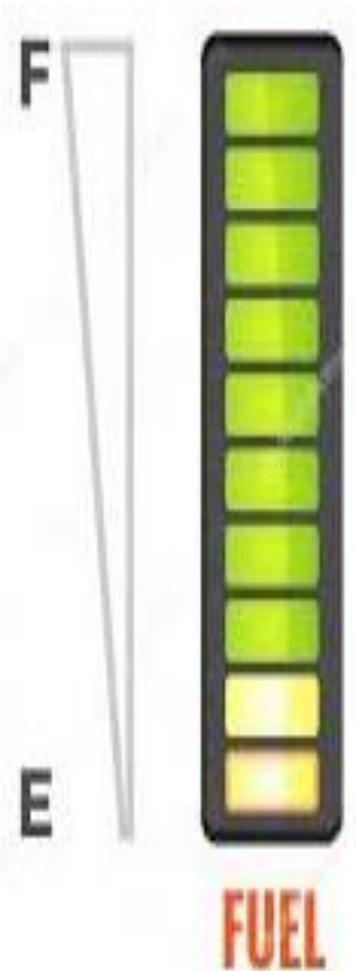
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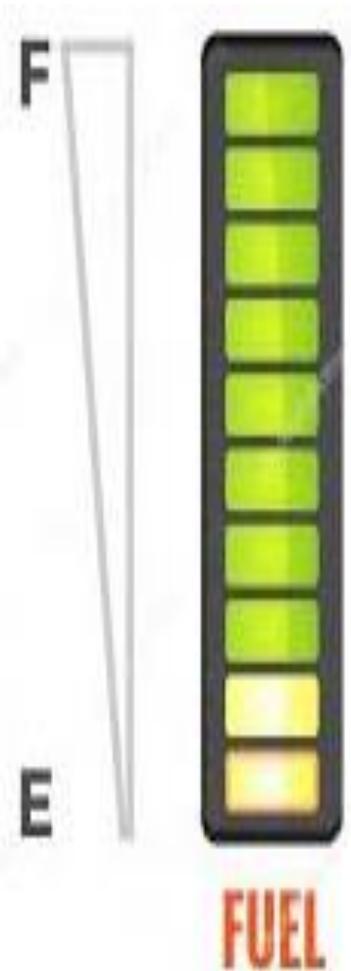
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**...therefore, what resources do you need to help you push through, and undertake to completion, God's planned good works...**

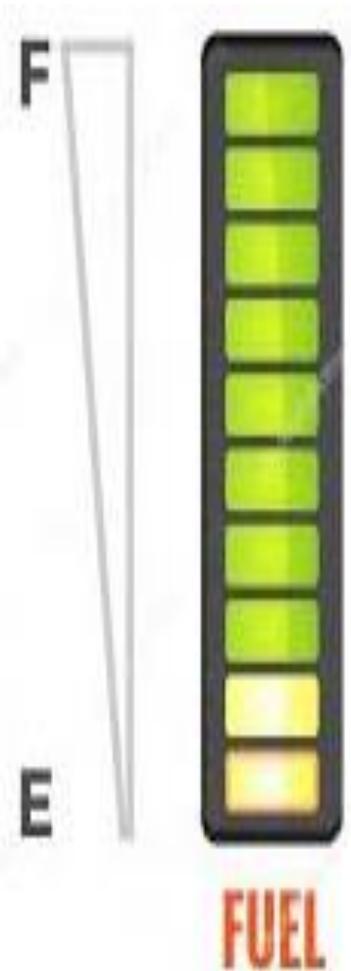


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**Scripture doesn't say they were late...**

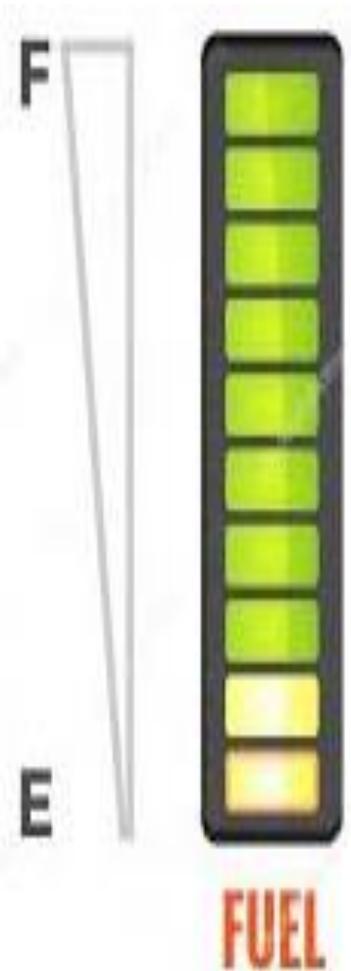
There are many believers today who, like the bridesmaids, arrive on time, put in the time, and appear to be ready to serve God through the church and in the community.



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Scripture doesn't say their lamps were empty...

There are many believers today who live their relationship with God like they are running on empty.

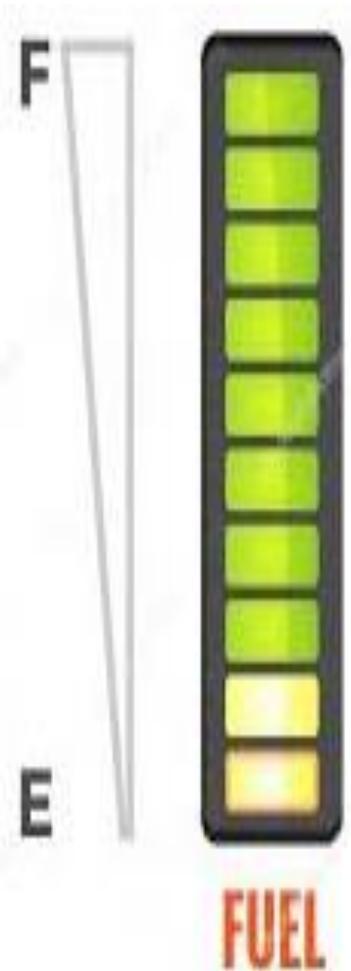


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Scripture doesn't say that a bridesmaid was missing or...

I guess there are believers who “join the club” so to speak, and... eventually rely on the religious surroundings for credibility.

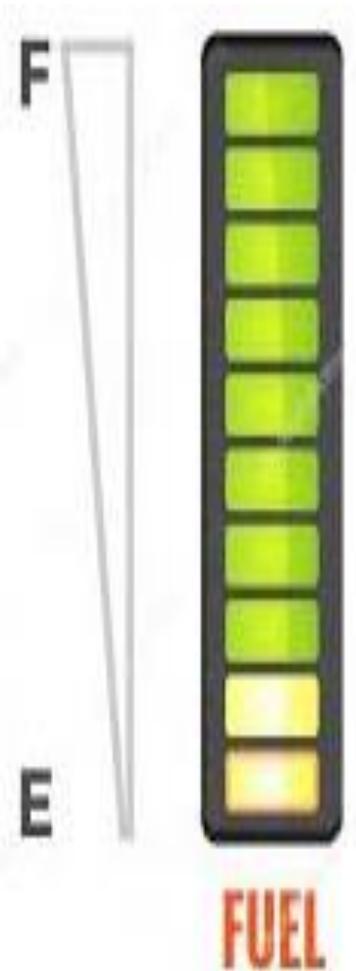


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Scripture says that all the bridesmaids fell asleep.

Occasionally we don't use our time well and tiredness or even a focus on a preferred pastime can keep us from being aware of those areas where our preparedness might be improved....



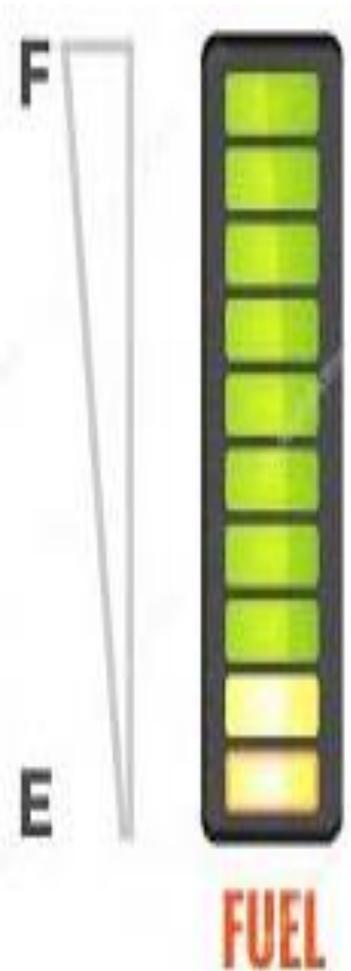
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## Scripture records a bit of panic...

Panic – too much to do...

Spiritually weak lives (low on resources) subjected to a strong adversary in the person of Satan and sin, who delights to de-rail people using human weaknesses.

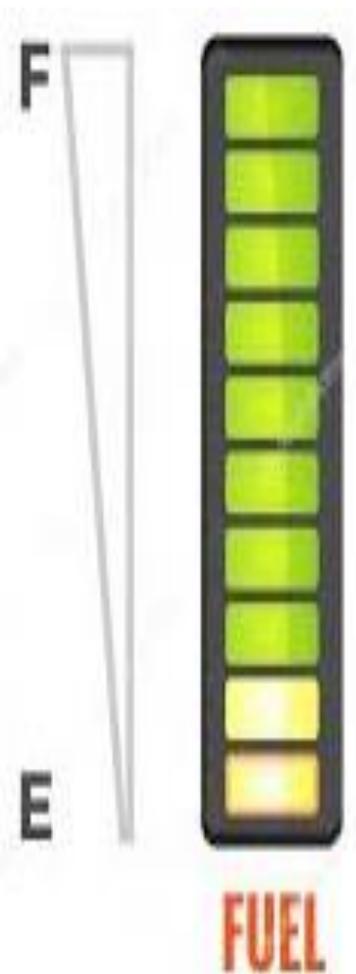


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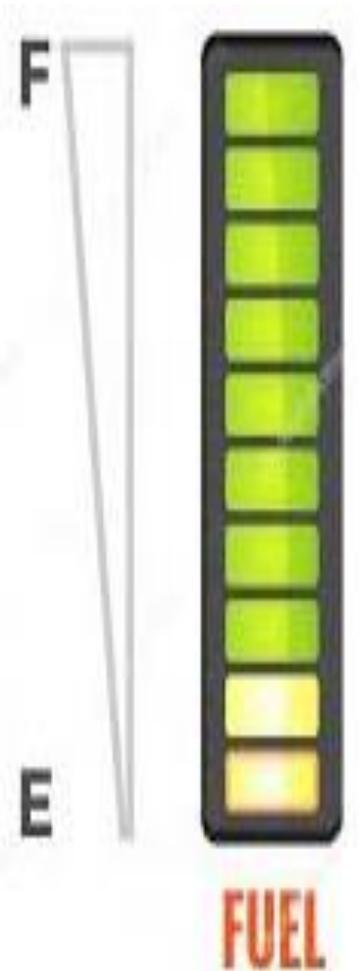
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I often wonder..., if the unpreparedness for good works might have been best remedied there and then by a confession?

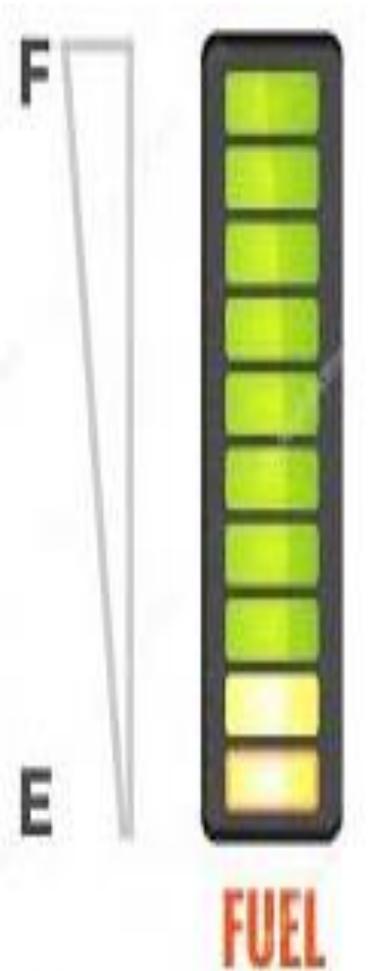


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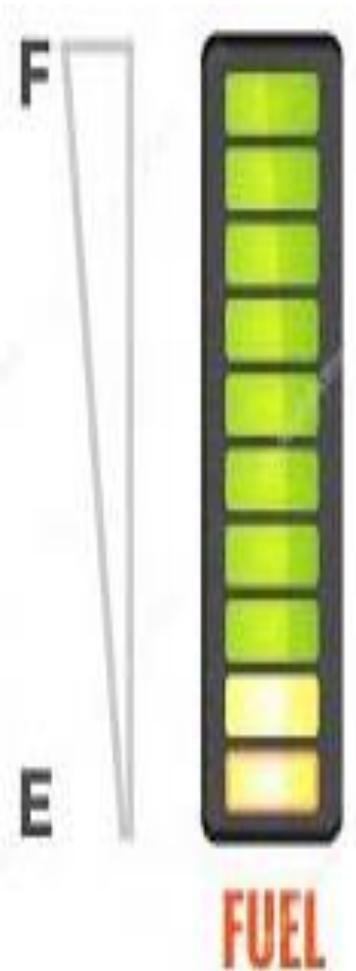
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I'm looking forward to an oil-rich 2022 – are you ready?

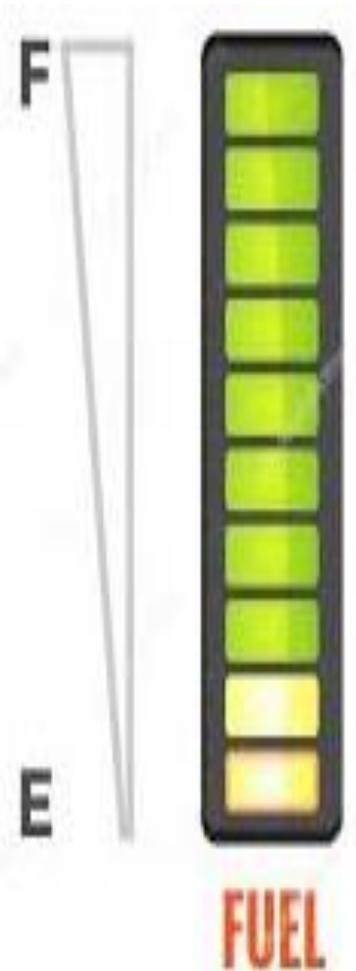
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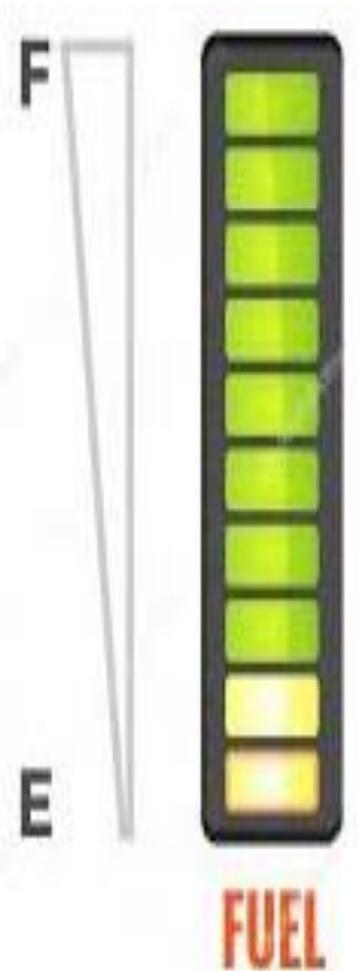
**I am praying that the choices you make this year concerning what ultimately facilitates spiritual replenishment, will provide more than enough reserves for you to know you're in God's hands, and working on the good works he has planned for you to accomplish.**

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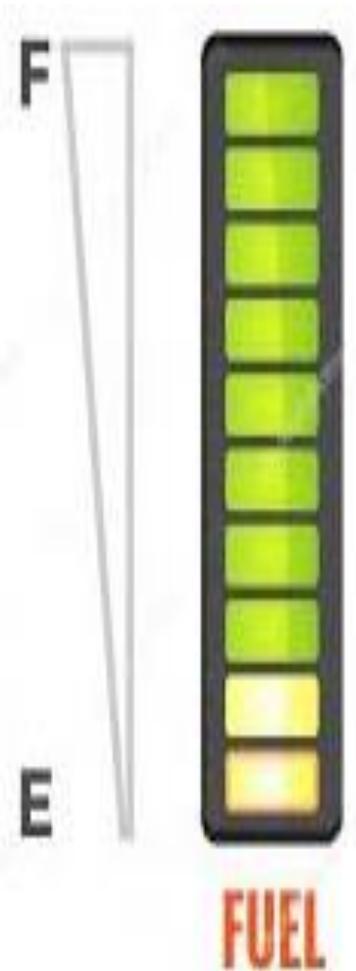


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**Give me joy in my heart / NSB 362**

**Give me oil in my lamp,  
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**Give me oil in my lamp, I pray**

**Give me oil in my lamp,  
keep me burning**

**Keep me burning 'til the break of day**



**Give me joy in my heart / NSB 362**

**Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King!**



**Give me joy in my heart / NSB 362**

**Give me joy in my heart**

**Keep me praising,**

**Give me joy in my heart, I pray;**

**Give me joy in my heart**

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**Give me peace in my heart**

**Keep me resting,**

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**Give me love in my heart**

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