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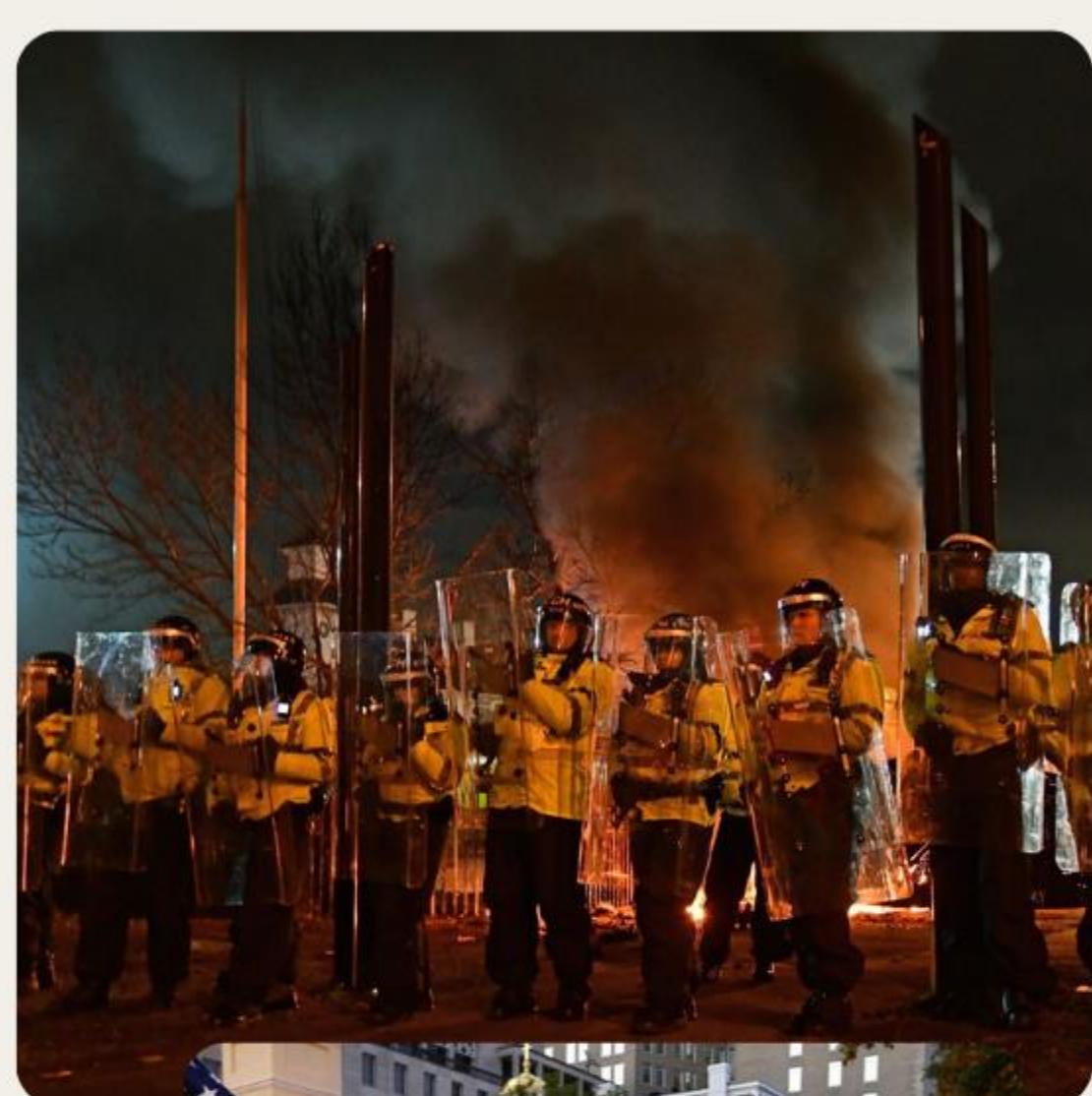


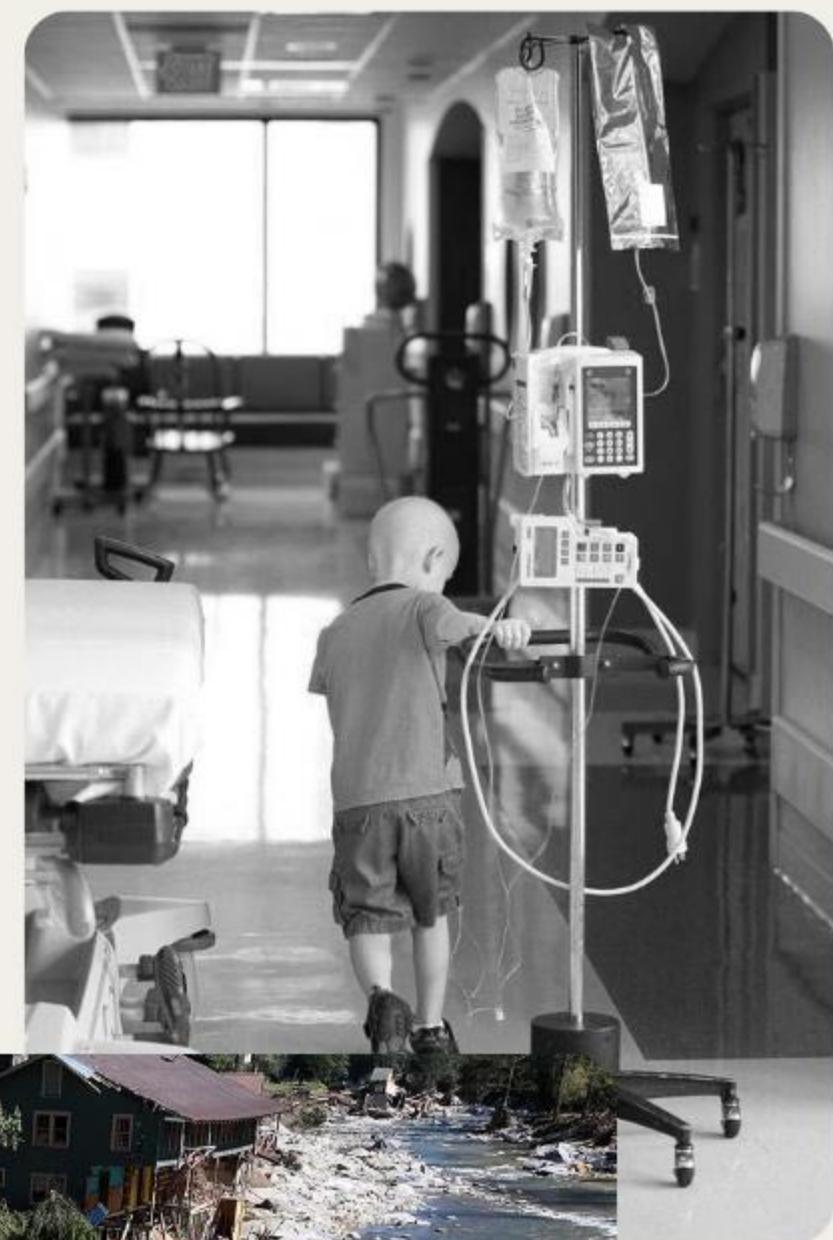
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Write therefore the things  
that you have seen, those that  
are and those that are to take  
place after this.

Revelation 1:19

The Vison of Christ.  
Revelation 1

The Churches of Christ.  
Revelation 2-3

The Consummation of Christ.  
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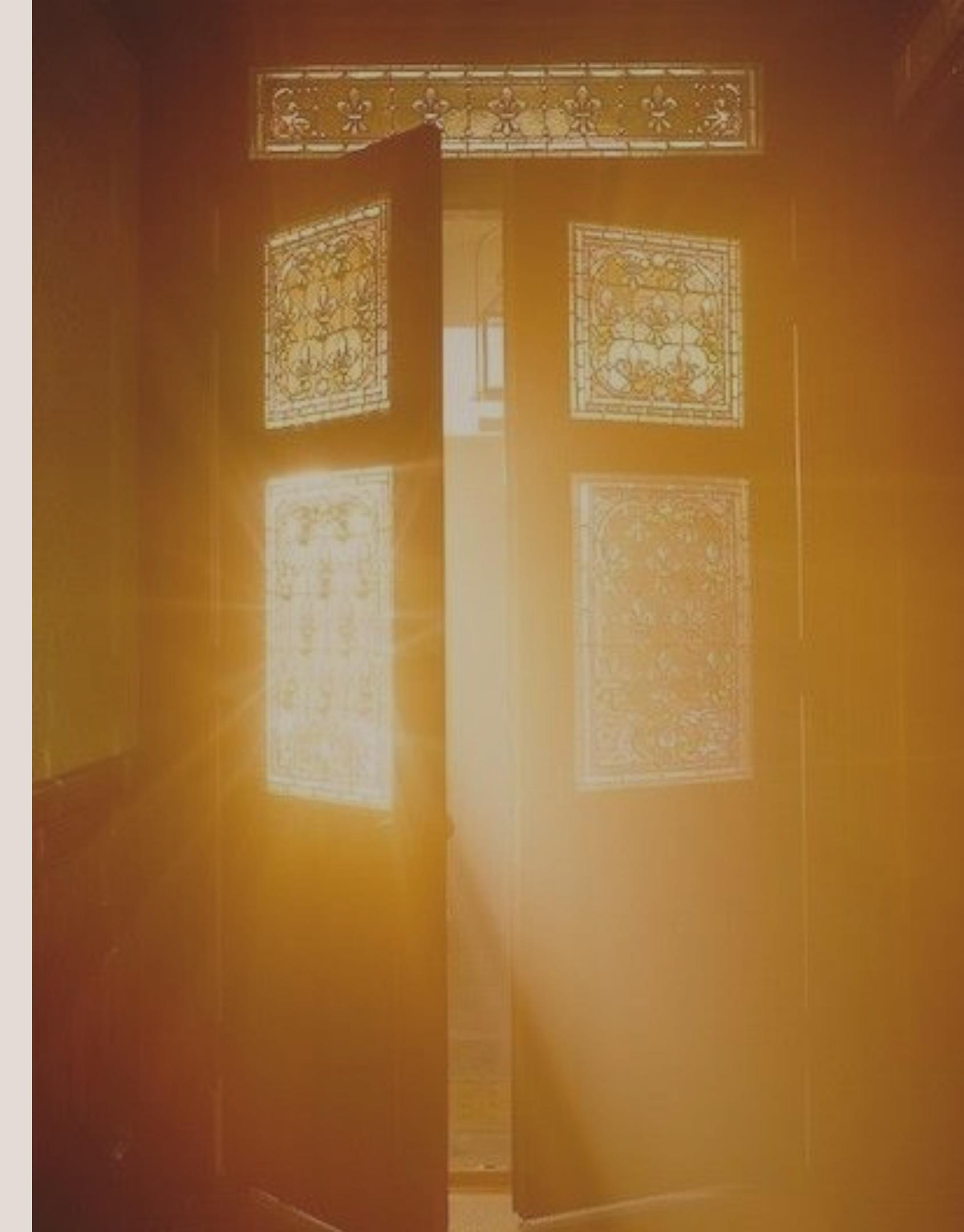
<sup>1</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”



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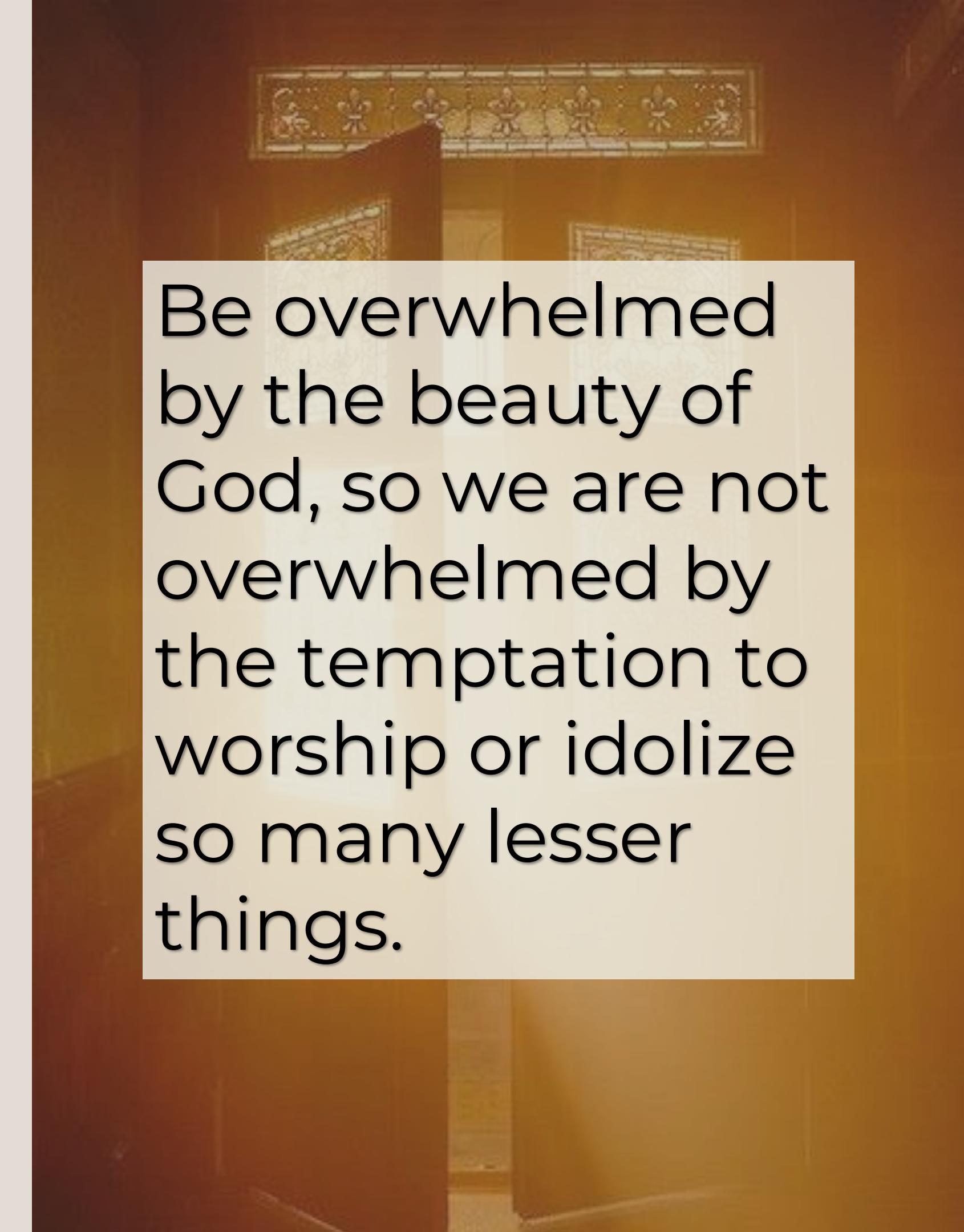
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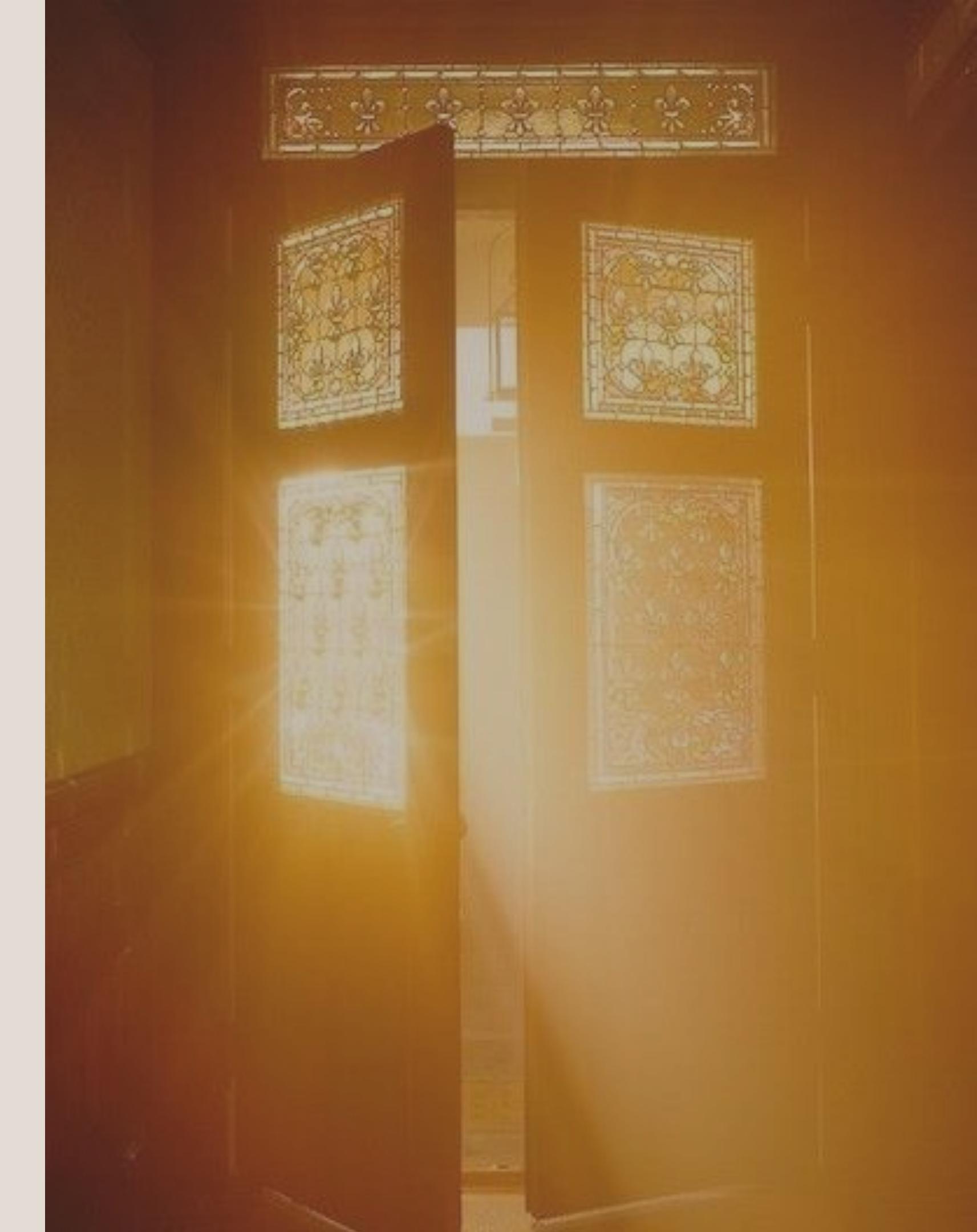
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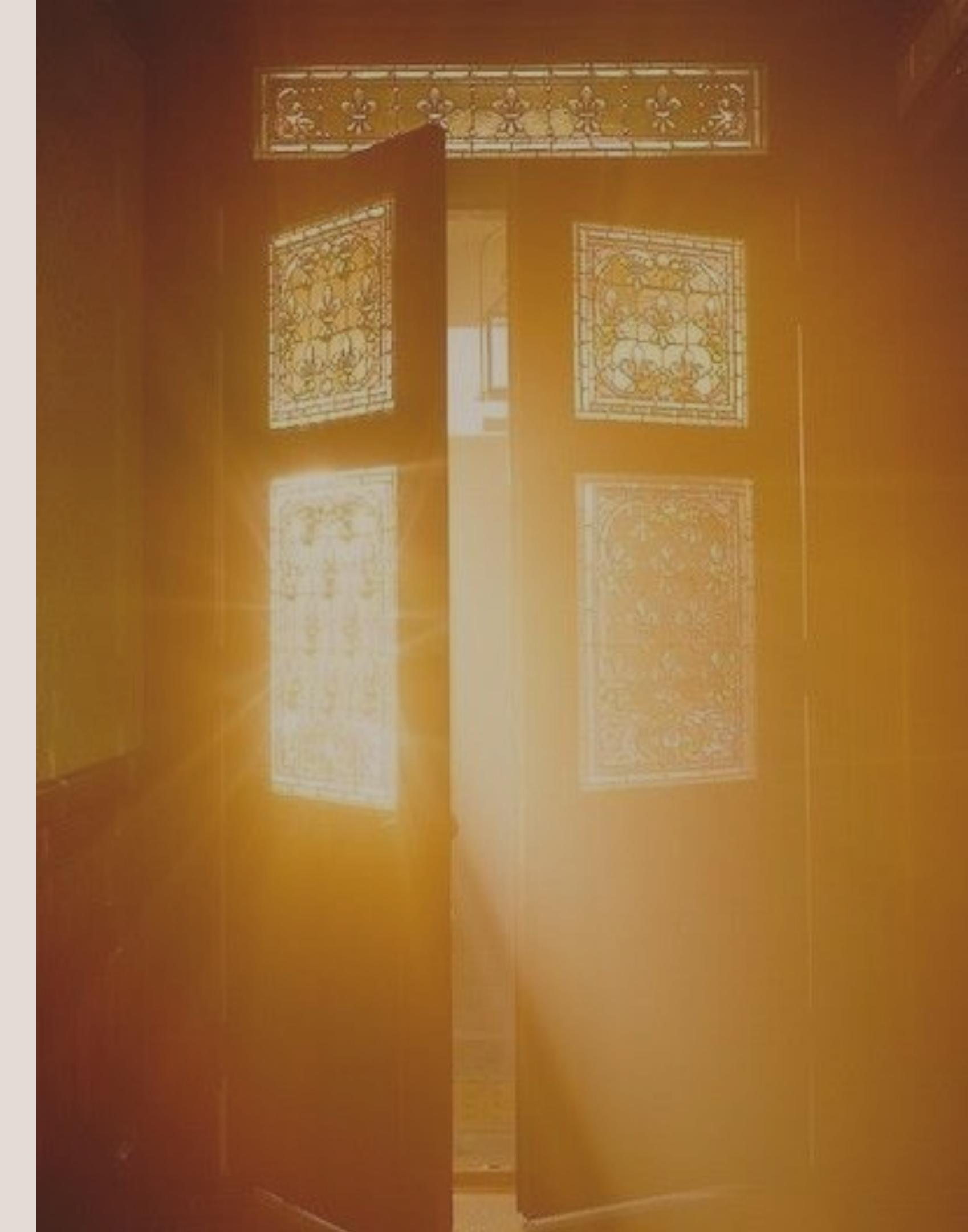
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Be overwhelmed by our promise keeping God, so we are not overwhelmed by lesser promises or temptations .

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<sup>5</sup>From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,



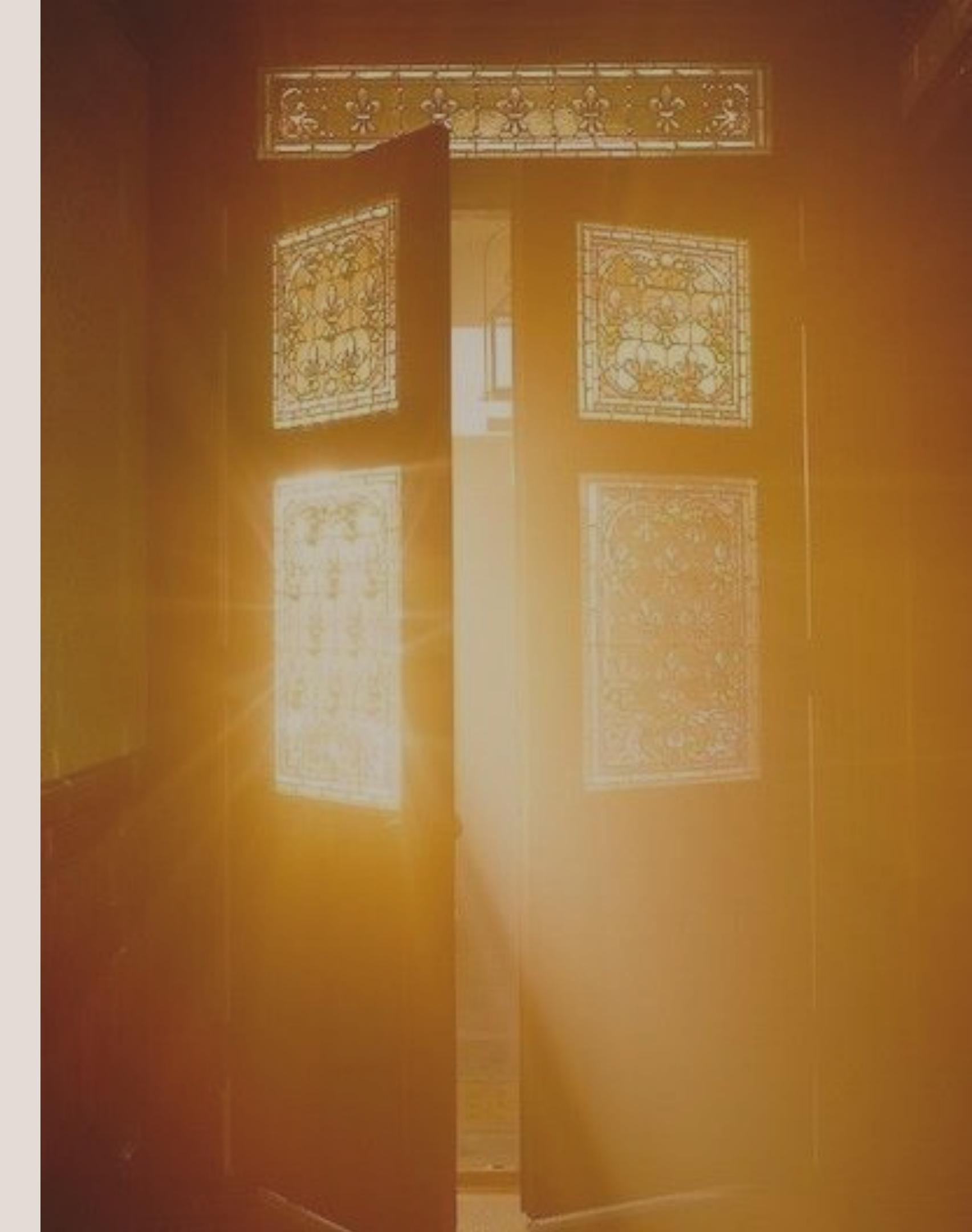
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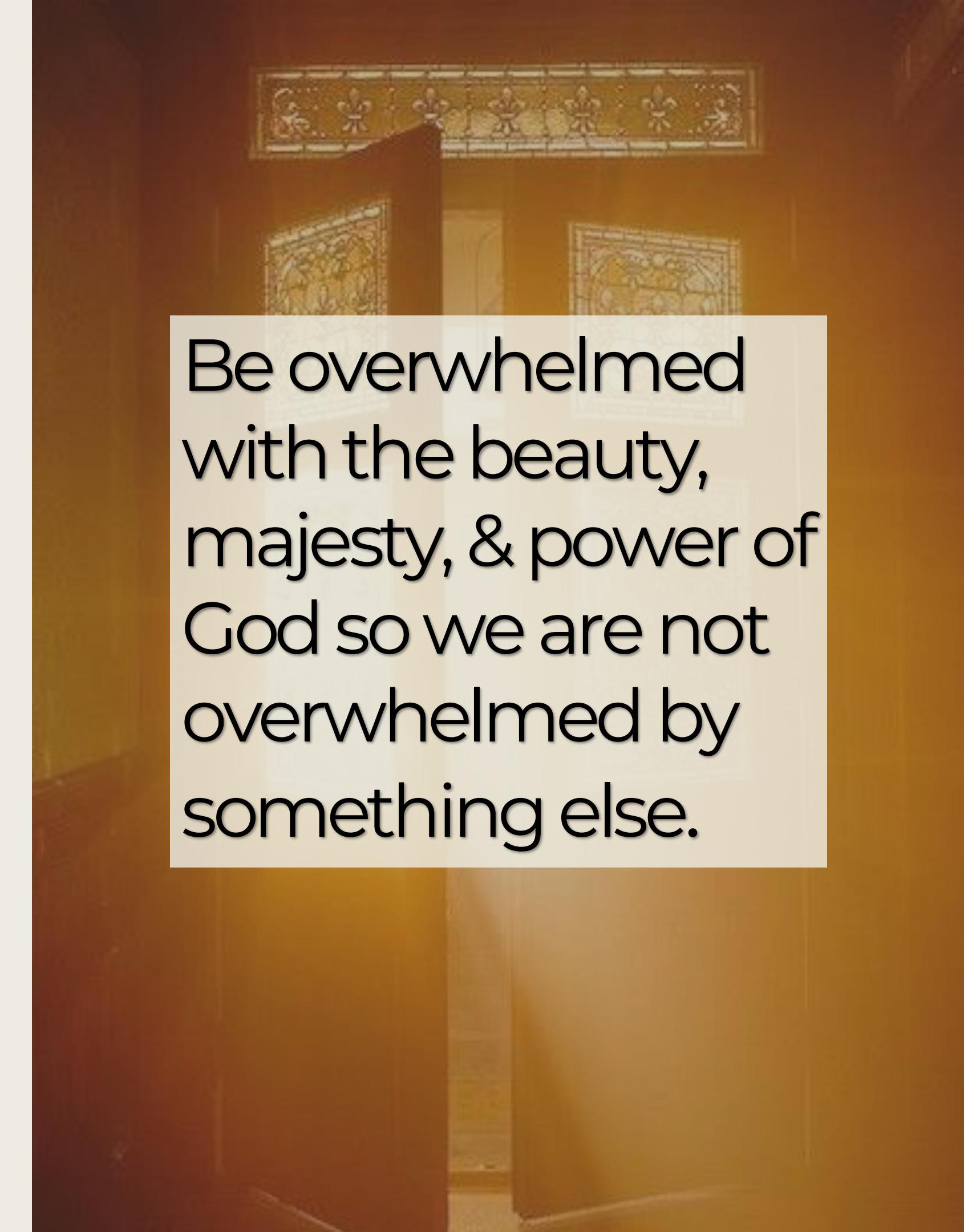


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<sup>6</sup> ... And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.



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# **Responding to the One Seated on the Throne. 8-11**

<sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”



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<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, <sup>11</sup>“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”



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“Worship is the reverential response of creation to the all-encompassing magnificence of God”

McCaulley, E., “Worship,” Lexham Theological Wordbook, ed. Douglas Mangum et al., Lexham Press, 2014

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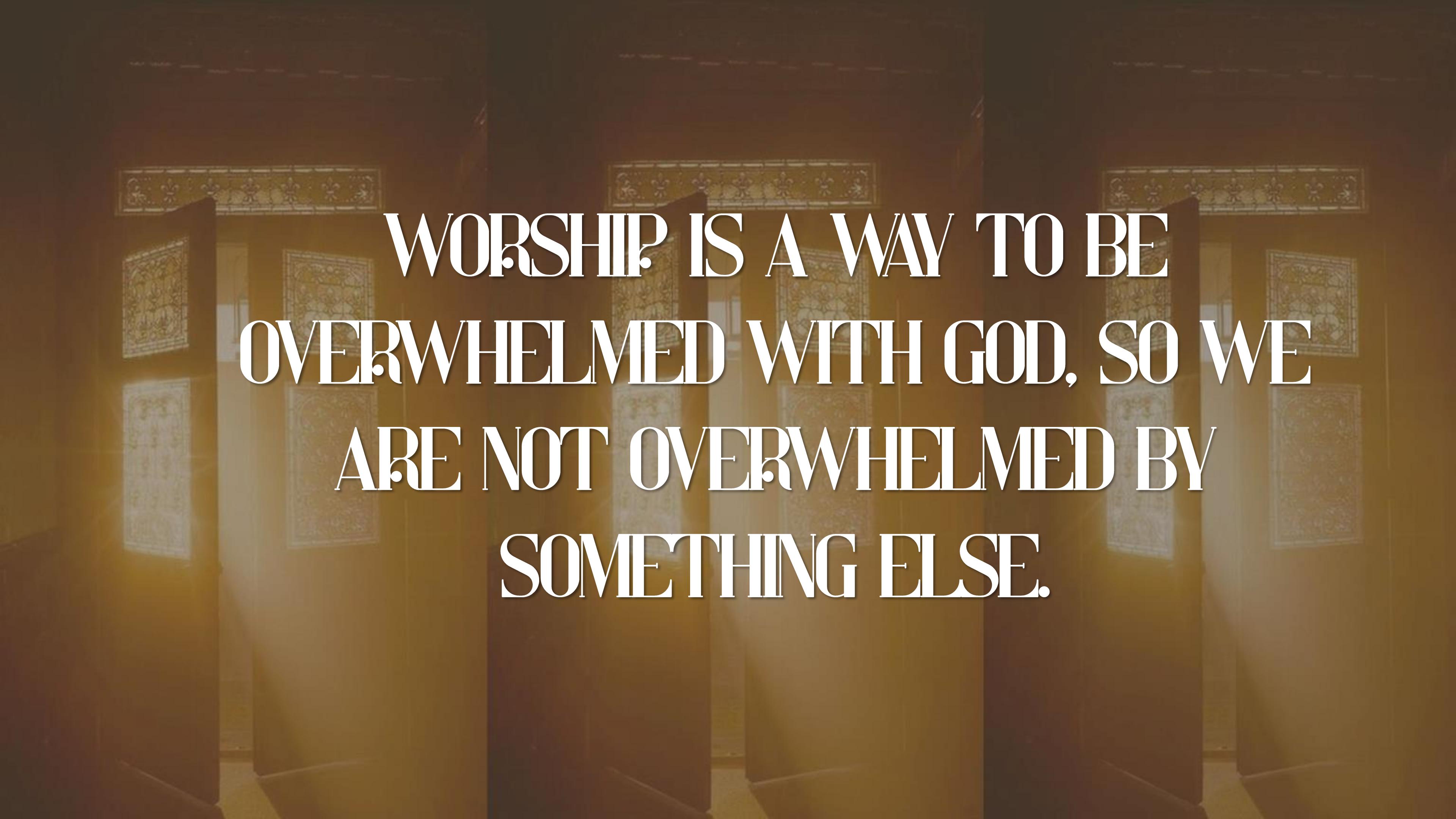
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# How do we worship?

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

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A dark, atmospheric photograph of a church interior. The scene is dominated by the warm, golden light of a single candle, which casts a soft glow on the wooden pews in the foreground. The background is filled with the intricate details of a wall decorated with traditional Chinese patterns, including floral motifs and geometric shapes. The overall mood is contemplative and serene, with the low lighting creating a sense of intimacy and quiet reverence.

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