

# Magdalene Gathering

## January 25, 2026

Presented by the Magdalene Community  
Houston, Texas

[Ourmarymagdalene.com](http://Ourmarymagdalene.com)

# Welcome

**Let us take a  
few moments  
to silence our  
minds, calm  
our bodies and  
open our hearts**



# OPENING DIALOGUE

**SOLO:** Peace be with you

**UNISON:** Acquire my peace within you

**SOLO:** Where are you from?

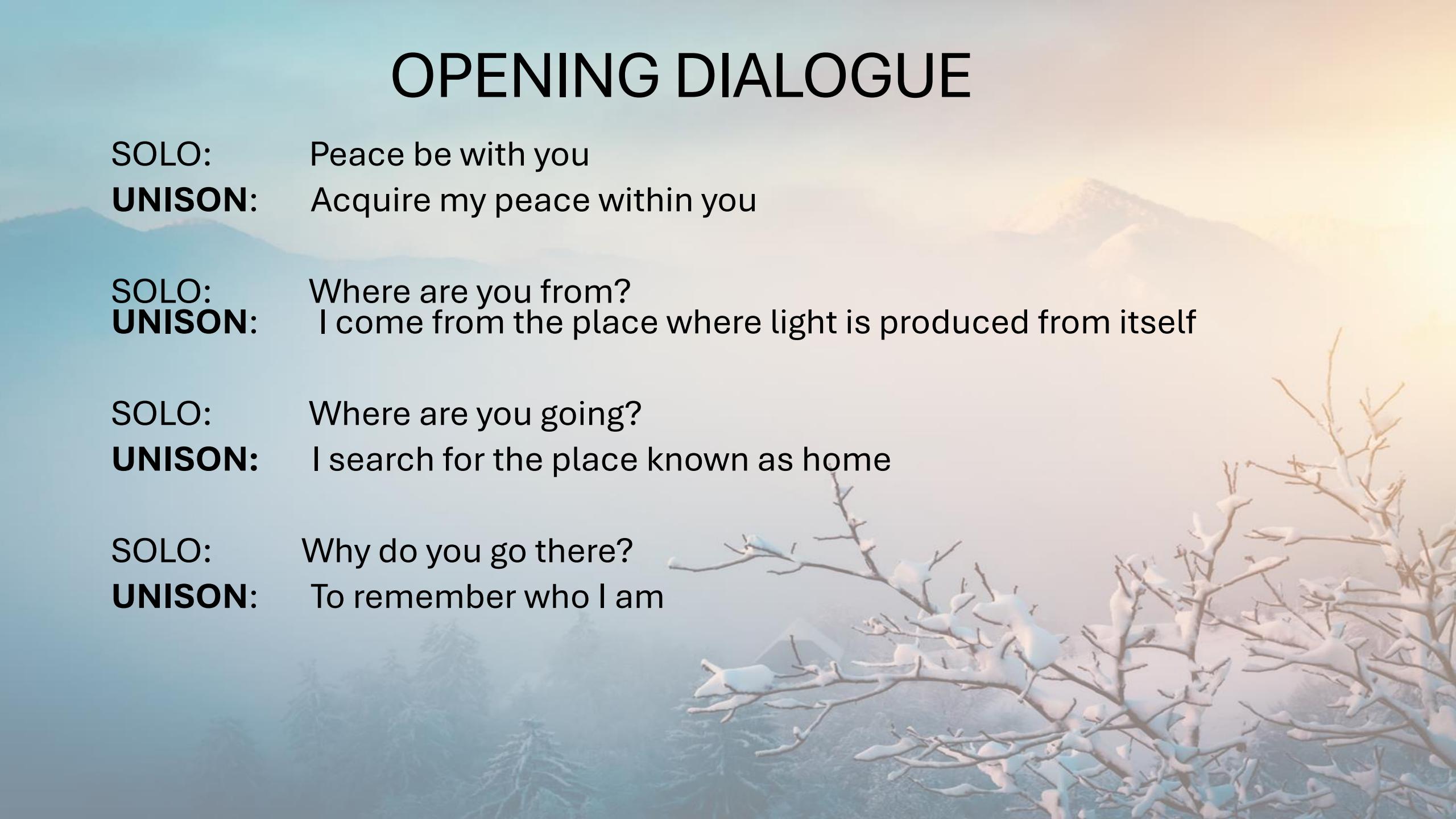
**UNISON:** I come from the place where light is produced from itself

**SOLO:** Where are you going?

**UNISON:** I search for the place known as home

**SOLO:** Why do you go there?

**UNISON:** To remember who I am



# How to get dressed

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- As suggested by: Ann Sayas
- Based on **The Greatest Thing I learned this Week** offering, January 9, 2026, by Bible and Beyond
- <https://earlychristiantexts.com/>



# The Greatest Thing I learned this Week

But the conclusion in the Gospel of Mary seems to emphasize a primary message in **how followers of Jesus should clothe themselves**. This topic appears to have carried even more importance than the striking image of Mary's leadership.

After the dispute between Peter and Mary about whether she had any special connection with Jesus, Levi tells everyone to stop arguing. They're missing the point! What **they should be doing is clothing themselves with the perfect Human and announcing the good news**.

Rather let us be ashamed and **put on the perfect Man**, and separate as He commanded us and preach the gospel, not laying down any other rule or other law beyond what the Savior said.

The Gnostic Society

Rather let us be ashamed and **cloth ourselves with the perfect human being**. Let us bring him forth to us as he commanded us.

Esther DeBoer

Therefore, let us atone, and **become fully human** (Anthropos), so that the Teacher can take root in us. Let us grow as he demanded of us and walk forth and spread the gospel.

Jean Yves LeLoup

# What is the garment you wear and why

- Work
- Play
- Dress up
- Funeral
- At home wear
- Wedding
- Weather
- Travel
- Place of worship
- Nighttime (sleep wear)
- Respect – authority- rules
- For fun
- To show off
- To mourn
- For self
- To recognize the occasion
- Protection
- Durability
- Honor the rituals
- Comfort

# Garment of Light

From Romans (13:12-14):

“Let us then throw off the works of darkness and **put on the armor of light**; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

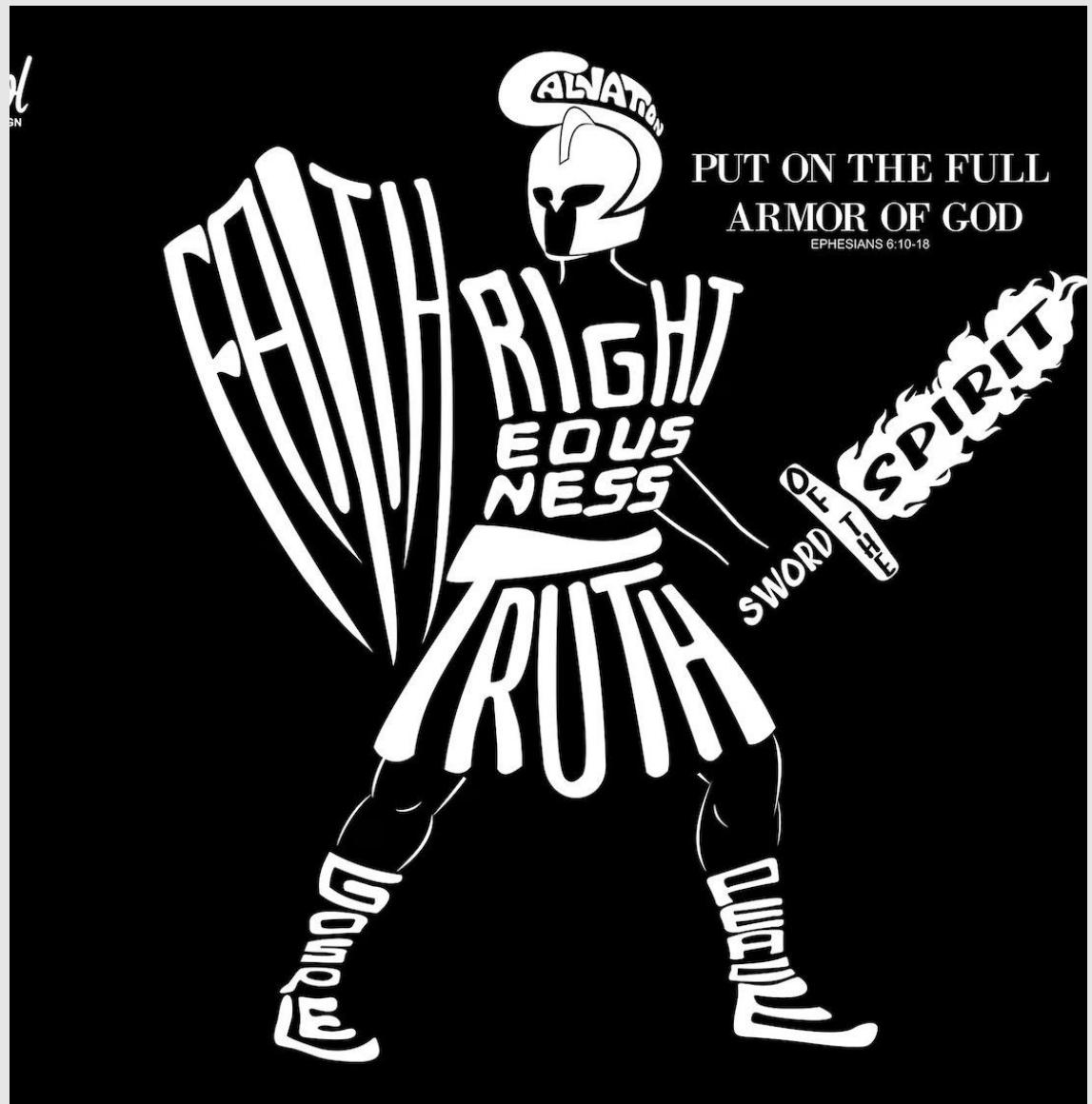
Instead, **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”



# The Armor of God

## Ephesians 6:10-18

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
- 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against **the rulers**, against **the authorities**, against **the powers of this dark world** and against **the spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly realms.
- 13 Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, **to stand**.



Ephesians 6:10-18, cont.

- **14** Stand firm then, with **the belt** of truth buckled around your waist,
- with **the breastplate** of righteousness in place,<sup>15</sup>
- and with your feet fitted with **the readiness** that comes from the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup>
- In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup>
- Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**.

# **Clothed with the New Self**

**Colossians 3:8-10**

“But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have **stripped off the old self** with its practices and have **clothed yourselves with the new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.”

# Strengthening our Spiritual Garment— Nurturing our Inner Selves

- Prayers
- Meditation
- Gratitude
- Silence
- Stillness
- Remembering who we are

# **How do we clothe ourselves with spiritual garments?**

## **The words we say; the simple rituals**

### **When in the car and driving**

- Safe there, Safe return**

### **When at work**

- God, make this meeting short and don't let them ask me question**

### **When with children or grandchildren**

- God, I hope they like me and what we are doing**

### **When attending Magdalene Gatherings**

- God, I hope I can keep up.**

### **When going to the doctor**

- God, let there be good results.**

### **When leaving the home**

- God protect this place**

### **Overall/in general**

- God Bless this family,**
- this time,**
- This project,**
- me**

# Reflections

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When we put on the Garment of God...

What dressing ritual would remind us of the attributes that must be considered in putting on such clothing?

How can we wear it throughout the year ahead?



# Announcements

and

# Prayer Requests



# **The first call is hospitality**

Diana Butler Bass

Jan. 18, 2026

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.”

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

## ***Come home***

The calling will become more obvious.  
“Follow me” comes later.

But not now. Abiding and being are enough, just enough light to see more clearly.

Come and see. Be comfortable. Eat and drink. Warm yourselves.

**You are home.**

Maybe for the first time.

The very first summons is **God’s hospitality**; the divine beckons us to shelter.

It is an invitation to stability, to be grounded, to be with Jesus, and know ourselves.

Not to do anything, go anywhere, or give up anything.

Perhaps the only things we surrender in this call are the shadows that haunt us — and our fear of the dark.

***Welcome to this sacred abode, this circle of light.***

# Closing

## MARY PRAYER:

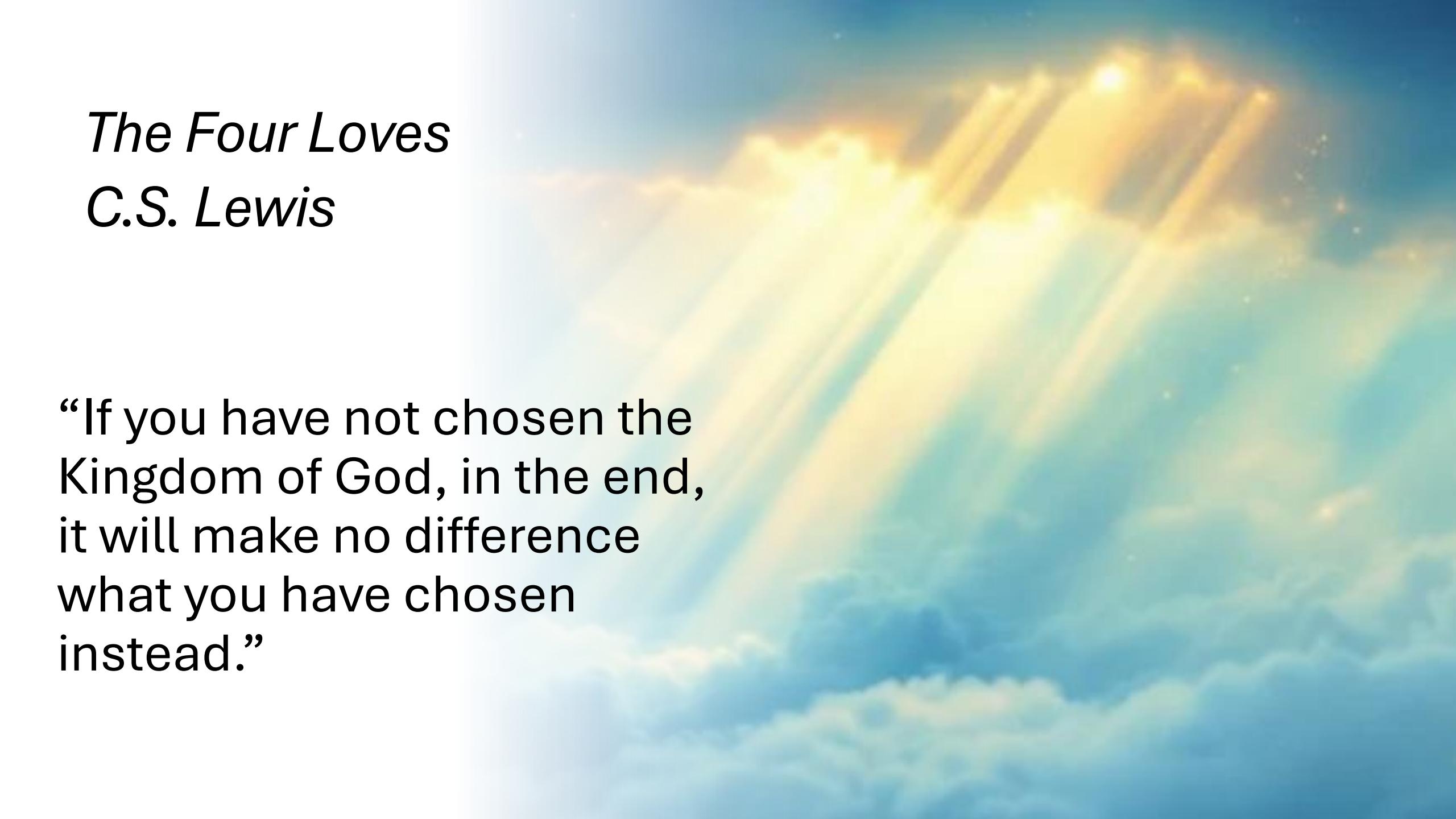
**Blessed are you, Miriam, (Maryam, Mary) for you did not waver at the sight of the risen Master;**

**you who were his companion and whom he loved more than any other woman.**

**Holy Bride, Apostle to the Apostles, be at my right shoulder as I walk forth in the Infinite Light and**

**bless me with the healing balm of your eternal presence.**

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A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a cloudy sky, with bright rays of light breaking through the clouds.

# *The Four Loves*

## C.S. Lewis

“If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God, in the end, it will make no difference what you have chosen instead.”



Our Next Gathering will be  
on February 22, 2026  
3 p.m. CST