

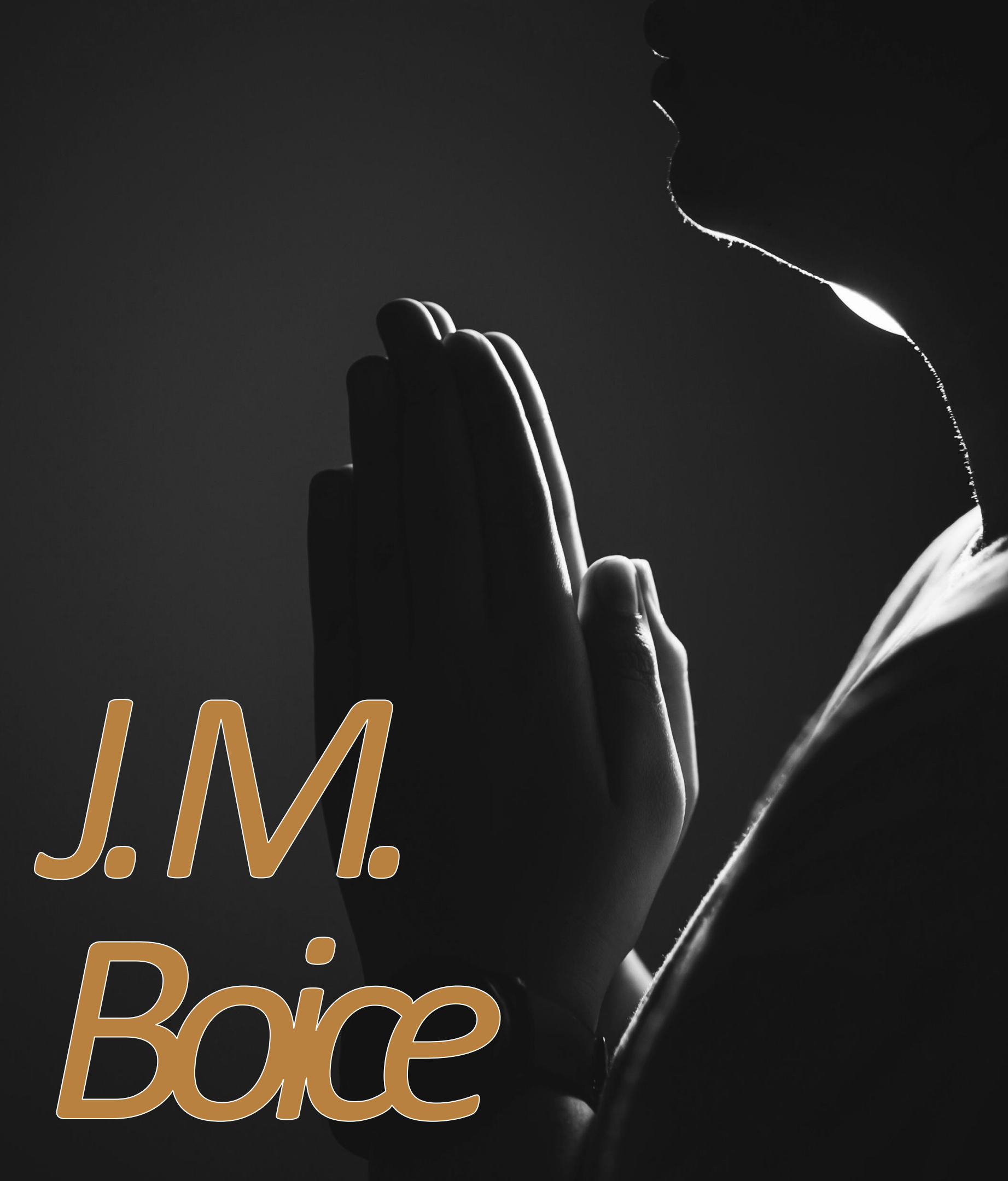


Wisdom Series



Hope in God

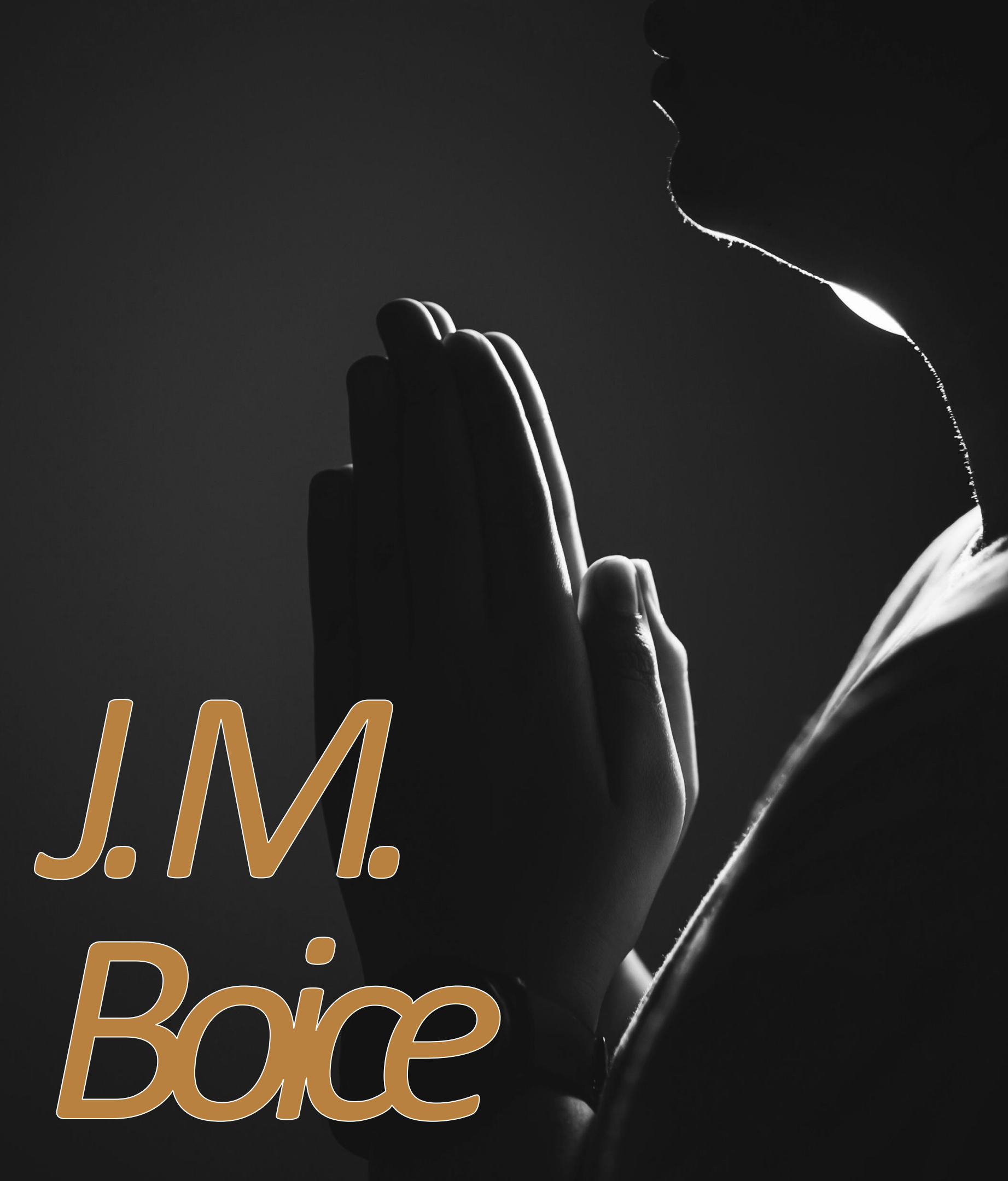
Psalm 42



*J.M.
Boice*

“The Korahites were Levites, descended through Kohath, Korah’s father. They were employed in the performance of the temple music. But the interesting thing is this: When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, Korah led a rebellion of 250 community leaders against Moses and perished by God’s judgment along with the other leaders and their families...”

hope COMMUNITY
CHURCH



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...For some reason the Sons of Korah were spared, and it seems from their later employment that, in gratitude to God and his mercy, they must have dedicated themselves to producing and performing the music used to praise God at the wilderness tabernacle and later in the temple in Jerusalem”

Thirst For God

01.



“My wheelchair was the key to seeing all this happen—especially since God’s power always shows up best in weakness. So here I sit ... glad that I have not been healed on the outside, but glad that I have been healed on the inside. Healed from my own self-centered wants and wishes.”



*Joni
Eareckson
Tada*



I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.



I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

(CHORUS)

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;

Every hour I need Thee;

Oh, bless me now, my Savior! I come to Thee.

Remember God's Faithfulness

02.





Lamentations 3:21-24

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail. They are new every
morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself,
“The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.””

“If corporate worship were not a real supernatural work of God, it would be pure sentimentalism for the psalmist to remember his experiences. He is not engaging in nostalgia. He is confirming his faith in the midst of turmoil and discouragement by remembering how real God was in corporate worship.”

A high-contrast, black and white silhouette of a person in a prayerful pose, with hands clasped together in front of their face. The person's head is bowed, and the lighting creates a strong outline against a dark background.

John Piper

Pray And Sing To The Lord

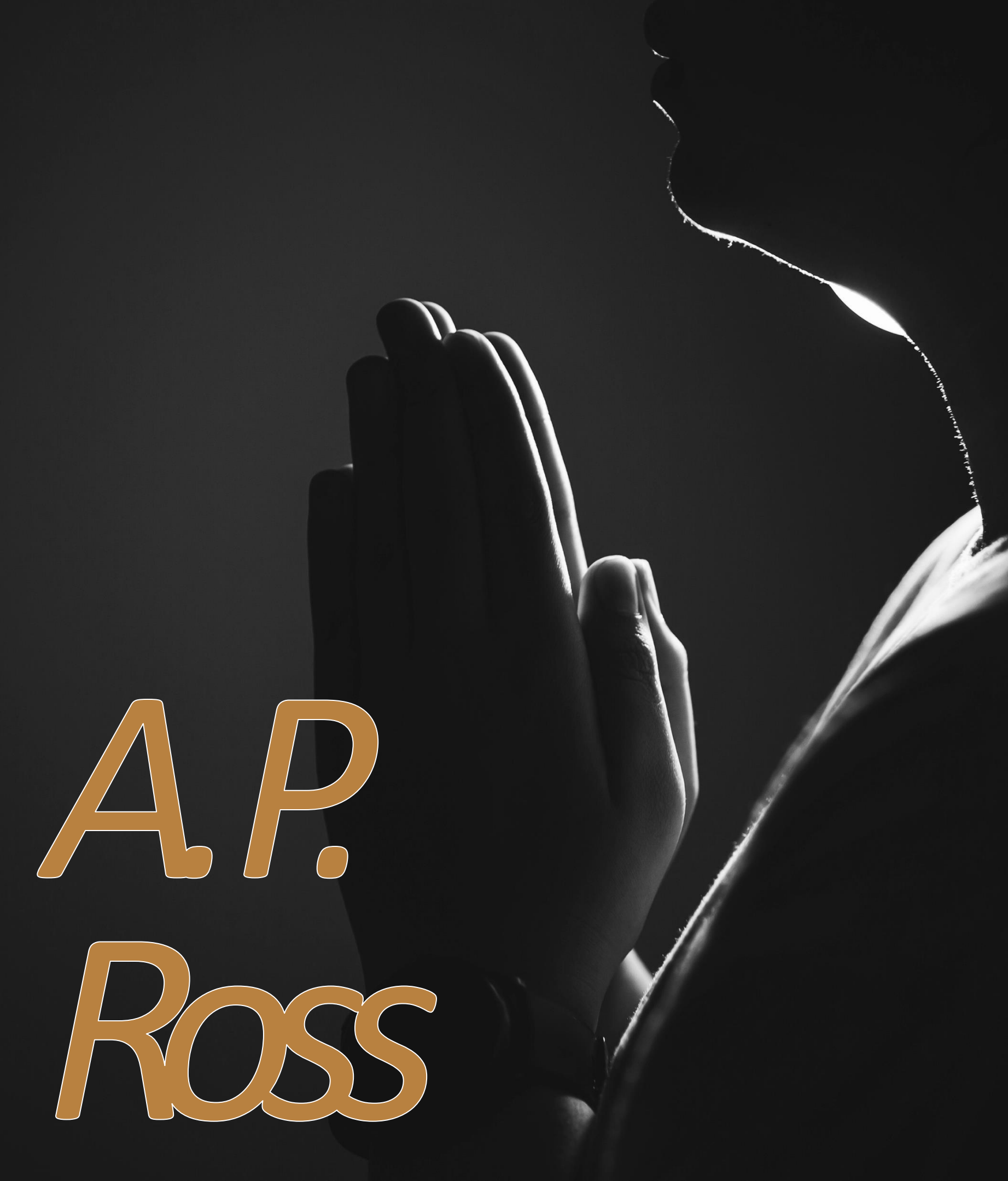
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Bring Your Questions To God

04.





A.P.
Ross

“His distress is figuratively portrayed by billows and waves. Trouble had come over him like one wave after another, personified as if they were calling to each other to come down in the waterfalls. He had been overwhelmed as if by a flood.”

Put Your Hope In God And His Steadfast Love For You

05.





Romans 5:1-5

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God...



Romans 5:1-5

“...Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”



2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”



1 Peter 1:3-4

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you”

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3. Pray & Sing To The Lord
4. Bring Your Questions To The Lord
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Hope in God

Psalm 42

Home Group Questions

1. For fun, who knows what a maskil is and who the sons of Korah were?
2. What is the context of Psalm 42? What topic is being addressed in this song?
3. What things are causing the “downcast soul” of the Psalmist? And what other things can give us a downcast soul beyond what’s mentioned in this Psalm?
4. What are the 5 things that the Psalmist does as he laments that we can learn from?
5. What is a key “ingredient” in the process of desiring God above all else? What do we have to recognize? (hint: there is a hymn about it)
6. What does the Psalmist do in v.8 that we ought to be doing as well? Is this a regular part of your walk with the Lord? If so, how do you incorporate it in your life?
7. Have you ever had experiences, like the Psalmist, when it feels like one wave after another keeps knocking you down? If so, share with the group.
8. When bringing our questions to the Lord, what is important to recognize about who God is (v.9)?
9. What stanza in Psalm 42 (and Psalm 43) is repeated? What can we learn from these repeated stanzas?
10. What are ways in which you have seen God’s faithfulness and steadfast love in your own life? What does it teach us about hoping in the Lord? Share with your group.