



09. Our friendship
with Jesus

Notice HOW
Jesus embraces Menas
-hand acknowledging,
guiding
supporting,
encouraging,
not controlling
or overpowering
- a respectful 'we'

Therefore
encourage one
another and build
up each other, as
indeed you are
doing. 1 Thess 5:11



Very truly, I tell you,
the one who believes in
me will also do the
works that I do and in
fact, will do greater
works than these,
because I am going to
the Father. Jn 14:12

The Father will give
you whatever you ask
him in my name.
Jn 15:16



Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts, keep encouraging one another. Heb 3:13

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging** one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb 10:24, 25

There (Antioch) they strengthened the souls of the disciples and **encouraged** them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22

After leaving the prison they (Paul and Silas) went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and **encouraged** the brothers and sisters there, they departed. Acts 16:40

...or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. Rom 1:12

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Rom 15:4,5

I am sending him (Tychicus) to you for this very purpose, to let you know how we are, and to encourage your hearts. Eph 6:22

I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself. Col 2:2

If then there is any
encouragement in
Christ, any
consolation from
love, any sharing in
the Spirit, any
compassion and
sympathy, make my
joy complete: be of
the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord
and of one mind.

Phil 2:1-2



And because you are children, God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying 'Abba!
Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gal 4;6



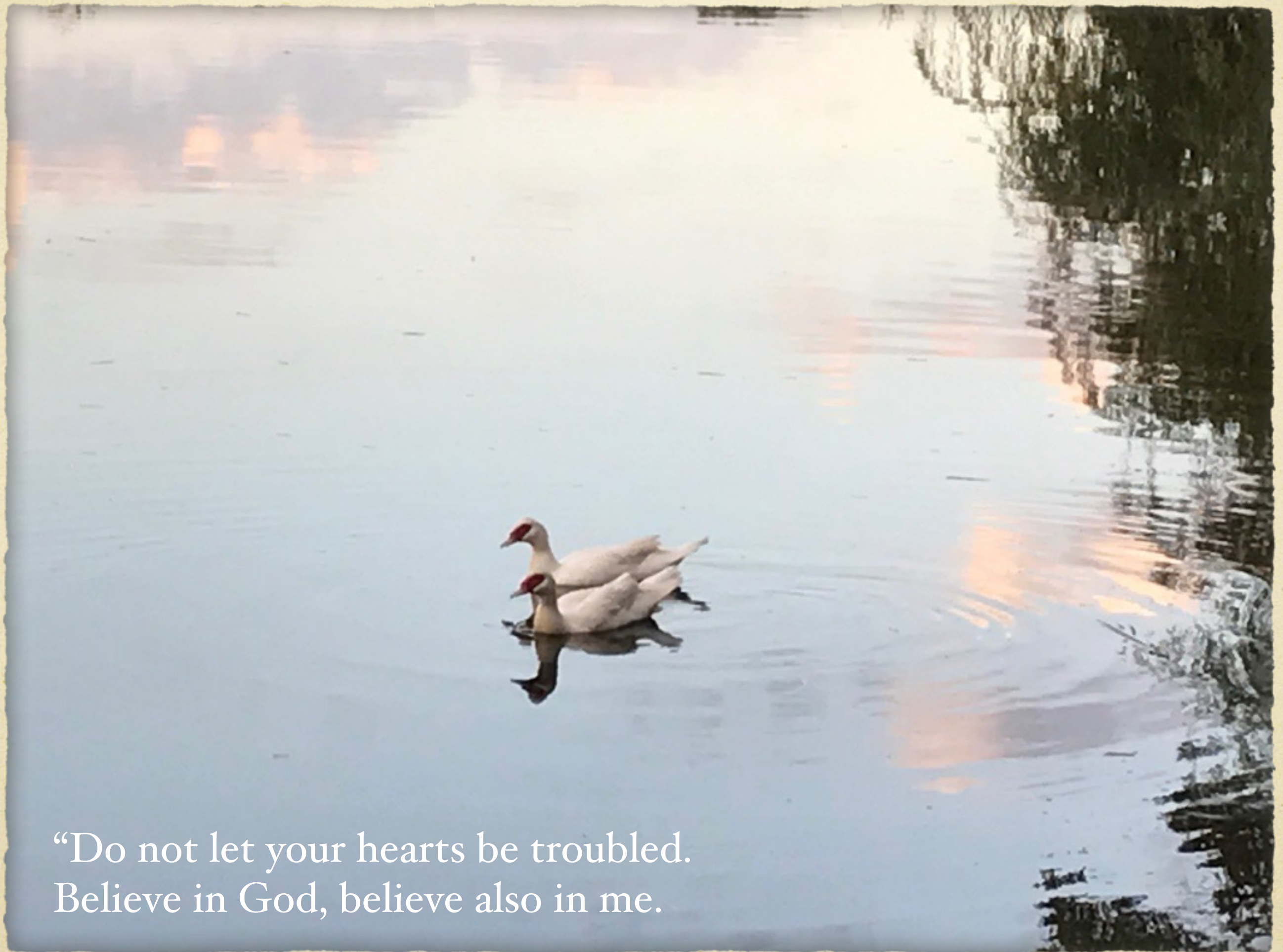
For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven
is my brother and sister and mother. Mt 12:50

And they shall name him
Emmanuel, which means,
“God is with us.” Mt 1:23

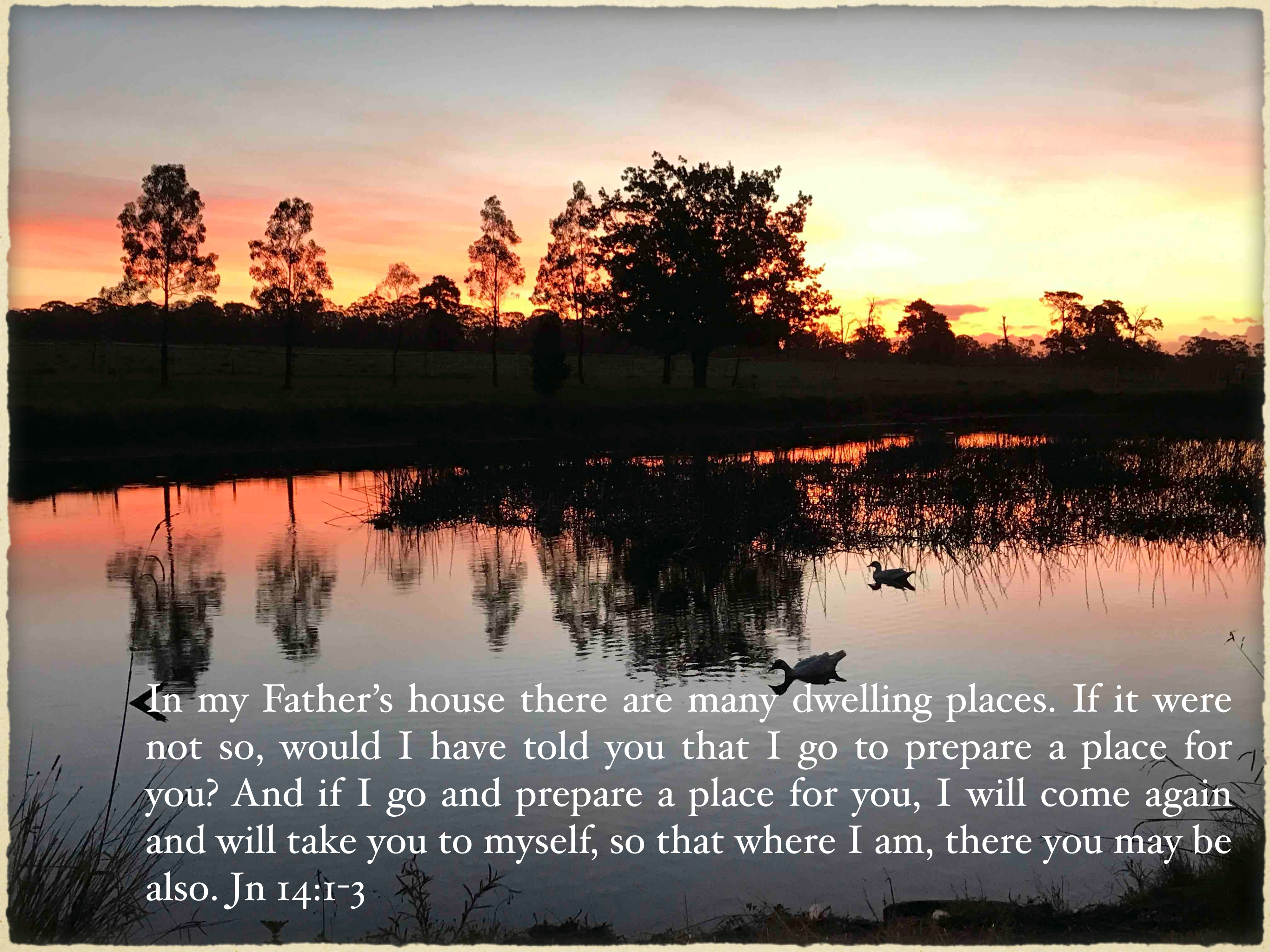




I call you friends. Jn 15:15



“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.”

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. Silhouetted trees line the horizon. The water reflects the sky and the trees. Two ducks are visible in the water. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

◀ In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. Jn 14:1-3

And a voice from heaven said,
'This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I well pleased.'

Mt 3:17



And remember
I am with you
always,
to the end
of the age.
Mt 28:20



Hospitality as -

family

friend

guest

neighbour



Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet...‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’... Many are called but few are chosen. Mt 22:9, 14

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life? ”...

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.

Lk 10:25, 36, 37



...and he had compassion
for them, because they
were like sheep without
a shepherd; and he began
to teach them many
things. Mk 6:34

Then he ordered them to
get all the people to sit
down in groups on the
green grass. So they sat
down in groups of
hundreds and of fifties.
Mk 6: 39,40



We sing praise...

The Praises of God

Francis composed this prayer of praise on Mount La Verna in September 1224, when he received the stigmata. The prayer was written on a parchment which also contains the blessing that Francis gave to brother Leo. The parchment with the autographs of Francis is conserved as a relic in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

You are holy Lord God
Who does wonderful things.
You are strong. You are great.
You are the most high.
You are the almighty king.
You holy Father,
King of heaven and earth.



You are three and one,
the Lord God of gods;
You are the good,
all good, the highest good,
Lord God living and true.



You are love, charity;
You are wisdom,
You are humility,
You are patience,
You are beauty,
You are meekness,
You are security,
You are rest,
You are gladness and joy,
You are our hope,
You are justice,
You are moderation,
You are all our riches to sufficiency.



You are beauty,
You are meekness,
You are the
protector,
You are our
custodian and
defender,
You are strength,
You are
refreshment.
You are our hope,
You are our faith,
You are our charity,
You are all our
sweetness, You are
our eternal life:
Great and
wonderful Lord,
Almighty God,
Merciful Saviour.



We take up his invitation...

Christ on the cross bows his head,
waiting for you.

that he might kiss you.

His arms outstretched,
that he may embrace you,

His hands are open
that he may enrich you,

His body spread out,
that he may give himself totally,

His feet are nailed,
that he may stay there,

His side is open for you,
that he may let you enter there.

Bonaventure, Soliloquy



and give thanks!

Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks
in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus
for you.

1 Thess 5:16,17

Set our hope on Christ
that we might live for the
praise of his glory.

Eph 1:12





If Christ has made friendship of central importance to our Christian understanding of love, it is important we recognise him with the title of 'Friend'. 'Friend' discloses the ultimate meaning of the traditional titles and describes the 'inner relationship between the divine and the human fellowship'; it describes this new existence with others, rather than simply for them. Carmichael p181



Whenever you pray,
go into your room
and shut the door
and pray to your Father
who is in secret;
and your Father
who sees in secret
will reward you.

Mt 6:6

This is our blessing, to be rewarded with the gift of contemplation,
oneness with God.











Who are you, sweet light, that fills me
And illumines the darkness of my heart?

You lead me like a mother's hand,
and should you let go of me,
I would not know how to take another step.

You are the space
that embraces my being and buries it in yourself
away from you it sinks into the abyss
of nothingness, from which you raised it to the light.

You, nearer to me than I to myself
and more interior than my most interior
and still impalpable and intangible
and beyond any name

Holy Spirit - eternal love

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