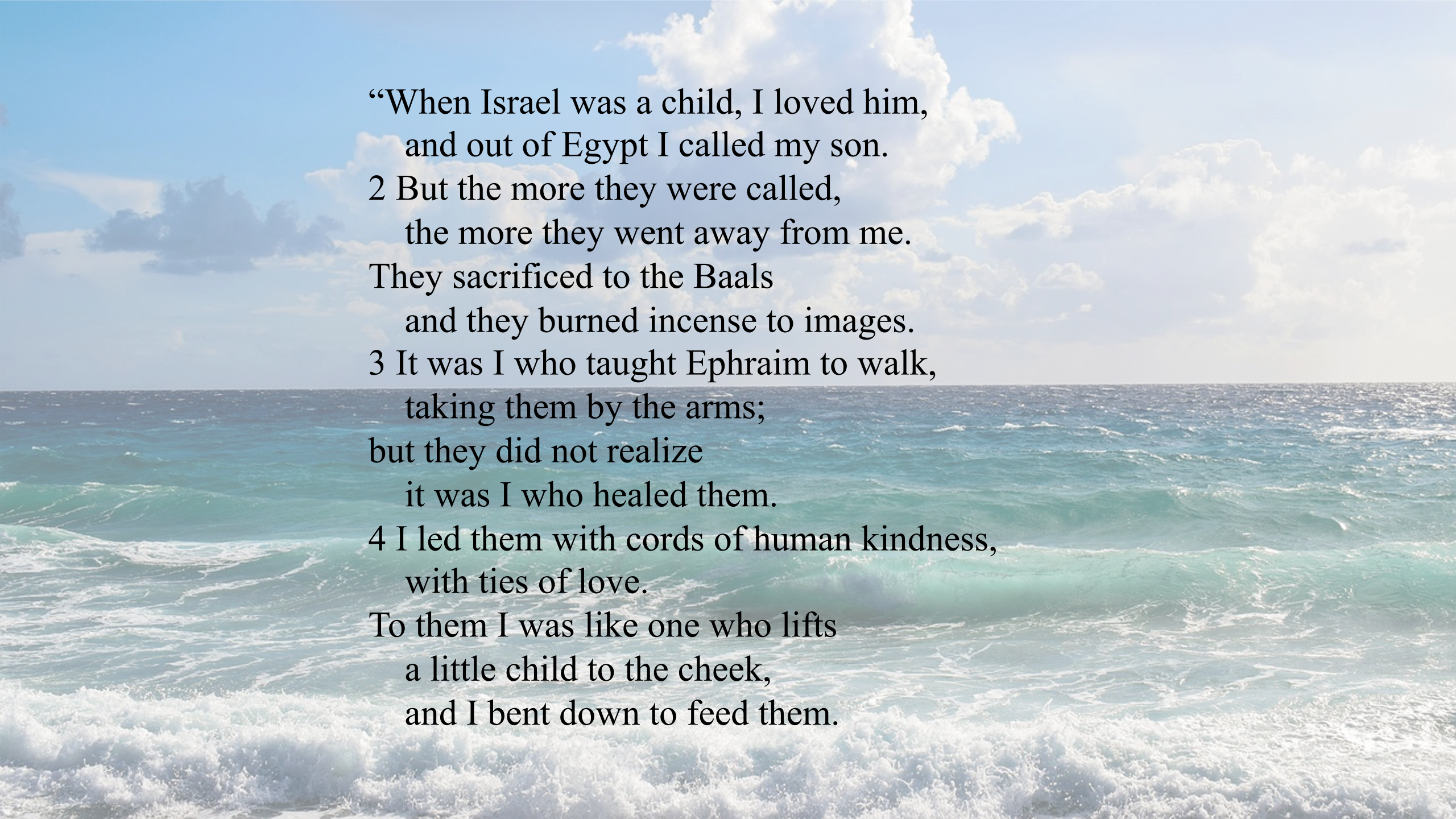




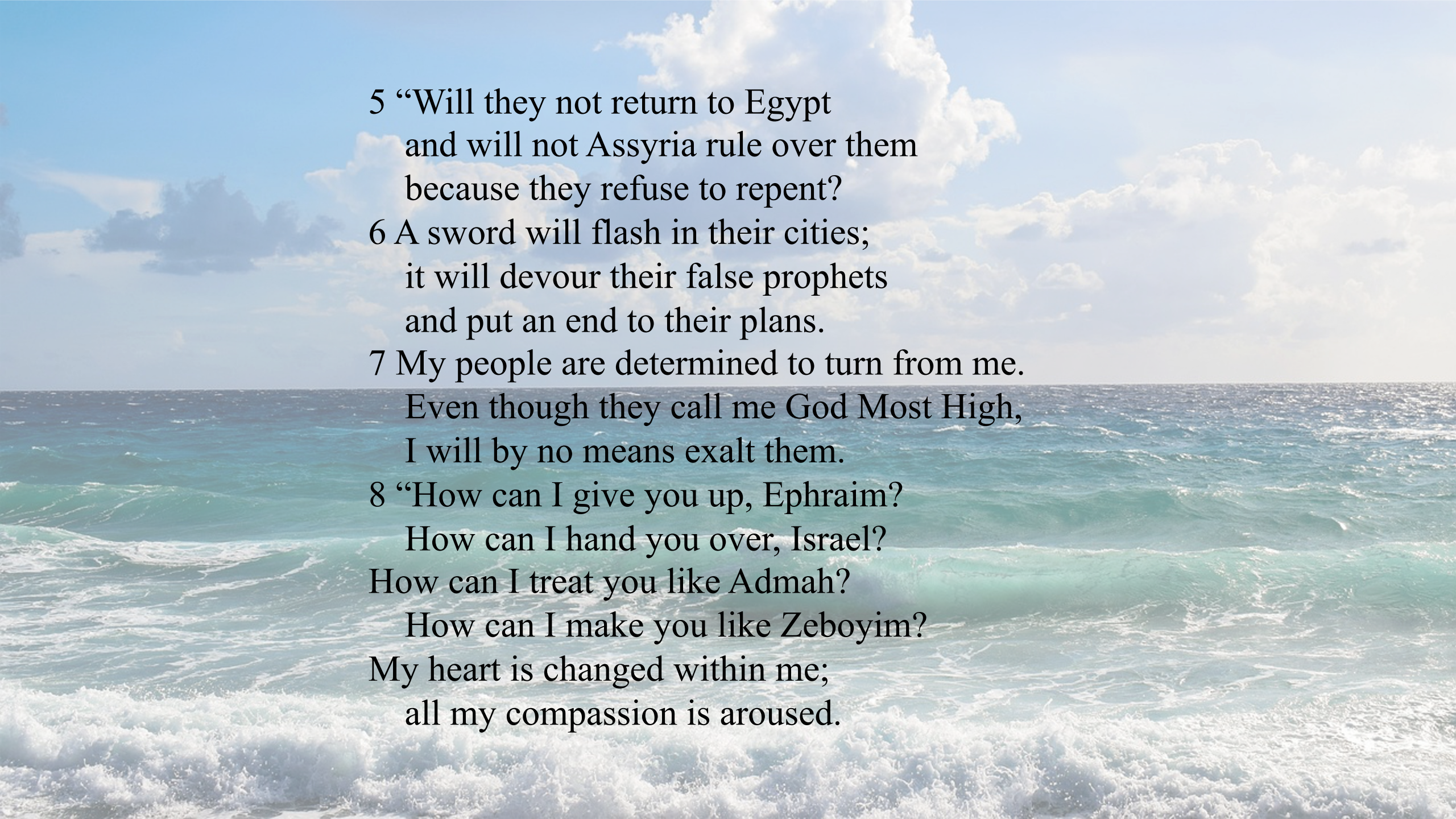
**"The Most High God, the Father who  
Delivers Surprising Unfathomable LOVE"**

**Hosea 11:1 – 11**

**Community Bible Church  
Sunday, June 18, 2023**



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and out of Egypt I called my son.  
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the more they went away from me.  
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and they burned incense to images.  
3 It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
but they did not realize  
it was I who healed them.  
4 I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with ties of love.  
To them I was like one who lifts  
a little child to the cheek,  
and I bent down to feed them.



5 “Will they not return to Egypt  
and will not Assyria rule over them  
because they refuse to repent?

6 A sword will flash in their cities;  
it will devour their false prophets  
and put an end to their plans.

7 My people are determined to turn from me.  
Even though they call me God Most High,  
I will by no means exalt them.

8 “How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, Israel?

How can I treat you like Admah?

How can I make you like Zeboyim?

My heart is changed within me;  
all my compassion is aroused.



9 I will not carry out my fierce anger,  
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.

For I am God, and not a man—  
the Holy One among you.

I will not come against their cities.

10 They will follow the Lord;  
he will roar like a lion.

When he roars,

his children will come trembling from the west.

11 They will come from Egypt,  
trembling like sparrows,  
from Assyria, fluttering like doves.

I will settle them in their homes,”  
declares the Lord.

# “God’s Lament”

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## **“God’s Righteous Judgement”**

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## “The Surprising Reversal”

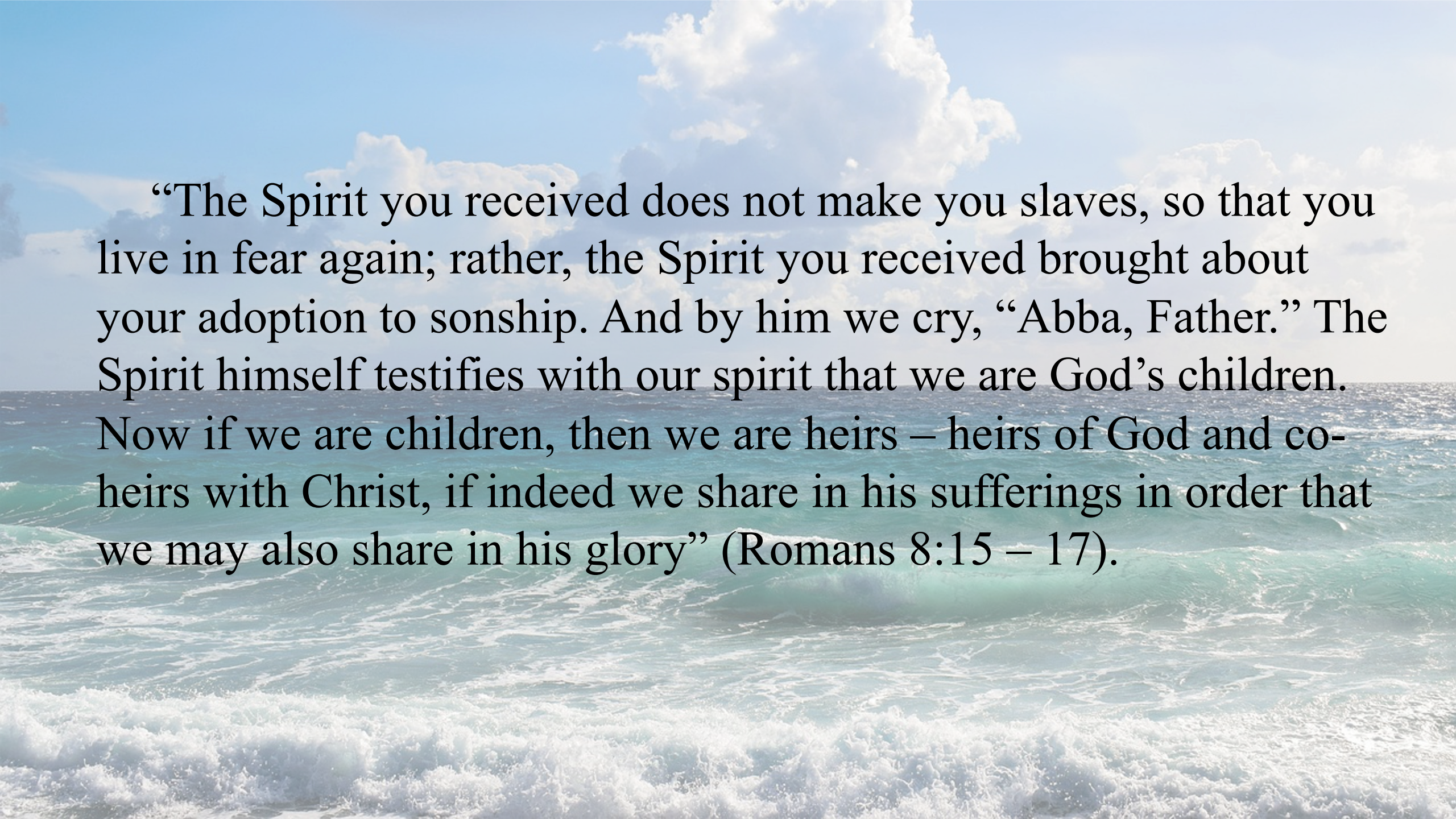
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A scenic view of the ocean with waves crashing under a blue sky with white clouds. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the waves are white with foam. The sky is a clear, bright blue with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

“The job of a Christian parent is not to produce godly children – it is to be godly parents.”

Dr. Christopher Yuan – Moodie Bible Institute





“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory” (Romans 8:15 – 17).