

SONGS THAT SHAPED OUR FAITH

TIMELESS TRUTHS ACROSS CHANGING VOICES

LESSON 11

A DYING MAN'S VISION

HOPE, HEAVEN, AND RESURRECTION

*The vision that carries us through death
to the glory that awaits.*



ACTS 7:54-60

THE SAME GOD. THE SAME TRUTH. THE SAME WORSHIP.



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ABIDE WITH ME

Henry Francis Lyte | 1847

Victorian & Gospel Hymns | Familiarity: VERY HIGH

*“Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.”*

SERMON CONNECTION | Acts 7:54–60

As the crowd stones Stephen, he looks up and sees “the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” He dies praying — “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit” and “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” Stephen dies the way Jesus died, because he sees what Jesus sees.

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*Hope, Heaven,
and Resurrection*



ABIDE WITH ME (1847)

HENRY FRANCIS LYTE
Victorian & Gospel Hymns



Henry Francis Lyte wrote this hymn while dying of tuberculosis. A faithful pastor, he knew his time was short.



After preaching his final sermon, he returned home exhausted and, in September 1847, completed the words to *Abide with Me*.



He left England hoping a warmer climate might help, but he died before reaching Italy.

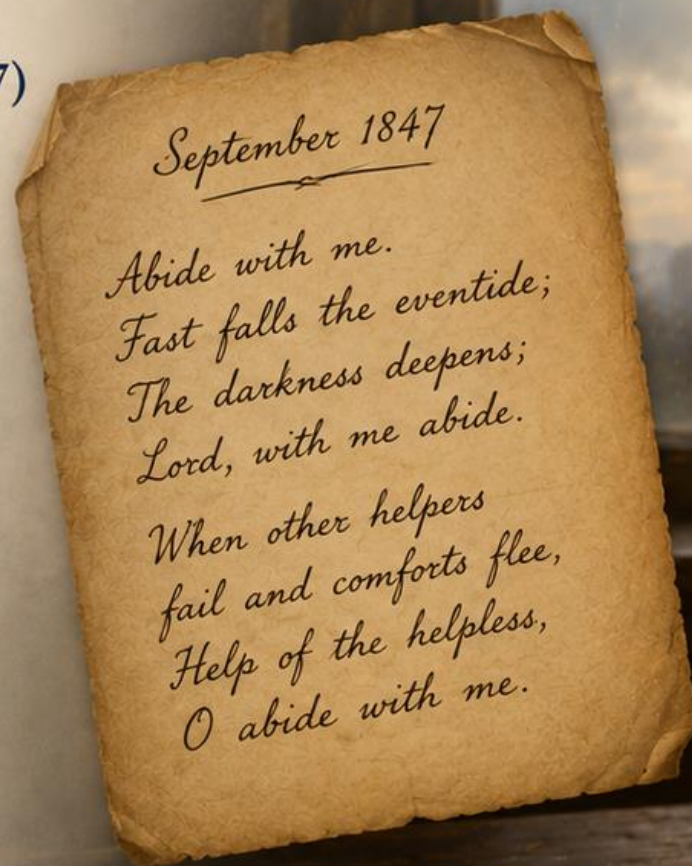


This hymn is his prayer for Christ's presence through death.

*"Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies."*



Like Stephen, Lyte fixed his eyes on Christ rather than on death.



September 1847

*Abide with me.
Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide.*

*When other helpers
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
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ABIDE WITH ME

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1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
4. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



"Hold on to your faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith." | 1 Timothy 1:19



Abide With Me

The King's Singers

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S. Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's mor-nig breaks, and

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T. Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's mor-nig breaks, and

B. Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's mor-nig breaks, and

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Abide With Me" by The King's Singers. The score is written for four voices: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The lyrics are: "Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's mor-nig breaks, and". The score includes musical notation, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *crsdc* and *f*. Below the score is a photograph of the six members of The King's Singers, all men, looking towards the camera.

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I'LL FLY AWAY

ALBERT E. BRUMLEY | 1929

A Gospel Song of Hope and Home



THERE IS A HOME PREPARED FOR THOSE
WHO LOVE HIM — AND ONE DAY,
WE'LL FLY AWAY.

*For here we do not have an enduring city,
but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

HEBREWS 13:14



I'LL FLY AWAY (1929)

ALBERT E. BRUMLEY

Early 20th Century Gospel



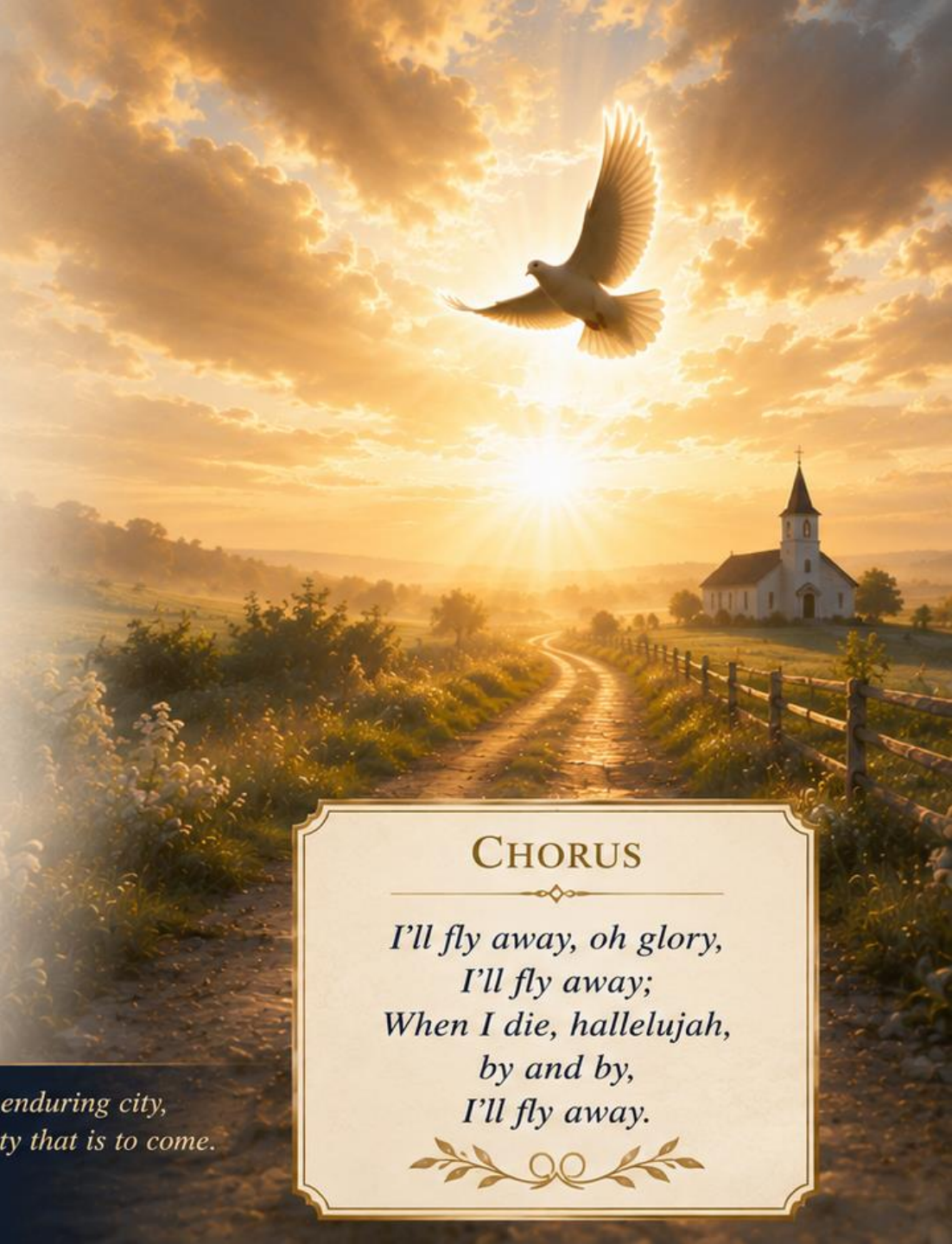
- Grew up in rural Oklahoma; picked cotton in the fields
- Long, hard days of work inspired the spiritual “*I’ll fly away.*”
- Not about running from responsibility, but the final victory over death
- Simple, hopeful message that resonated with millions
- Restoration Movement member
- Wrote about 800 songs
- Inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame
- One of the most recorded songs in history—perhaps the most
- He was 24 years old when he wrote *I’ll Fly Away*

“When the shadows
of this life have gone,
I’ll fly away.”



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- 1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
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When the shadows of this life have grown,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.
- 2 When the saints of God are called to meet
up yonder,
I'll fly away;
When the roll is called up yonder,
I'll fly away.
When the trumpet sounds the gospel call,
I'll fly away;
Let the saints be gathered one and all,
I'll fly away.
- 3 Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.
To a land where life is always spring,
I'll fly away;
To a home where neither death nor sin
can harm,
I'll fly away.
- 4 Oh, how glad and happy when we meet
up yonder,
I'll fly away;
No more cold, no more sorrow yonder,
I'll fly away.
Oh, we'll shout on that eternal shore,
I'll fly away;
When we've reached the blissful
shores at last,
I'll fly away.

CHORUS

*I'll fly away, oh glory,
I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah,
by and by,
I'll fly away.*



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WHO LOVE HIM — AND ONE DAY,
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HYMNS
That Are Important To Us

I'll Fly Away

Joey and Rory Feek

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VICTORY IN JESUS



*He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood.*



WORDS BY
E. M. Bartlett



YEAR WRITTEN
1939



ERA
Early 20th Century
Gospel





VICTORY IN JESUS

EUGENE M. BARTLETT

(1865–1941)



- Wrote in 1939



- Pastor and evangelist



- A hymn of assurance and triumph



- Founded Hartford Music Company



- Composed 800 songs



- Gospel Music Hall of Fame (Nashville)



Victory in Jesus

1 I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins, and won the victory.

Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood





2. I heard about His Healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. (Refrain)

3. I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.
(Refrain)

Victory in Jesus

Brentwood Baptist Church

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WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

ELIZA HEWITT / EMILY WILSON | 1898

Victorian & Gospel Hymns | Familiarity: VERY HIGH

*What a day of rejoicing
that will be!*



THE RESURRECTION HOPE THAT CARRIES US
THROUGH TODAY TO THE DAY WE ALL
GET TO HEAVEN.



WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

ELIZA E. HEWITT
(1851–1920)



- Wrote in 1898



- Wrote the hymn while caring for her mother



- Deeply committed to faith and Christian service



- Words of hope and eternal joy



- One of the most beloved heavenly hope hymns

*"When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!"*



WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

ELIZA HEWITT / EMILY WILSON | 1898

- 1 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace,
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.
- 2 When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!
- 3 We'll sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.
- 4 Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.

CHORUS

*When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!*



One Day / When We All Get to Heaven

First Baptist Church, Dallas (Matt Redman)



WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN
WHAT A DAY OF REJOICING THAT WILL BE

SONGS THAT SHAPED OUR FAITH

Timeless Truths Across Changing Voices

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

JAMES M. BLACK | 1913

A Gospel Song of Hope and Victory

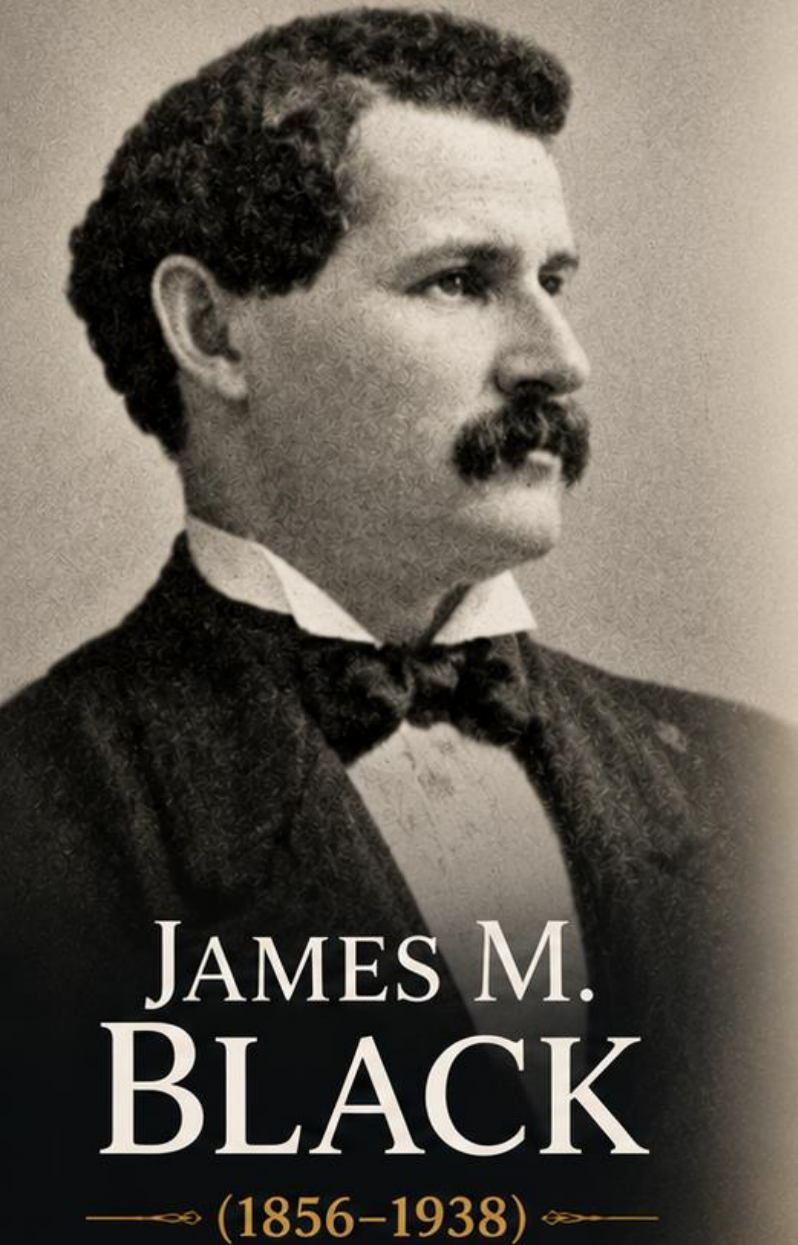


*For here we do not have an enduring city,
but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

HEBREWS 13:14



WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER



JAMES M.
BLACK

(1856–1938)



- Sunday school teacher in Pennsylvania



- A student was missing when he called the roll



- Later learned she had become seriously ill



- Wondered about heaven's "roll call" and who would be there

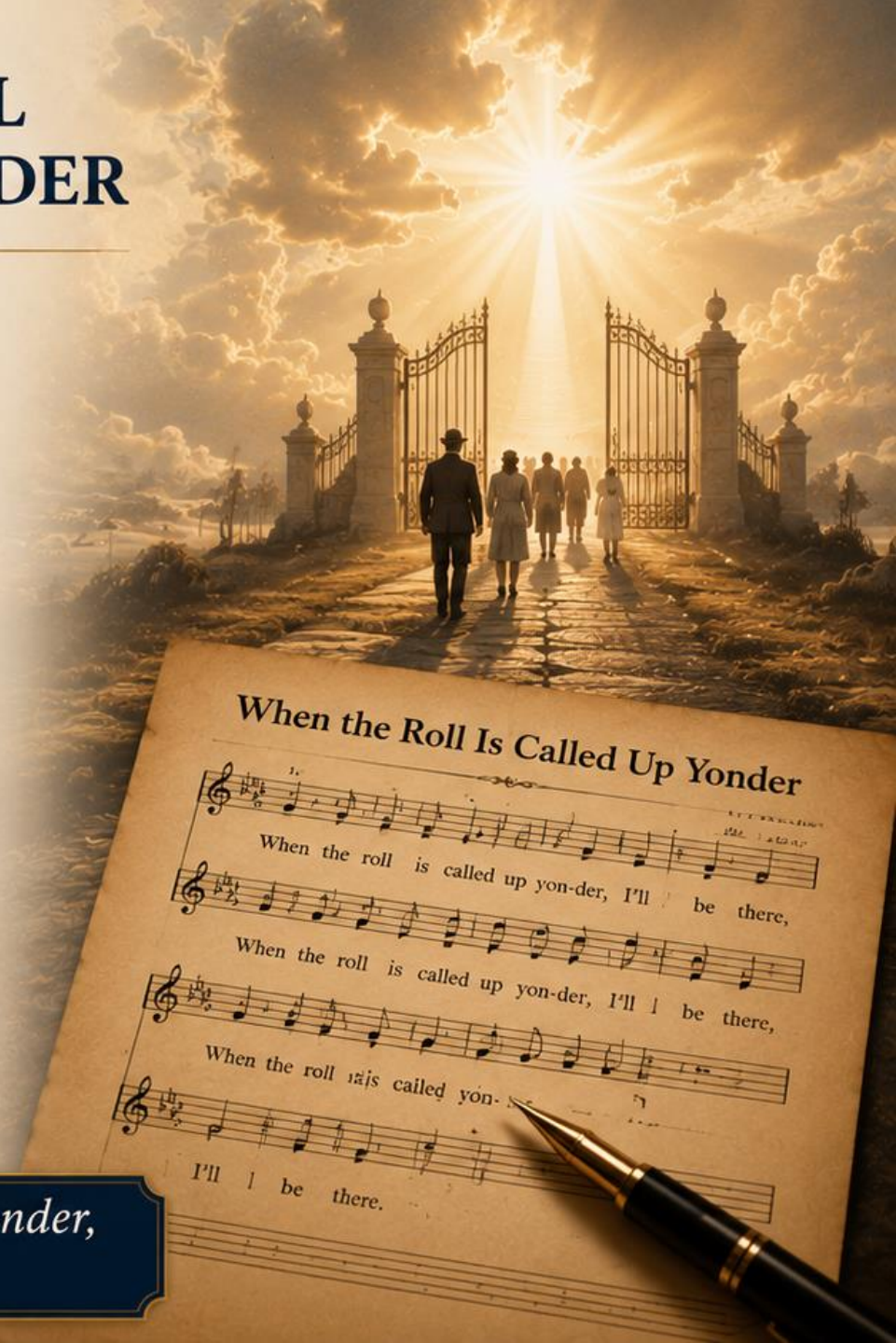


- Wrote the hymn in 1893



- A song of assurance that we will be counted among the redeemed

*"When the roll is called up yonder,
I'LL BE THERE."*



When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

1 When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
and time shall be no more,
and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather
over on the other shore,
and the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

Refrain:

When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.



2 On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise,
and the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather
to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there. [Refrain]

3 Let us labor for the Master
from the dawn till setting sun;
let us talk of all His wondrous love and care.
Then when all of life is over,
and our work on earth is done,
and the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there. [Refrain]



When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Gaithers (Mark Lowery)





BECAUSE HE LIVES



WILLIAM J. GAITHER | 1971

A Song of Resurrection Hope



I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.
JOHN 11:25



**BILL &
GLORIA
GAITHER**
(1952–)

BECAUSE HE LIVES



- Written by Bill and Gloria Gaither in 1971



- Bill wrote the words; Gloria gave the song its melody



- A song of assurance and hope rooted in the resurrection



- John 14:19 was the inspiration: "Because I live, you also will live."

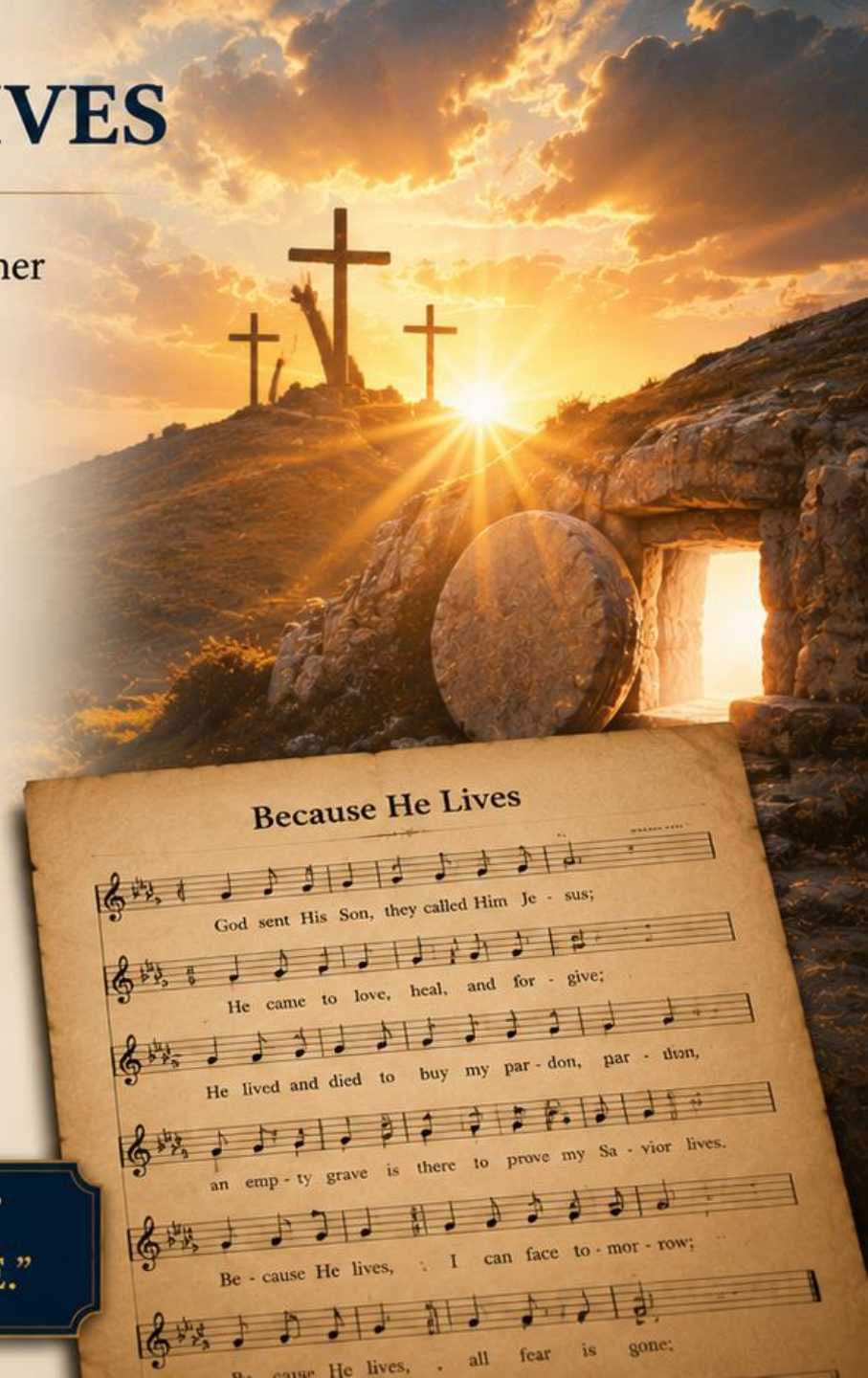


- First recorded by the Gaithers and has encouraged millions for over five decades



- A declaration of victory because Jesus lives!

"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow."
BECAUSE HE LIVES, ALL FEAR IS GONE.

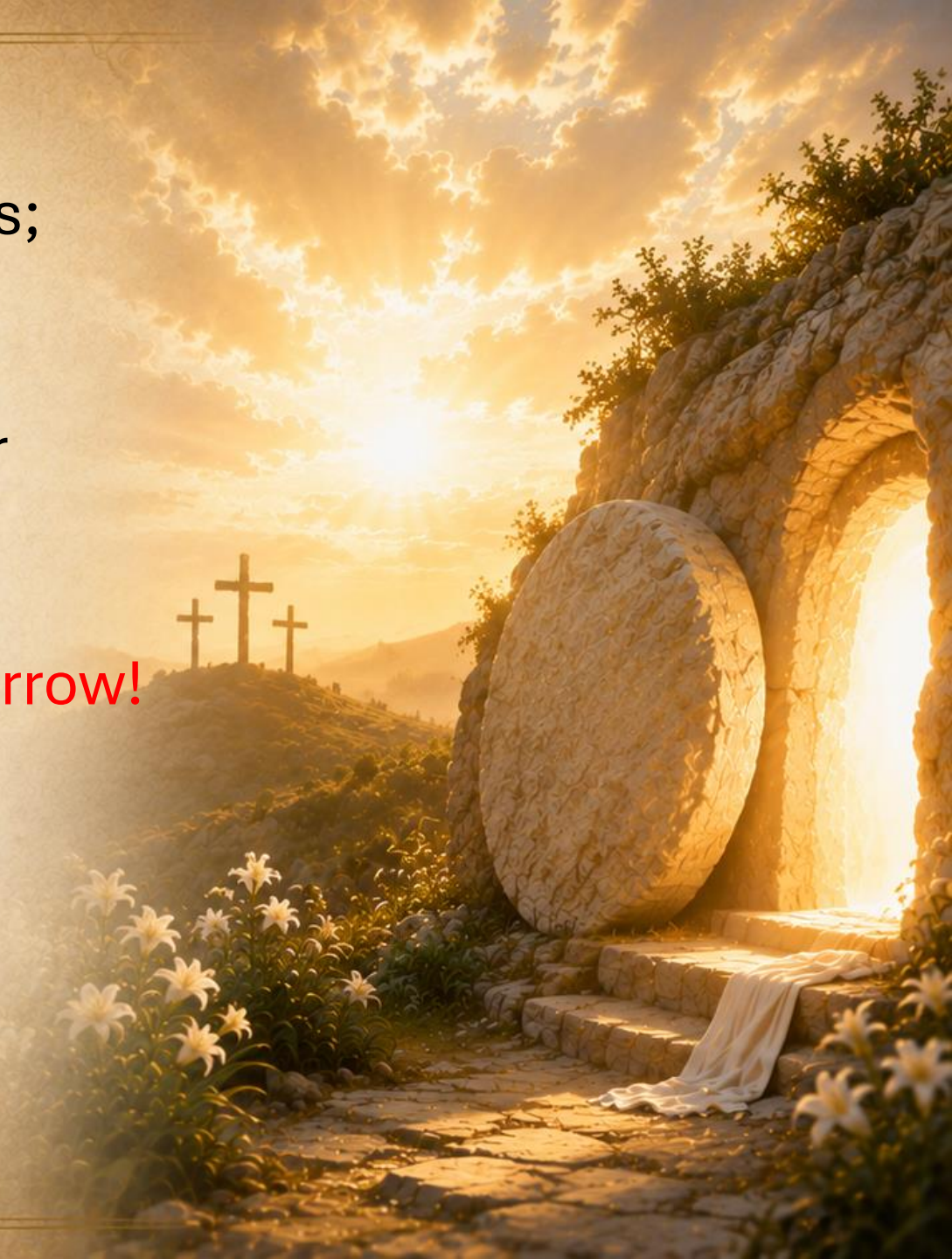


Because He Lives

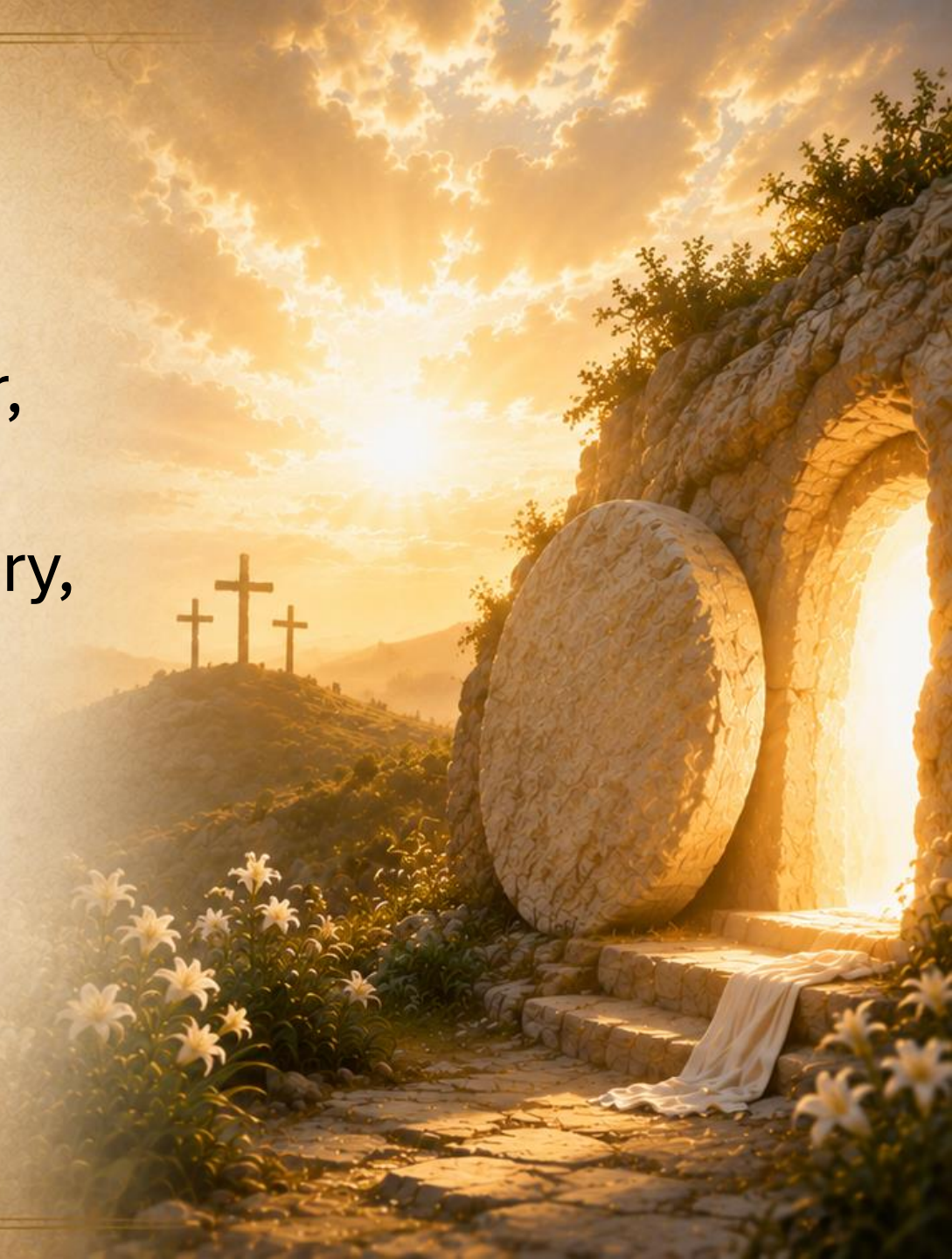


1 God sent His son, They called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, Heal and forgive;
He lived and died To buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there To prove my Savior
lives!

Chorus Because He lives, I can face tomorrow!
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!



3 And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final War with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives!



Because He Lives

Guy Penrod





I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

WORDS AND MUSIC BY
BART MILLARD

— 1999 —



I Can Only Imagine - Trailer





WOODLAWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH



MOVIE NIGHT

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I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

THE SONG YOU KNOW. THE STORY YOU DON'T.



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Bring your friends and family!



I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

THE SONG YOU KNOW. THE STORY YOU DON'T.

1 I can only imagine

What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes would see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine.

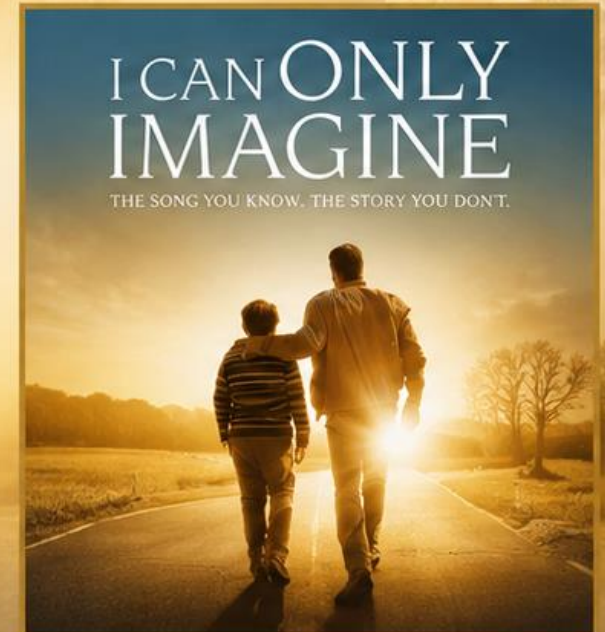
Surrounded by Your glory

What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees, will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine

2 I can only imagine

When that day comes
And I find myself
Standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine.

FROM THE
MOTION PICTURE



A SONG OF HOPE.
A STORY OF GRACE.

I Can Only Imagine

Mercy Me

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HEAVEN IS REAL. JESUS IS COMING. WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!



THE SAME HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE CHURCH
TODAY IS THE SAME HOPE THAT HAS SUNG
THROUGH EVERY GENERATION.



REVELATION 21:4



*He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death... no more pain...
for the old order of things has passed away.*





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Timeless
Truths
Across
Changing
Voices



COMING NEXT

LESSON 12

THE GOSPEL CROSSES BOUNDARIES

ACTS 8:26–40

*Next week we'll explore 8 powerful songs about the cross—
from 1707 to today—that proclaim the same saving truth.*

SONGS WE WILL STUDY

1



When I Survey
the Wondrous Cross
1707

Isaac Watts • Classic English Hymnody

2



There Is a Fountain
Filled with Blood
1772

William Cowper • Classic Hymnody

3



There Is Power
in the Blood
1899

Lewis Jones • Victorian & Gospel

4



Jesus Saves
1882

P. Owens / W. Kirkpatrick
Victorian & Gospel

NEW ADDITION

5



I Will Sing of
My Redeemer
1876

Philip Bliss • Victorian & Gospel

6



The Old
Rugged Cross
1912

George Bennard • Early 20th Century

7



Above All
1999

P. Baloche / L. LeBlanc
Early Contemporary Worship

8



I Can Only
Imagine
1999

Bart Millard • Early Contemporary



ONE GOSPEL.
ONE CROSS.
FOR EVERY
PERSON.
IN EVERY PLACE.
THEN AND NOW.



SAME TRUTH. DIFFERENT VOICES. ONE CHURCH ACROSS THE AGES.

