



“In polite company, never discuss politics or religion”







From Mark's gospel chapter 12

Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said,

“Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?”

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.”

They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

“Caesar's,” they replied.

Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.”

And they were amazed at him.



*Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and give to God what belongs to God*

*Render unto Caesar the things that are
Caesar's, and render unto God the
things that are God's*





A question of identity



A landscape with rolling hills and a cross on a hilltop under a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The hills are in the foreground and middle ground, with a cross standing on a small hill in the distance.

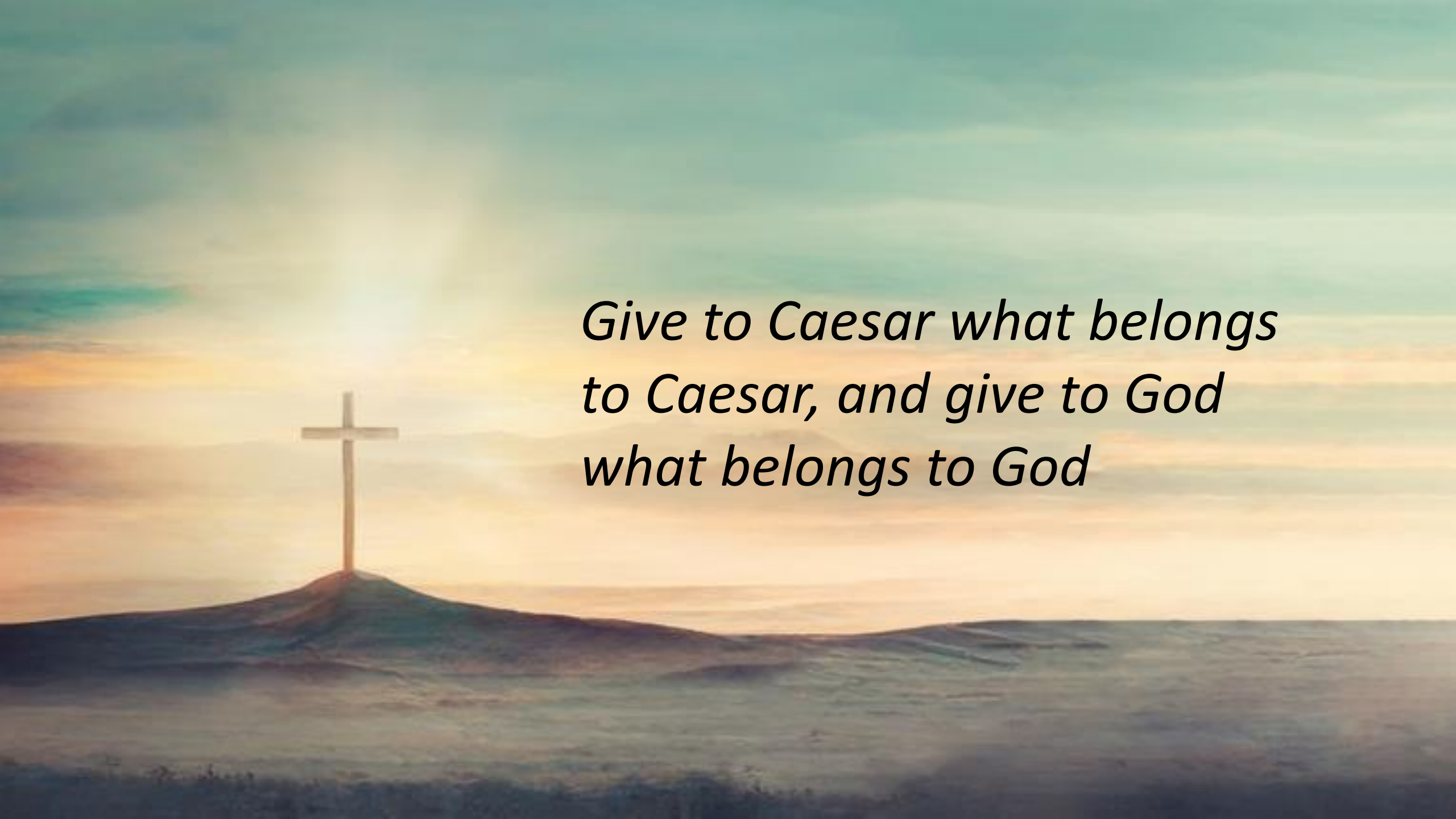
The Imago Dei

From the book of Genesis, Chapter 1

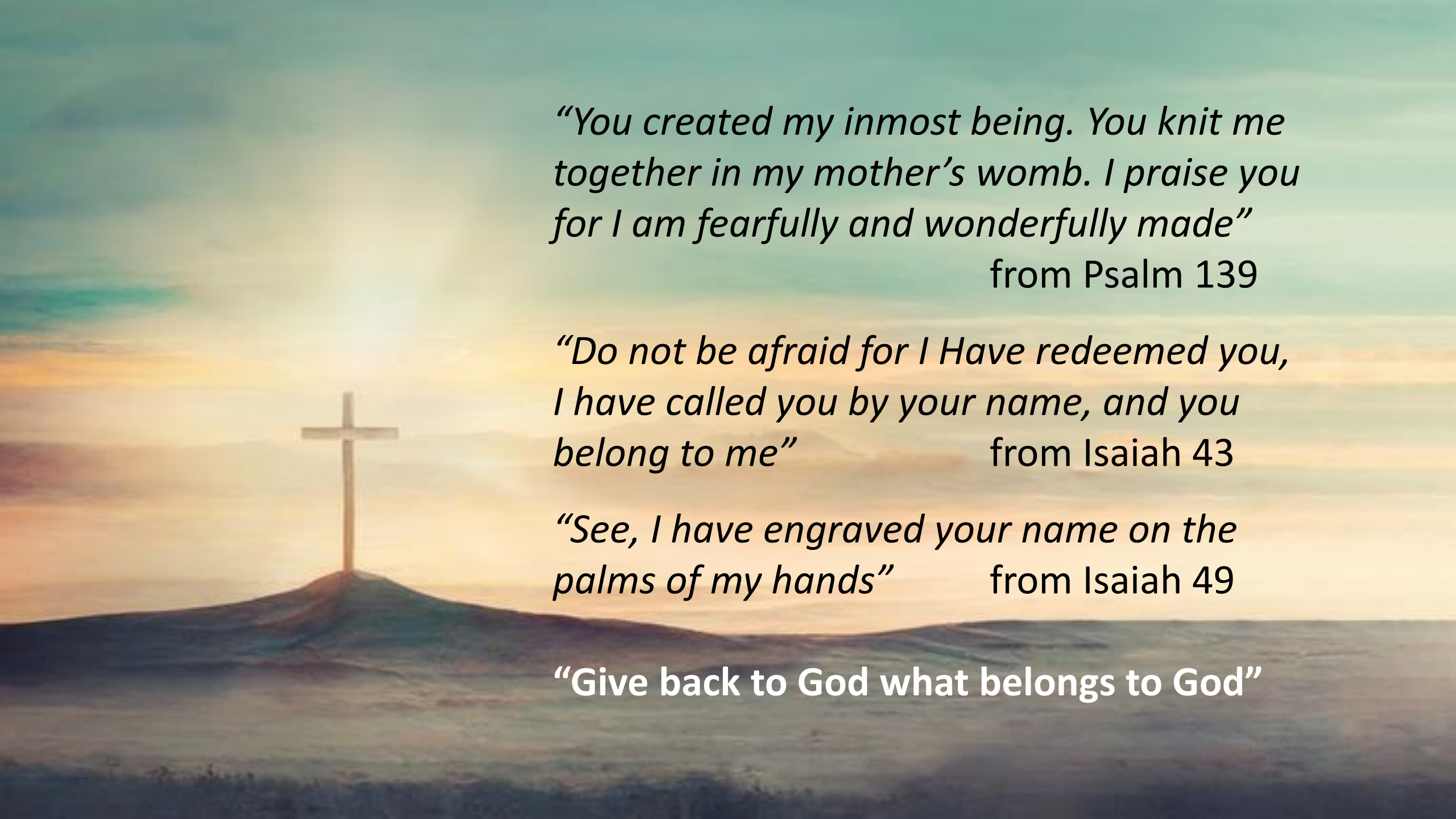
“Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them”



**It says on your CV that you were created in God's image ...
Very impressive"**

A landscape photograph featuring rolling hills under a sunset sky. A simple wooden cross stands on a small hill in the foreground. The sky is a mix of soft orange, yellow, and light blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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what belongs to God*

A landscape photograph showing a cross on a hill under a sunset sky. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted hill with a cross on top. The background shows rolling hills and a body of water in the distance.

“You created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made”

from Psalm 139

“Do not be afraid for I Have redeemed you, I have called you by your name, and you belong to me”

from Isaiah 43

“See, I have engraved your name on the palms of my hands”

from Isaiah 49

“Give back to God what belongs to God”