



THE LORD'S PRAYER

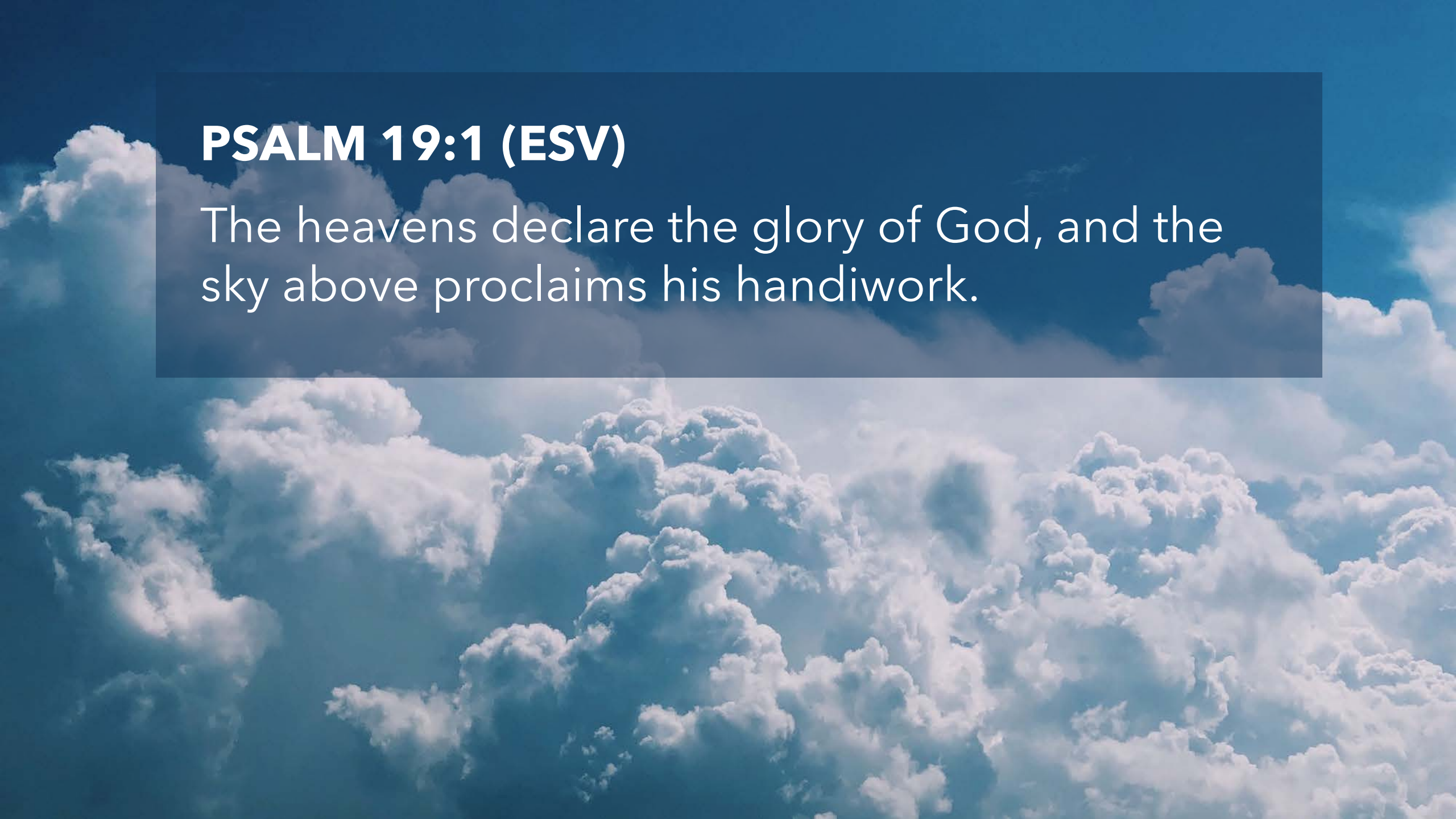
IN HEAVEN





PSALM 19:1 (ESV)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.







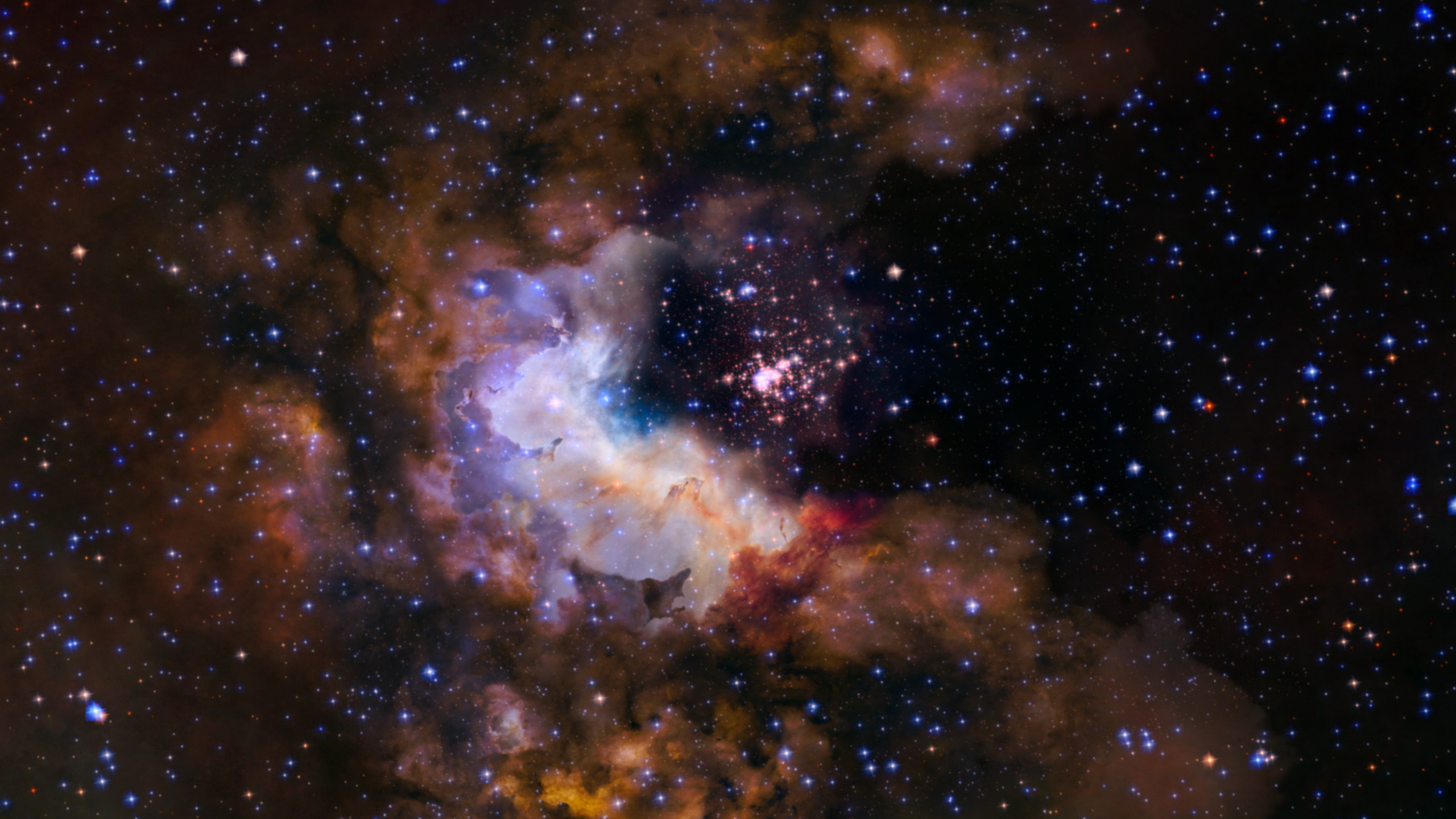
PSALM 8:3-4 (NIV)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them handiwork.

Once upon a time there was in the middle of the Pacific Ocean a large ship battered by the waves and loaded with tons of potatoes. One good day, a worm within one of the potatoes was able to chew through the potato's skin and with great enthusiasm returned to the center of the potato saying, "We have conquered space!"

*Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr
1957, Yale Divinity School*





1 KINGS 8:27 (NIV)

But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!

JEREMIAH 23:23-24 (NLT)

“Am I a God who is only close at hand?” says the LORD. “No, I am far away at the same time. Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?”



Heaven is the creation inconceivable to man;
Earth is the creation conceivable to him.

Karl Barth, *Dogmatics in Outline*



The God whom we have been taught by Jesus to address as "Our Father" is the one who rules the whole cosmos, who speaks in earthquake, wind, and fire. Any less of a god wouldn't do us much good.



The good that needs doing in this world—good for the poorest of the poor, the sickest of the sick, the most desperate of the desperate—tends to be considerably larger than our mere social activism, charity, or politics.



Things are cosmically out of hand. Evil is not just the nasty little things we do to one another. It's as if evil is organized, massive, subtle, deep, cosmic.

Will Willimon, Lord, Teach Us

