

GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL

HARVEST HOMECOMING
September 5, 2021



Email Dated March 12, 2020

After much prayer, research, and dialog we have decided to suspend all in-person gatherings at Harvest effective immediately and lasting through at least May 1. This was a difficult decision but one we felt was necessary.



COVID-19



COVID-19

Over 4.5 million have died globally.



COVID-19

Over 4.5 million have died globally.
Over 650,000 have died in the U.S.



ECONOMY

31% of small- to medium-sized businesses closed in the first few months of the pandemic.

Facebook State of Small Business Report, May 2020



ECONOMY

Last April unemployment reached 14.7%,
with 20.5 million suddenly out of work.

AARP – 8 Occupations Hit Hardest by the Pandemic



CHURCH

By last June, 32% of practicing Christians stopped attending church (in-person and virtually).

Barna Research Report – *The New Sunday Morning*



CHURCH

29% of pastors reported seriously considering leaving vocational ministry during the pandemic.

David Kinnaman of Barna on *Church Pulse Weekly* Podcast



CHURCH

Between March 2020 to August 2021, giving actually rose compared to the same period the year before.



CHURCH

We have cash in our operational, reserve, and building fund accounts in excess of our annual budget.



חסד

HESED

*lovingkindness • mercy • favor
steadfast love • unfailing love*

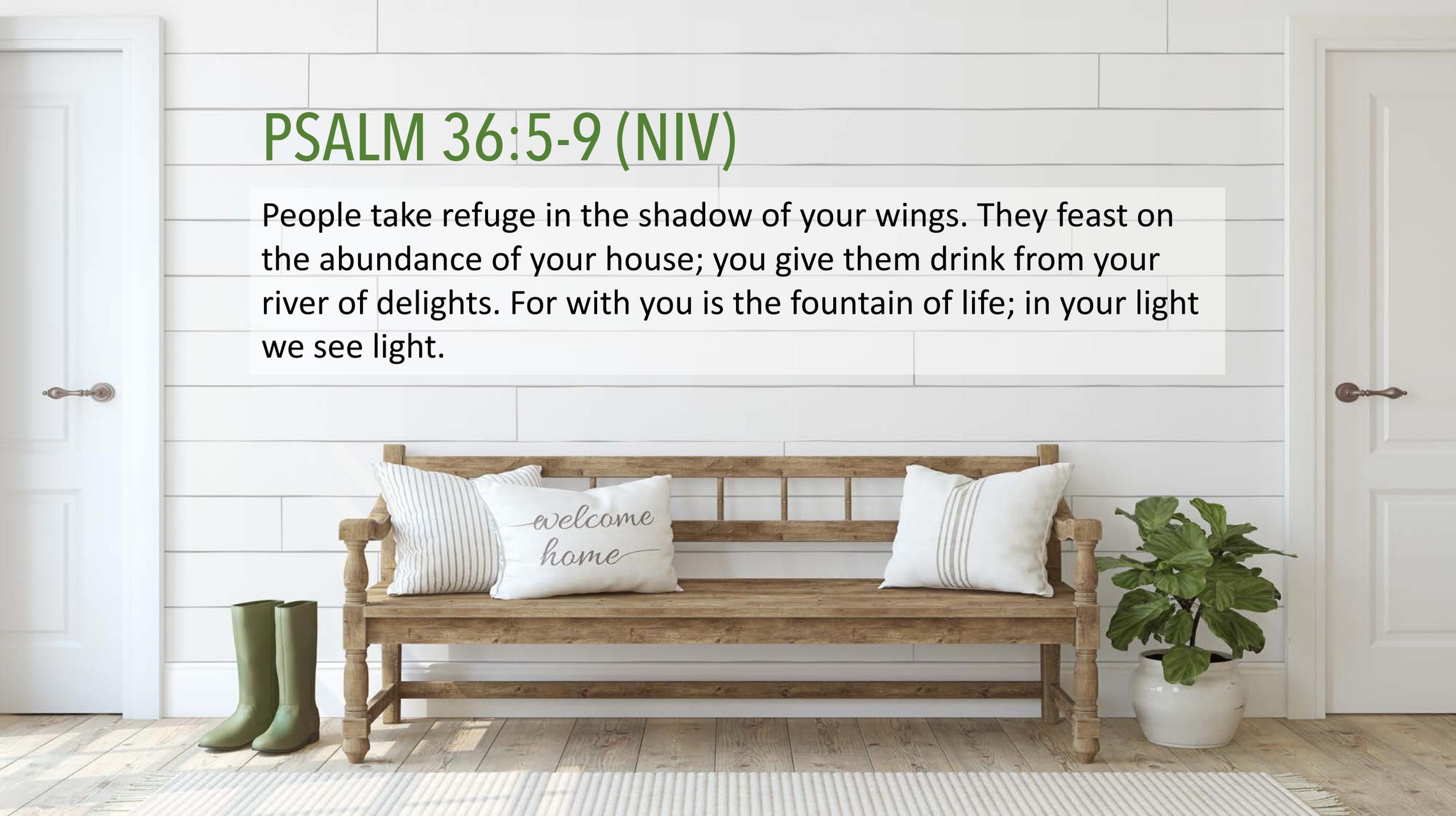
PSALM 36:5-9 (NIV)

Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!



PSALM 36:5-9 (NIV)

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.



1 JOHN 4:16 (NIV)

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and
God in them.

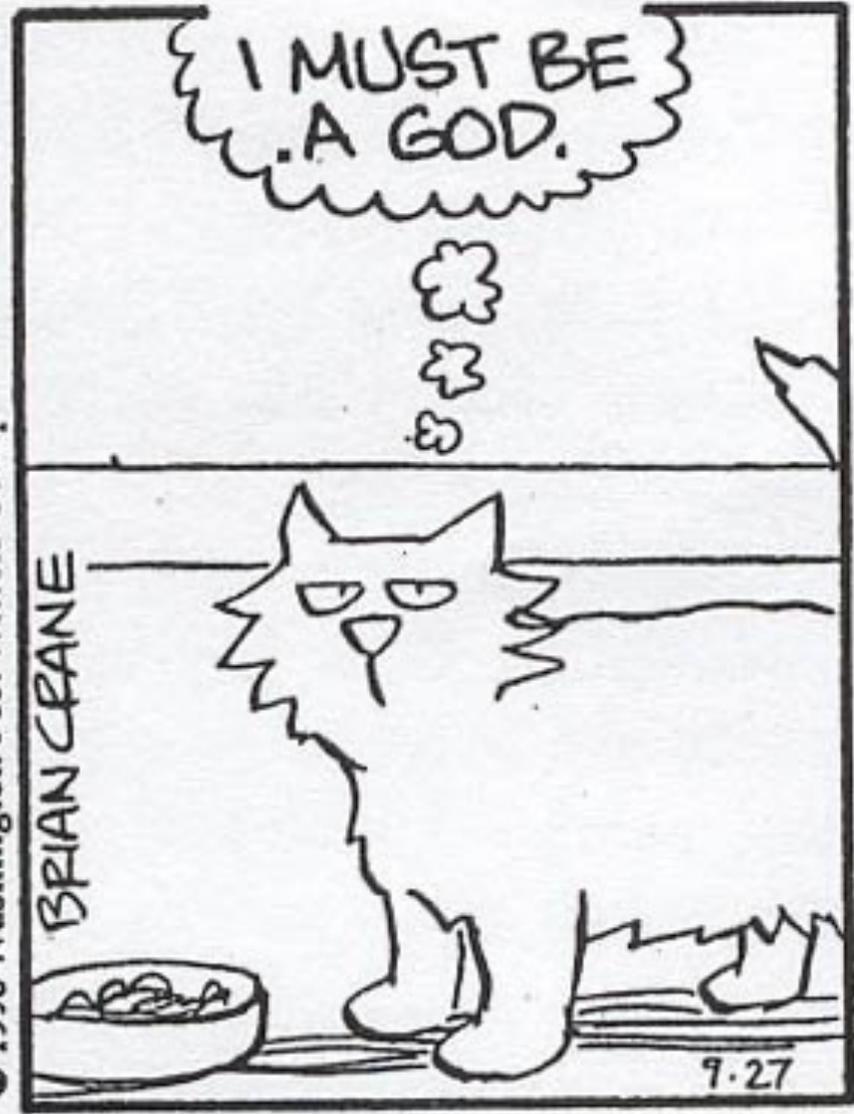


6:00

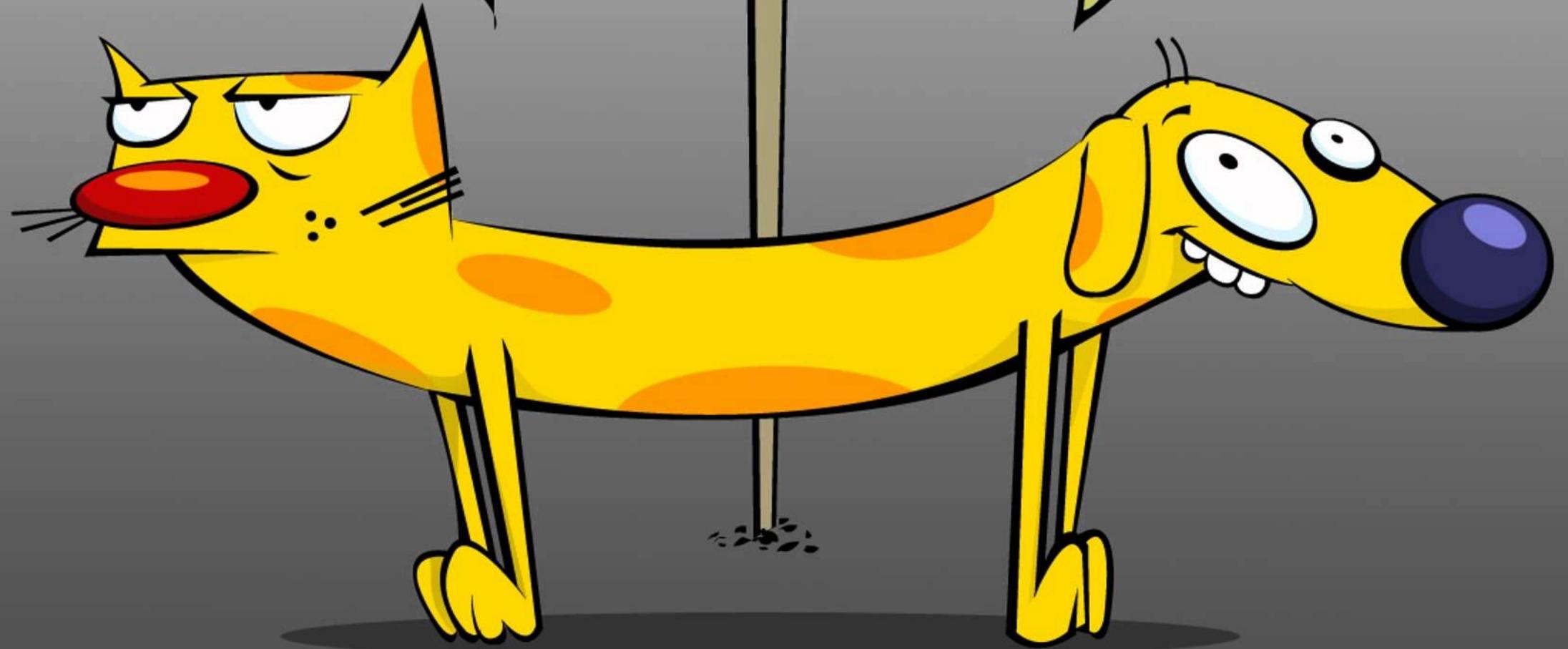




© 1996 Washington Post Writers Group



CAT DOG



GENESIS 12:2 (NIV)

I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.



2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-11 (NIV)

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”



2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-11 (NIV)

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



BE A BLESSING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE

STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY

Be a Person of Relief



BE A BLESSING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE

STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH

Be a Person of Comfort



BE A BLESSING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE

FEELING SPIRITUALLY EMPTY

Be a Person of Refreshing



BE A BLESSING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE

DIVIDED AND ANGRY

Be a Person of Peace



WHICH WILL YOU COMMIT TO BE?

1. Person of **Relief** to someone struggling financially
2. Person of **Comfort** to someone struggling with mental health
3. Person of **Refreshing** to someone who is spiritually empty
4. Person of **Peace** to someone who is feels divided and angry

