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Luke 2:36-39

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.

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She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.

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She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment,

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she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.



1. Pray the Truth





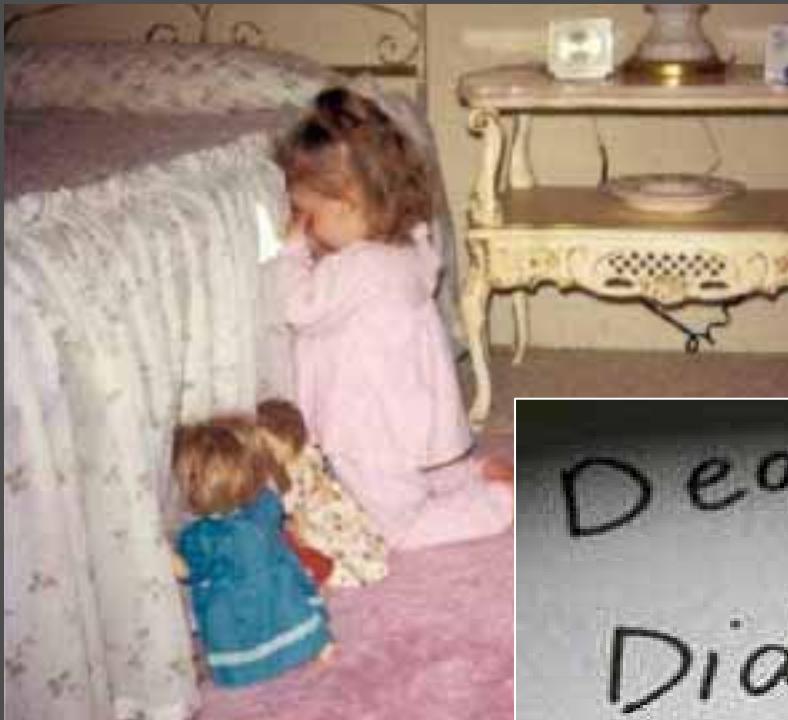
Dear God,
I want to be just
like my Daddy when I get
big but not with so much
hair all over.

Sam



Dear God. really invisible
Are you really invisible
or is that just a trick

Lucy



Dear God,

Did you mean for
giraffe to look
like that or
was it an
accident.

Norma



Dear God, instead of letting people die
Instead of having to make new ones
and having you just
why don't you just
keep the ones you got now?

Jane



Dear God,

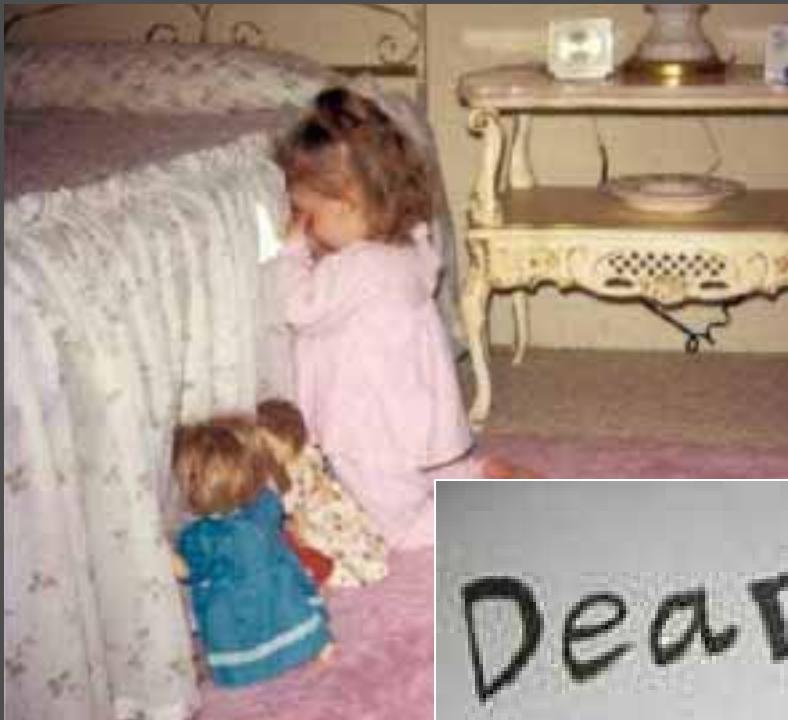
I went to this wedding
and they kissed right in church
Is that ok?

Neil



Dear God
In bible times
did they really
talk that fancy?

Jennifer



Dear God,
I am American
What are you?
Robert



Dear God,
I bet it is
very hard
for you to
love all of
every body in the
whole world
There are only
4 people in our
family and I
can never do it.

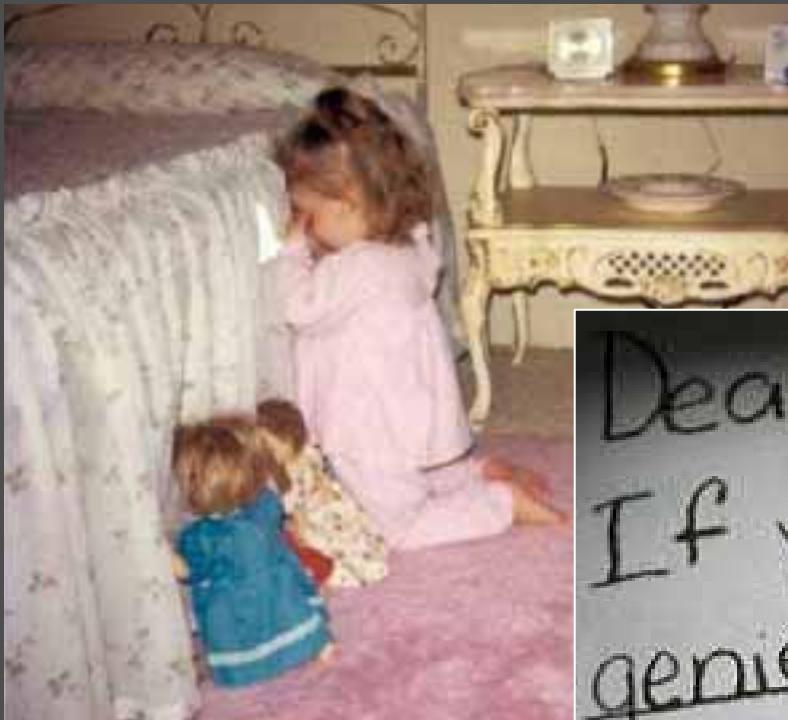
Nan



Dear God,
Thank you for
the baby brother
but what I prayed
for was a puppy
Joyce



We read Thos . Edison
made light.
BUT in sun. School they said
you did it.
so I het he stoled
you r I dea .
sincerely,
DONNA

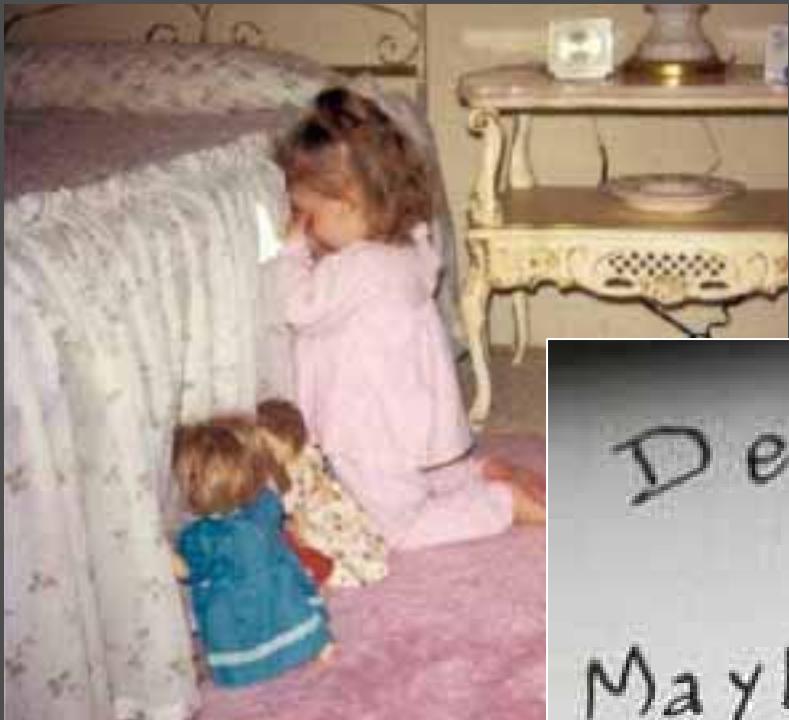


Dear God,
If you give me
genie lamp like Alladin
I will give you anything
you want
except my money
or my chess set.
Raphael



Dear God,
please send Dennis Clark
to a different camp
this year.

Peter



Dear God

Maybe Cain and Abel
would not kill each so much
if they had their own rooms.
It works with my brother

Larry

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Jeremiah 20:7 O LORD, you deceived me,
and I was deceived; you overpowered
me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all
day long; everyone mocks me.

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Job 10:8, 9, 20; 30:21. Your hands
fashioned and made me; And now you
turn and destroy me ... Bold as a lion
you hunt me and repeat your exploits
against me...

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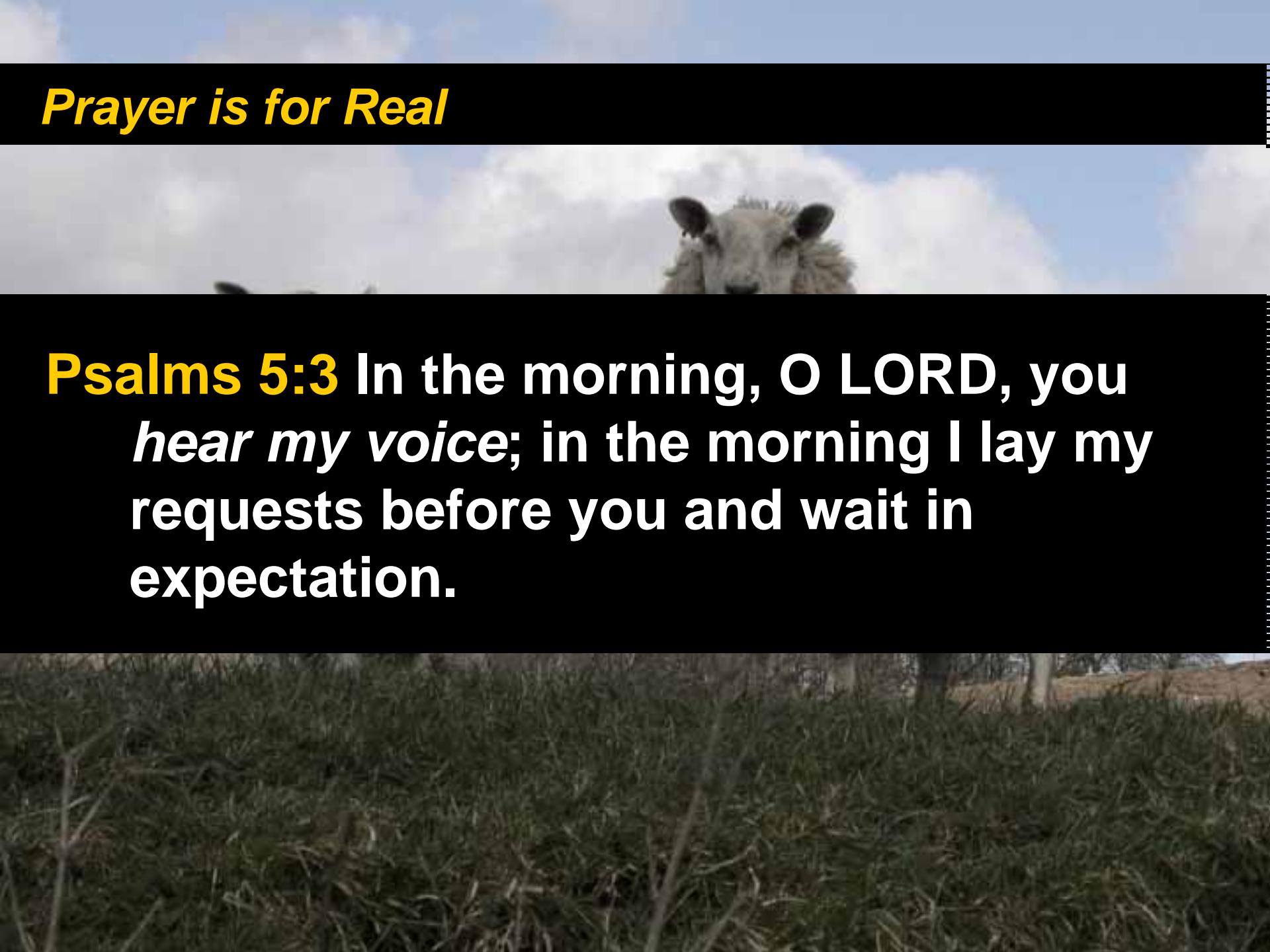
Let me alone; that I might find a little comfort....You have turned cruel to me; and with the might of your hand you persecute me.



**1. Pray the Truth
2. Pray Out Loud**



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Psalms 5:3 In the morning, O LORD, you
hear my voice; in the morning I lay my
requests before you and wait in
expectation.

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A photograph of two sheep in a field. One sheep is in the foreground, facing right, and another is partially visible behind it, facing left. The background shows a cloudy sky and rolling hills.

**Psalms 66:19 ...God has surely listened
and *heard my voice* in prayer.**

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Psalms 142:1 *I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.*



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Ezekiel 11:13 ...I fell facedown and *cried out in a loud voice*, “Ah, Sovereign LORD!”

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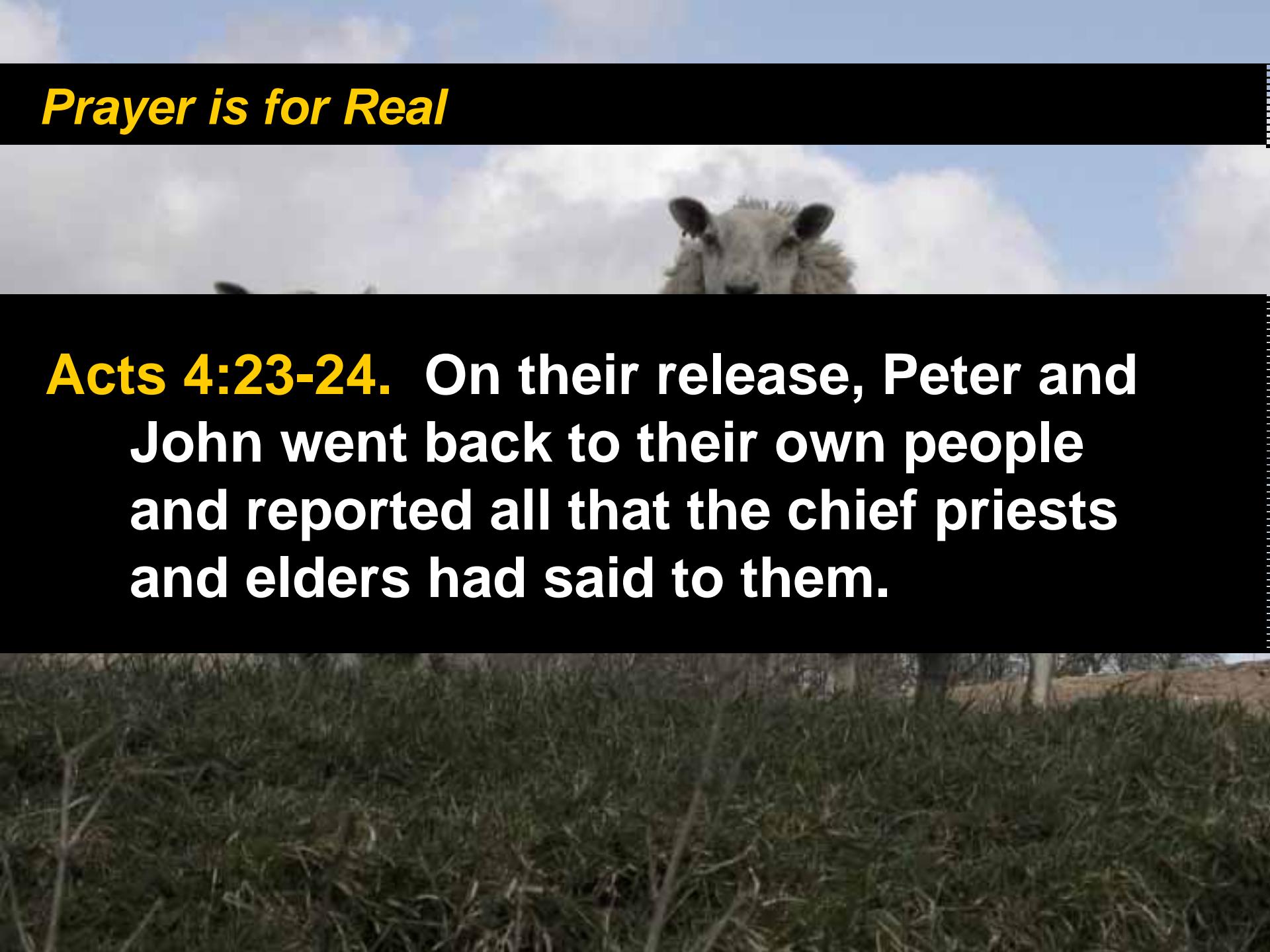
Luke 23:46 Jesus called out *with a loud voice*, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.



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1Samuel 1:12-13 As [Hannah] kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk

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Acts 4:23-24. On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

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When they heard this, they *raised their voices* together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.”





- 1. Pray the Truth**
- 2. Pray Out Loud**
- 3. Pray in Faith, Using the “Eyes
of Your Heart” (Eph 1:18)**



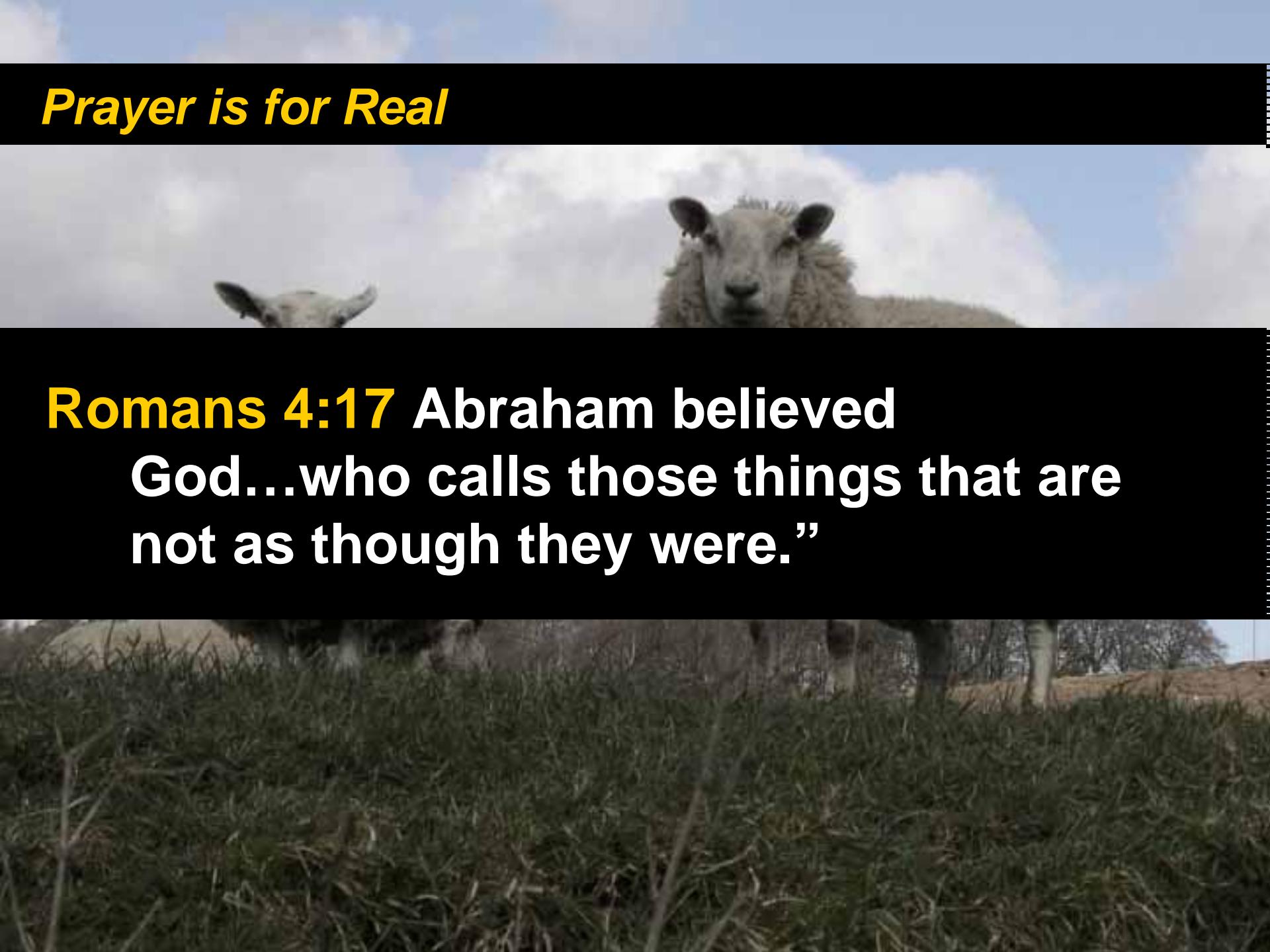
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**Hebrews 11:1. Faith is the substance
(*hypostasis*) of things hoped for, the
evidence (*elegkos*) of things unseen...**

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*Faith is an internal vision,
held as a substantial reality
(hypostasis)
that produces a certain conviction
(elegkos)
that moves you in a certain direction.*

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A photograph of a flock of sheep in a grassy field. In the foreground, the dark green, textured grass is visible. In the middle ground, several sheep are scattered across the field; one is looking directly at the camera, while others are partially visible or grazing. The background shows a bright, cloudy sky.

**Romans 4:17 Abraham believed
God...who calls those things that are
not as though they were.”**