

# Sunday School Opening

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# Songs and Choruses Making Melody

- Making Melody #25 “Lets Talk About Jesus”
- We have faith in our revealed doctrines, we also have faith in the steps we take to follow the Lord. These really are inseparable faiths, for the one is a confession of The faith, and the other our everyday walk. Seeing things naturally without the perspective of faith, leads away from faith, rather we “look not at things which are seen but unseen” and these are eyes of faith. (2 Corinthians 4:18) This is to live by faith. It is not self promoting; it is Christ honoring.
- Songs and Choruses #60 “Every Moment of the Day.”

A sparrow was caught in our landscaping, it had been wedged in upside down, it was helplessly stuck between the creosote railroad ties.



- “Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. Matthew 10:29 NASB
- “So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:31 NASB
- My thoughts: When we “fall” or “stumble”, let ourselves down, come short, do something wrong, God is there to help us.
- The verse, I believe, is contrasting a small, inconsequential thing, and tells us that the Father, who knows of it, even more, He knows about us.
- As Brother Ralph has pointed out many times the Scriptures say, **“Do not fear.”**

This is a gift of kale from my friend David Stonecypher. He has brought me this same amount of kale before conference and now this one! The first was pristine, and this entire bushel had only a few bugs and one worm. The entire batch weighed 8 pounds!



Object lessons with abundance!

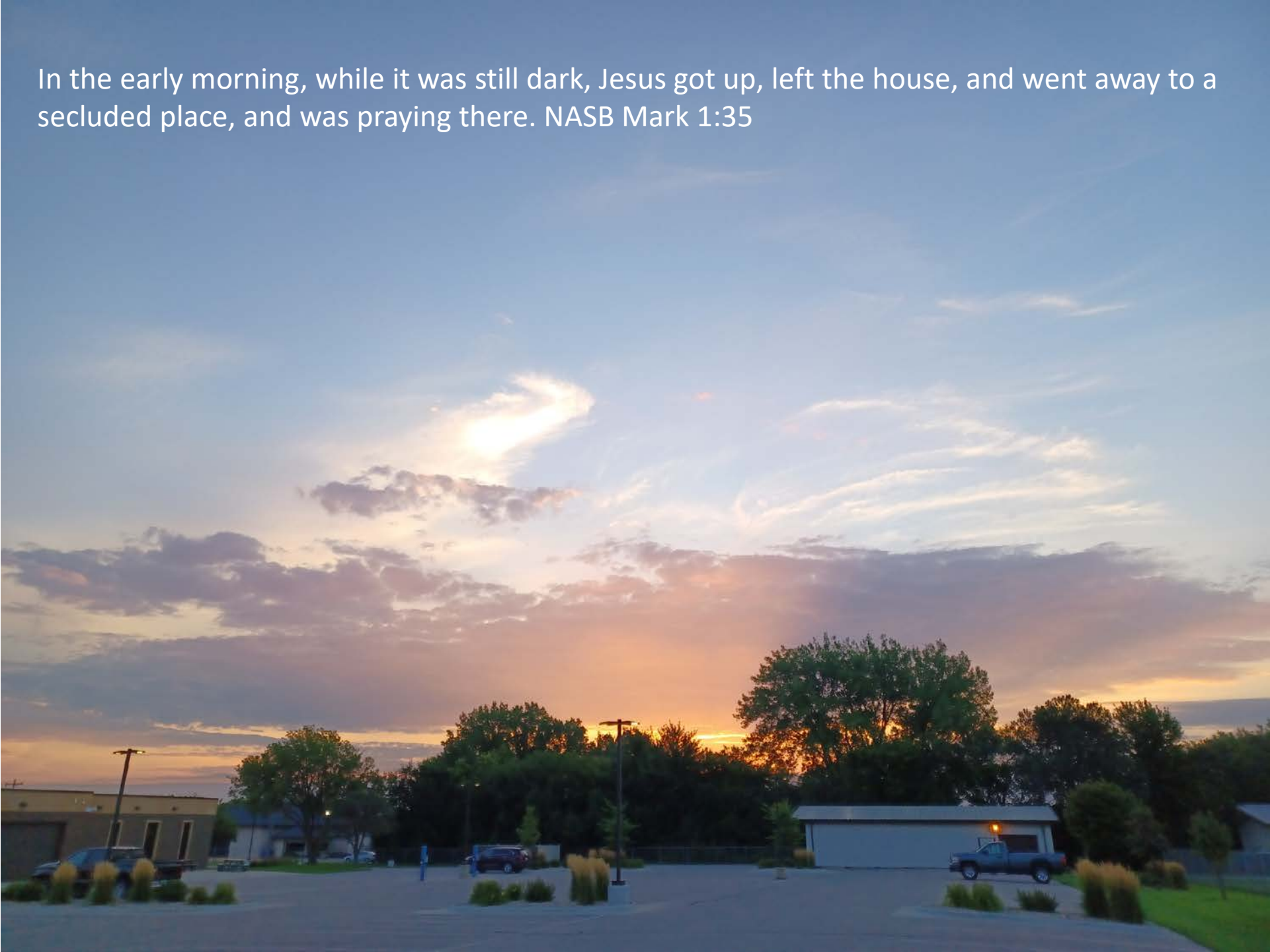
We became more than Dr/Patient when I stood next to Dave at his father's cemetery plot in Nashua. He has never forgotten this, and this forms our friendship to this day.

# Abundance, was it Grain? Figs? I am using Kale.

- “Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.” Luke 6:38
- This is a Kingdom chapter and like the Sermon on the Mount. The Lord presents many extreme challenges to our natural minds, such as love your enemy and turn the other cheek. The key to understanding this is how the Lord Jesus Christ came to save lost sinners.

- Christ, hated the sin and yet loved His enemies.
- To us, this is overflowing as harvested grain is separated from the chaff by being shaken. It pressed down, dense, pure and complete, the full weight of goods, not short with chaff.
- By your standard of measure. It will be measured to you in return: Do not short the full measure of Christ's way. Sow abundantly reap abundantly.
- Regarding doctrines of the Faith and faith. When we are like Christ, the more Christ-like we do receive. This is not the time to sell, buy nor trade these things. My friend refused to sell this to me saying, "You are my friend, not my customer."
- Matthew 10:7b,8 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give."

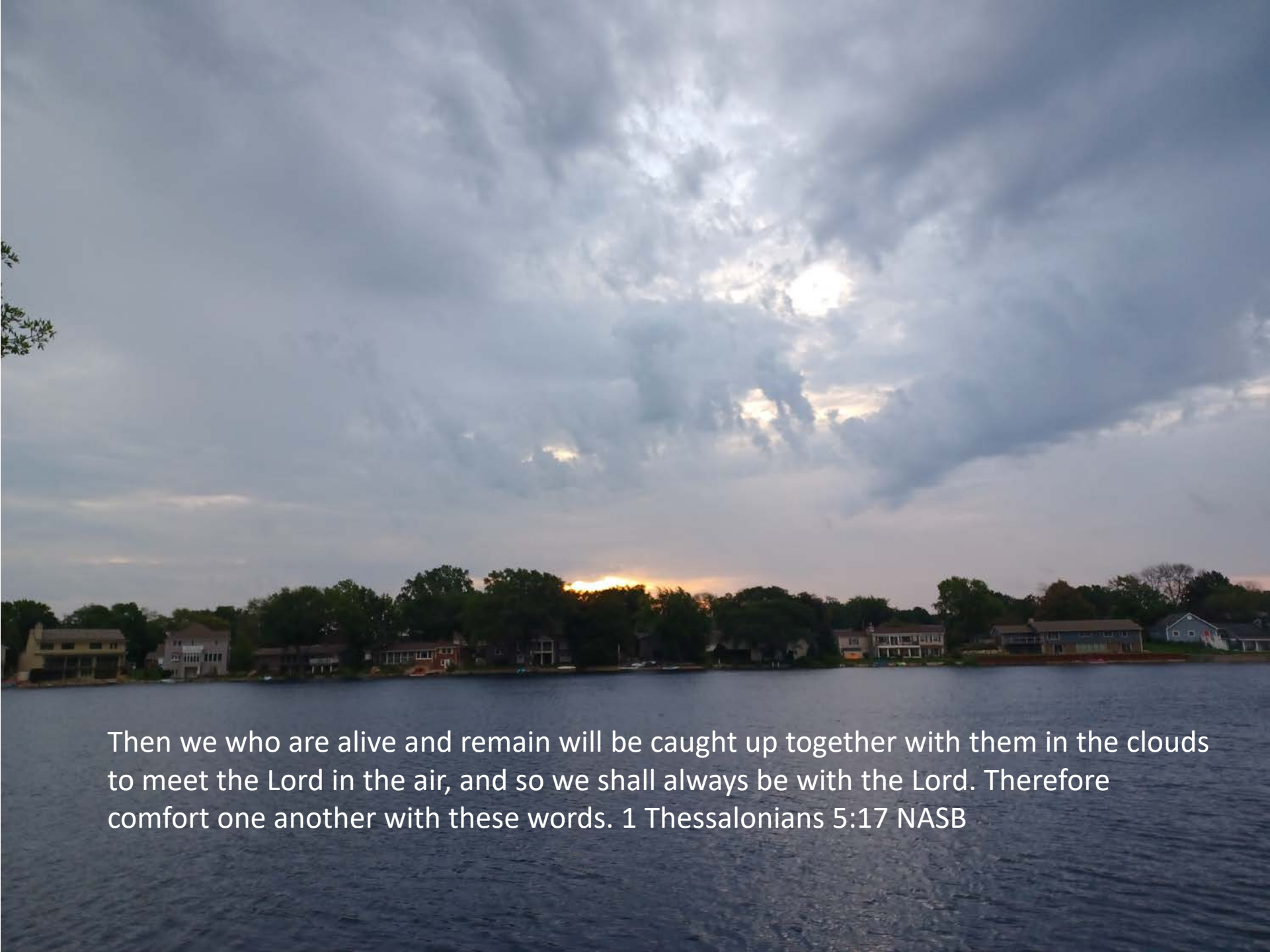
In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. NASB Mark 1:35







“Thus let all Your enemies perish, O Lord; But let those who love Him be like the rising of the sun in its might.” And the land was undisturbed for forty years. NASB Judges 5:31



Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB

