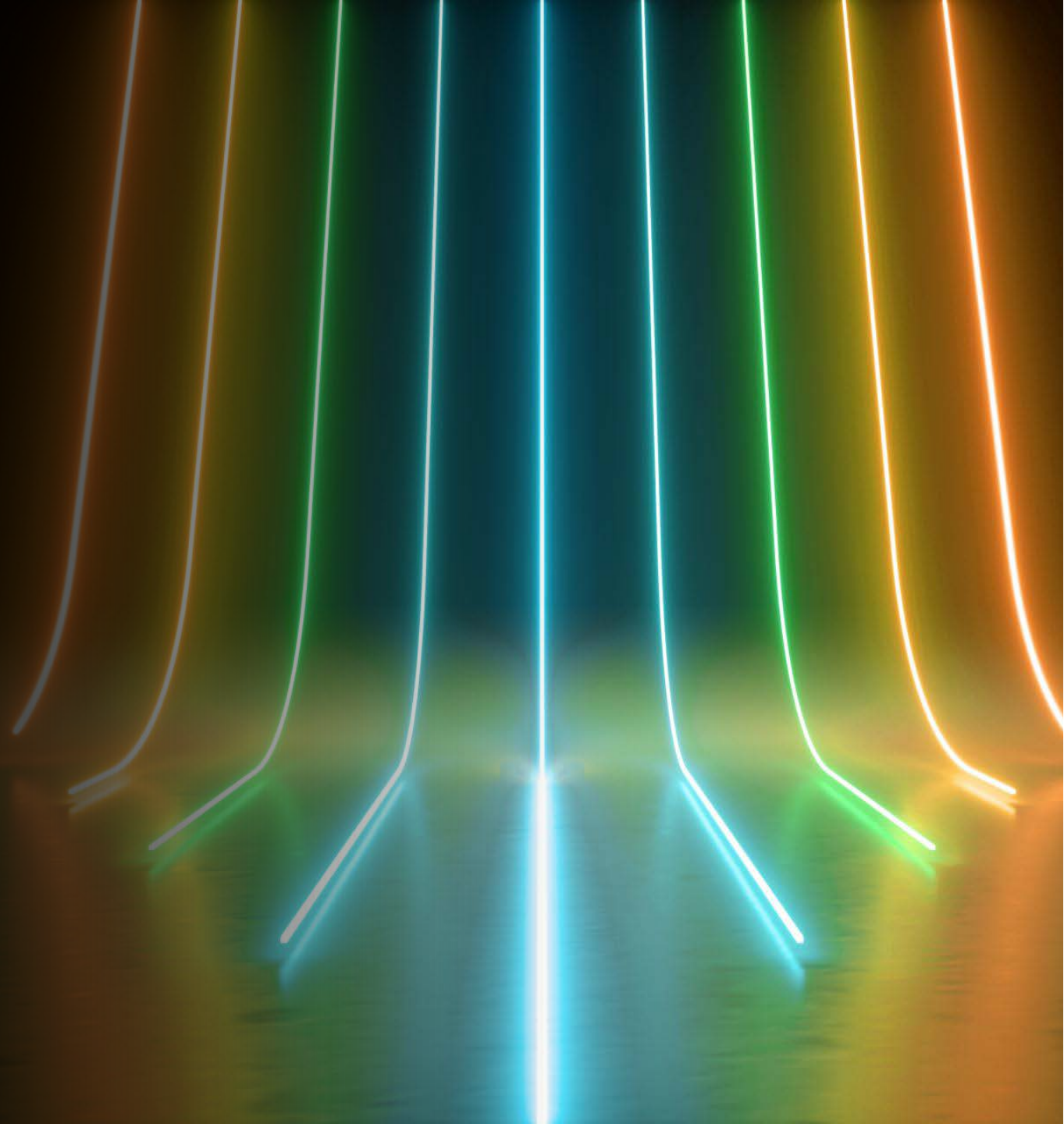




Sunday School
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Three “Hims”

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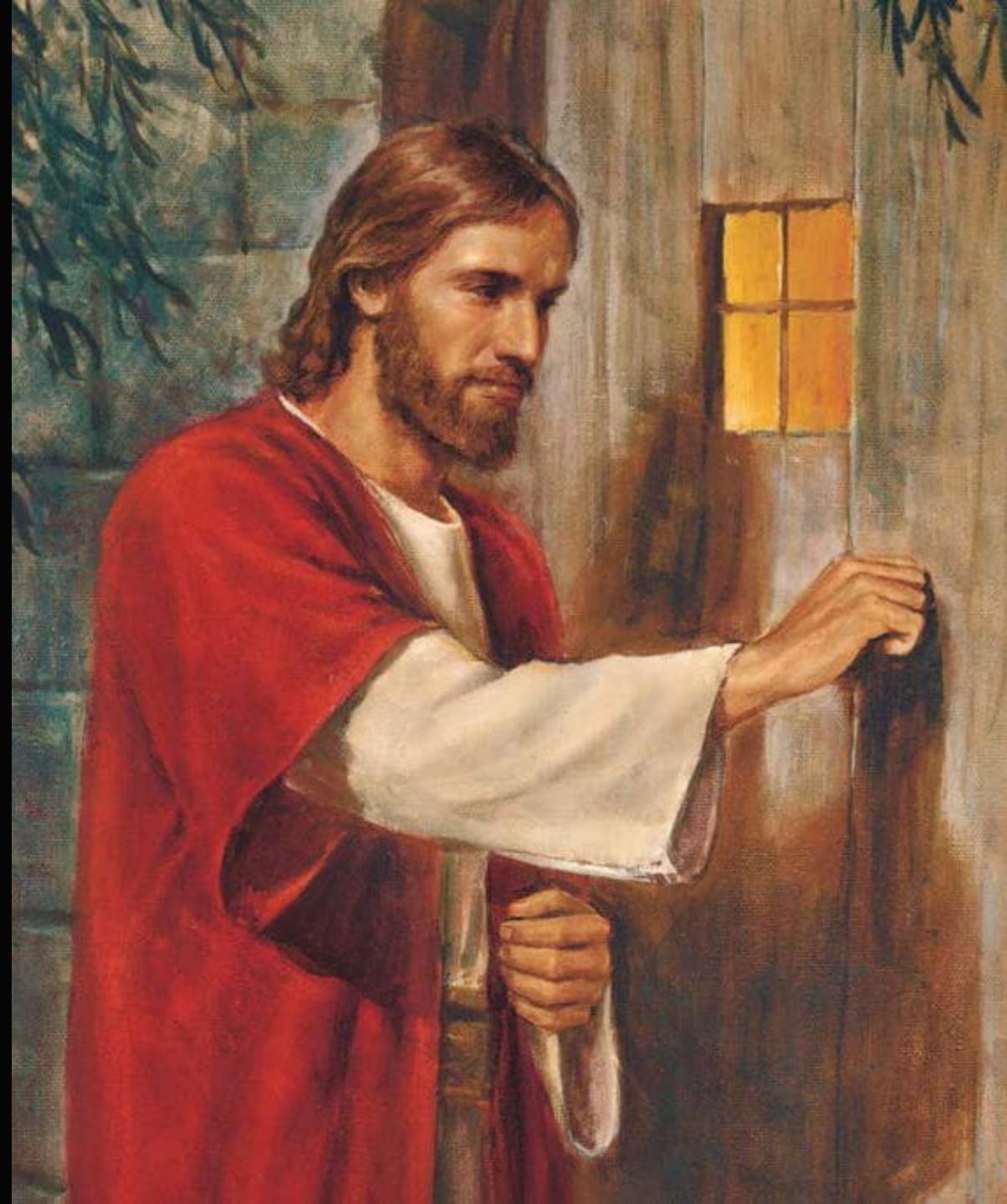
Making Melody

- #334 “In Times Like These”
- Maybe you are thinking, the world is mess, floods, broken dams, drought and wildfires, earthquakes, lawlessness and the like. But let me bring out how this hymn speaks to our personal need, and our personal humility in asking for help from God for our own sphere of responsibility.
- You need a Savior, You need an Anchor, You need the Bible, Oh be not idle, and the response, I have a Savior, I have an anchor, that grips the solid rock. I picture a ship on the rough seas, gripping the seafloor with an anchor.



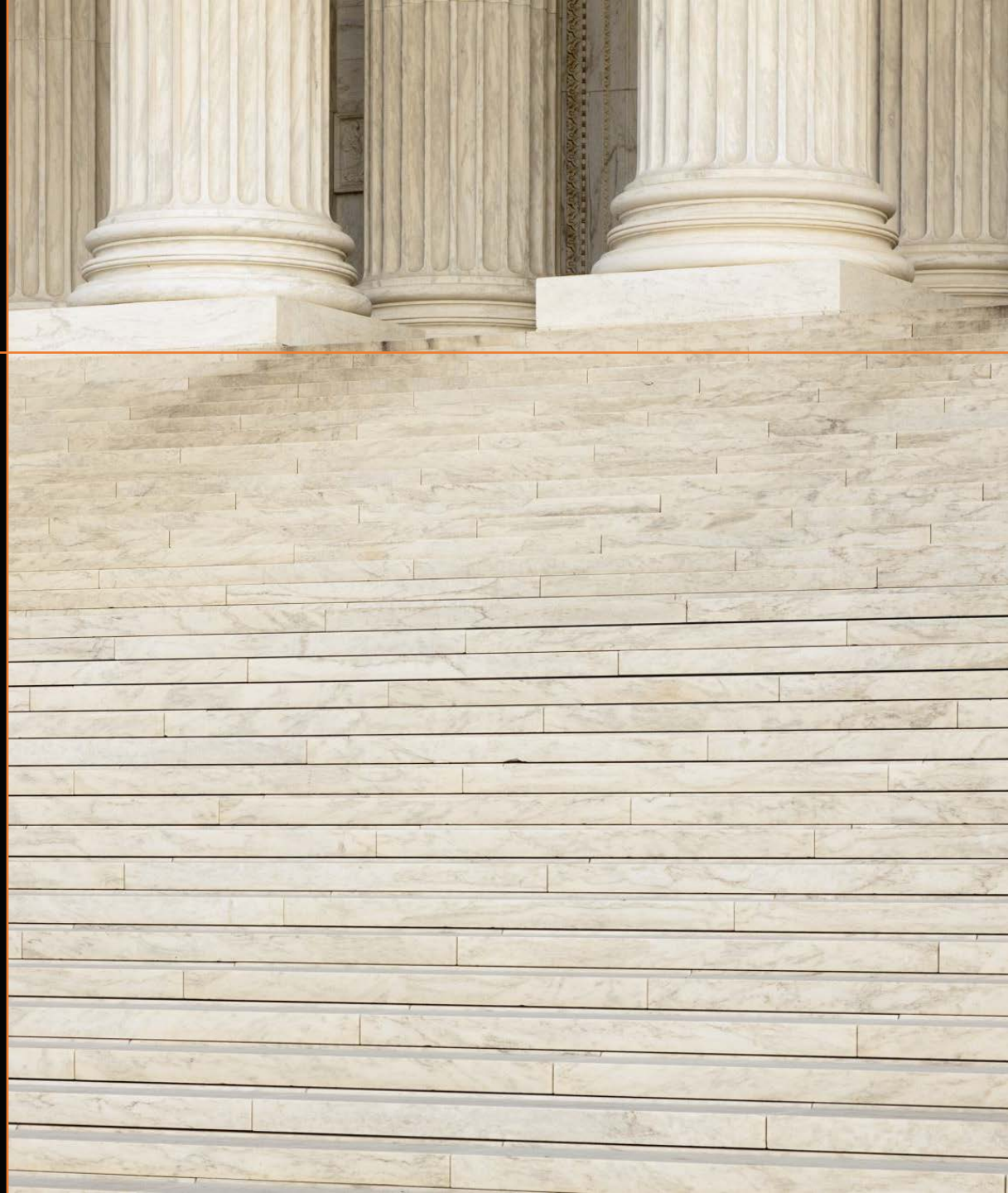
A play on words “Now from Hymns”
The theme of my presentation is:

- Three references to “Now to Him”
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Romans 16:25

- Now to Him who is able to establish you





Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do

Jude 24

- Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

Three “Hims”

- Establish
- To do
- To keep you from stumbling

Romans 16:25-27

- Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

Ephesians

3:14-21

Paul's prayer

- For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Jude 24

- Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.
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Now, for you to fill in the blank

- Now to Him who is able to establish you:
- I believe the Apostle, in reference to saying “my gospel” is taking his responsibility yet knowing Who has actually done the work, and made it work out in his life.
- The beginning of a day’s work
- The remembrance of today’s salvation
- My mind is focused and thankful, less distracted.
- I have an anchor and a Rock



Now for you to fill in the blank

- To Him who is able to do:
- There is more, far more. Resurrected.
- God is not finished with me yet.
- This is in context to bringing Him glory in the church



Now for
you to fill
in the
blank

- Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling:
- Not that Jon escapes the “common to man” experiences and trials.
- Not that I can be helped by feeling badly about a misstep, nor carrying the load of a defensive conscience.
- Compression and release,
- Digesting a matter and seeking His counsel.
- The joy that follows is godly work in my life.

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