





# Making Melody

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- #446 “Jesus I am Resting”



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am at my dental office.

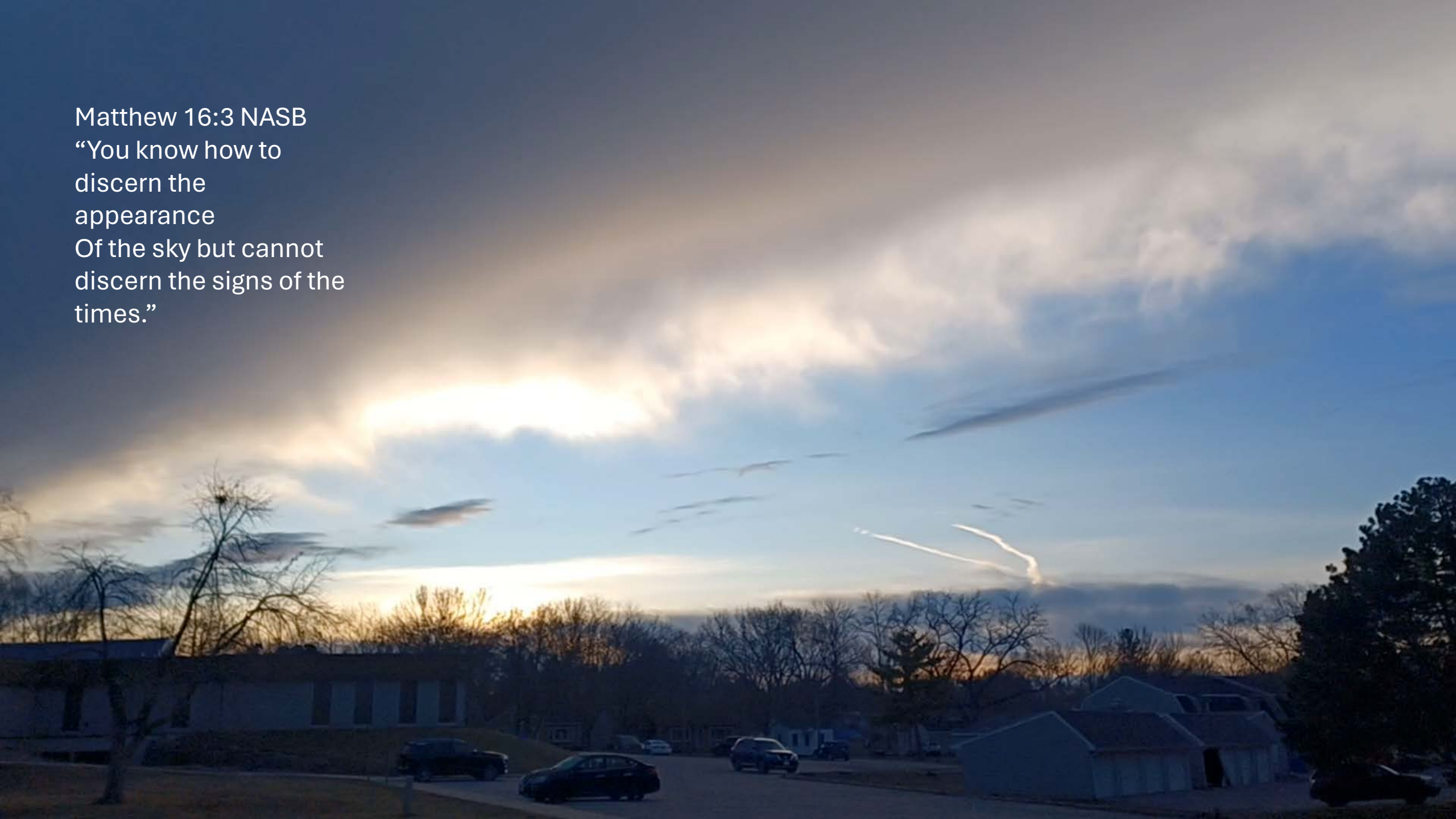






Matthew 16:3 NASB

“You know how to  
discern the  
appearance  
Of the sky but cannot  
discern the signs of the  
times.”



# Thoughts on the sky

- Wanting the weather to change, well it may be our prayer and request to God, but let these photos illustrate a condition that is. It is so simple to say this, but not to stumble over it, the weather is. I desire to see the sunrise for I want to take it the light, and there are physiologic reasons for this.

# Opening summary

- In my opening today I am going to have us take up Psalms 23. In the first verse, King David writes, in Hebrew, right to left, “I shall not want.” King David is seeing things through eyes of faith, and accepting what is, the truths God reveals are real to His eyes, and his wants are absent.
- Also look at 1 Corinthians 7:28-32, there the beloved Apostle Paul Applies the real life with the intentional life we must live. We cannot change the weather, but we can, as these verses say...



# The Apostle Paul in a connected stream

- 1 Corinthians 7:28-32 his “as though”
- Wives
- Weep
- Rejoice
- Buy
- World

Want you to be free from concern.

# Psalms 23:1-6 NASB

- A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

# Your mind's eye, a pasture with sheep being kept by the Shepherd.

- Most of us have never shepherded sheep, but we can imagine it. Please now, add in the sights, smells, environmental conditions.
- Please add in a few insects, rain, wolves, fellow shepherds of neighboring flocks competing for scarce resources.
- I have a question on your imagined flock, taking it as far as you can literally. (Explicitly) Does this accomplish the Spirit's aim?
- Rather, lets carry across from the literal to the understanding, where the emotions reside, and further to our belonging to this particular Shepherd.




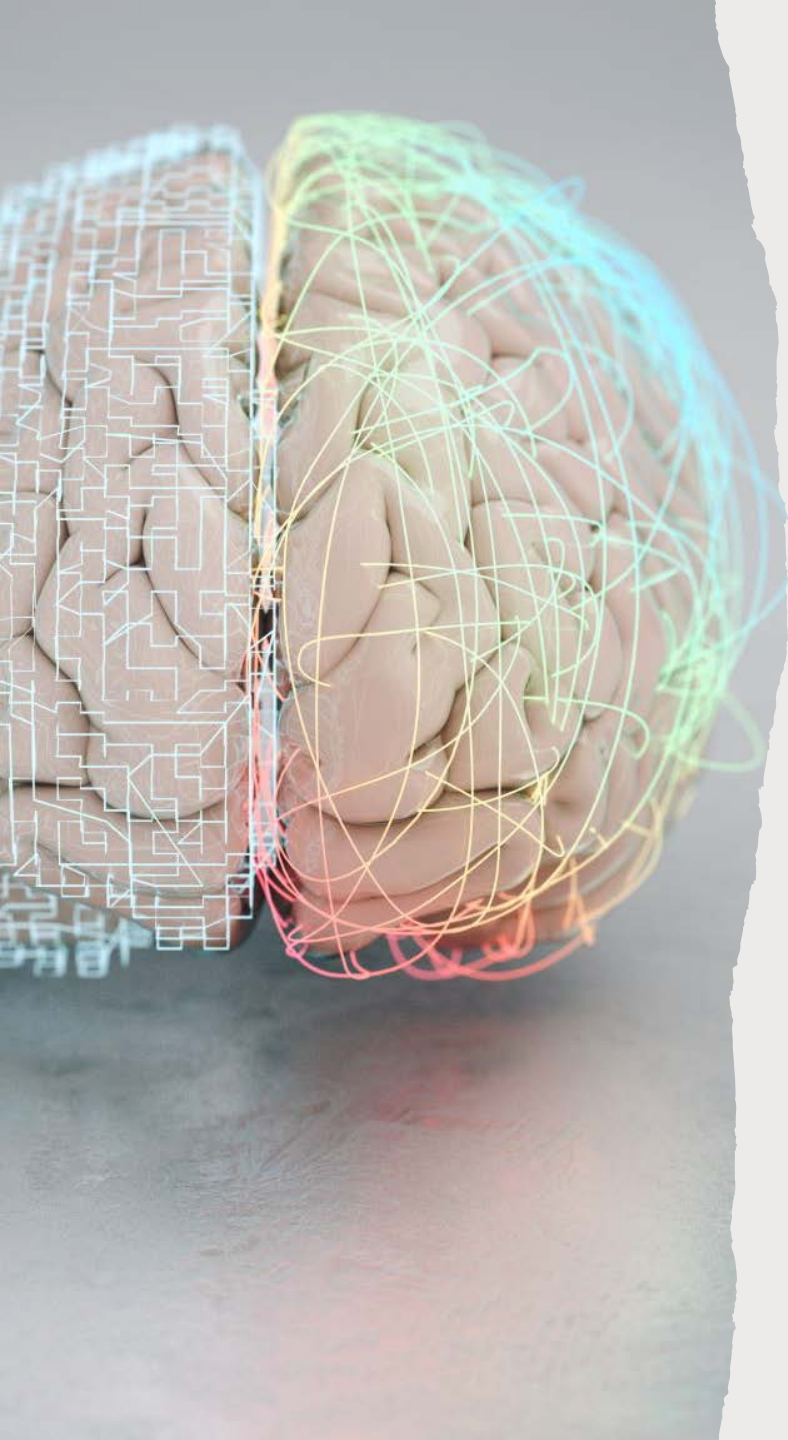
# I shall not want

- Literally, the lack of anything
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- מַחְסוֹר machsor (341d); from 2637; *a need, thing needed, poverty:—lack(2), need(2), needs(1), poor(1), poverty(3), want(4). (Logos software)*



# Psalms 34:9,10

- O fear the Lord, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is no want. The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.
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# McGilchrist on “Wanting”

- Referring to the divided brain, the left brain is the subject, and he is explaining how it “wants.”
- Wanting is clear, purposive, urgent, driven by the will, always with its goal clearly in its view.”
- Wanting is clear in its target, and its separation from the thing that is wanted.



# McGilchrist on “longing”

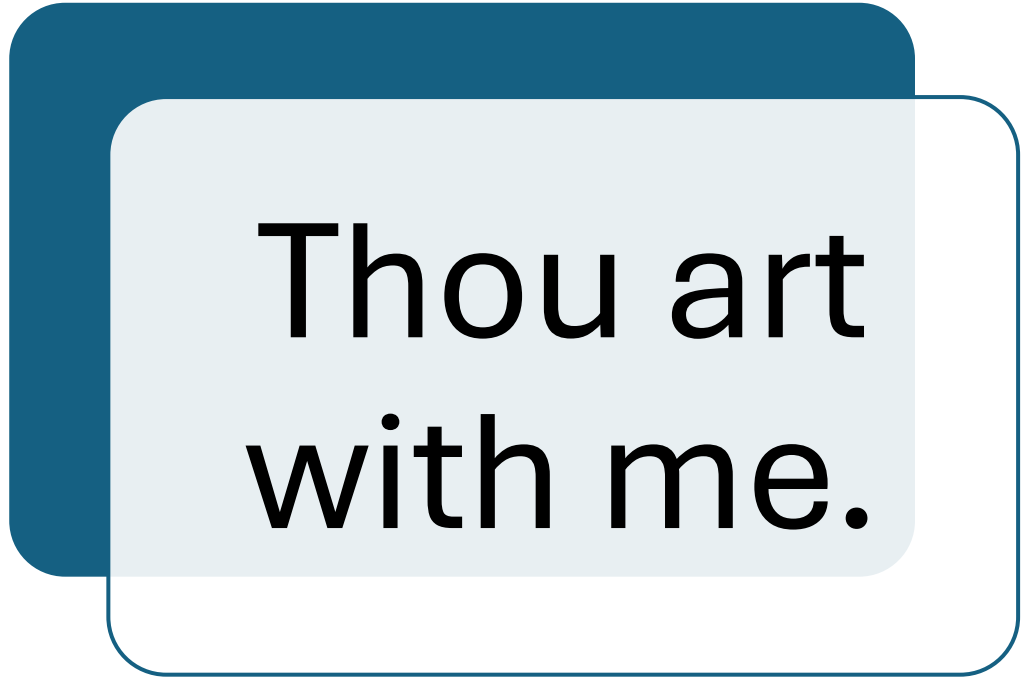
- Speaking in reference to the right brain.
- Longing is, by contrast, is something that ‘happens’ between us and another thing. It is not directed by the will and is not an aim with the ultimate goal of acquisition. But instead, a desire for union, or as it is experienced as a reunion. Spiritual longing and melancholy share these more diffuse and reverberative features.
- Longing suggests, instead of distance, but a never interrupted connection

# With That The Psalmist :

- Try seeing this as referring to his intentional desires, not his being fulfilled and taken care of. He is not King Saul, pursuing his own agenda.
- In view of that, His connection, as McGilchrist says, is with the Shepherd, and there is no intentional grasping of God.
- In G&T Hymnal #340  
“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”



# Passing through



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with me.

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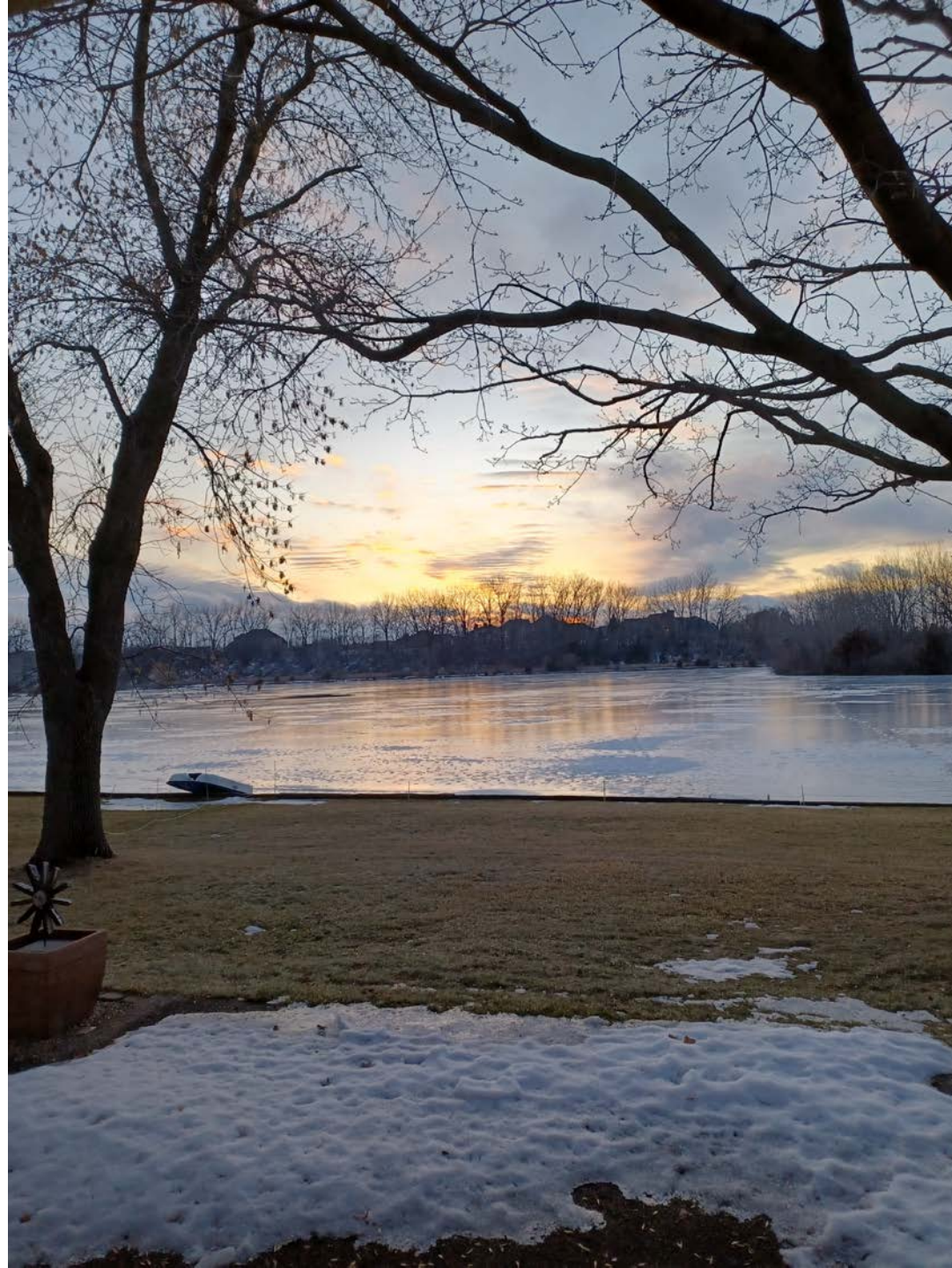
# Follow me all the days

- The longing, the connection was there in the first place and will be with us. You might say God “longs me”

# Application for me

- Realizing that God is with me is the first place, causes me to pass through with Him what ever valley I encounter.
- It has helped me a lot lately to think, wonder and know of this connection, and this requires setting aside the “wants,” making room for the real longings of belonging.
- Intentional things, God lets these into our hands, and standing alone I get bored, weary, depressed, and so let me be aware, and wake up to God.
- When I am distressed: Time sensitive, I tell myself this is missing out of the sublation.
- When covering a verse as well known as this, this perspective keeps it alive and authentic. I won't be saying, “Been there done that.”

February 19, 2023  
Sunset at 5:45 pm





March 14, 2019

4:23 pm

