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## Day 2 **OPENING PRAYER**

Peg Let's begin our prayer together


Joe In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Peg God, come to my assistance.

Joe Lord, make haste to help me.

Peg Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Joe As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.



Joe      Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless God's holy name.

Peg      Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits.

Joe      The Lord pardons all your iniquities,  
The Lord heals all your ills.

Peg      The Lord redeems your life from destruction,  
The Lord crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Joe

The Lord will not always chide,  
nor does the Lord keep wrath forever.

Peg

Not according to our sins does the Lord deal with us,  
nor does the Lord requite us according to our crimes.

Joe

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is the Lord's kindness toward those who fear  
God.

Peg

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has the Lord put our transgressions from us.



Joe

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Peg

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.

*Pause*



Peg

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Joe

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to the Lord.

Peg

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

Joe

For the Lord is our God,  
who shepherds and guides us.



Peg

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Joe

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.

*Pause*



Peg Let's listen to the Words of God from the Book of Genesis

Joe The LORD said to Abram:

Peg "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.  
All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Joe Abram went as the LORD directed him.

***Observe a moment of silence for individual reflection***



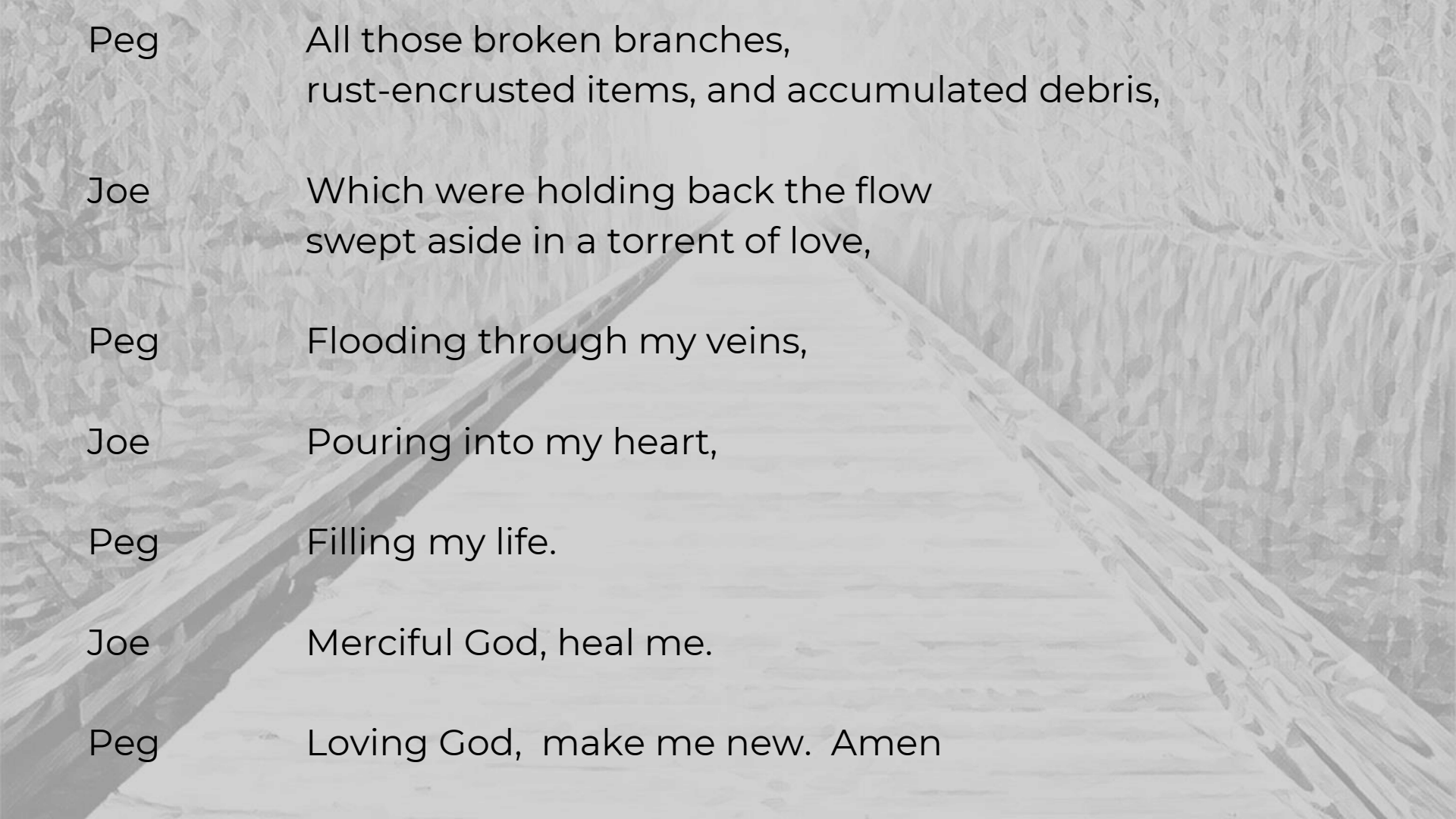
Joe I prayed

Peg "Please Lord, my life is a mess,  
let your love flow through me  
and bring healing."

Joe And like a river  
cool refreshing water  
You flowed through me.

Peg NOT as a gentle stream,  
a rivulet of hope,

Joe BUT a torrent,  
sweeping debris away.



Peg All those broken branches,  
rust-encrusted items, and accumulated debris,

Joe Which were holding back the flow  
swept aside in a torrent of love,

Peg Flooding through my veins,

Joe Pouring into my heart,

Peg Filling my life.

Joe Merciful God, heal me.

Peg Loving God, make me new. Amen

## GRACE TO ASK FOR

Courage to leave the place of permanence and begin/continue my spiritual journey

Openness to encounter God/Jesus along the pilgrimage

Desire to share with God/Jesus intimately the ways we long for each other

## SCRIPTURES

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Psalms 63: 2 - 9

Psalms 139 especially verses 1 - 12

## QUESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES

1. When do I feel the desire to remain stationary or in a permanent spiritual place, and when do I feel drawn to leave the familiar and make a journey of faith with God?
1. When I walk with God or Jesus, how do we grow closer? How do we share our desires and our orientation to our destination?
1. What helps me to know God's deep longing for me? What freedom do I need in order to share in these longings?