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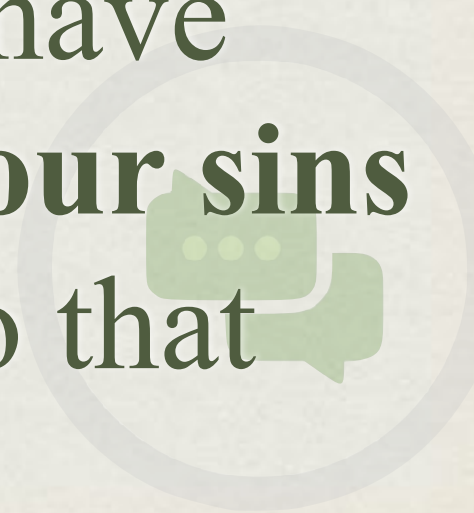
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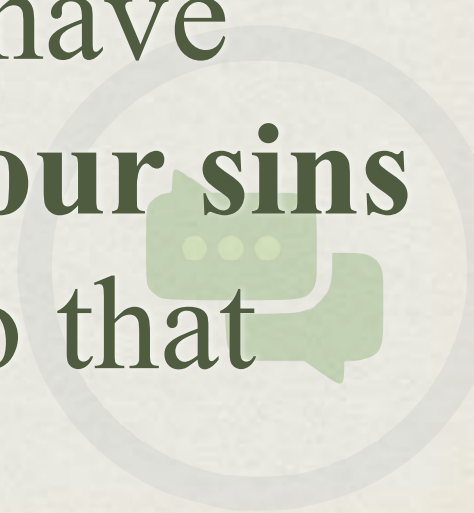
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Mark 1:35

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He PRAYED.



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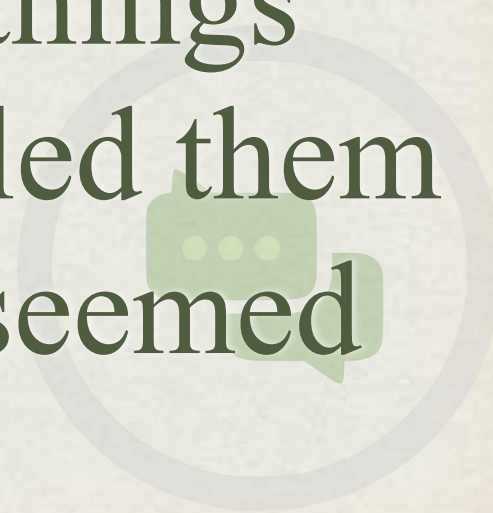
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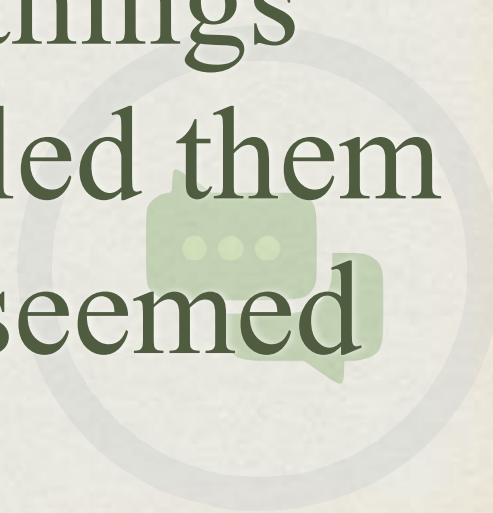
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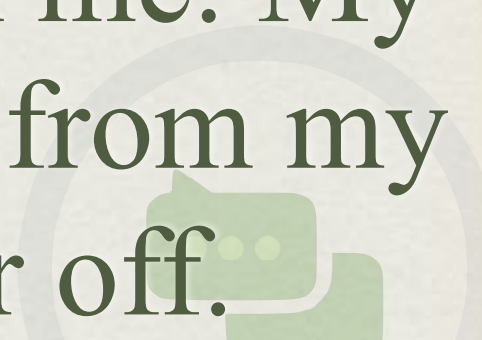
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Lord . . . my sighing is not hidden from You.
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loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my
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Philippians 2:9

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.



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Mark 14:36b

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The Spirit of Christ . . . predicted the **sufferings** of Christ and the **glories** that would follow.



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Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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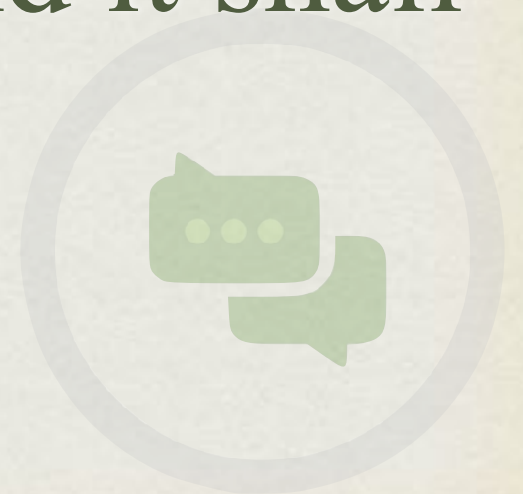
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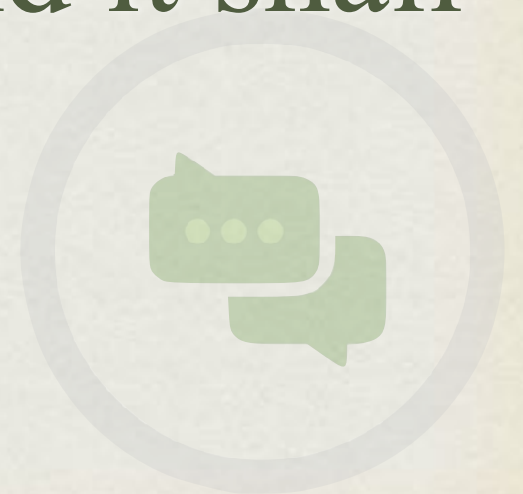
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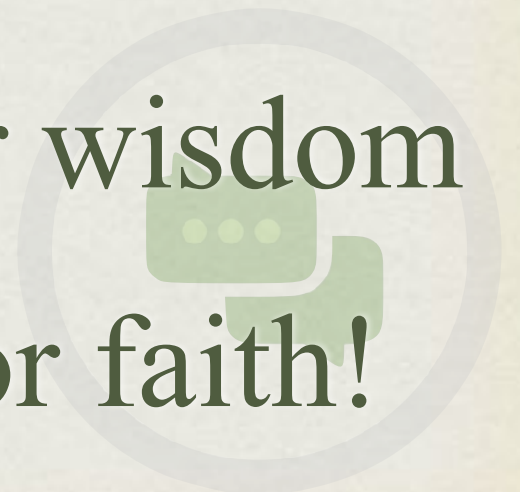
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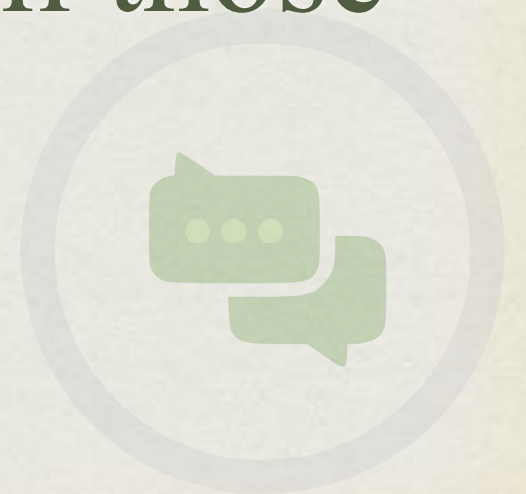
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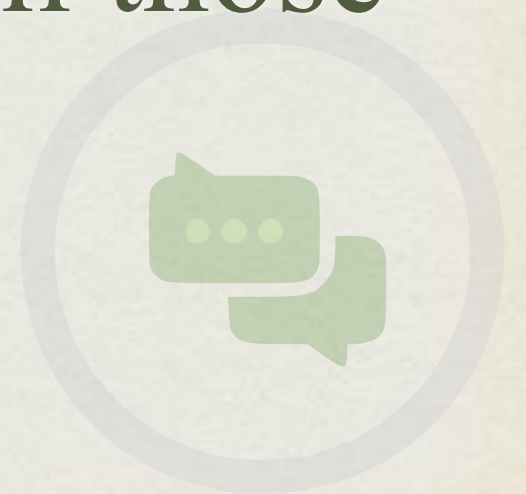
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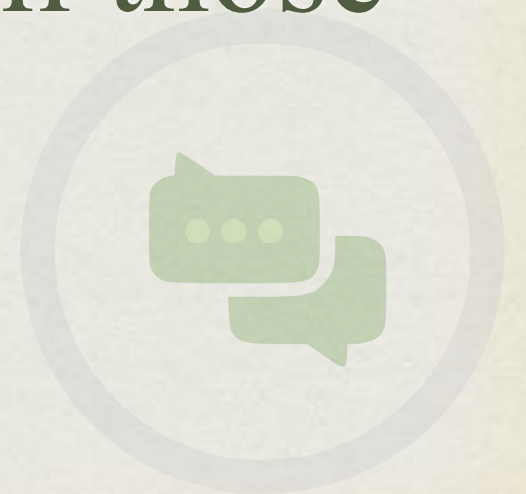
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