

REFRESH WOMEN FALL RETREAT

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# NOT HOME YET

TRANSFORMED LIVING IN A FALLEN WORLD

# SEEK YE FIRST THE GLORIFIED LIFE

THE WEDDING,  
THE KINGDOM,  
& THE TEMPLE

# MY PARENTS' WEDDING



*the bride*



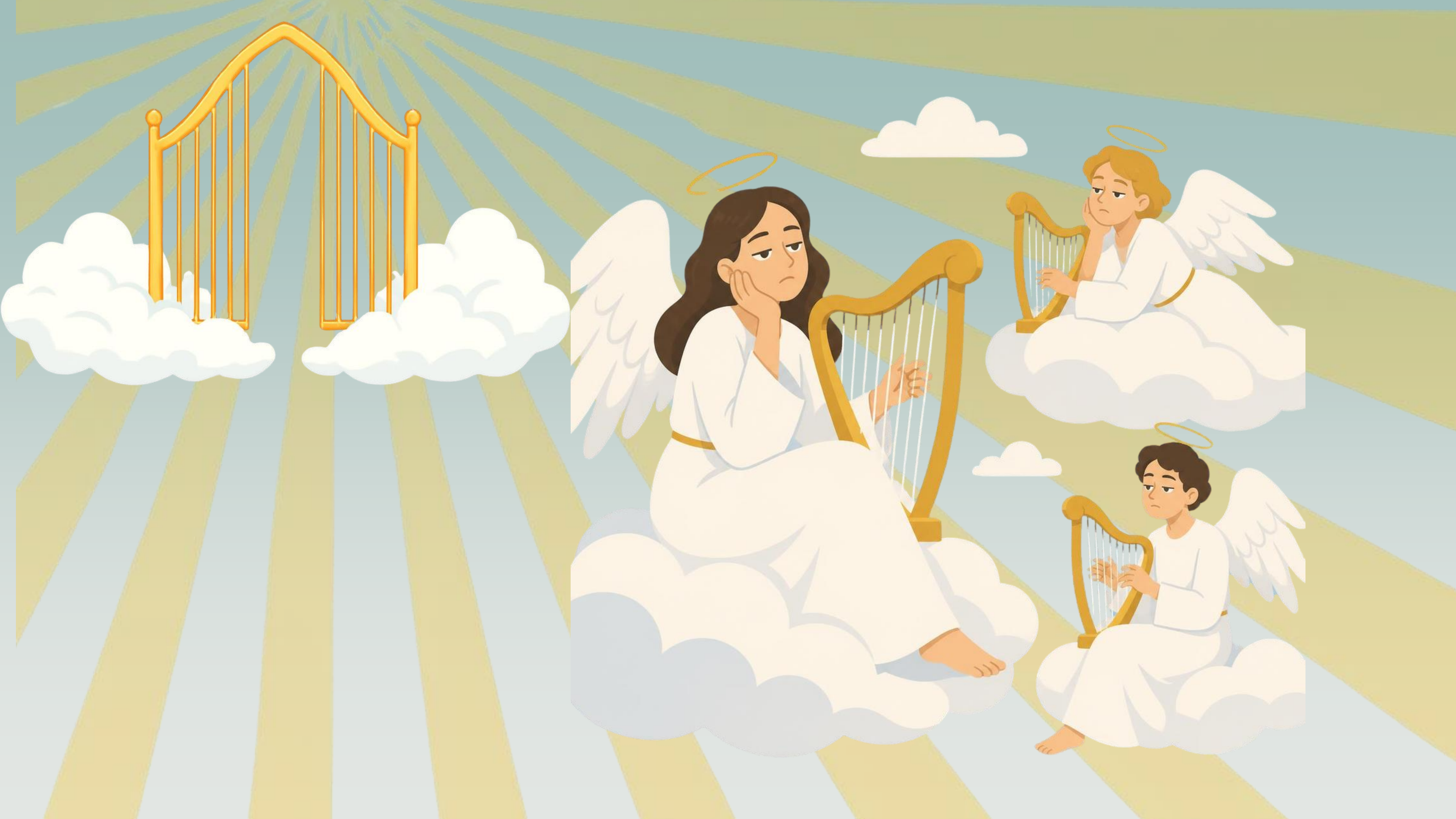
# MY GRANDPARENTS' WEDDING



HOW IS  
ETERNAL LIFE  
LIKE A...  
WEDDING?



*my wedding*





*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”*

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:9**

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# THE WEDDING

Central Idea: Our true home is a wedding feast, so God is making us a pure bride.

# REVELATION 19:6-9

*“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:*

*“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory!*

*For the wedding of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready.*

*Fine linen, bright and clean,  
was given her to wear.”*

*(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)*

*Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!”*

# EPHESIANS 5:25-32

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy... and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless... ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.”*

## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:12

*“For now we see in a mirror dimly,  
but then face to face. Now I know in  
part; then I shall know fully, even as I  
have been fully known.”*

## PLEASURE & JOY

*"In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." - Psalm 16:11*

## SATISFACTION

*"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst." - John 6:35*

## INTIMATE & ABUNDANT LIFE

*"And this is eternal life, that they know you..." - John 17:3*

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# THE WEDDING

"WHEN CHRIST WHO IS YOUR LIFE  
APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL  
APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY."

- *COLOSSIANS 3:4*

# THE KINGDOM

**CENTRAL IDEA:**  
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PRESENCE.

## GENESIS 1:26

*Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”*

## EXODUS 29:45-46

*“I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them.”*

# THE KINGDOM

The *promise* of  
the Promised Land,  
is not about a  
place,  
but a PERSON.



# REVELATION 21:3-4

*“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*

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# THE TEMPLE

## **CENTRAL IDEA:**

*Our true home is  
God's temple,  
& God is training us  
to be ardent  
worshippers.*



*“The Old Testament sacrifices teach us that the essence of worship is to give a gift pleasing to God and to enjoy fellowship with him.”*

-Bob Gonzalez, Reformed Baptist Seminary

## 1 SAMUEL 15:22, NLT

*“What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.”*

# 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16

*...We are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."*

## EPHESIANS 2:21-22

*“...in [Jesus] the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”*

# REVELATION 4:8, 5:9

*“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,  
Is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is  
and is to come!”*

*“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open  
its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood  
you ransomed people for God from every tribe  
and language and people and nation, and you  
have made them a kingdom and priests to our  
God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

MAN'S CHIEF END  
IS TO GLORIFY GOD,  
AND TO ENJOY HIM  
FOREVER.

*WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM*

# ETERNAL LIFE

is the gift of KNOWING and  
LIVING with God — without  
qualification or reservation.

*The way is hard, the gate  
narrow, and few find it.  
Be one of the few.*

***The prize is worth it.***

