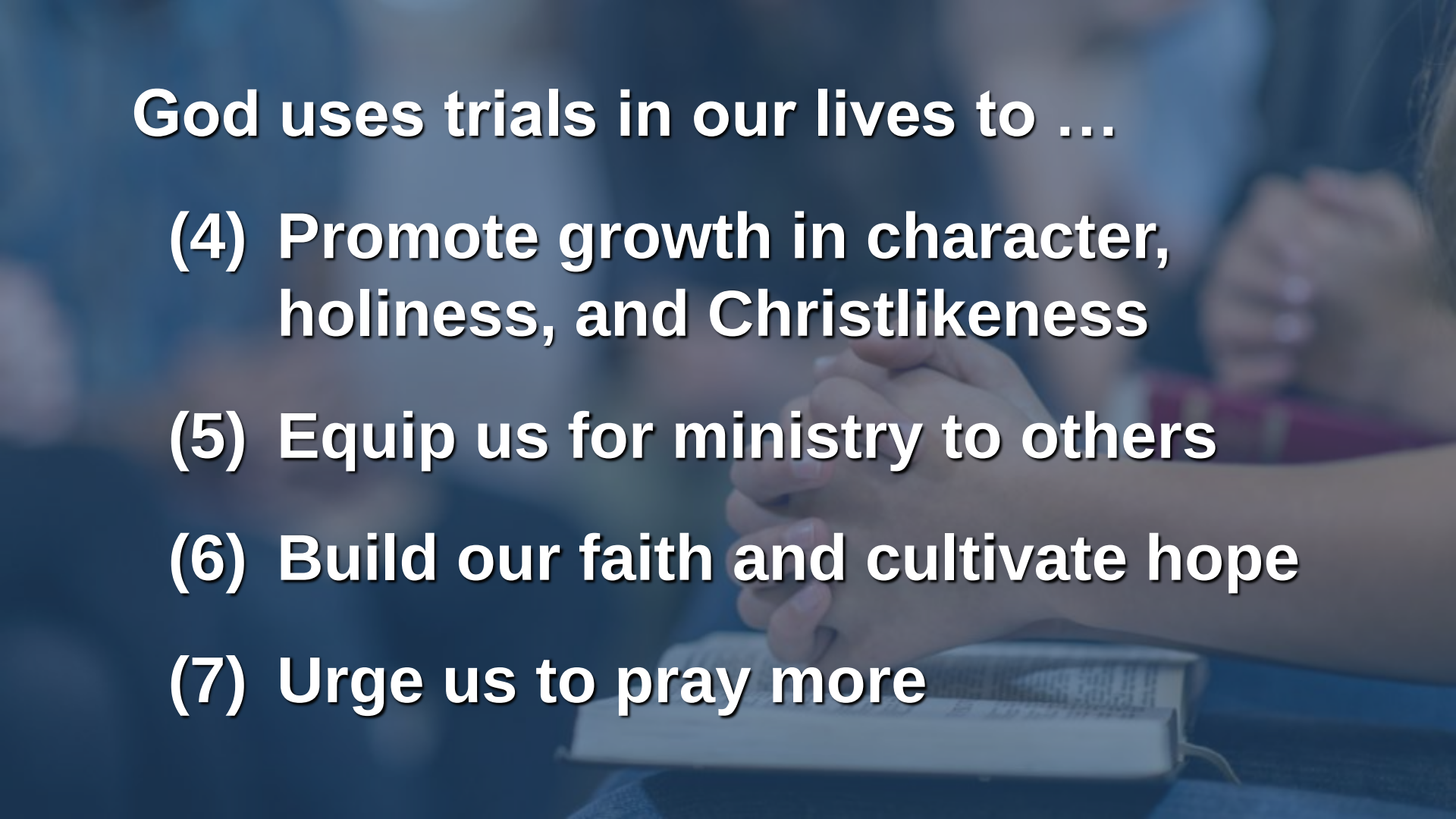


God uses trials in our lives to ...

- (1) Test us and, when needed, correct us**
- (2) Wean us from the world and increase our dependence on Him**
- (3) Adjust our priorities and prompt our obedience**

A background image showing a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open Bible. The image is blurred and has a blue tint, serving as a backdrop for the text.

God uses trials in our lives to ...

(4) Promote growth in character, holiness, and Christlikeness

(5) Equip us for ministry to others

(6) Build our faith and cultivate hope

(7) Urge us to pray more

God also uses trials to ...

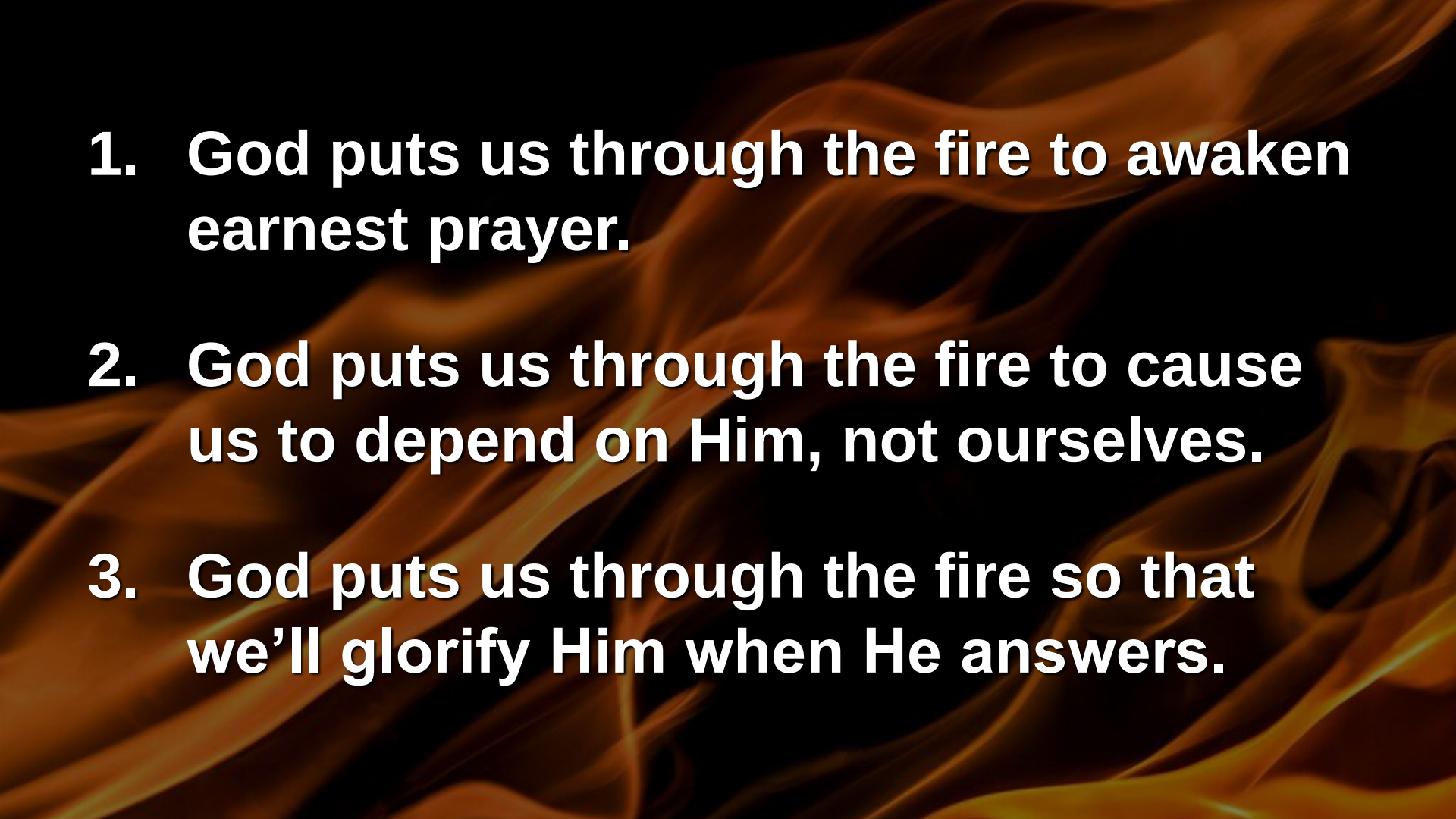
(8) Reveal His compassion

(9) Display His power

(10) Demonstrate His trustworthiness

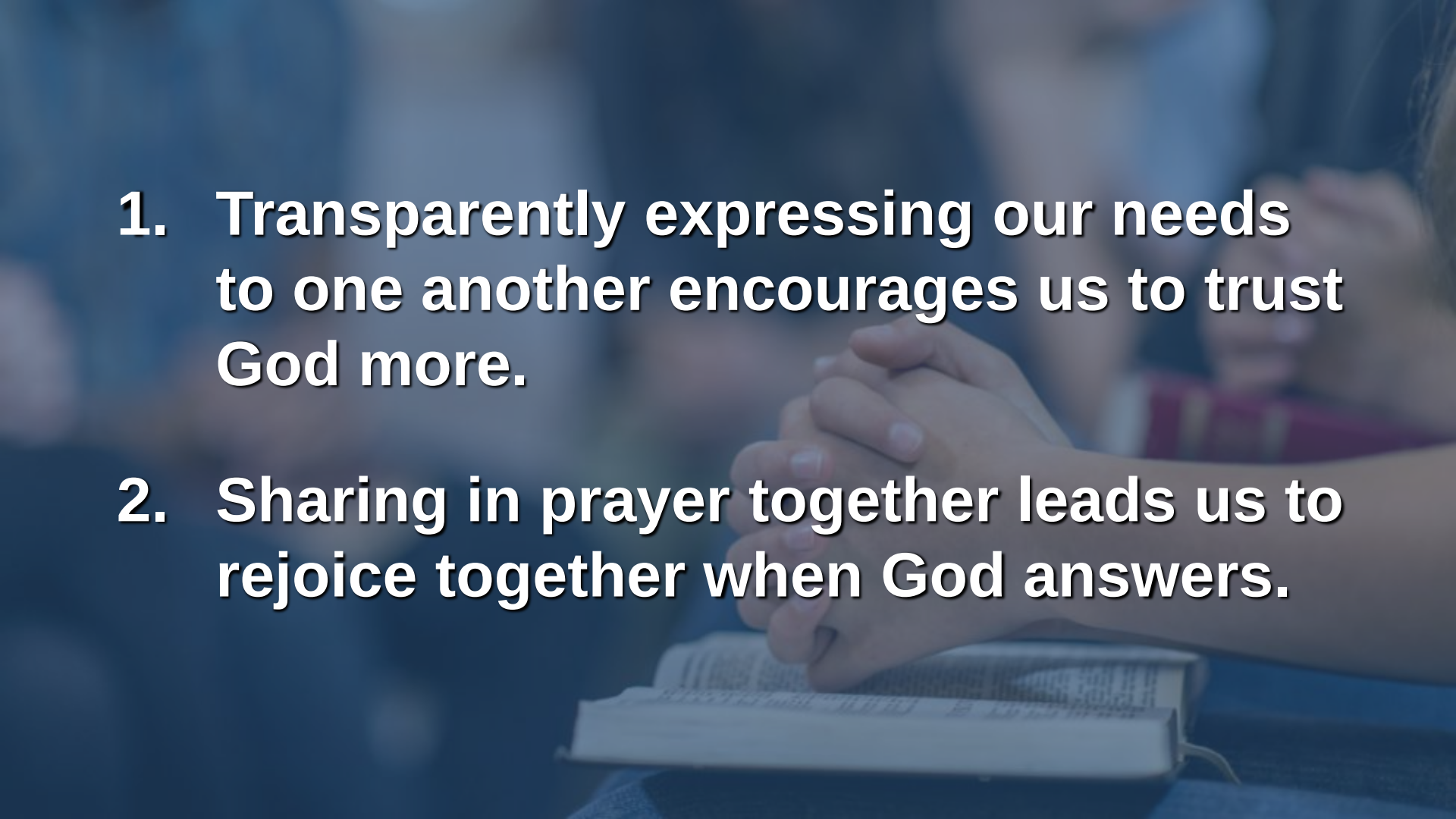


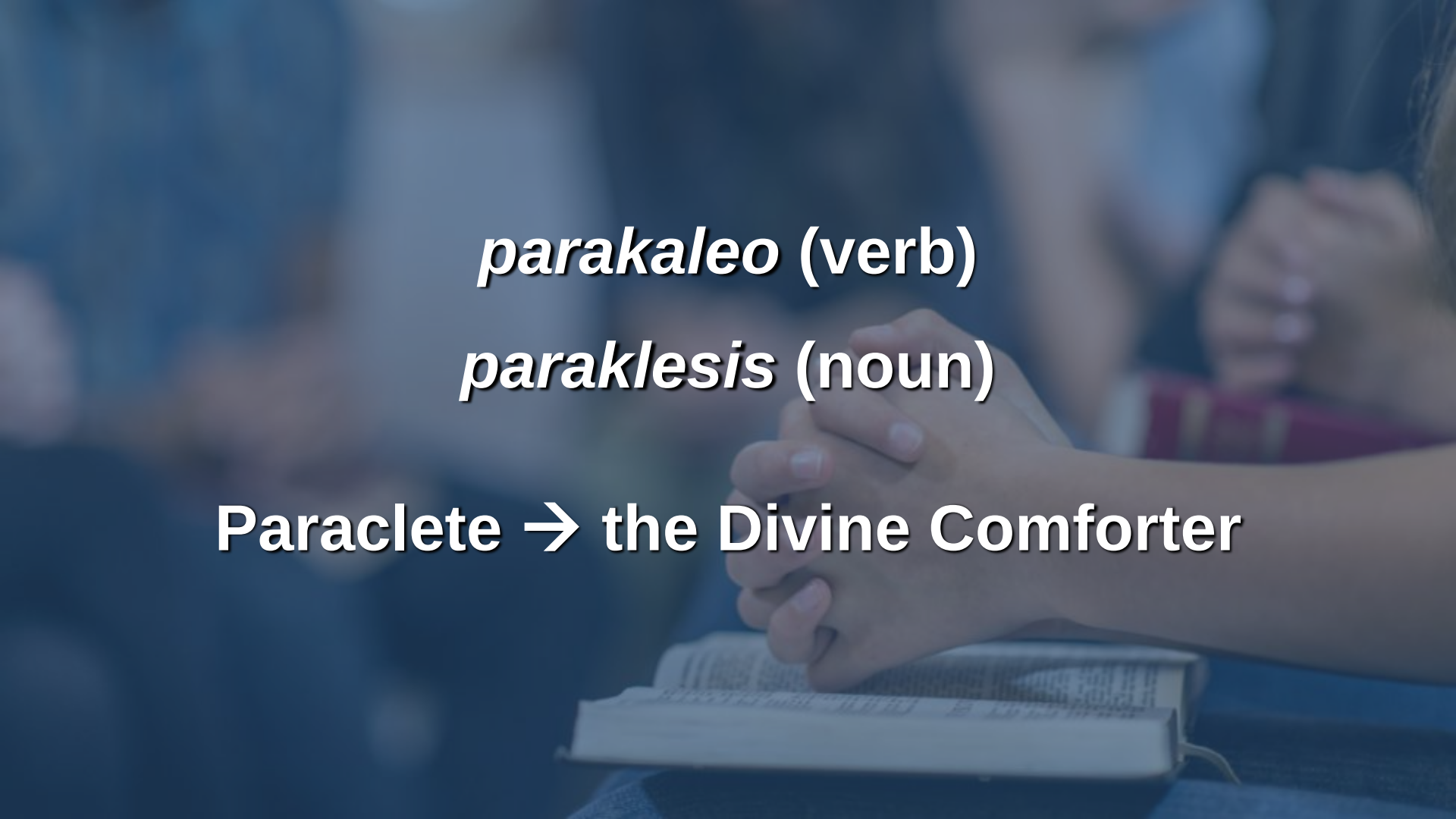
***Fiery Trials &
Fervent Prayer***

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- 1. God puts us through the fire to awaken earnest prayer.**
 - 2. God puts us through the fire to cause us to depend on Him, not ourselves.**
 - 3. God puts us through the fire so that we'll glorify Him when He answers.**

***Why God's People
Should Band Together
to Pray***

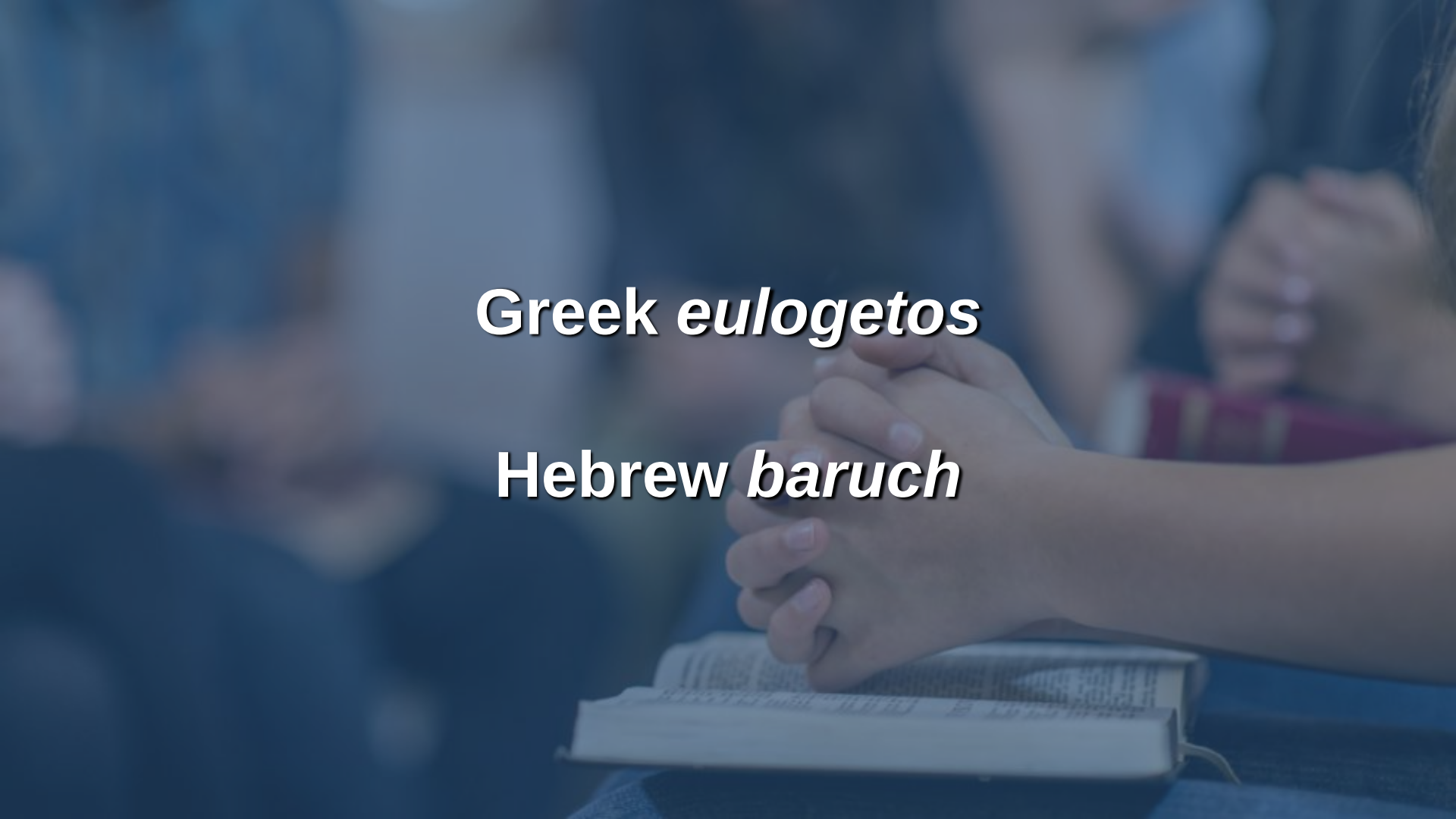
2 Corinthians 1:8-11

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- A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, resting on an open Bible. The background is blurred, showing other people in a similar setting, suggesting a church service or a group prayer session. The lighting is soft and focused on the hands and the Bible.
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 2. **Sharing in prayer together leads us to rejoice together when God answers.**



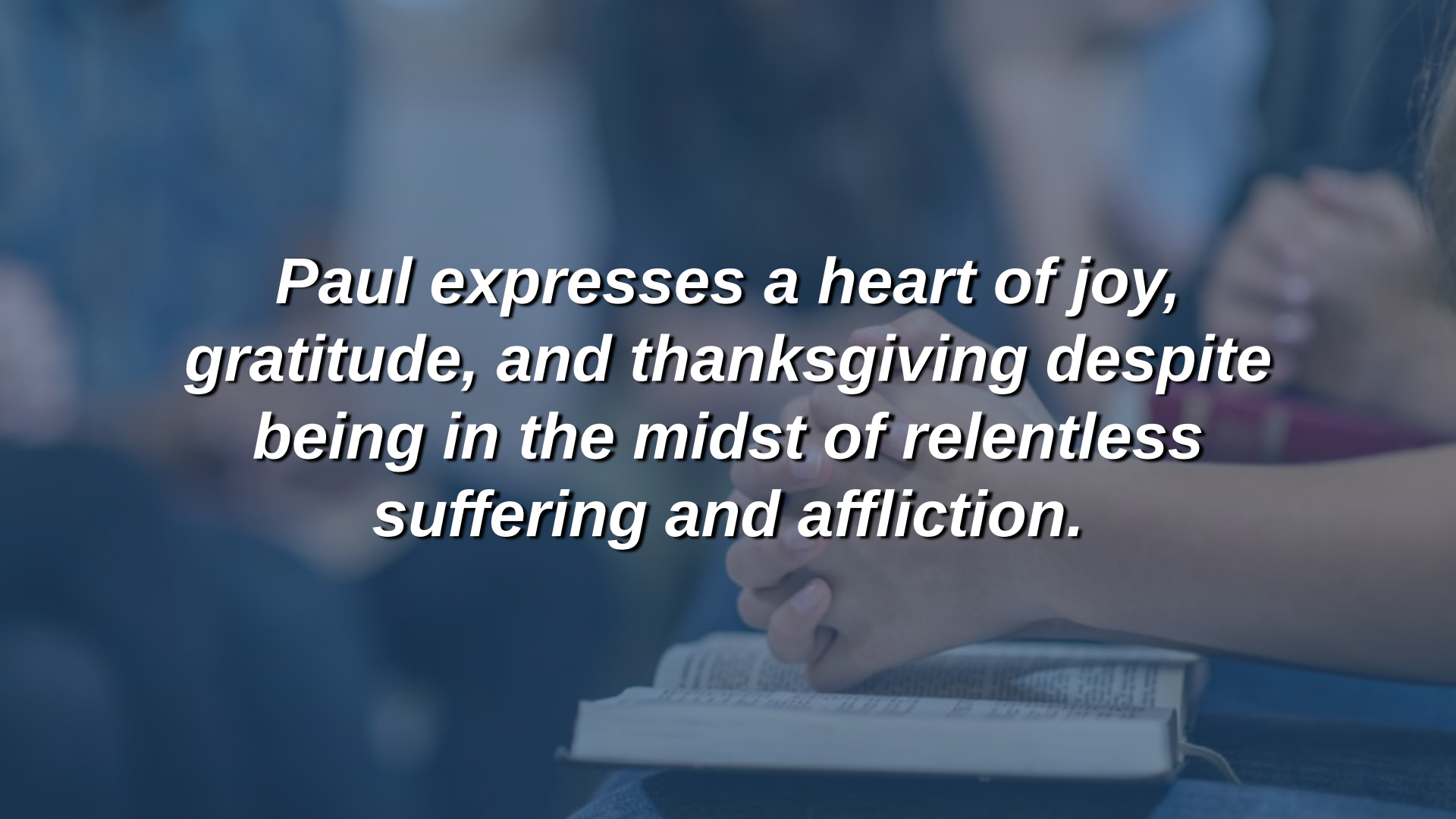
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Paraclete → the Divine Comforter

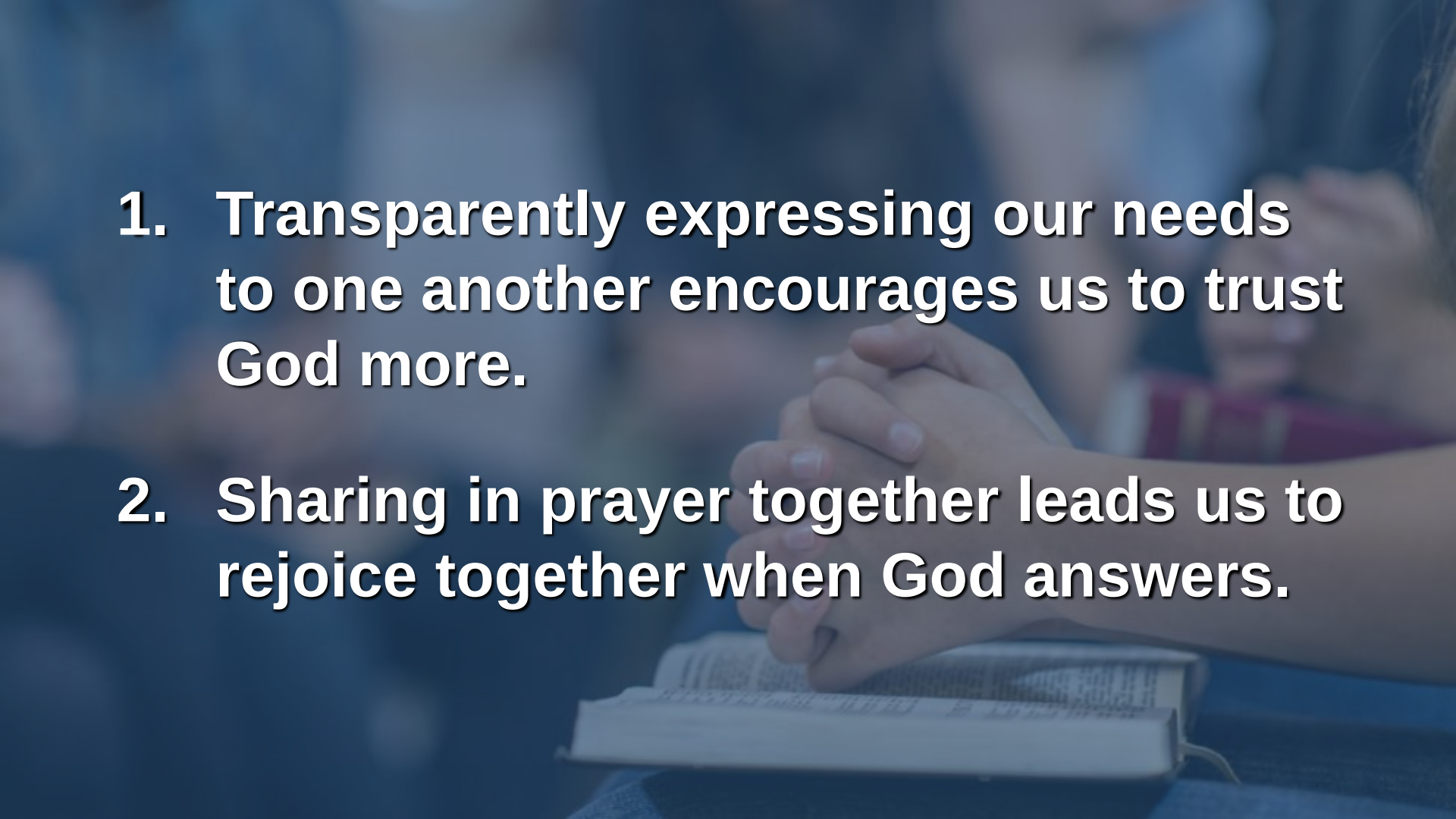


Greek *eulogetos*

Hebrew *baruch*

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open Bible. The image has a blue tint. The text is overlaid in the center.

***Paul expresses a heart of joy,
gratitude, and thanksgiving despite
being in the midst of relentless
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