

Righteousness II



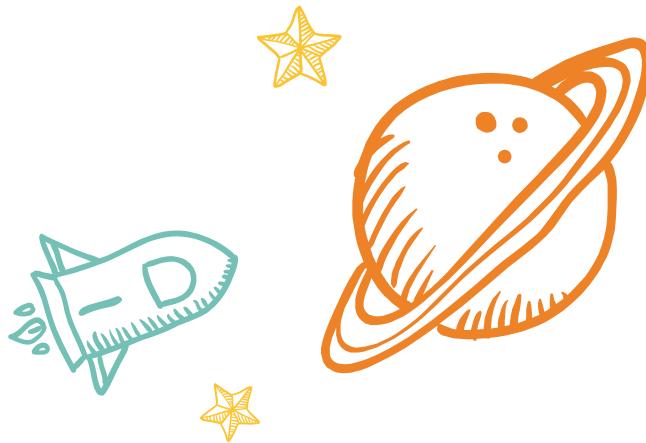
“Be perfect, therefore, as your
heavenly Father is perfect.

– Christ

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An illustration



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doing things God's way.

If you participated in a **marathon**,
you will find out that the field already
has **running tracks**.

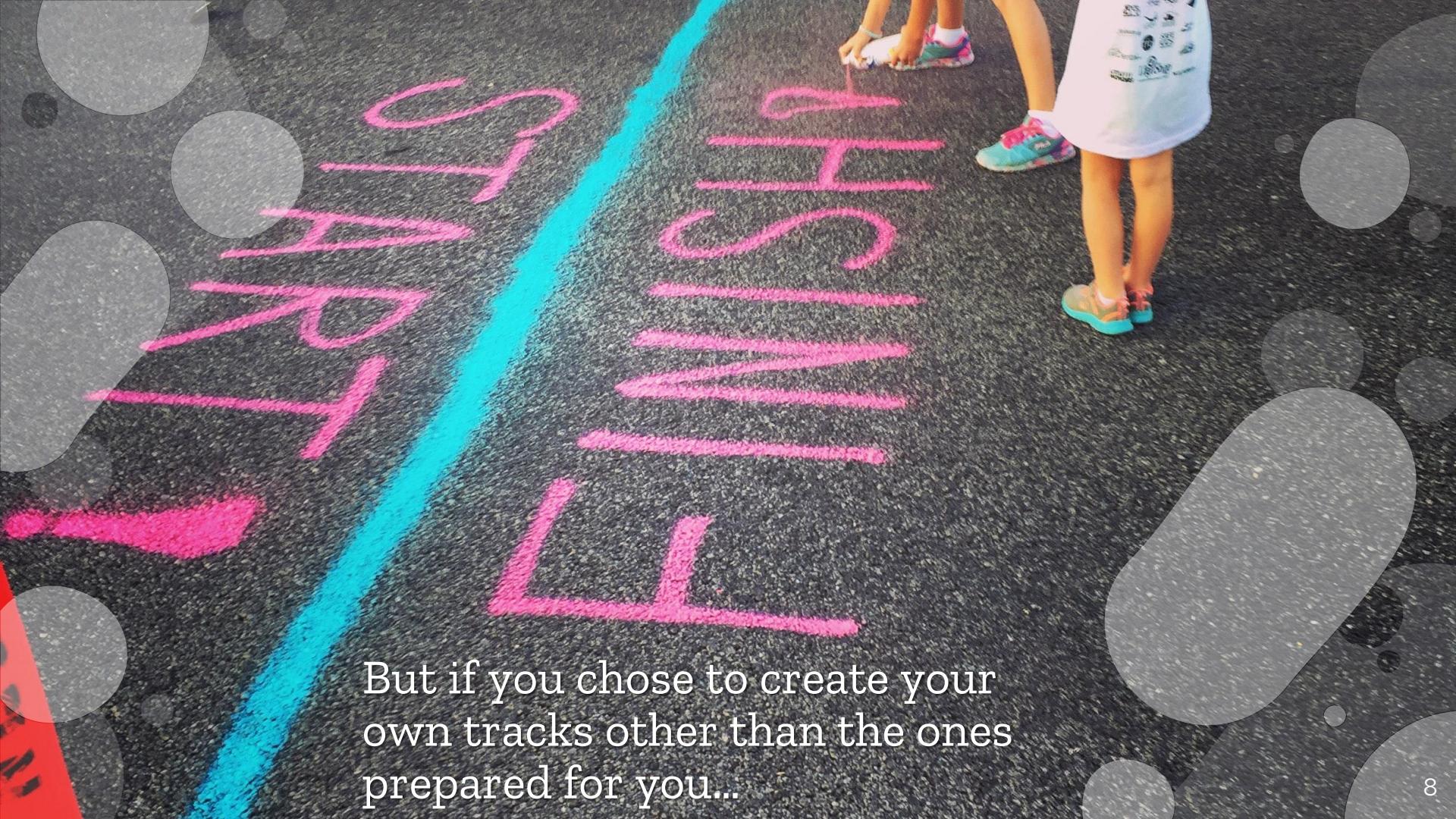


When you run in these tracks,
the crowd will **cheer** for you,
a **reward** will await you.



And if you won you will
be awarded a **medal**.





But if you chose to create your own tracks other than the ones prepared for you...

A photograph showing the lower half of a runner from behind, wearing black shorts and dark running shoes. They are running on a paved road with a bright yellow center line. The road stretches into a vast, flat landscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky at either sunrise or sunset. Large, semi-transparent white circles of varying sizes are scattered across the image, some overlapping the runner and the sky.

You might even run better than
those running in their prepared
tracks...



SIGN UP
AGAIN
TODAY!

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Yet **no crowd** will cheer for
you, nobody will be at the
end of the track to award
you a medal.



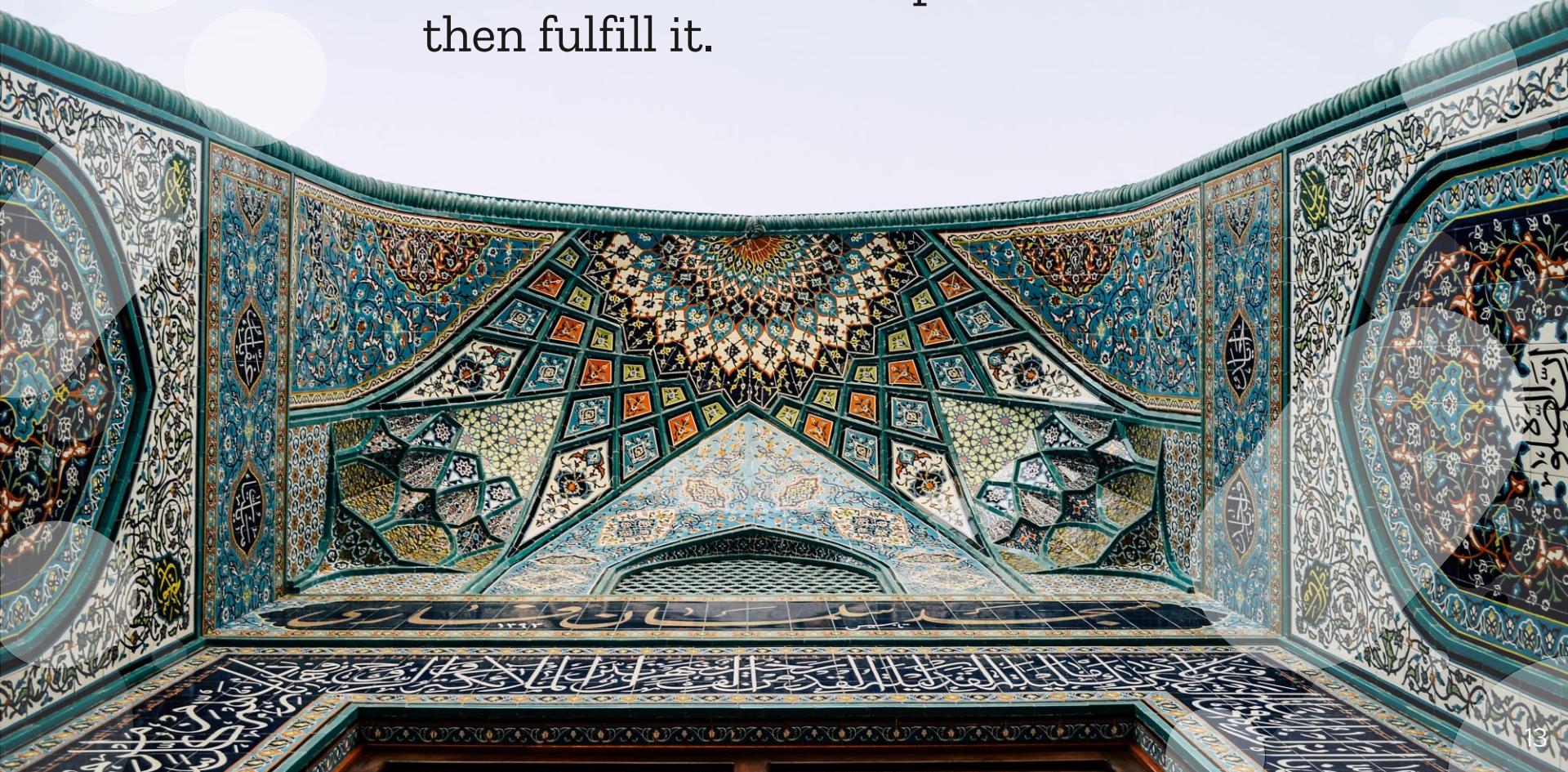
A close-up photograph of a traditional woven basket made from dried palm leaves or similar material. The basket is bound with light-colored twine in a crisscross pattern. It sits in a lush field of vibrant pink carnations. Several large, semi-transparent circular overlays of varying sizes are scattered across the image, some containing green foliage and others pink flowers.

And so it is with **righteousness**.



God had a **plan** before creating
the world, creating you, and
then bringing you into it.

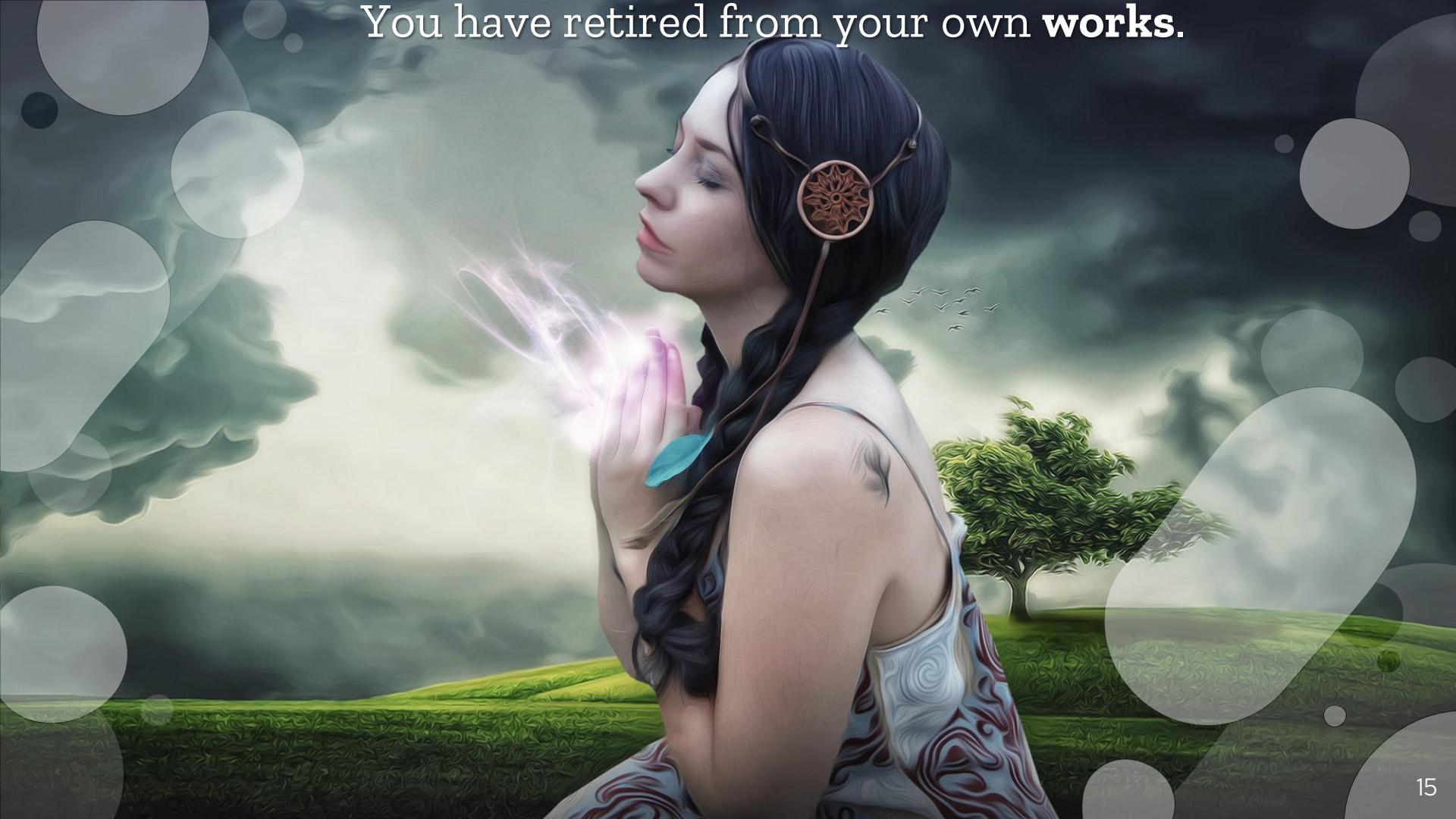
You are to seek God's plan and
then fulfill it.



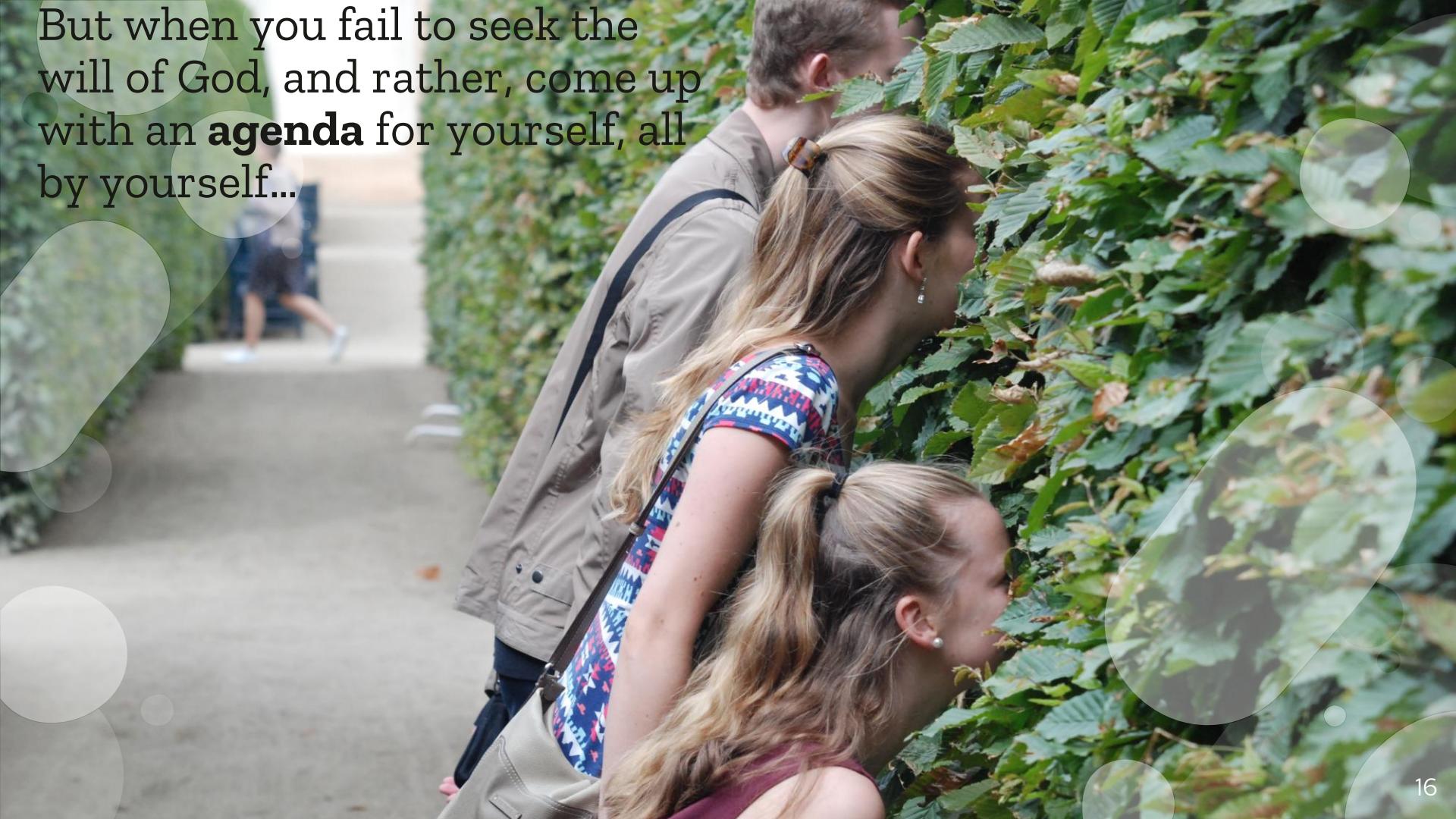


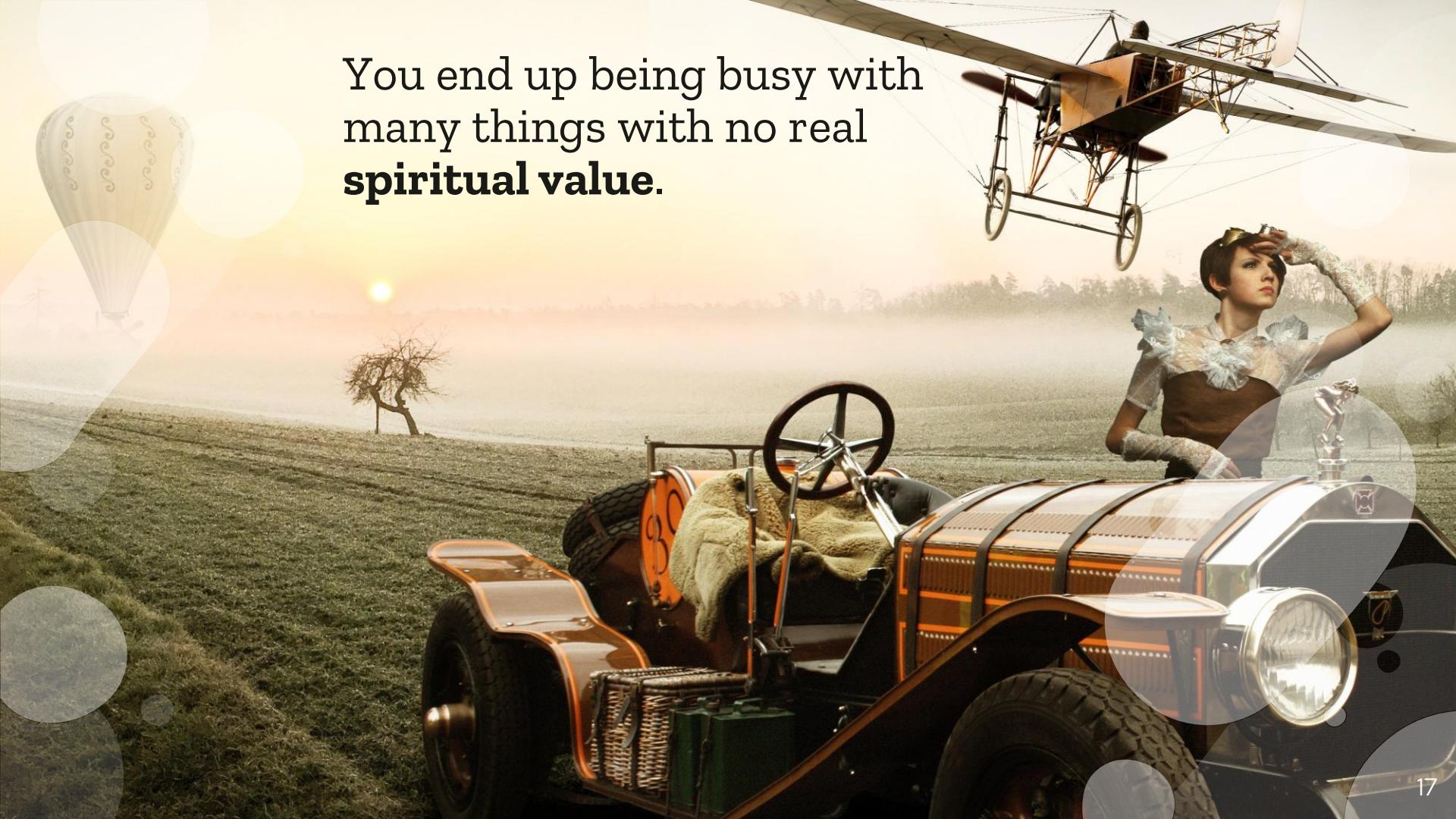
When you live like this, you have taken your **rest in God** — you are fulfilling the **righteousness of God**.

You have retired from your own **works**.



But when you fail to seek the will of God, and rather, come up with an **agenda** for yourself, all by yourself...





You end up being busy with
many things with no real
spiritual value.



Your flesh will grow **weak**, your body will return to the **ground**, and then you will have nothing to **account** for.

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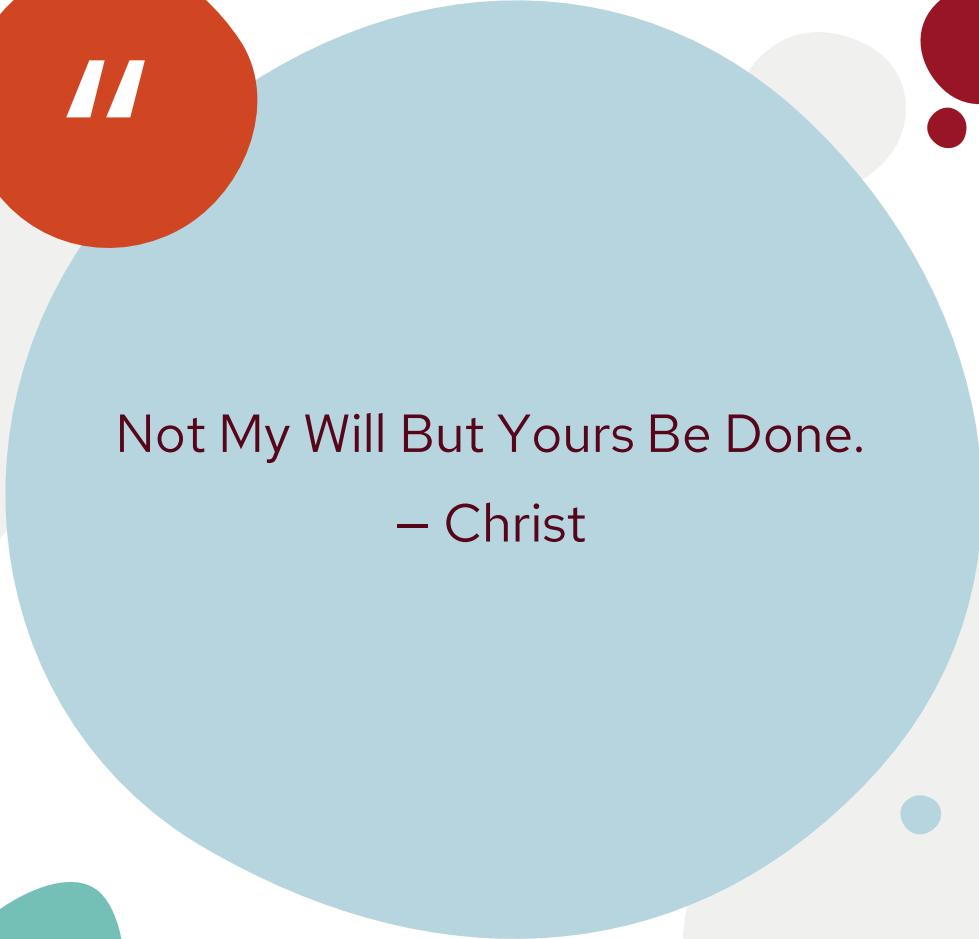
How to practice it?

Ask God for your **daily bread**. Your daily bread is to know the will of God and doing it.



Surrender your will, desires, to God,
daily, so that God can use them to
guide you.





Not My Will But Yours Be Done.
– Christ

A young girl with brown hair and blue face paint is smiling and making a peace sign with her right hand. She is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt under a yellow safety vest with the number 445. A race bib on her vest reads "XX Milha Riberinha da Baixa da Banheira" and "ATLETISMOITA". She is also wearing a yellow t-shirt with a blue circular logo featuring three stylized figures. The background shows a park-like setting with trees and other people.

And when God's will is revealed lose
no time to act on it. God gives you
more when you do something with
little.



A photograph of a person jogging on a wooden suspension bridge in a lush green forest. The person is seen from the waist down, wearing dark pants and light blue sneakers. A large, semi-transparent circular overlay on the left side of the image contains a golden statue of a human head with a crown of sharp, radiating spikes. The word "Thanks!" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif letters across the center of the image. The background shows dense tropical foliage and sunlight filtering through the trees.

Thanks!

Vocabularies

agenda

a list of things to be considered or done.

carve

to create (something) by cutting into a surface.

retire

to move away from action or danger.

marathon

a running race that is about 26 miles (42 kilometers) long.