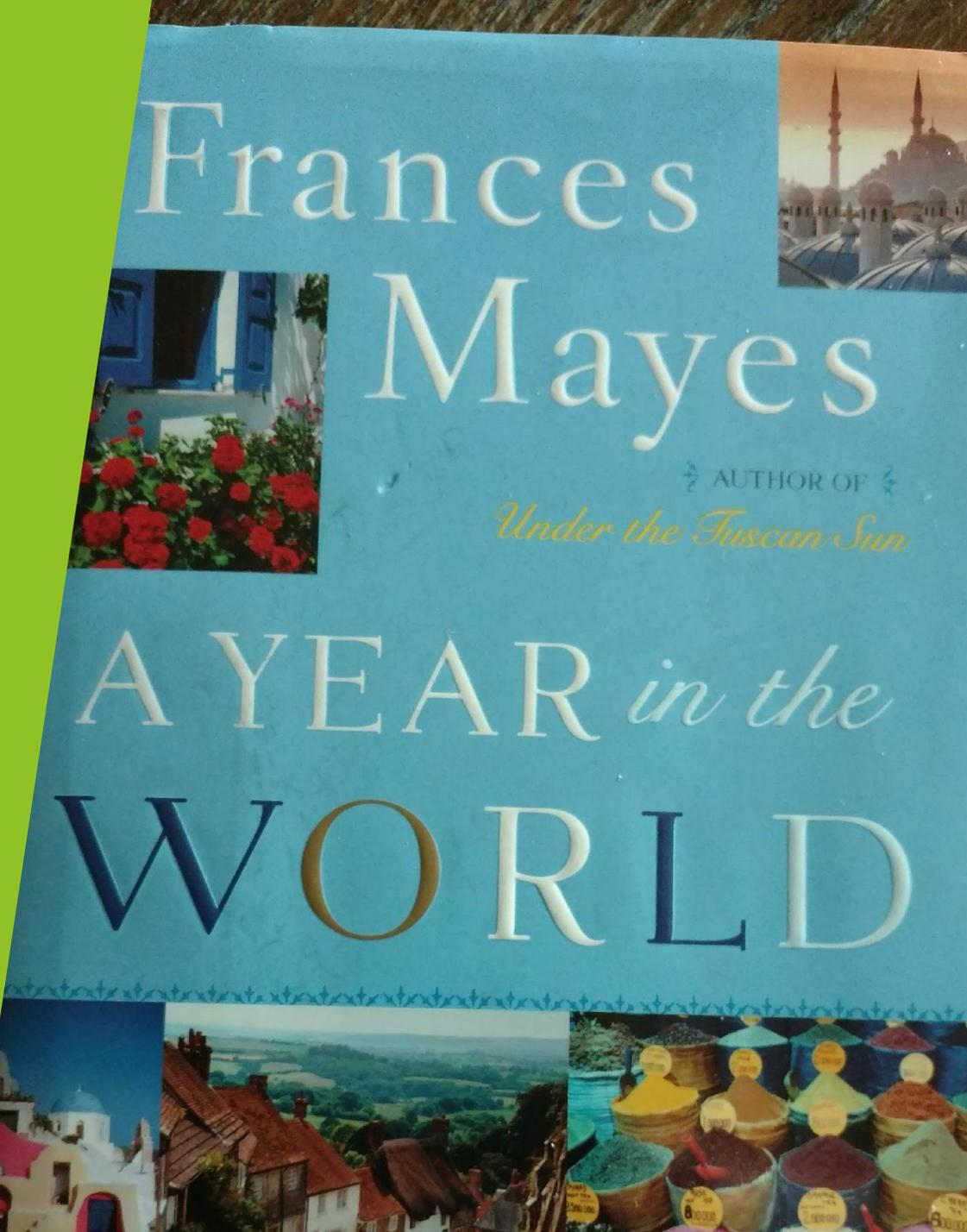


▶ *Living in the Kingdom:*

In Recognition

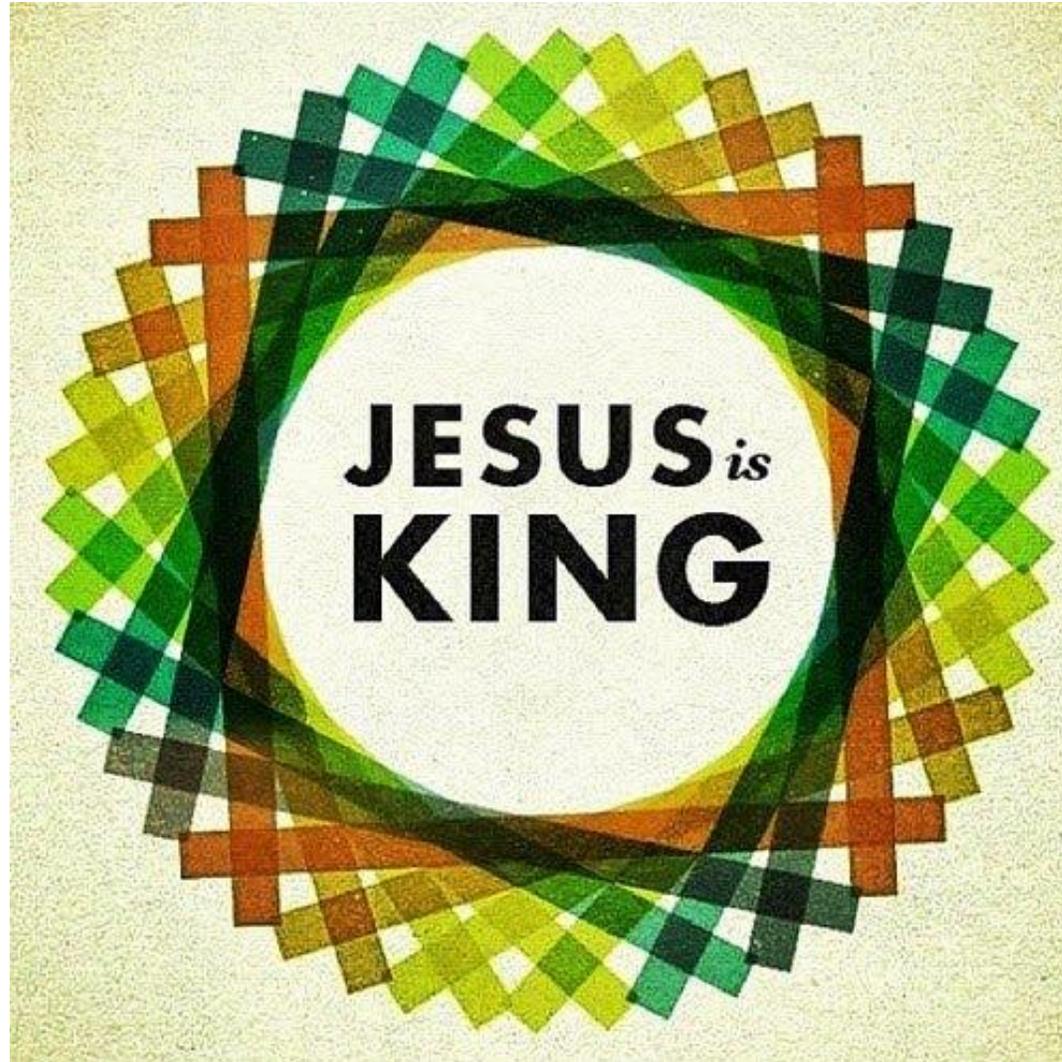
Hebrews 11:6 *Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.*



God or a god?

ove the gods of the crossroads. Throughout the world people ways have recognized the metaphorical significance of the path chosen, the path forsaken. These pagan people worshiped not the usual gods of war, nature, and agriculture, but more specialized gods of thermal baths, horses, darts, and the house. Pantheism appeals to me: god in everything. I don't mind if God/gods take many forms... Frances Mayes

Living in the Kingdom begins with recognition of who Jesus Christ is.



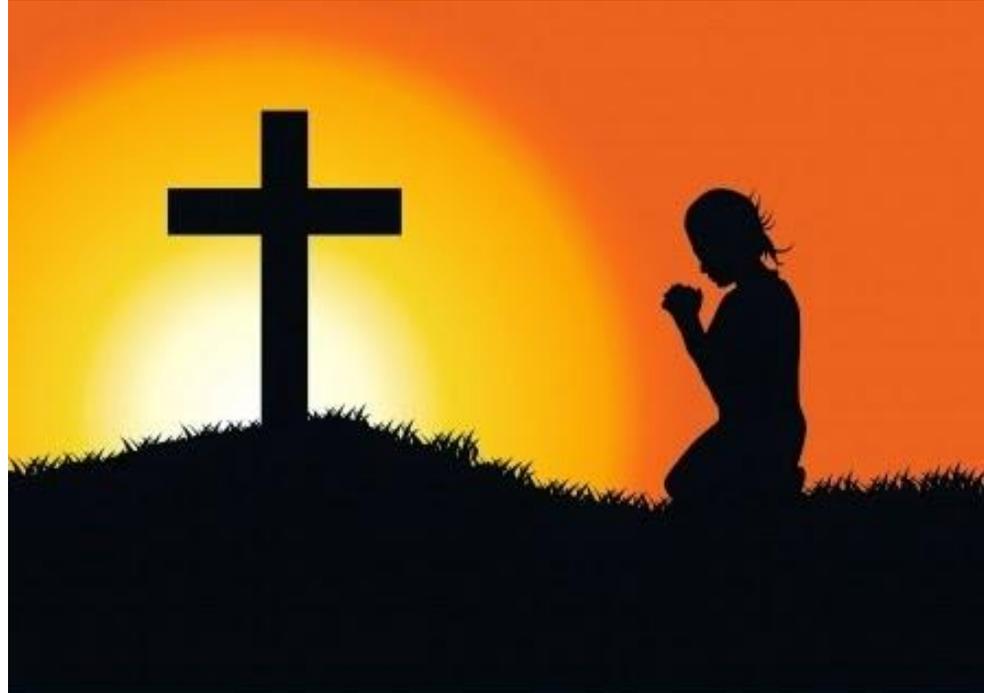
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▶ *Living in the Kingdom:*
In Redemption
Brought into the Kingdom

Guilty - Forgiven

Oh Lord, You have searched me and you know me, You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O Lord.
Psalm 139:1-4



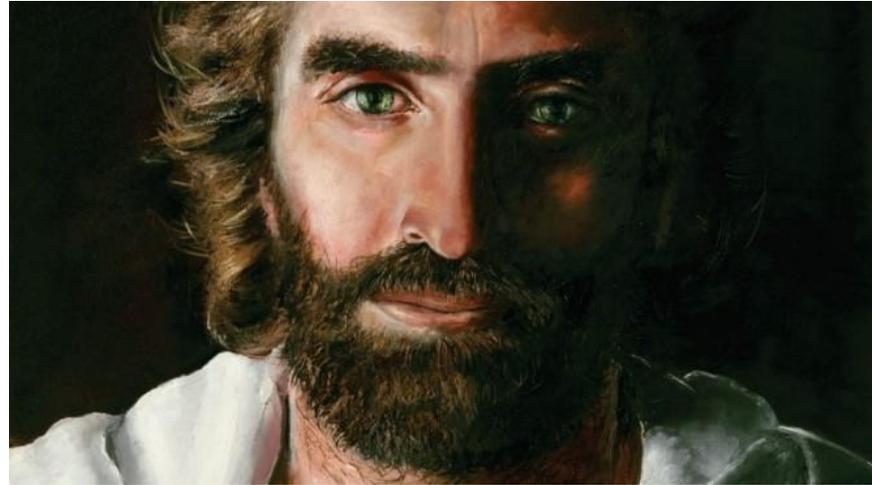
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Welcomed

I looked into my
Judge's face and saw
my Savior's eyes

*Let us then approach
the throne of grace with
confidence so that we
may receive mercy and
find grace to help us in
our time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16





I moved in next door to a woman named Julie Pascoe, still my very dear friend, and she talked to me about Jesus. She took care of me when I was too loaded to take care of myself and my child. She gave me tracts. In southern California in the summer of 1971, God saved me.

Elyse Fitzpatrick

We must banish from our minds forever any thought that God admits us begrudgingly into His Kingdom, as though Christ found a loophole in the law, did some fancy plea-bargaining and squeaked us by the Judge.

No way! God Himself, the Judge, put Christ forward as our substitutionary sacrifice, and when we trust Him God welcomes us with bells on. He puts a ring on our finger, kills the fatted calf, throws a party, shouts a shout that shakes the ends of creation and leads in the festal dance... John Piper, from "The Lord Will Rejoice Over You"