

Worship

*Eyes to Heaven,
Feet on the Ground*

**RIVER
CHURCH**
Marlow

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The Big Picture

“Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.”

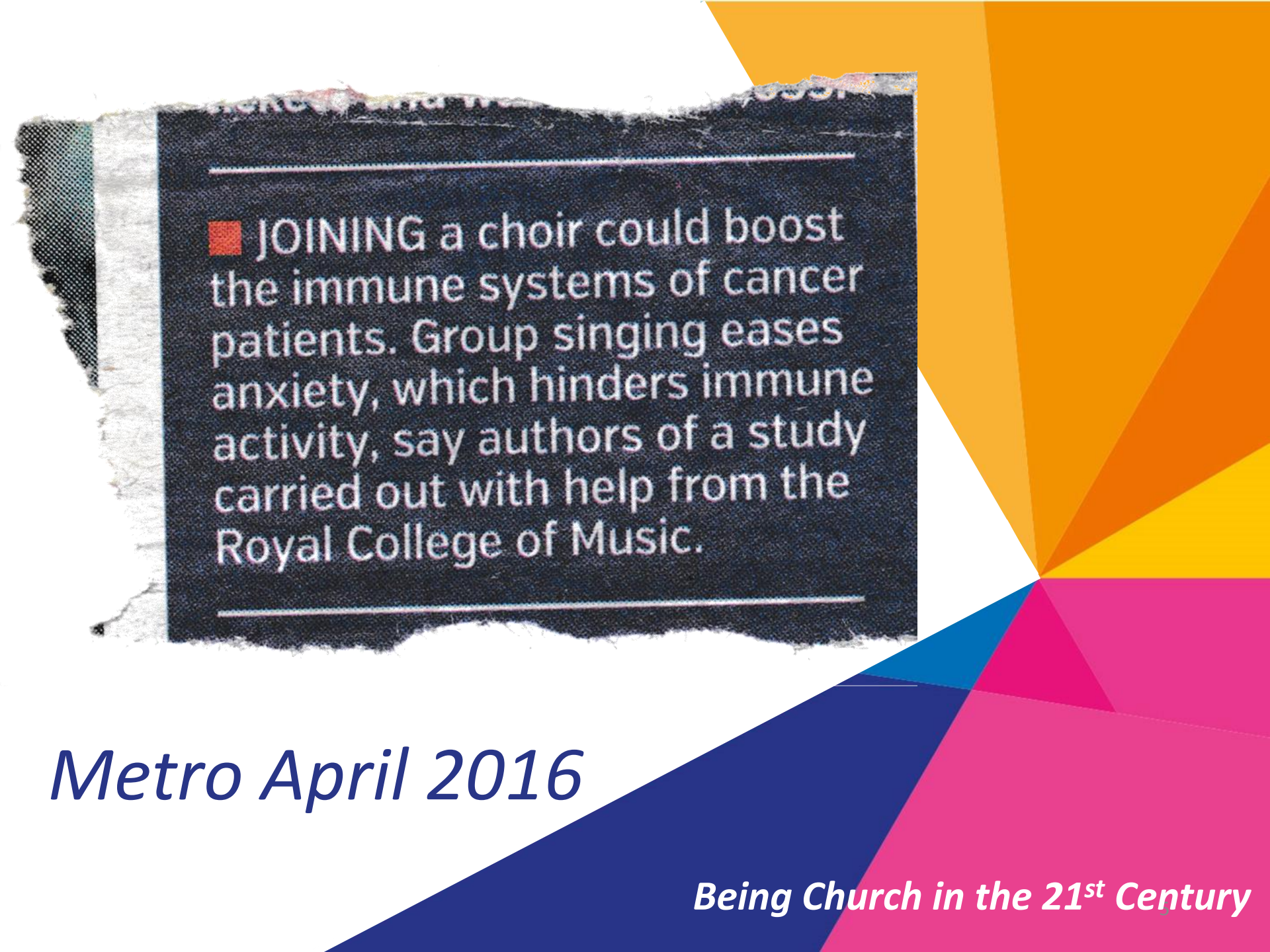
(Westminster Shorter Catechism 1647)

Singing

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Music

- *Heals – pain therapy, reduces blood pressure, boosts immunity...*
- *Enhances intelligence, learning and IQ*
- *Improves physical performance*
- *Improves productivity*
- *Reduces stress*
- *Facilitates emotional bonding*
- *Changes moods*



■ JOINING a choir could boost the immune systems of cancer patients. Group singing eases anxiety, which hinders immune activity, say authors of a study carried out with help from the Royal College of Music.

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*For the Lord your God is living among
you.*

He is a mighty savior.

He will take delight in you with gladness.

With his love, he will calm all your fears.

***He will rejoice over you with joyful
songs.***

Zep 3:17

Lessons from the Levites

- *1 Chr 15:16-29*
- *2 Chr 5:12-14*

Sacrifice

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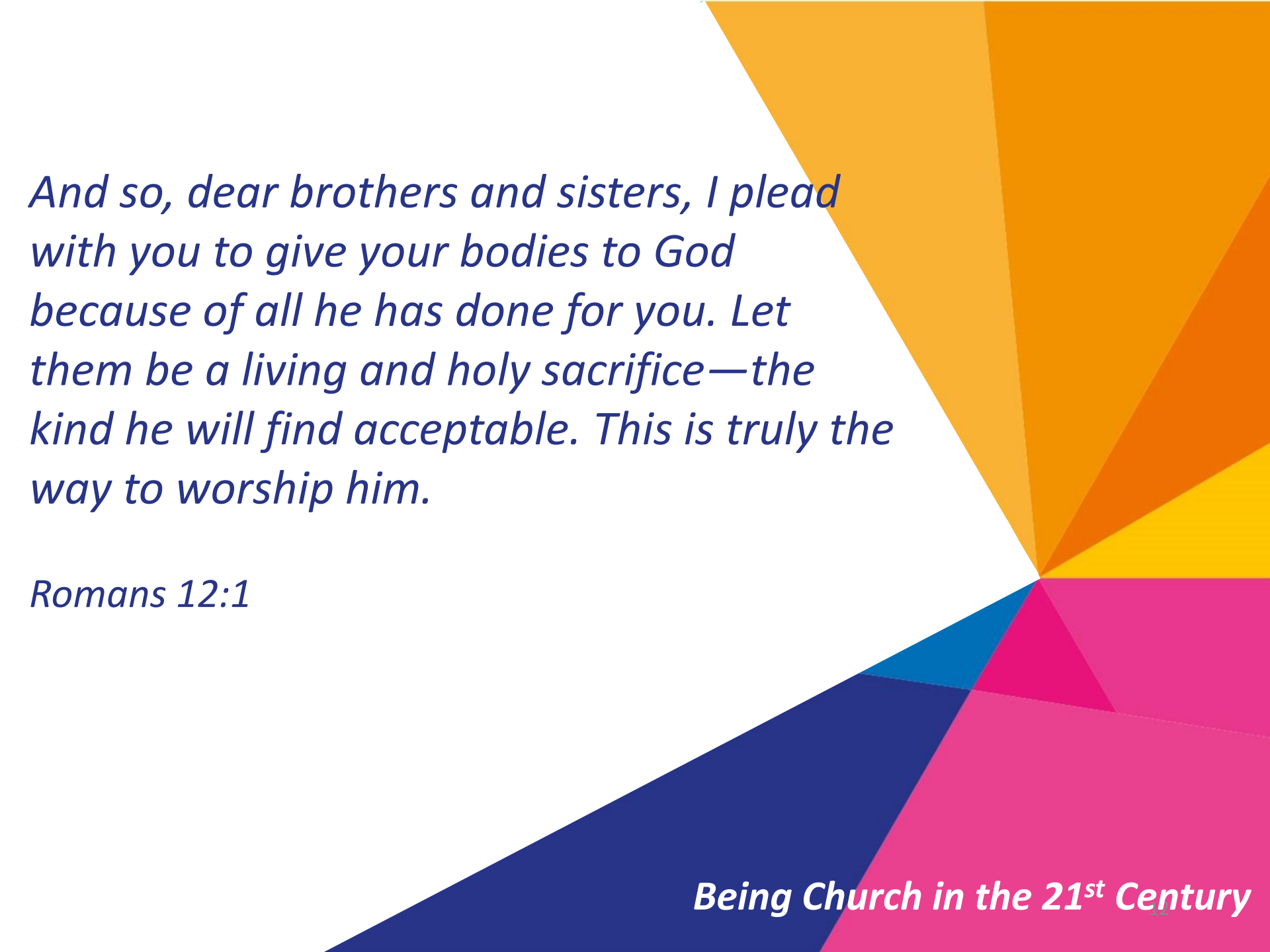
*Biblical worship
costs something*

Sacrifice

- *Genesis 22:5 (Abraham)*
- *1 Chronicles 21:24 (David)*
- *Malachi 1:11-13*

King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, “For His mercy endures forever,” whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

2 Chr 7:5-6



And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

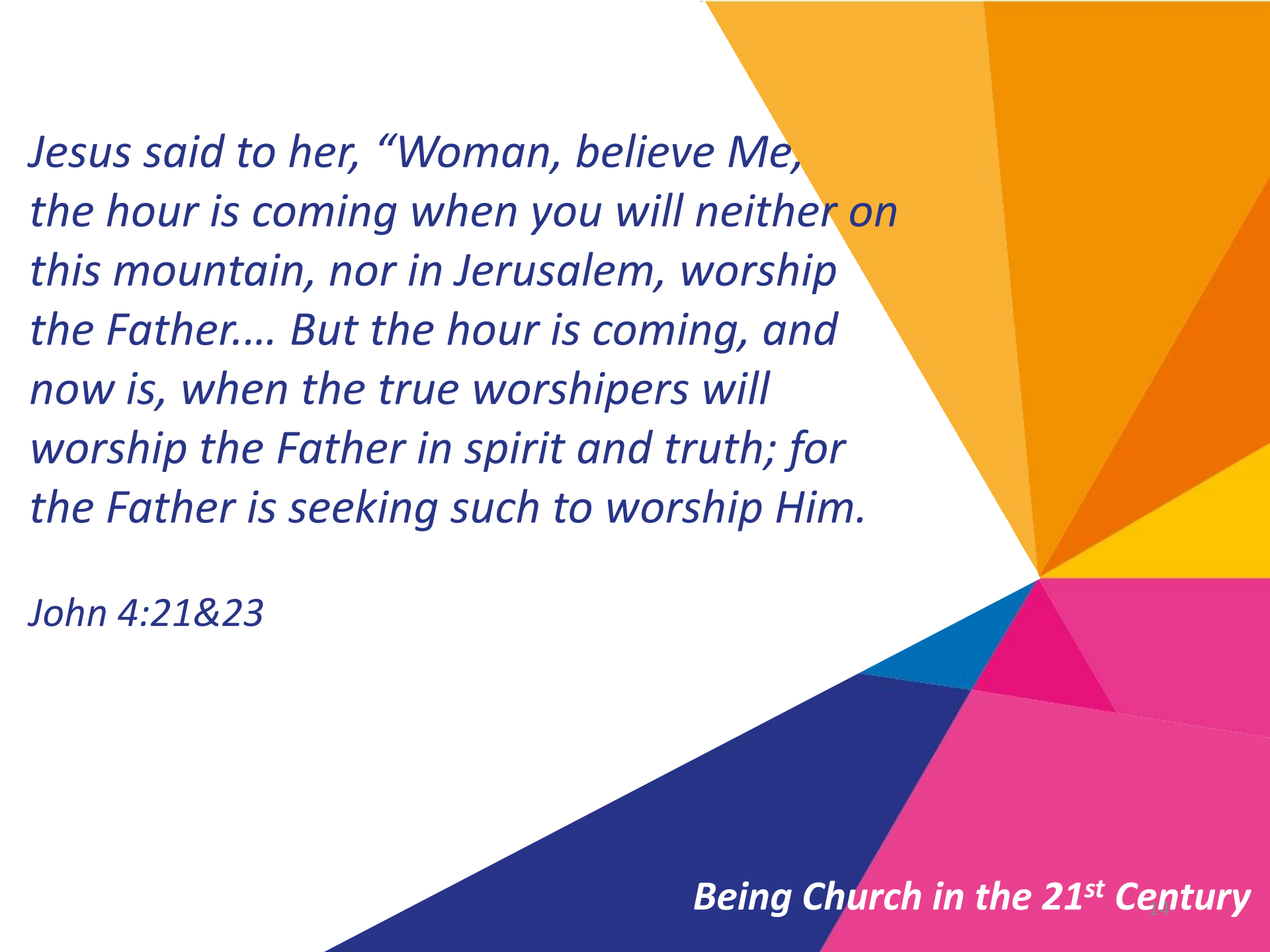
Romans 12:1

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Spirit & Truth

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Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father... But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

John 4:21&23

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And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the LORD God of Israel: Asaph the chief, and next to him ZechariahJeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals; Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God. So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required;.... and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD at the high place that was at Gibeon, to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly morning and eveningand with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because His mercy endures forever; and with them Heman and Jeduthun, to sound aloud with trumpets and cymbals and the musical instruments of God.

1 Chronicles 16: various

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