


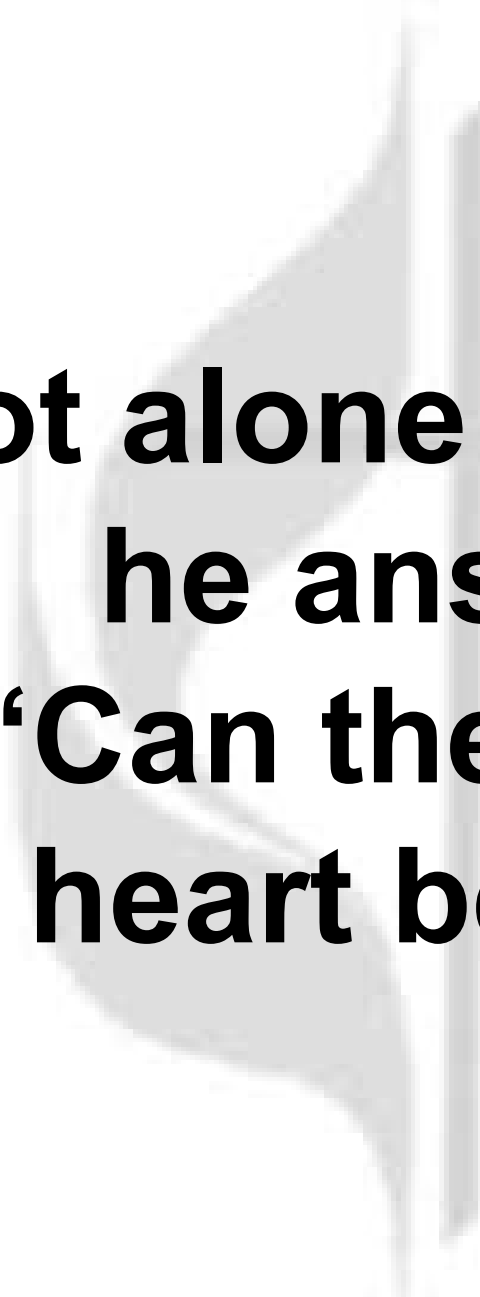
Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

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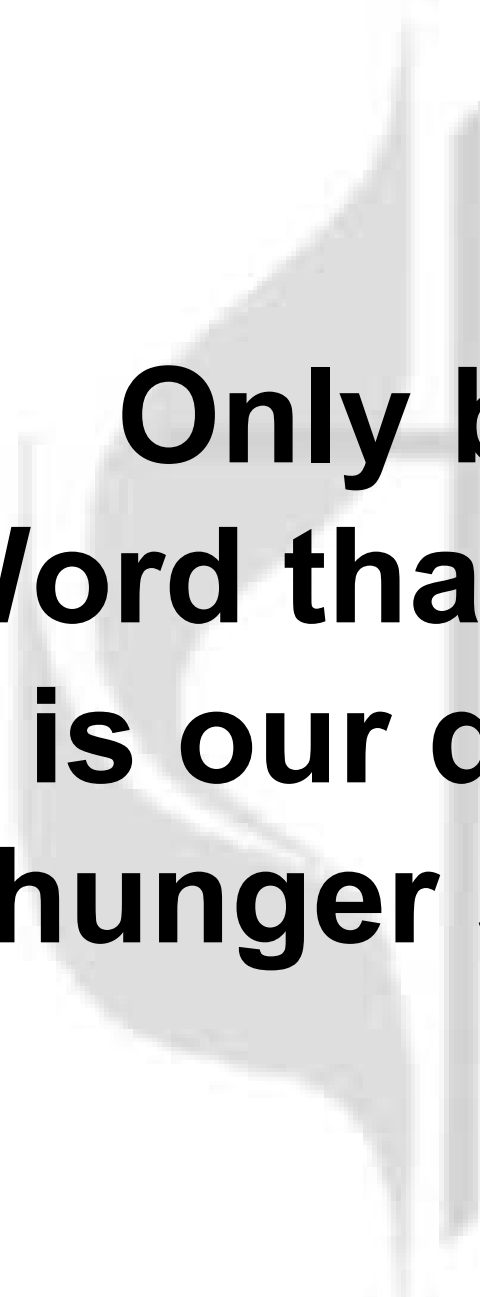
**1. Jesus, tempted in the
desert,
lonely, hungry,
filled with dread:**



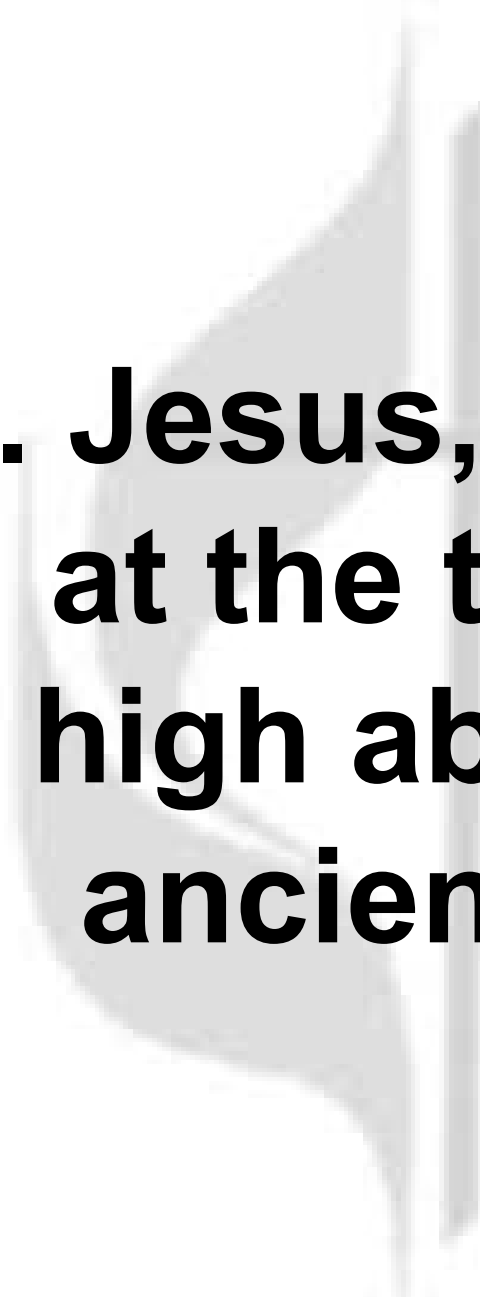
**“Use your power,”
the tempter tells him;
“Turn these barren
rocks to bread!”**



**“Not alone by bread,”
he answers,
“Can the human
heart be filled.**



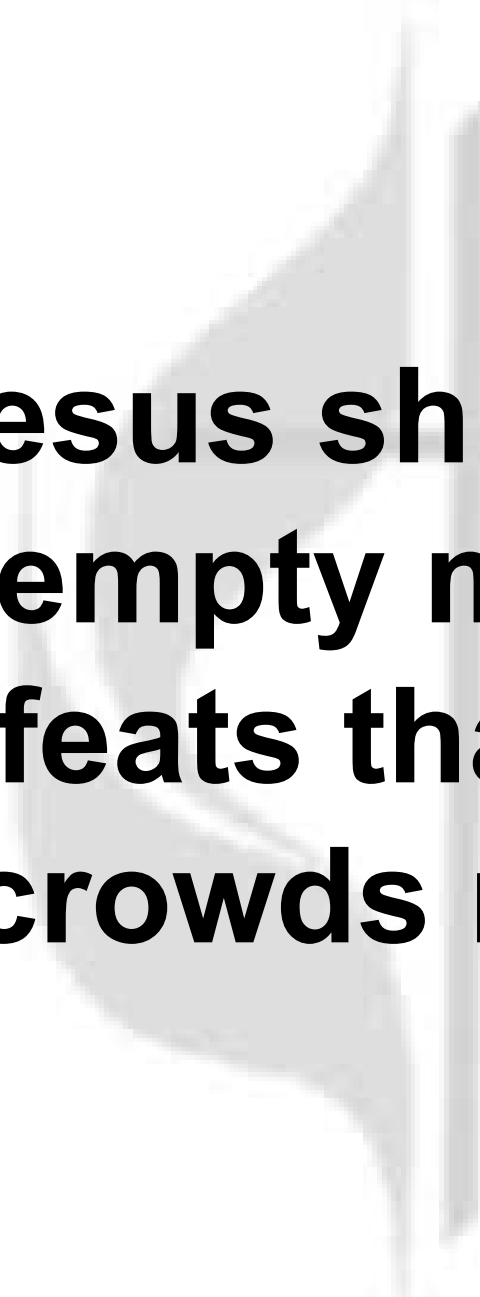
**Only by the
Word that calls us
is our deepest
hunger stilled!”**




**2. Jesus, tempted
at the temple,
high above its
ancient wall:**



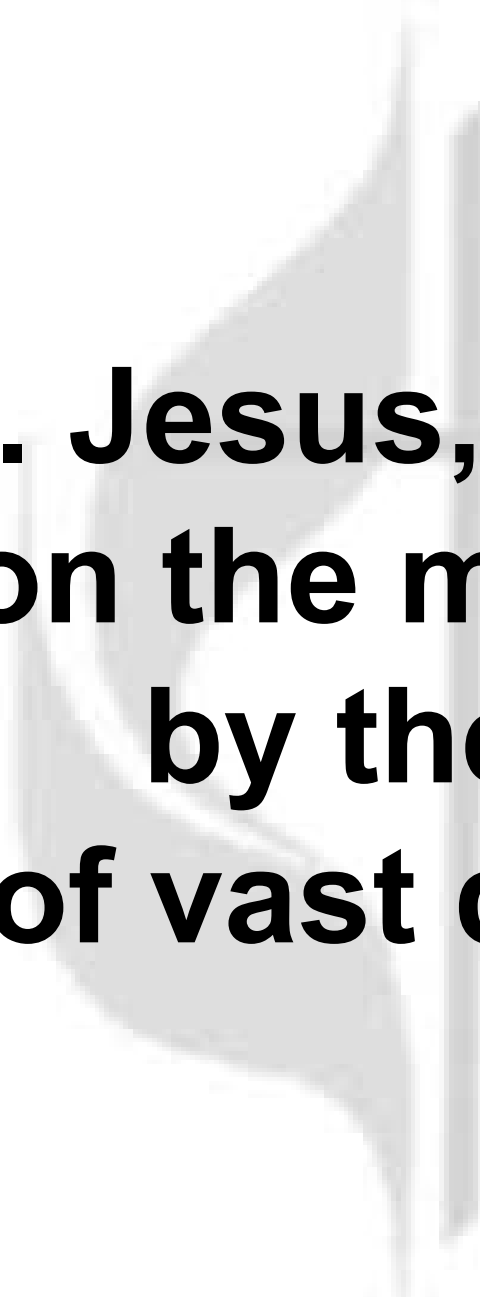
**“Throw yourself
from lofty turret;
angels wait to
break your fall!”**




**Jesus shuns such
empty marvels,
feats that fickle
crowds request:**



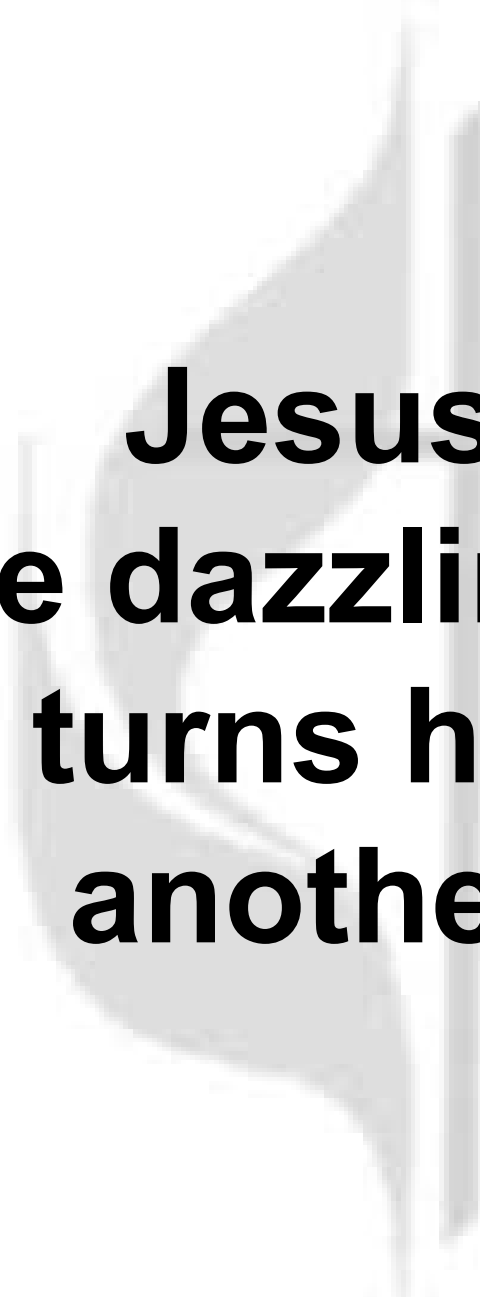
**“God, whose grace
protects, preserves us,
we must never
vainly test.”**




**3. Jesus, tempted
on the mountain
by the lure
of vast domain:**



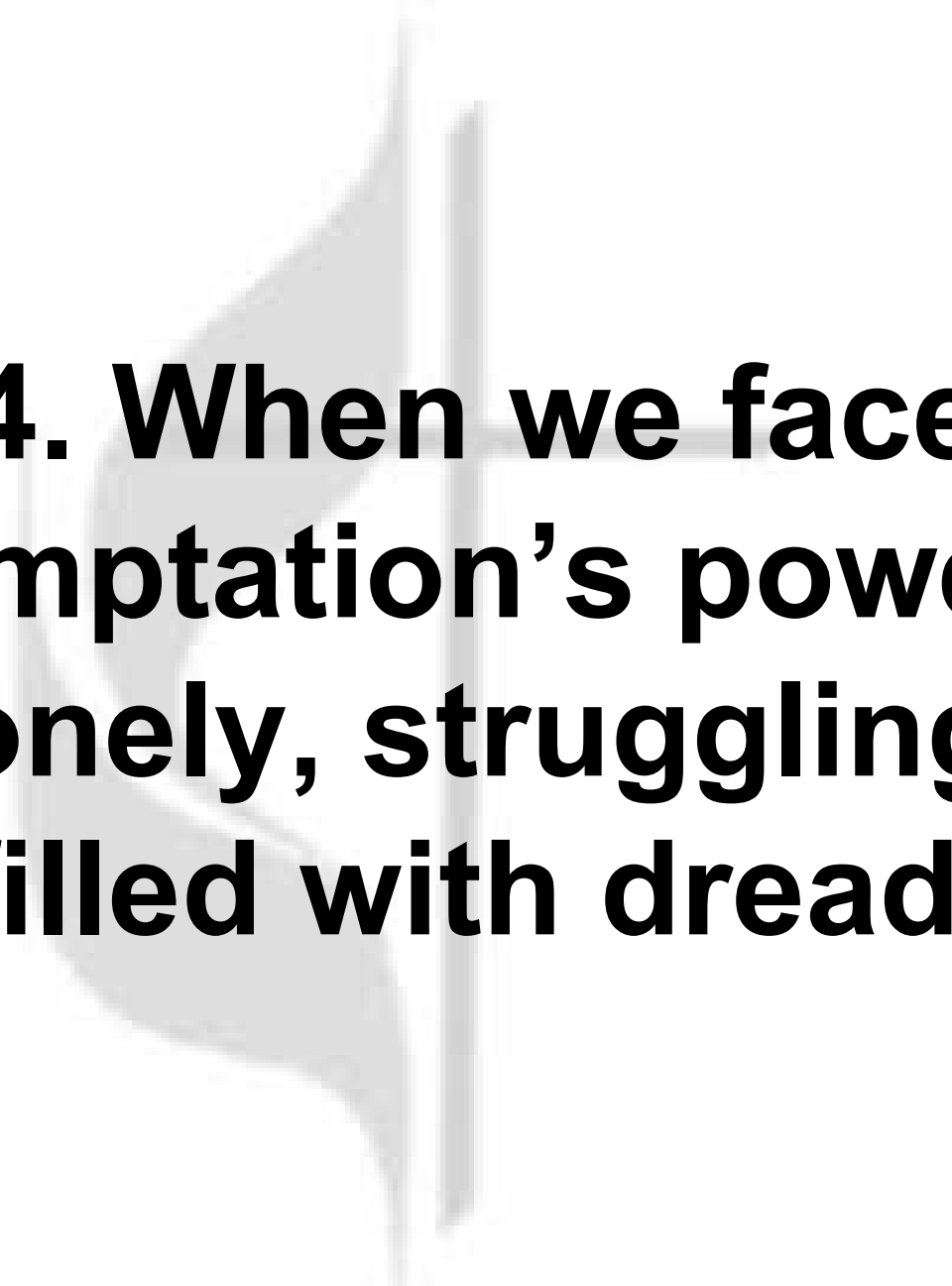
**“Fall before me!
Be my servant!
Glory, fame,
you’re sure to gain!”**



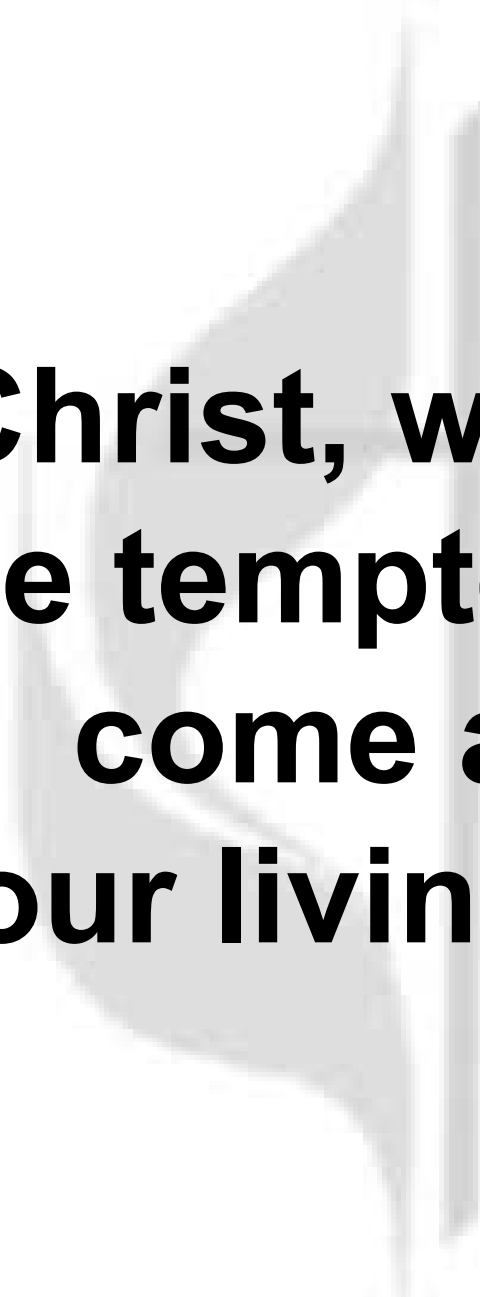
**Jesus sees
the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes
another way:**




**“God alone
deserves our homage!
God alone
will I obey!”**



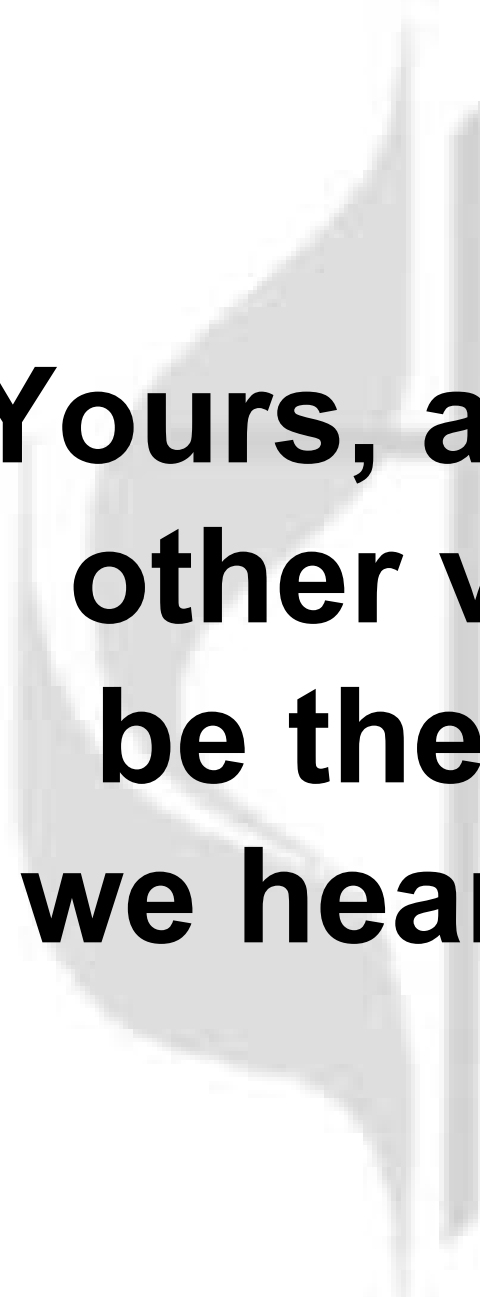
**4. When we face
temptation's power,
lonely, struggling,
filled with dread,**



**Christ, who knew
the tempter's hour,
come and be
our living bread.**



**By your grace,
protect, preserve us
lest we fall
your trust betray.**



**Yours, above all
other voices,
be the Word
we hear, obey.**