

When Our Confidence Is Shaken

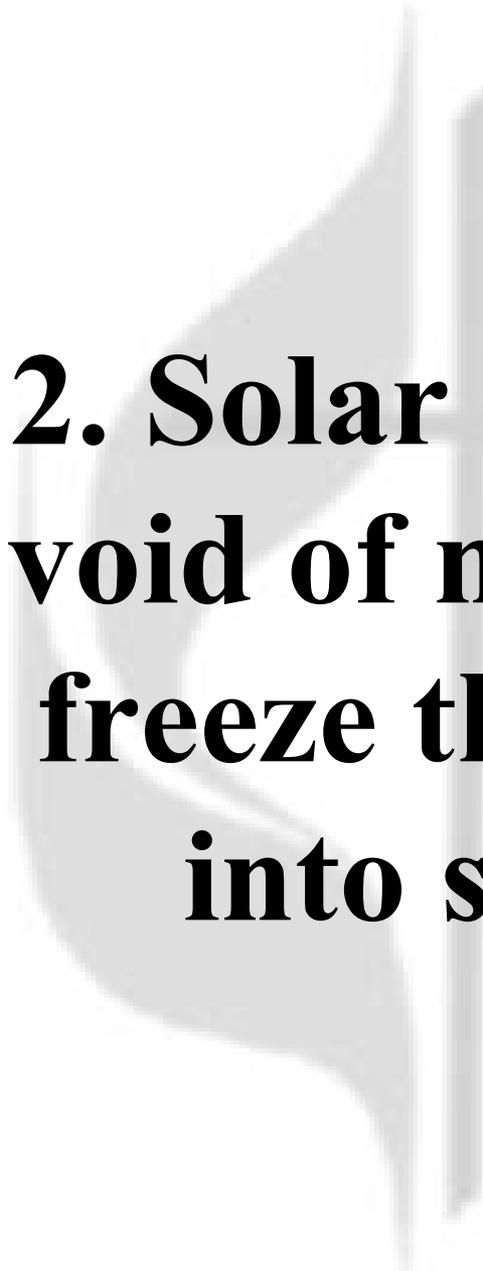
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**1. When our confidence
is shaken
in beliefs we
thought secure,**

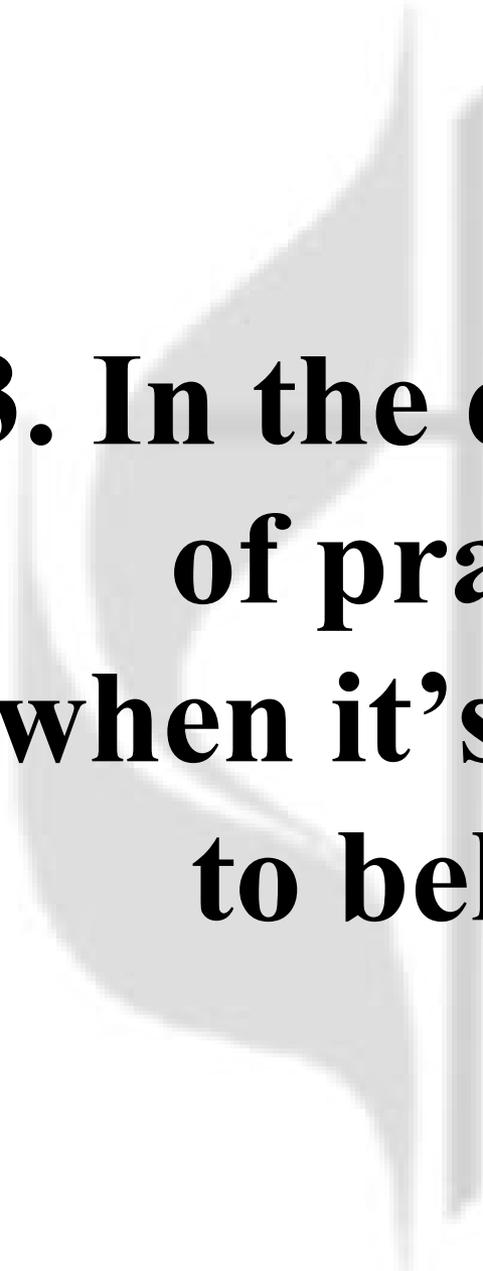
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**when the spirit
in its sickness
seeks but cannot find a cure,
God is active
in the tensions
of a faith not yet mature.**



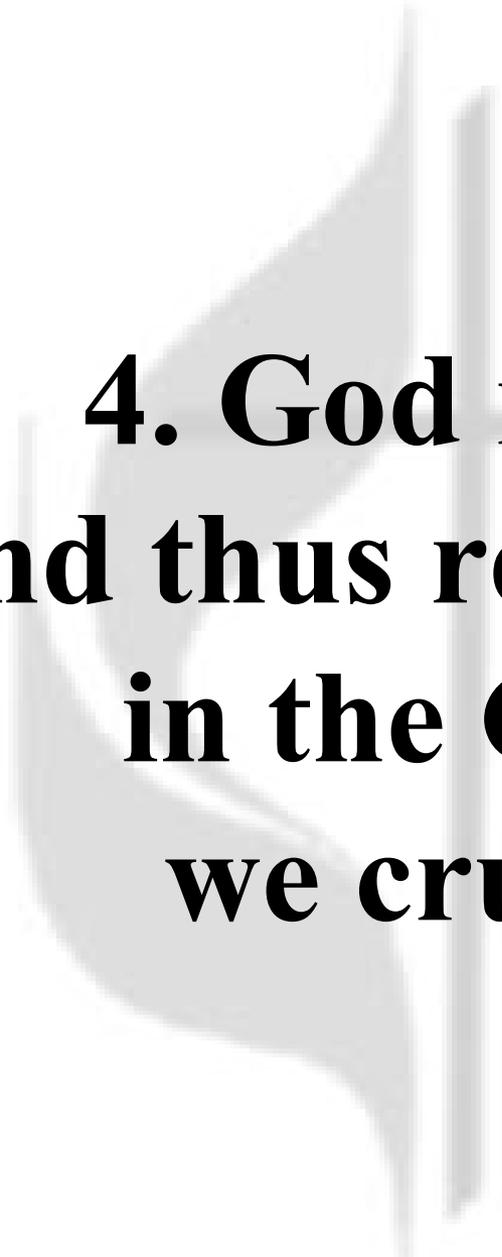
**2. Solar systems,
void of meaning,
freeze the spirit
into stone;**

**always our researches
lead us
to the ultimate unknown.
Faith must die, or
come full circle
to its source in God alone.**



**3. In the discipline
of praying,
when it's hardest
to believe;**

**in the drudgery of caring,
when it's not
enough to grieve;
faith, maturing,
learns acceptance
of the insights we receive.**



**4. God is love,
and thus redeems us
in the Christ
we crucify;**

**this is God's
eternal answer
to the world's eternal why.
May we in this
faith maturing
be content to live and die!**