

A glowing lantern hangs from a branch on the right side of the image. The lantern is illuminated from within, casting a warm yellow light. The background is a dark blue night sky with falling snowflakes. A bright light source on the left creates a lens flare effect. The word "Waiting" is written in a white, cursive font across the upper middle of the image.

Waiting

The Holy Season of Advent
Week One



What/who are you waiting for?

WAITING SEASON

If God is making you wait,
you're in good company.

25 YEARS
ABRAHAM

40 YEARS
ISRAELITES IN
THE WILDERNESS

15 YEARS
DAVID

120 YEARS
NOAH

40 YEARS
MOSES


30 YEARS
JESUS



YOUR WAITING WON'T BE WASTED



Don't confuse your
"WAITING SEASON" as if
God is punishing you,
He's not.
He's preparing you.
He's maturing you.
He's molding you.
He's making you stronger.
Your waiting season is not
a wasted season.
It's a BLESSING..

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- An artistic illustration of the Three Wise Men journeying through a vast, golden desert at night. They are riding camels and wearing traditional Middle Eastern robes and head coverings. A brilliant, multi-pointed star shines intensely in the dark blue sky, casting a long, luminous beam of light down towards the horizon. The desert dunes are illuminated by a warm, golden light, and the overall scene conveys a sense of divine guidance and spiritual quest.
1. Find the Yonder Star in Darkness
 2. Lead to the Star of Bethlehem
 3. O Star of Wonder, Star of Light

4. Star-Child of Immanuel
5. Perfect Light of the Holy Night
6. Carols of the Light

A Journey to
the Star of Wonder Star of Light

Isaiah 60:1-9

Thick Darkness is Over the Peoples

**There was
pitch darkness
in all the land
of Egypt
three days.**


Exodus 10:22



A dramatic night sky with a bright starburst on the left, casting a horizontal beam of light across the frame. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds and numerous small, distant stars.

Isaiah 60:1-9
Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Isaiah 60:1-9
It's a Time for New Beginning

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A city skyline is visible in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Behold, I am
making all
things new.**
- Revelation 21:5

Isaiah 60:1-9

Your Heart will Throb and Swell with Joy



A deep blue cosmic background featuring a bright, multi-colored star (yellow, orange, and blue) on the left, emitting a strong blue lens flare. The star is surrounded by a dense field of smaller white stars and is partially enveloped by a large, ethereal nebula with wispy, cloud-like structures in shades of blue and white. The overall atmosphere is one of vastness and celestial wonder.

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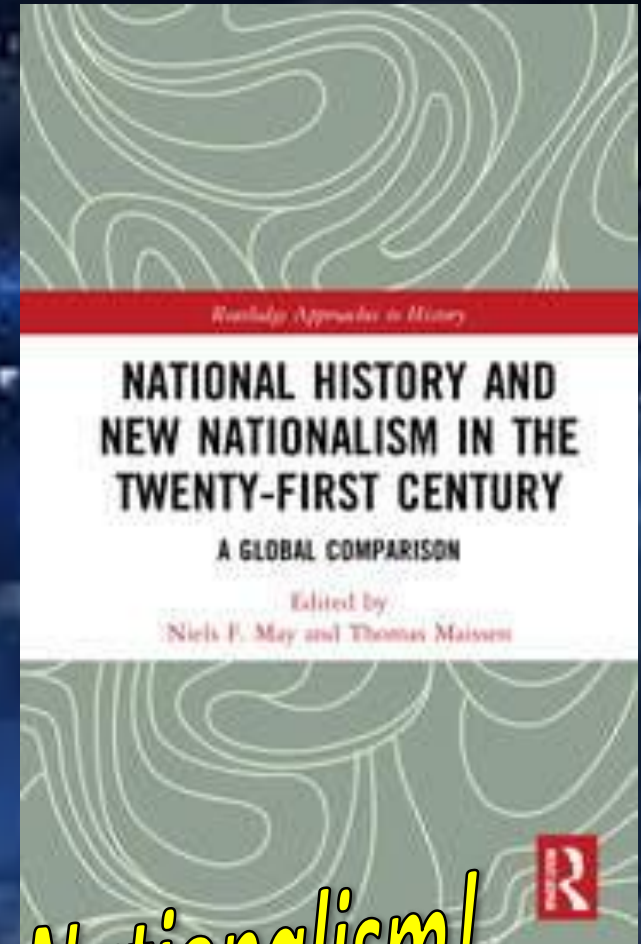
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Part I. Find the Yonder Star in Darkness

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Rise and spread of Populism & Nationalism!

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 2. *Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord appears over you.*

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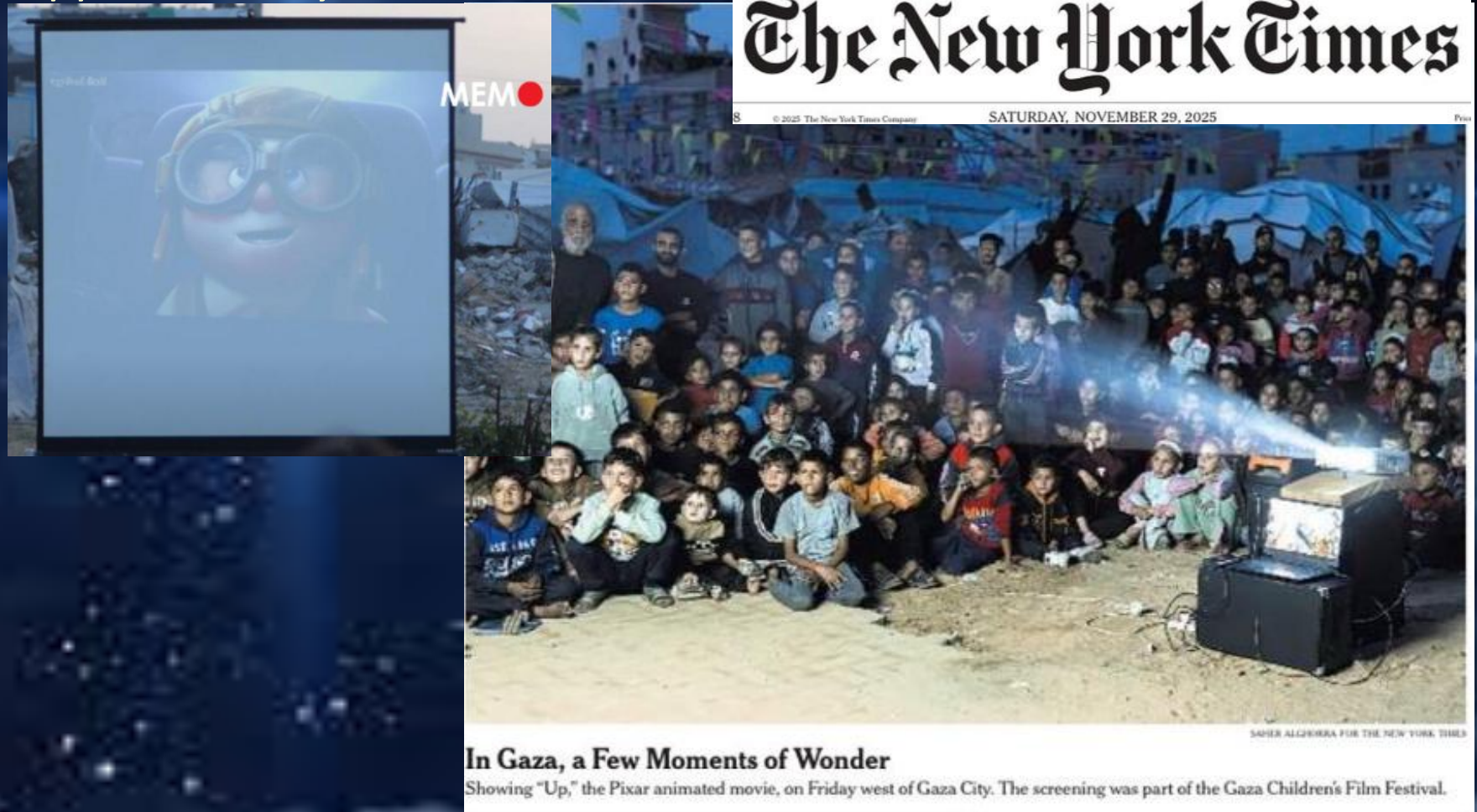


In Gaza, a Few Moments of Wonder

Showing "Up," the Pixar animated movie, on Friday west of Gaza City. The screening was part of the Gaza Children's Film Festival.

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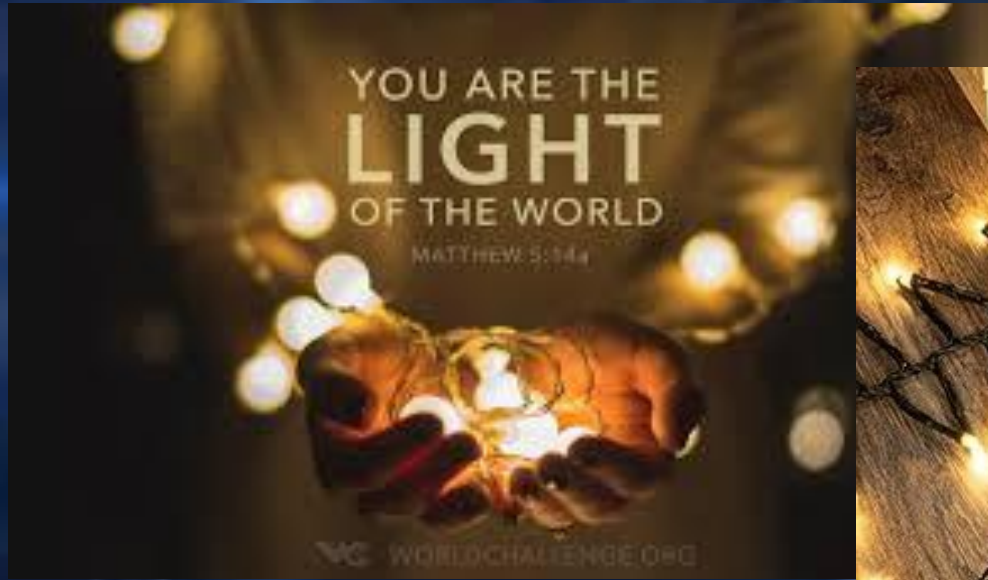
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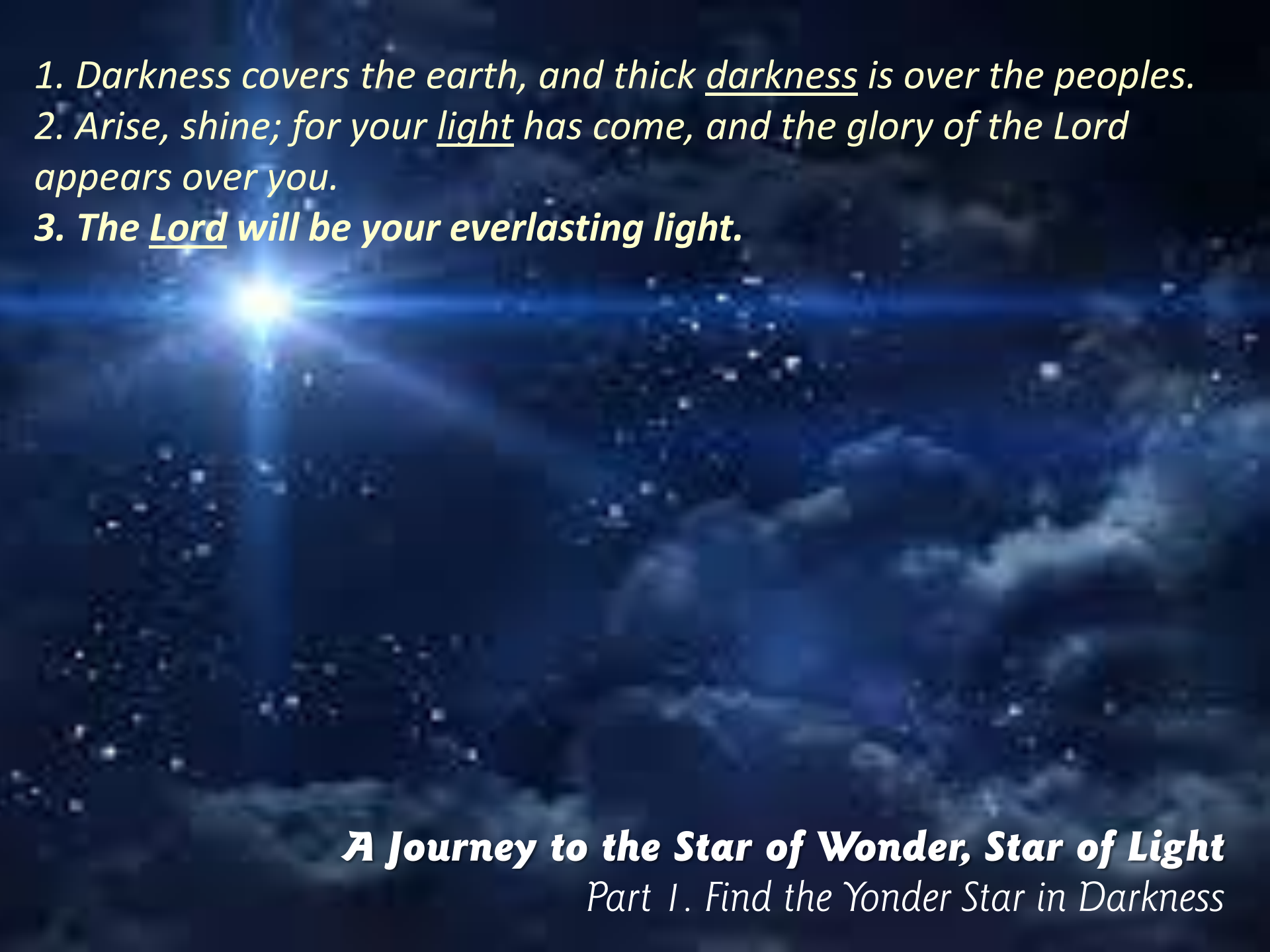


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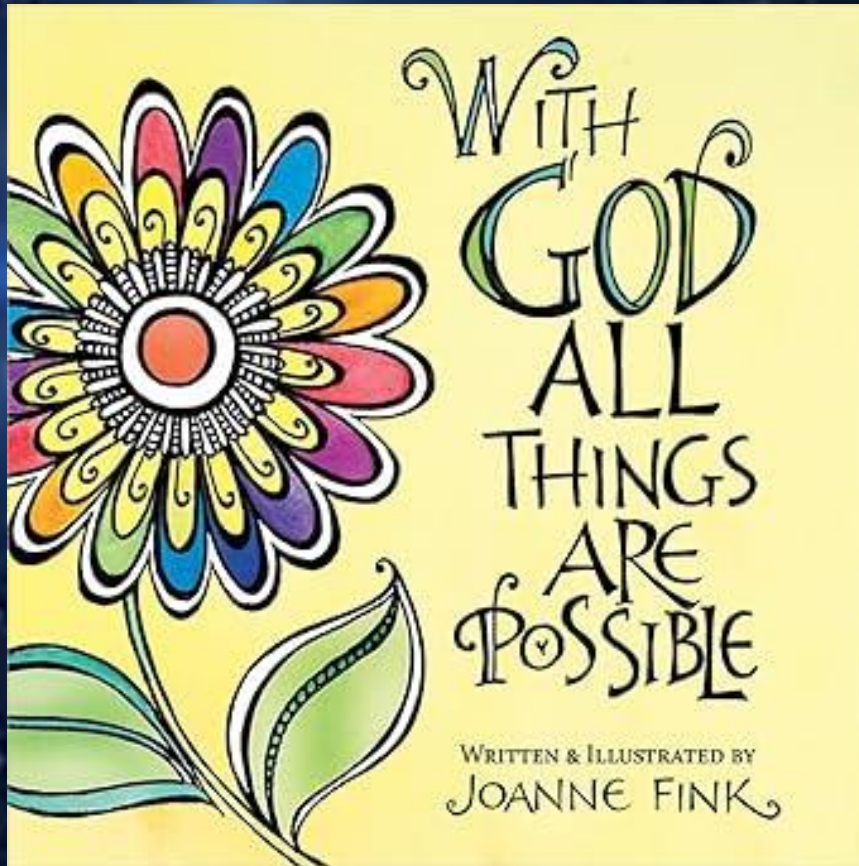


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 3. The Lord will be your everlasting light.

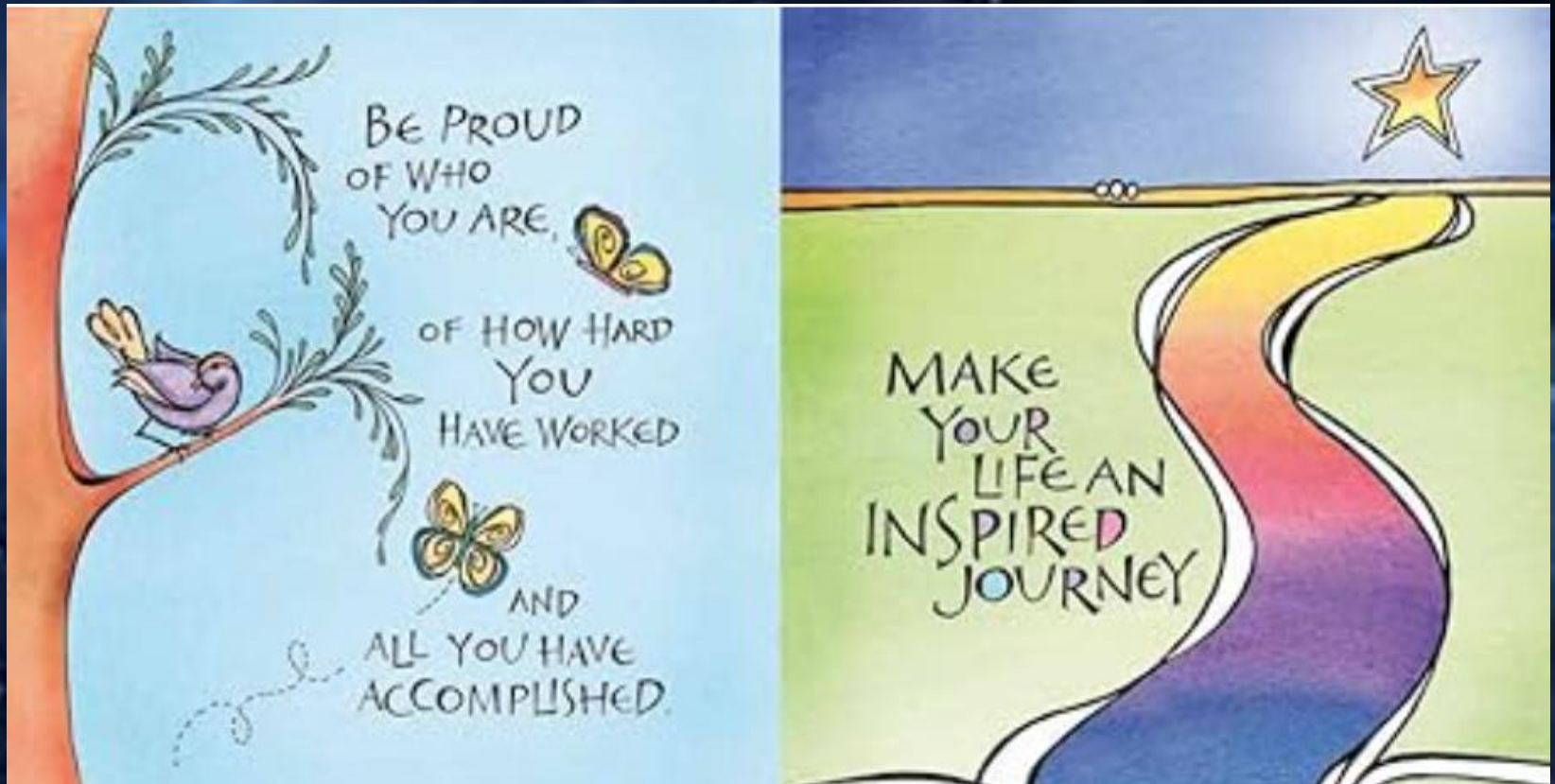
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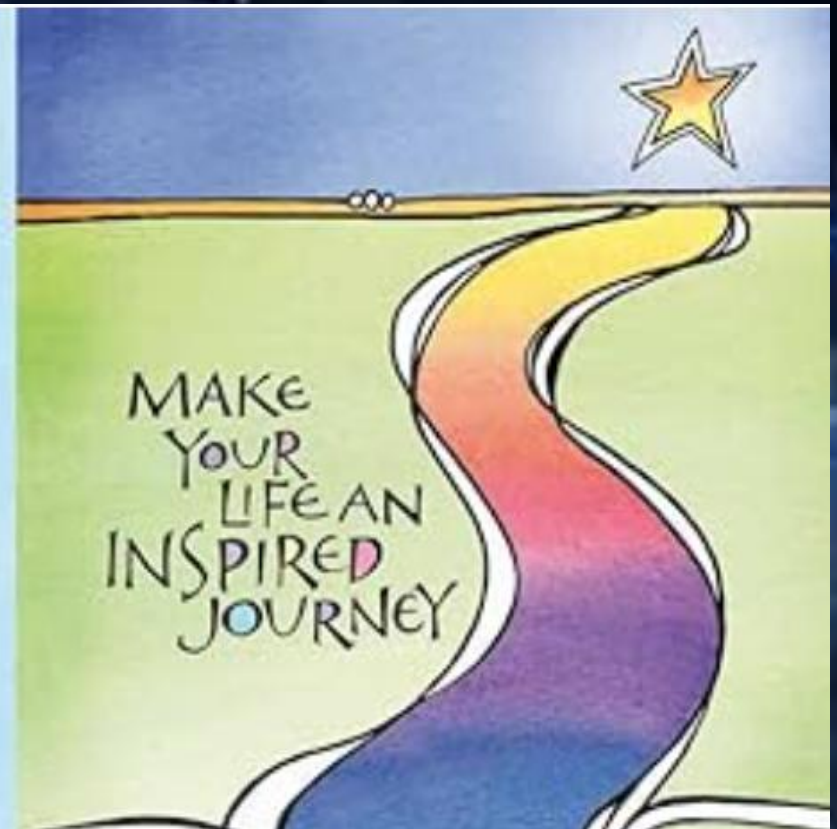
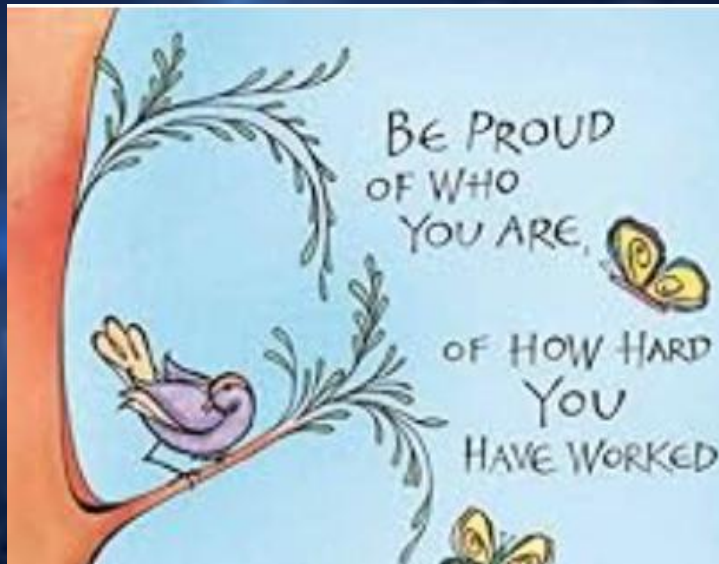
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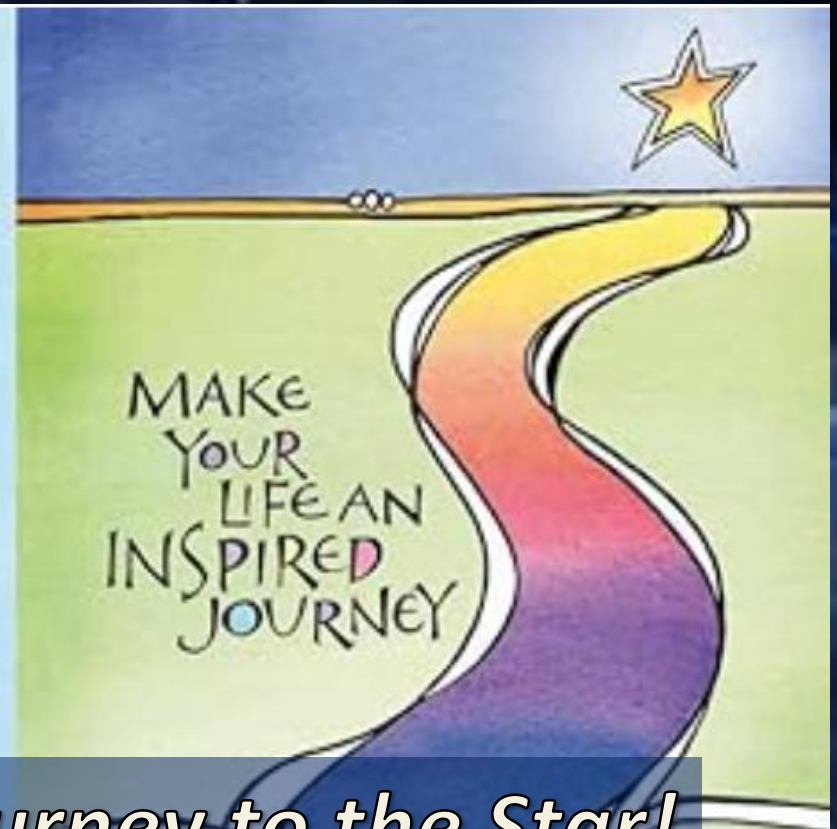
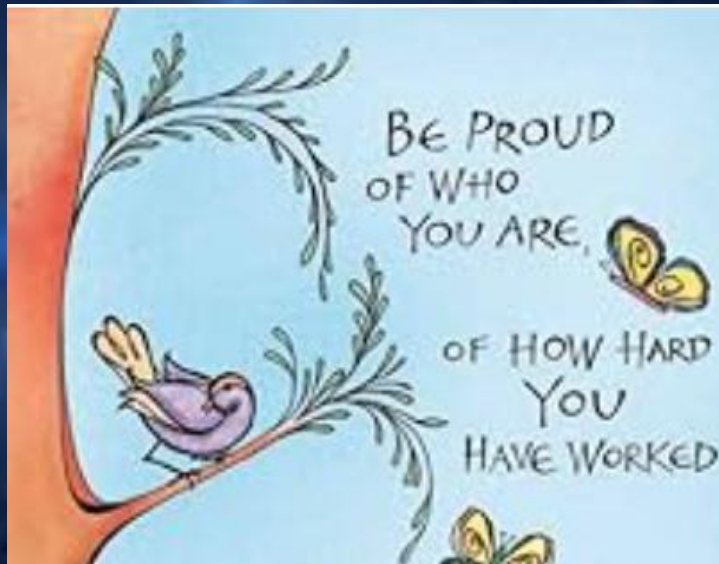


Aren't you the magi today?

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Set out a journey to the Star!

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