A woman with dark hair and bangs, wearing a white sweater, is smiling broadly while holding a dark-colored garment. She is in a room with a dark cabinet and a person in a pink shirt partially visible in the background.

*Does it spark joy?*

**Marie Kondo**

*Tidying Guru*

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# CHARACTER / WITNESS

LIVING IN THE NATURE OF GOD

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<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, **whatever is lovely**, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

<sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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Philippians 4





*<sup>1</sup> But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.*

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2 Timothy 3



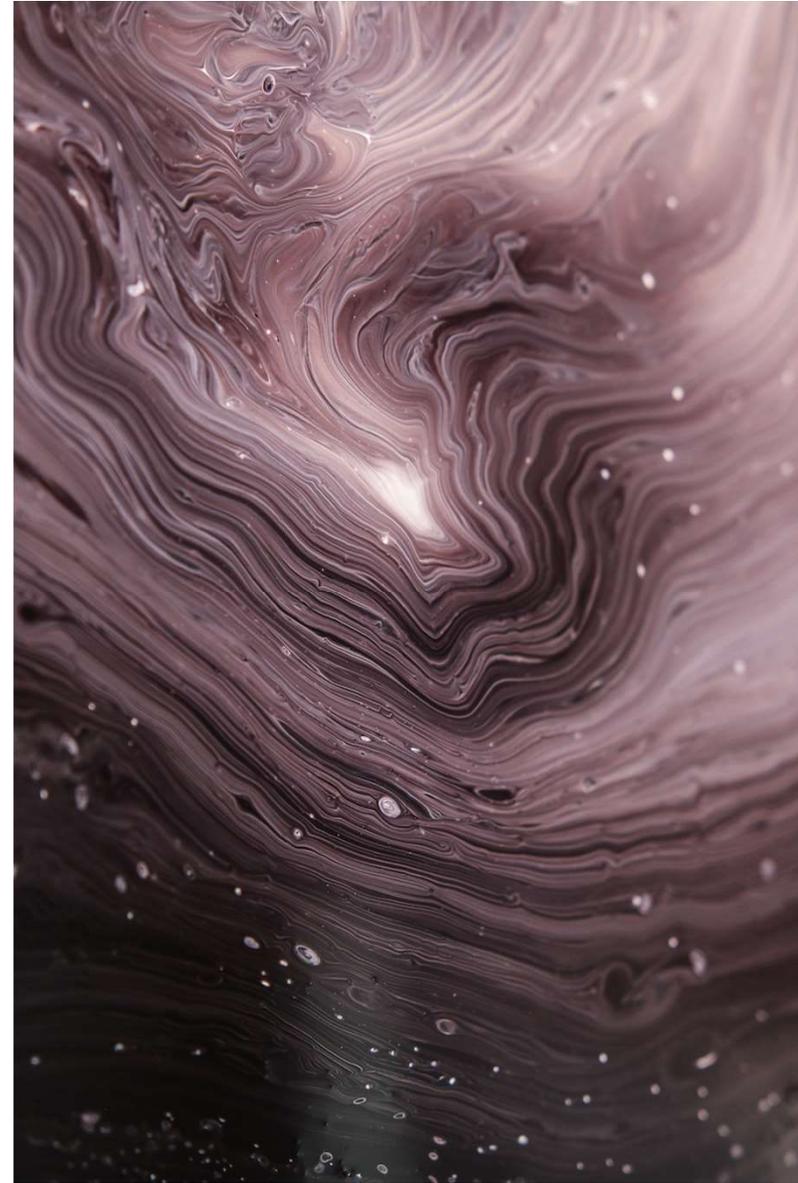
*<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*

Ephesians 1

*<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.*

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Ephesians 1



A photograph of a street in Wuhan, China, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The street is mostly empty, with a single person in a bright yellow puffer jacket and a white face mask walking on the sidewalk. The building on the left is a multi-story brick structure with large arched windows and H&M logos above the entrances. A modern glass building is visible in the background. The sky is overcast.

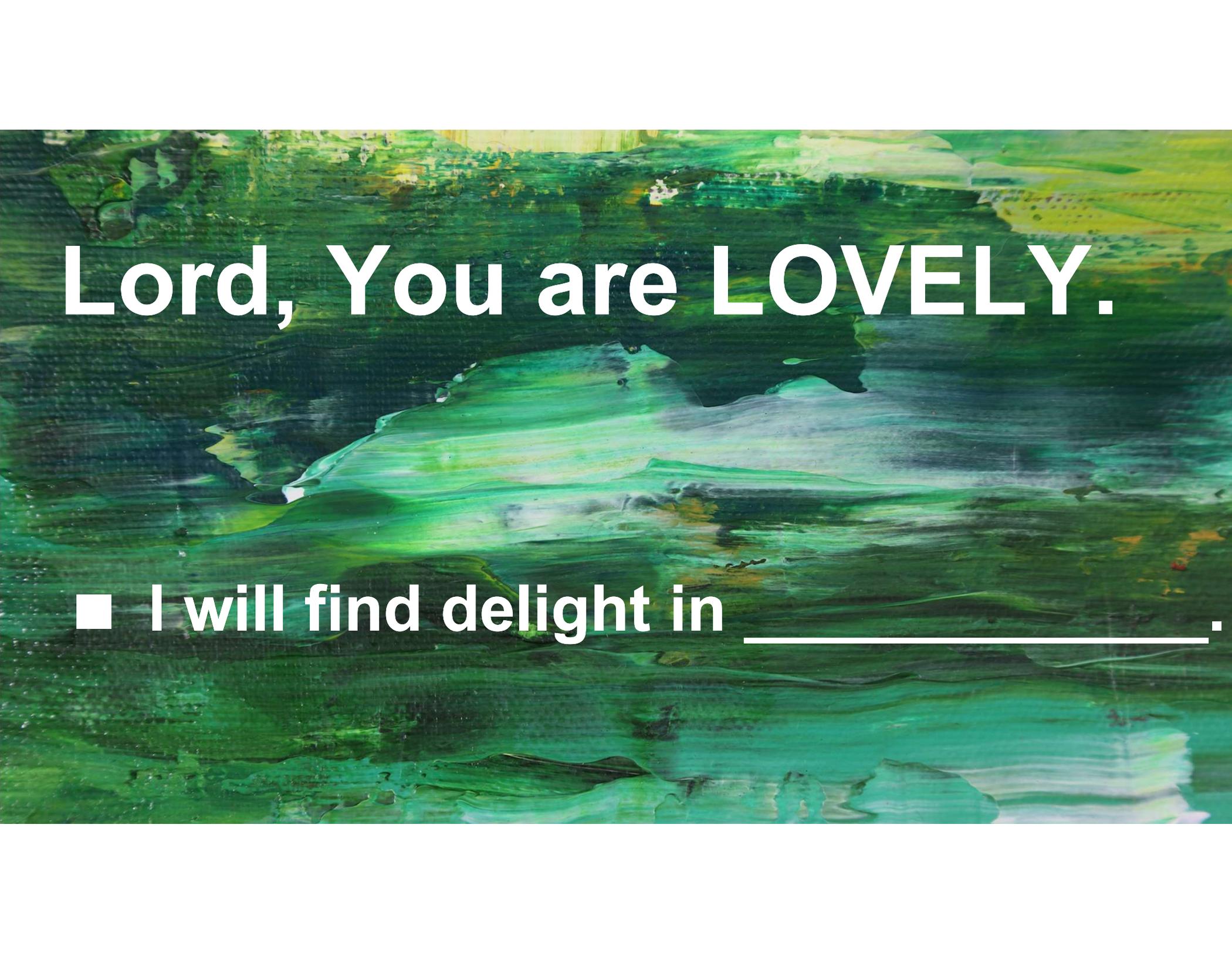
***“We're just trying to reunite our family.”***

**Wuhan, China**  
*Stringer/Getty Images*



*profile:* oriented toward / love



An abstract painting with various shades of green and blue, featuring textured brushstrokes and a central white area. The colors are layered and blended, creating a sense of depth and movement.

**Lord, You are LOVELY.**

■ **I will find delight in \_\_\_\_\_.**