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## **Hebrews 4:12**

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- **Relationships** (*Would You Care To Dance*)
  - **Cost of Discipleship** (*Mark My Words*)

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- **An entire book or letter from the Scriptures**
- **A unique sub-section from a book or letter**  
*(Sermon on the Mount- Matthew 5-7)*

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- Revelation specifically mentions a group of churches in the mid-section of Asia Minor that likely are the target of his writings concerning a few current issues

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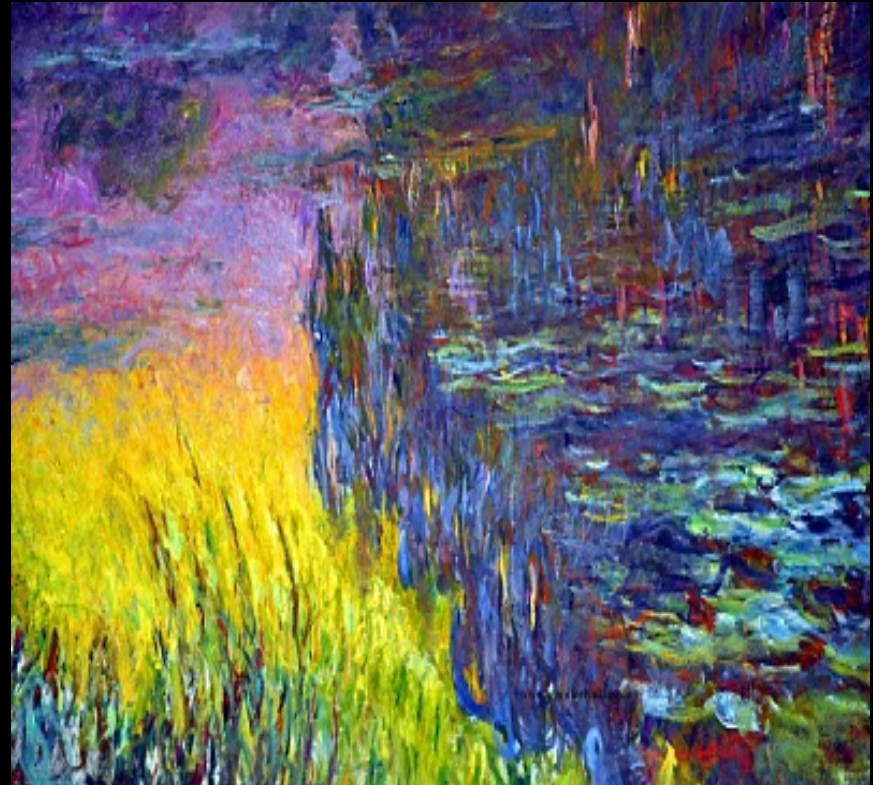
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Caren Hackman



# *Water Lilies*

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## ***John 1:1-5***

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.**
- 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**
- 4 For in Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

## ***John 1:9-13***

**9** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

**10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

**11** He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

**12** But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

**13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

## ***John 1:14***

**14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

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**'We'**- Are our heart's in a place where it brings us joy to see others experience 'fellowship' with one another as well as with God through His Son?

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