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Unrestrained violence in the streets and chaos in the public square.



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Righteousness and love are the evidence of being a child of God, a righteousness and a love rooted in the truth of the work of Christ and lived out in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.



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And all I remember is your back
Walking towards the airport,
leaving us all in your past
I traveled fifteen hundred miles to see you
I begged you to want me, but you didn't want to

But piece by piece, he collected me up Off the ground, where you abandoned things and Piece by piece he filled the holes that you burned in me at six years old... and you know He never walks away He never asks for money He takes care of me 'Cause he loves me Piece by piece, he restored my faith That a man can be kind and the Father could stay And all of your words fall flat
I made something of myself
and now you wanna come back
But your love, it isn't free, it has to be earned
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Piece by piece I fell far from the tree
I will never leave her like you left me
And she will never have to wonder her worth
Because unlike you I'm going to put her first
...and you know...

He'll never walk away,
He'll never break her heart
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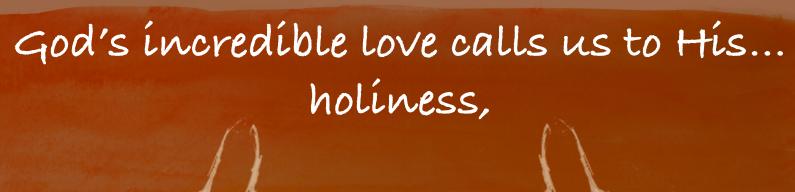
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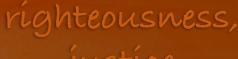
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