

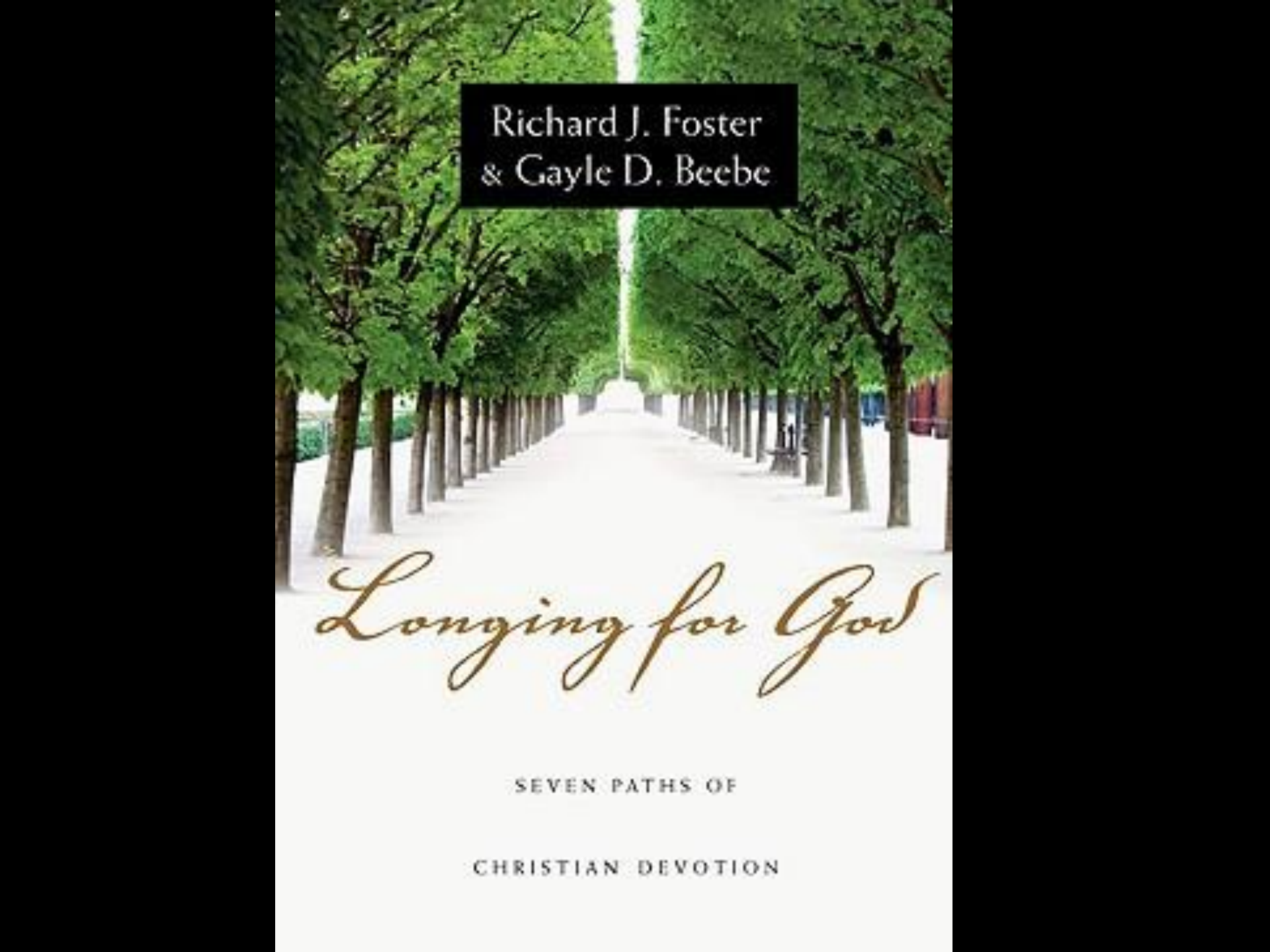
A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned centrally, with fingers interlaced. The skin is a natural, slightly weathered tone, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the ridges on the fingers. The background is a solid, deep black, which makes the hands stand out prominently. Overlaid on the center of the hands is the text "Sermon: Intimacy with Jesus" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The text is slightly shadowed, giving it a three-dimensional appearance as if it's floating above or attached to the hands.

Sermon: Intimacy with Jesus

Prayer Fasting Works of Love



40 Days



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Longing for God

SEVEN PATHS OF
CHRISTIAN DEVOTION

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NRSV)

Brothers and sisters, join in **imitating** me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

What kind of Pet would you be?

Dog



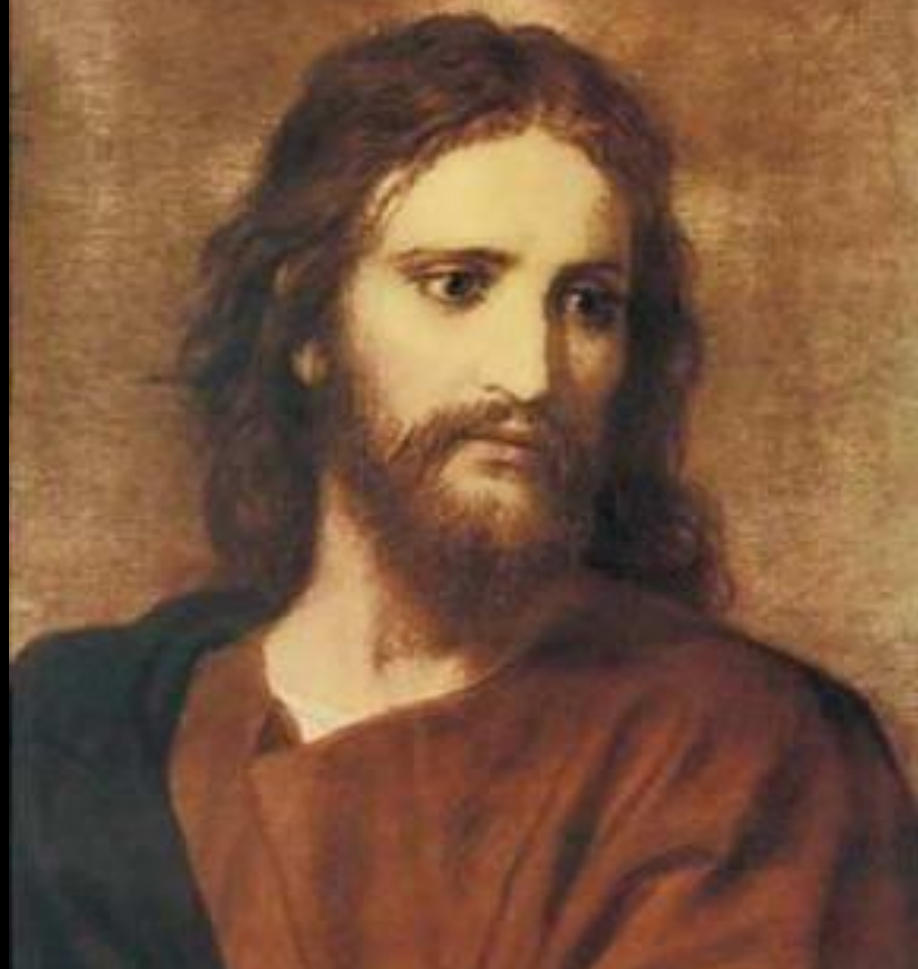
You are a kind, loving person and you love to have fun! You are extremely loyal to your friends. But when it comes to chores... you are a bit hyperactive and become... easily distracted.





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Thomas à Kempis
**THE IMITATION OF
CHRIST**





If thou knewest the whole Bible by heart, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what would it profit thee without the love of God and without grace?

(Thomas à Kempis)

The Contrasts of Nature and Grace by Thomas a Kempis in the Imitation of Christ (Thirty brief compressed key contrasts which would become for Ignatius of Loyola the structure for his Thirty Day Retreat. For Thomas a Kempis there is a comparison between what NATURE=Our natural sinful selves and GRACE=The new redeemed perspective given to us freely by God. Whereas Nature seeks survival; Grace seeks salvation)

