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Restored and Renewed

Genesis 42-45
1 Peter 5:10



1. Pruning Season
Sold into slavery.

2. Refining Season
Falsely Accused and Imprisoned.

3. Planting Season
Continues to be Faithful and Serve in Prison.

4. Wilderness Season
Forgotten in Prison

5. Rooted Season
Recognized as being especially Close and Rooted to God.

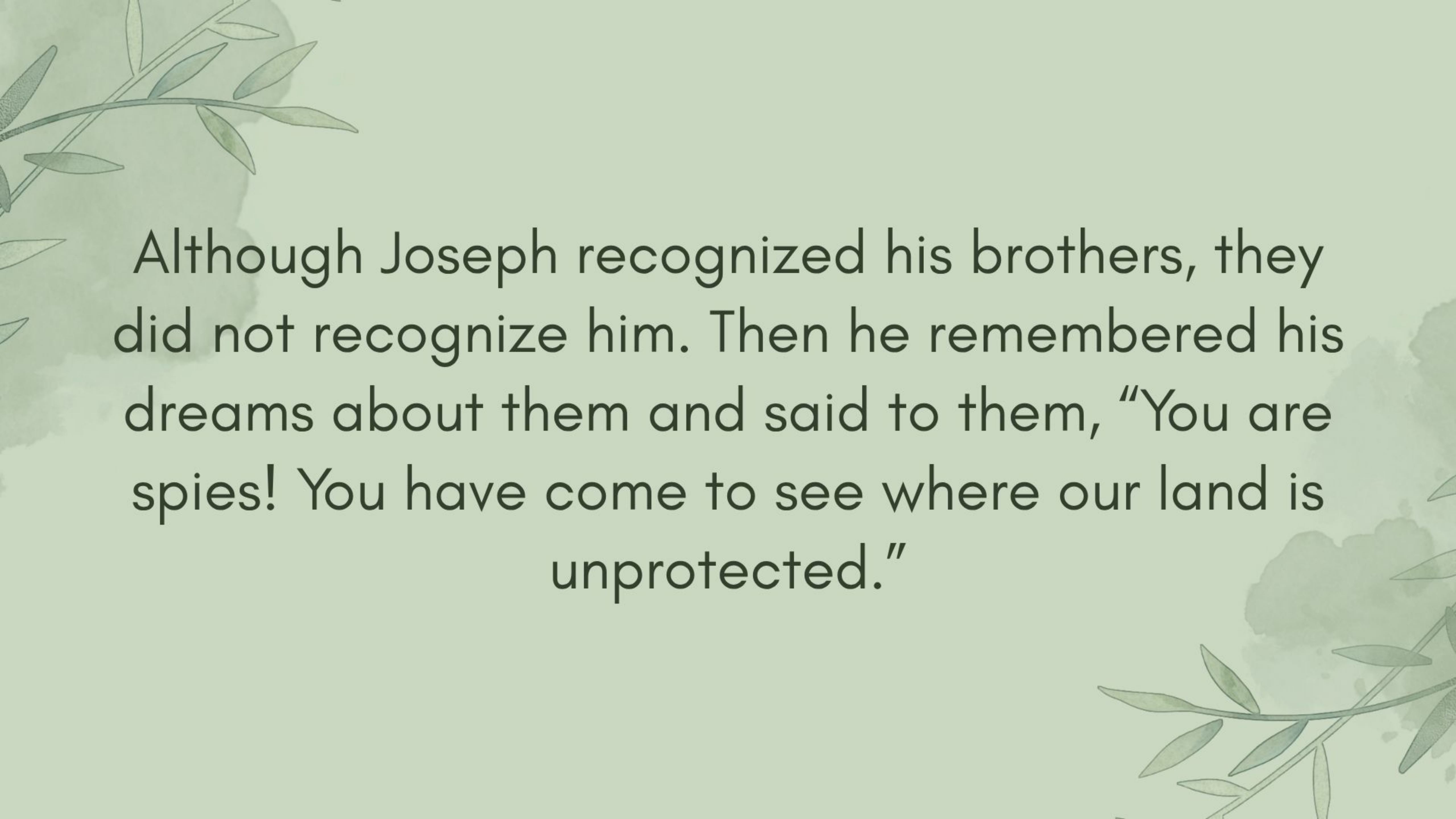
6. Harvest Season
Being Place as Second in Command to Pharaoh over Egypt.



Genesis 42:6-9

Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he asked.

"From the land of Canaan," they replied,
"to buy food."



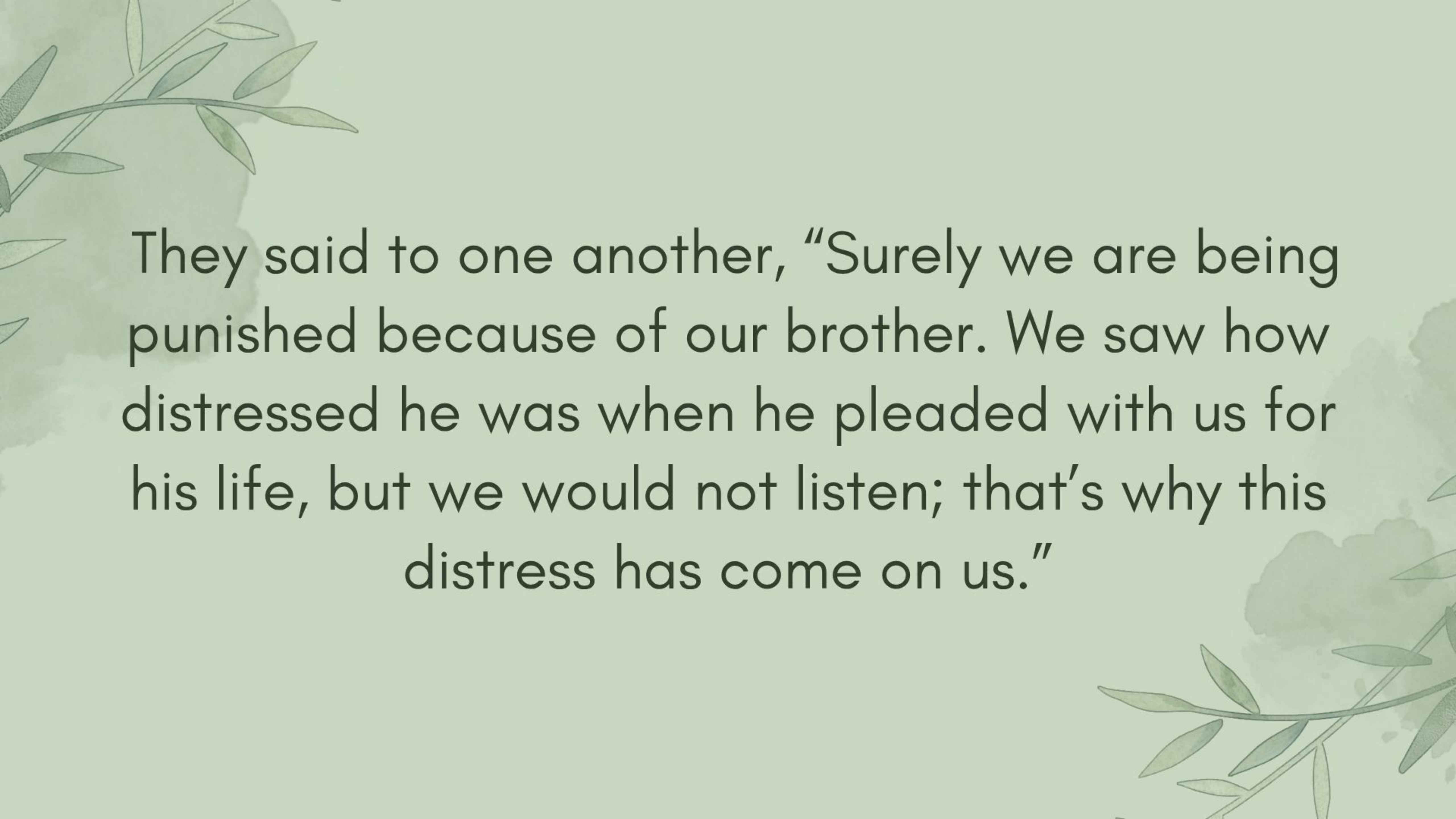
Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected."



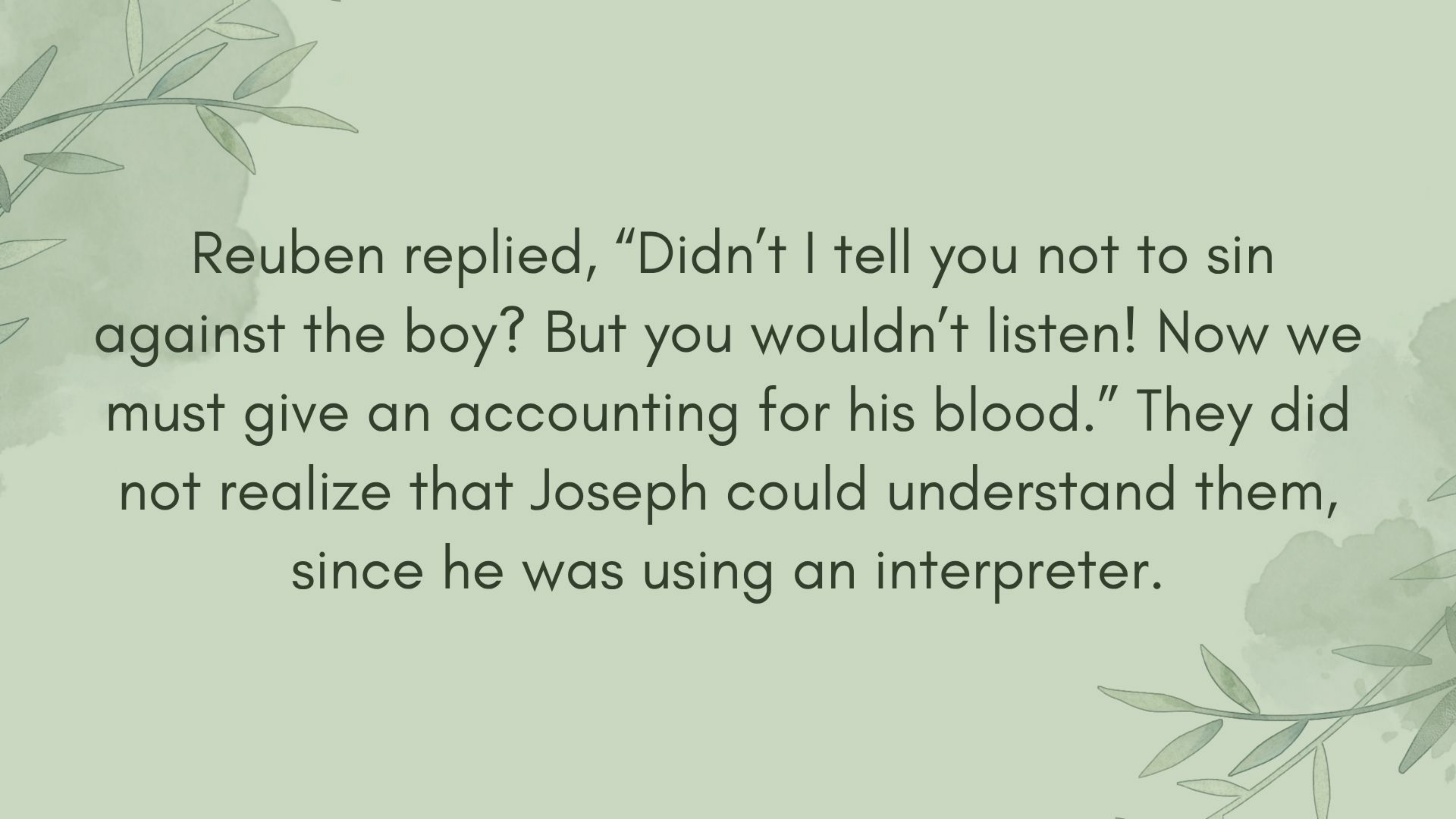
Genesis 42:18-24

On the third day, Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God: If you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here in prison, while the rest of you go and take grain back for your starving households. But you must bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words may be verified and that you may not die." This they proceeded to do.

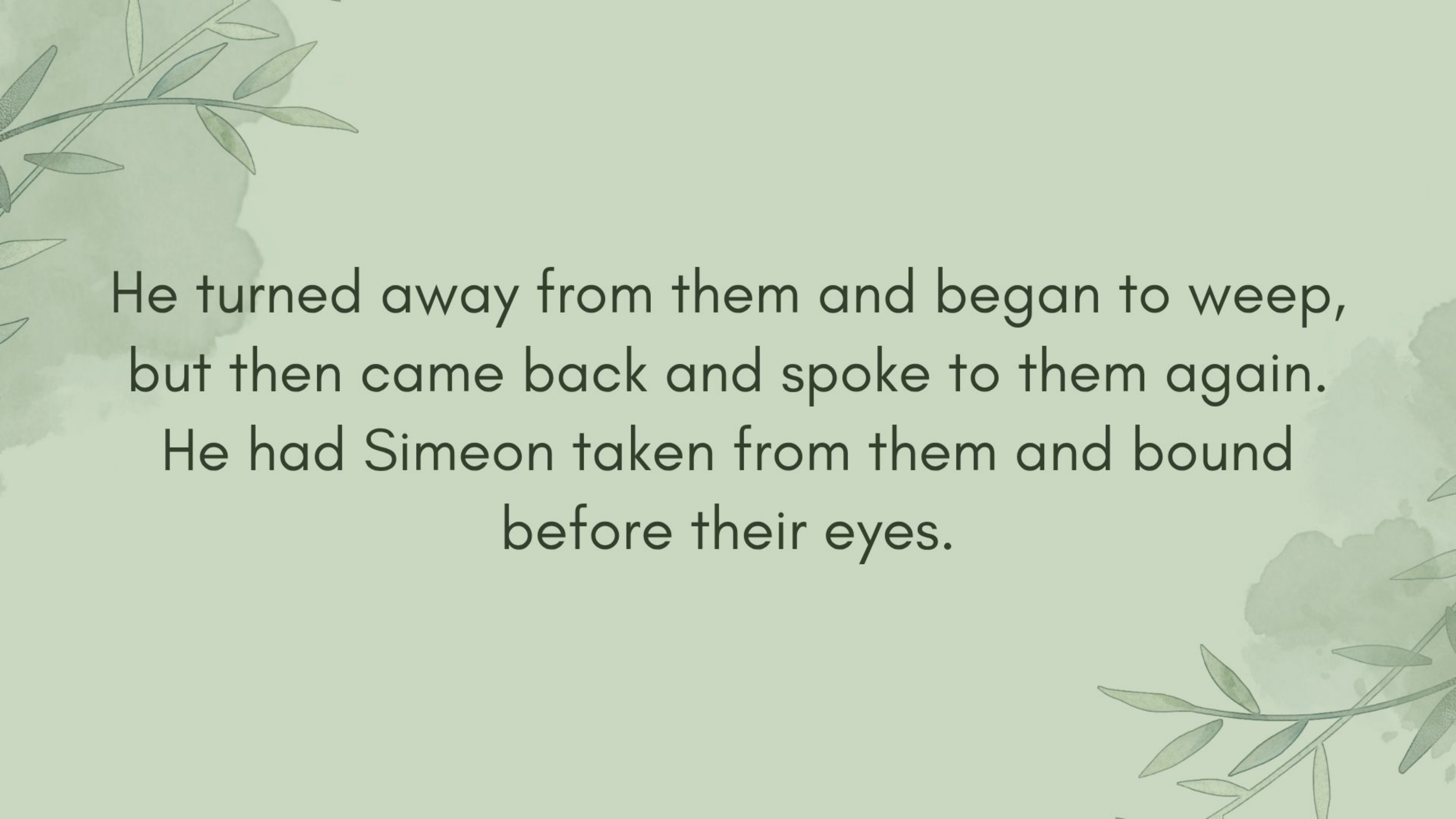




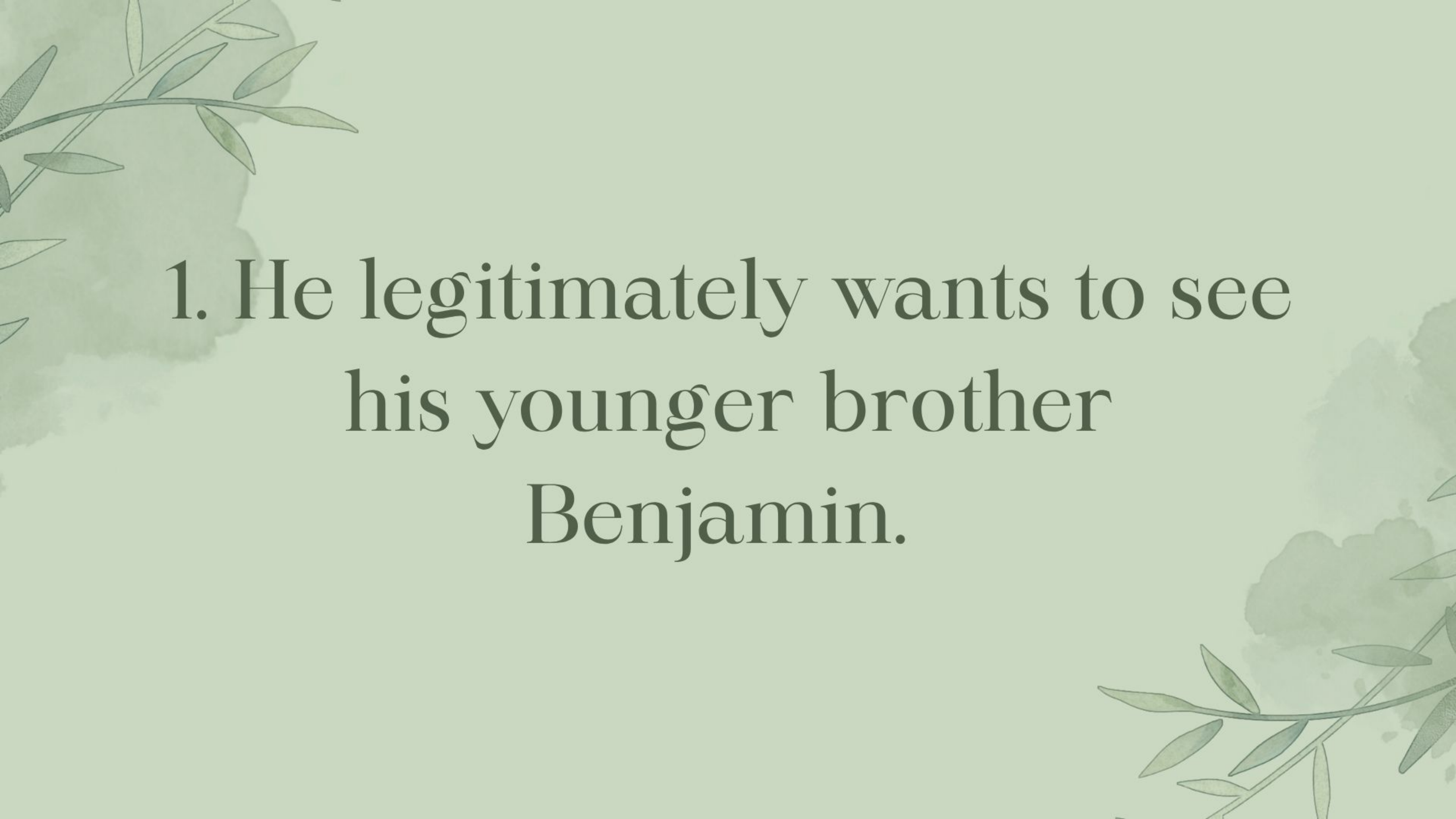
They said to one another, "Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us."



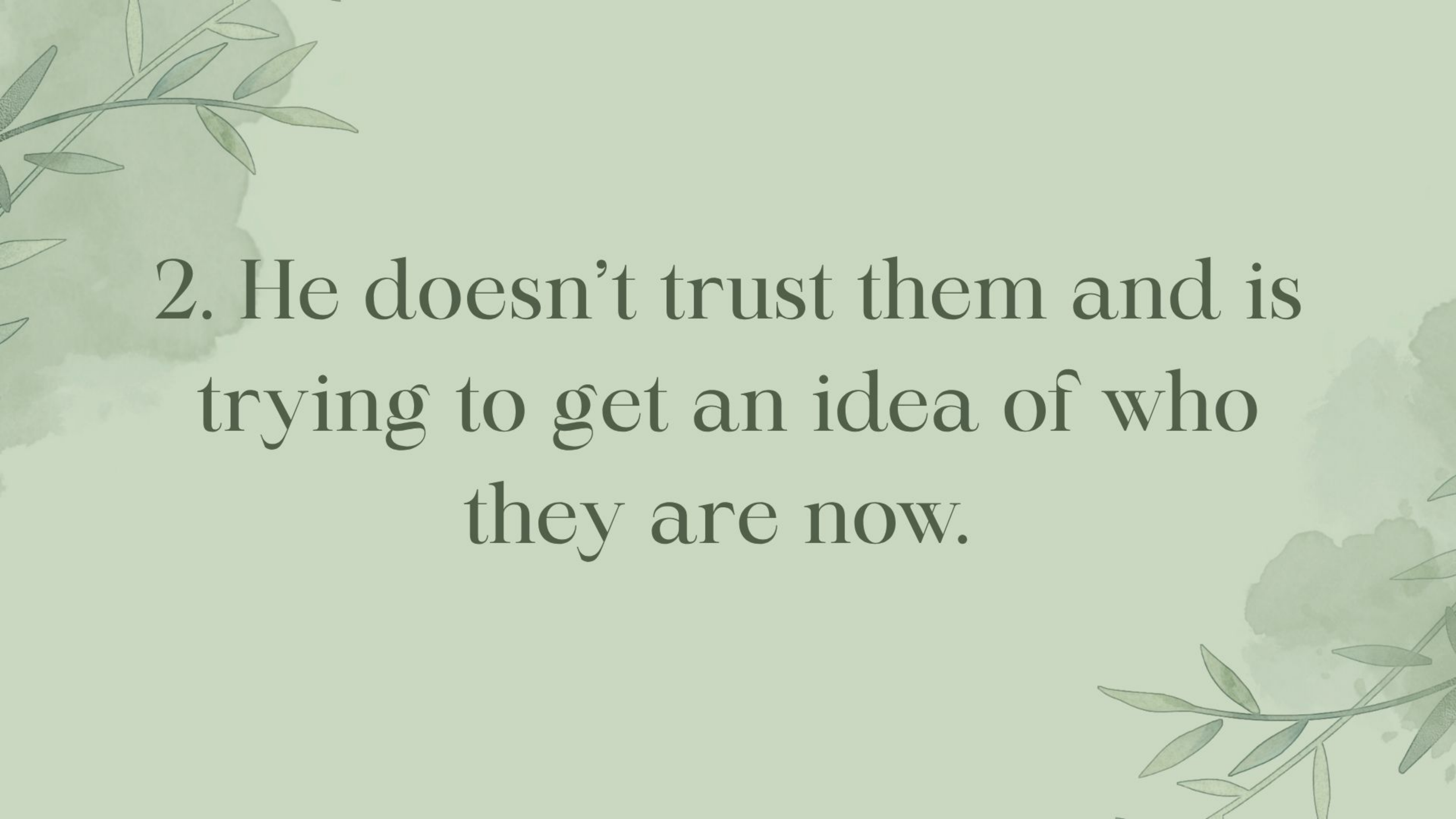
Reuben replied, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood." They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.



He turned away from them and began to weep,
but then came back and spoke to them again.
He had Simeon taken from them and bound
before their eyes.



1. He legitimately wants to see
his younger brother
Benjamin.



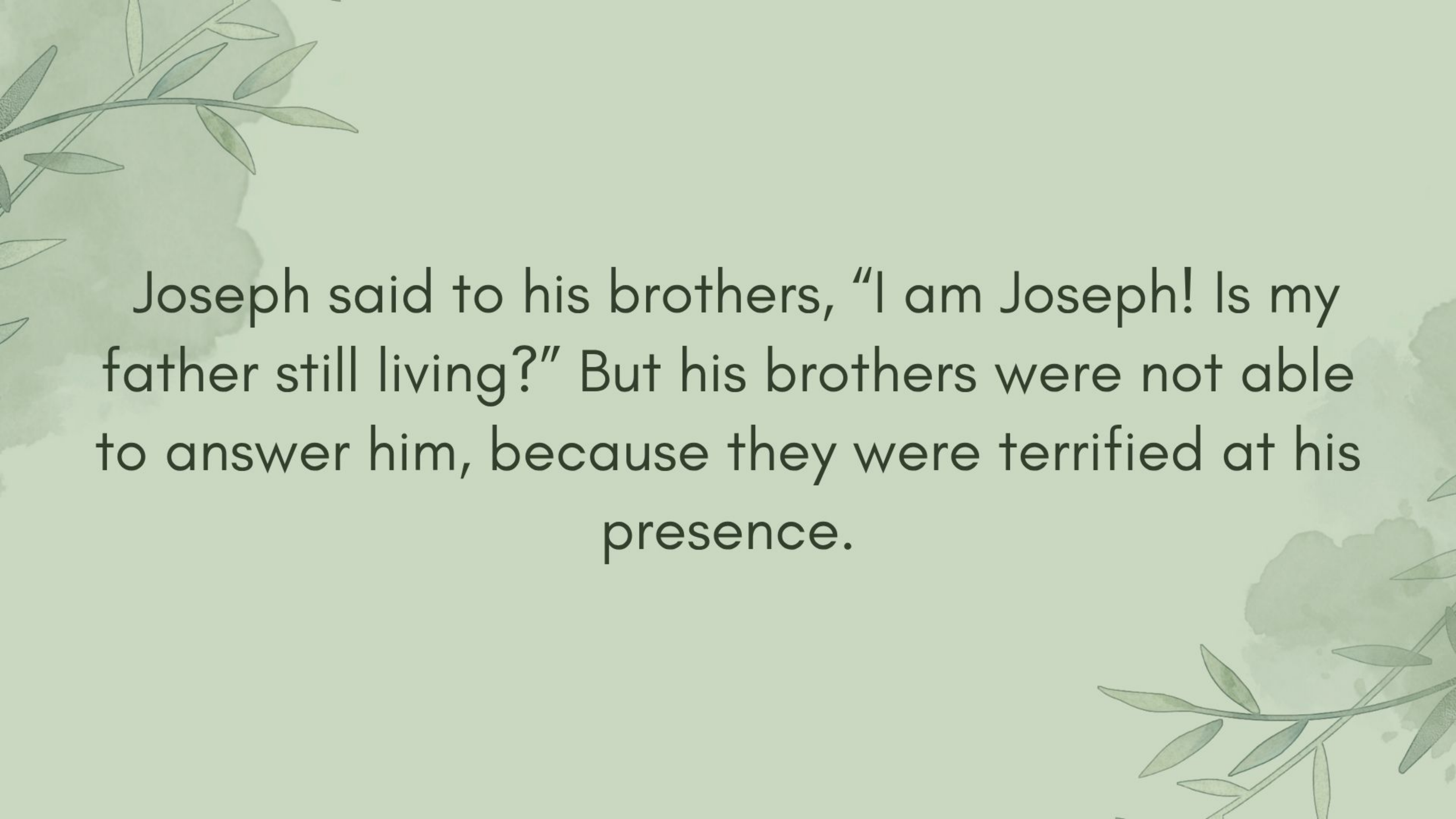
2. He doesn't trust them and is
trying to get an idea of who
they are now.



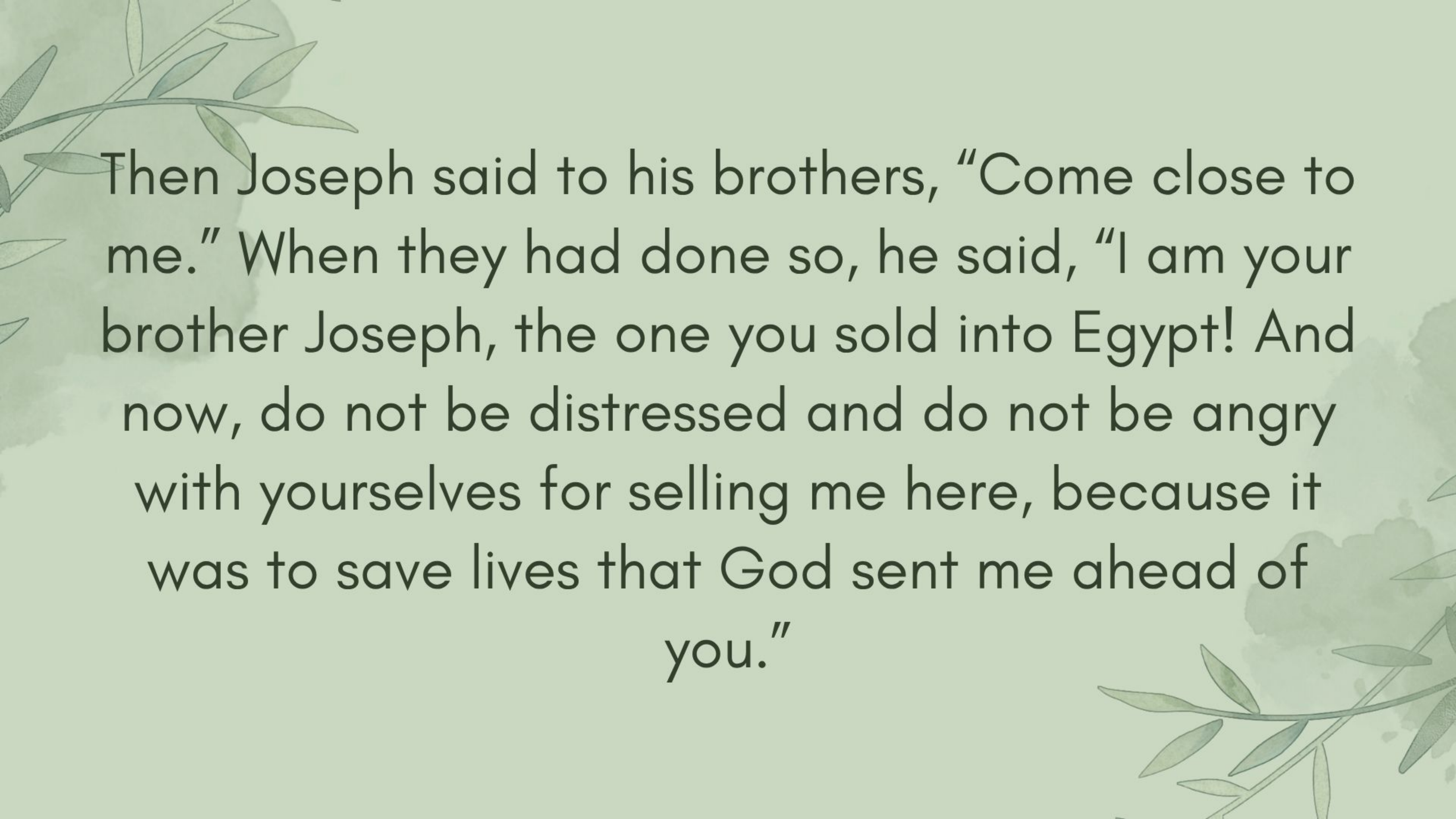
Genesis 45:1-5

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.





Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.



Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you."



A Season of Restoration
is a season of physical emotional
and spiritual healing and renewal.

Renewal, Rest, Recovery and
Restoration.





Characteristics of a Restoration Season

- Rest
 - Healing
 - New Beginnings
 - Revived Purpose
 - Restitution of what has been lost/ stolen
 - Repairing of what was broken
 - Renewal of Joy
 - Recovery of Time and Opportunities
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1. Rest is a Part of the Journey

Rest= Restoration

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.



2. Restoration Often Means Confronting our own Pain and Hurt

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves
the crushed in spirit.





Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who
strenthens me.



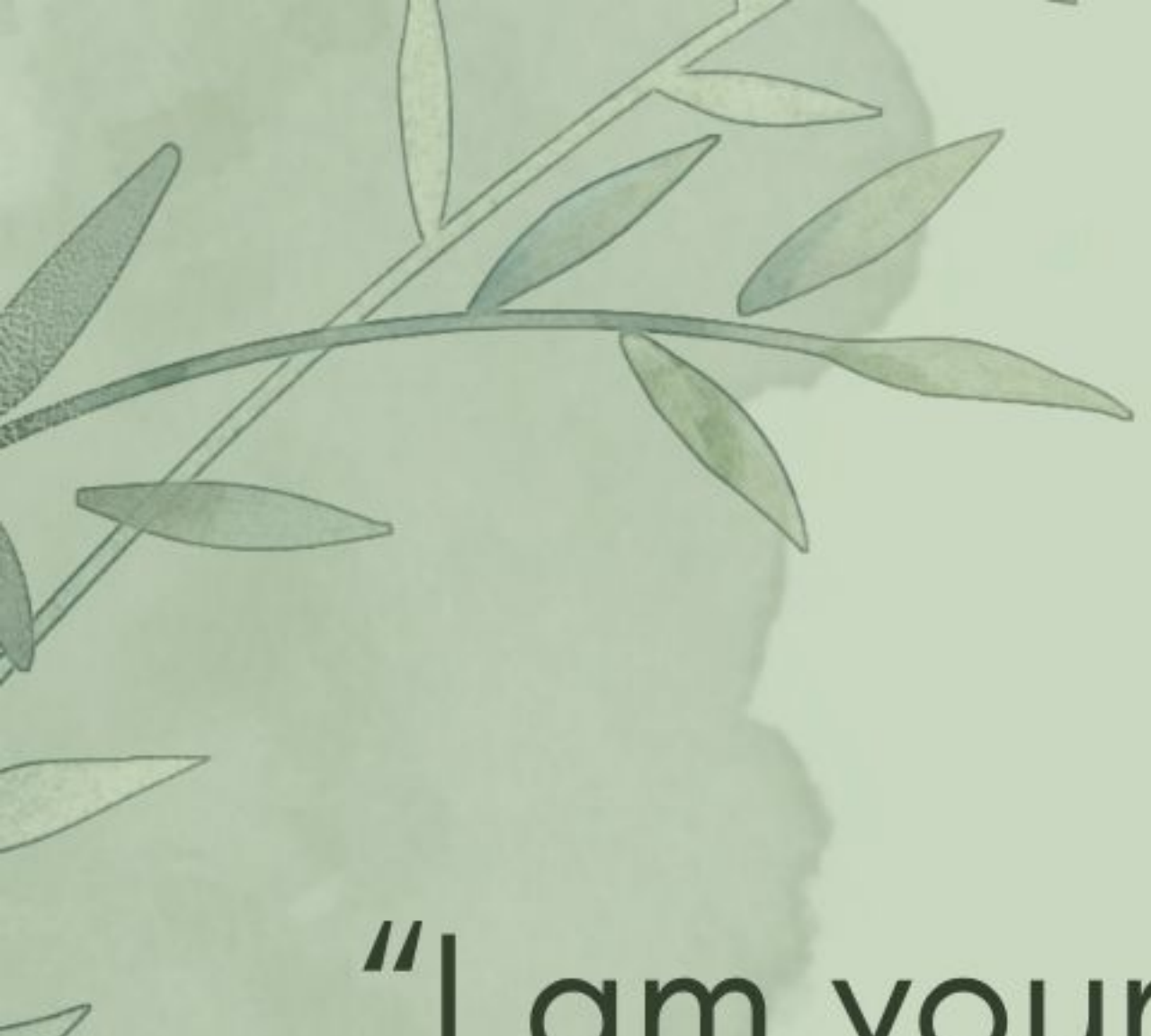


3. Restoration is Part of the Big Picture

1 Peter 5:10

And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.





Genesis 45:4-5

"I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you."





It was Judah's idea to sell him
into slavery.

It was Judah who begged for
Benjamin's life which proved that
they were changed men.

It is Judah who is listed in the
genealogy and line of Jesus.



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