



Pruning for a Purpose

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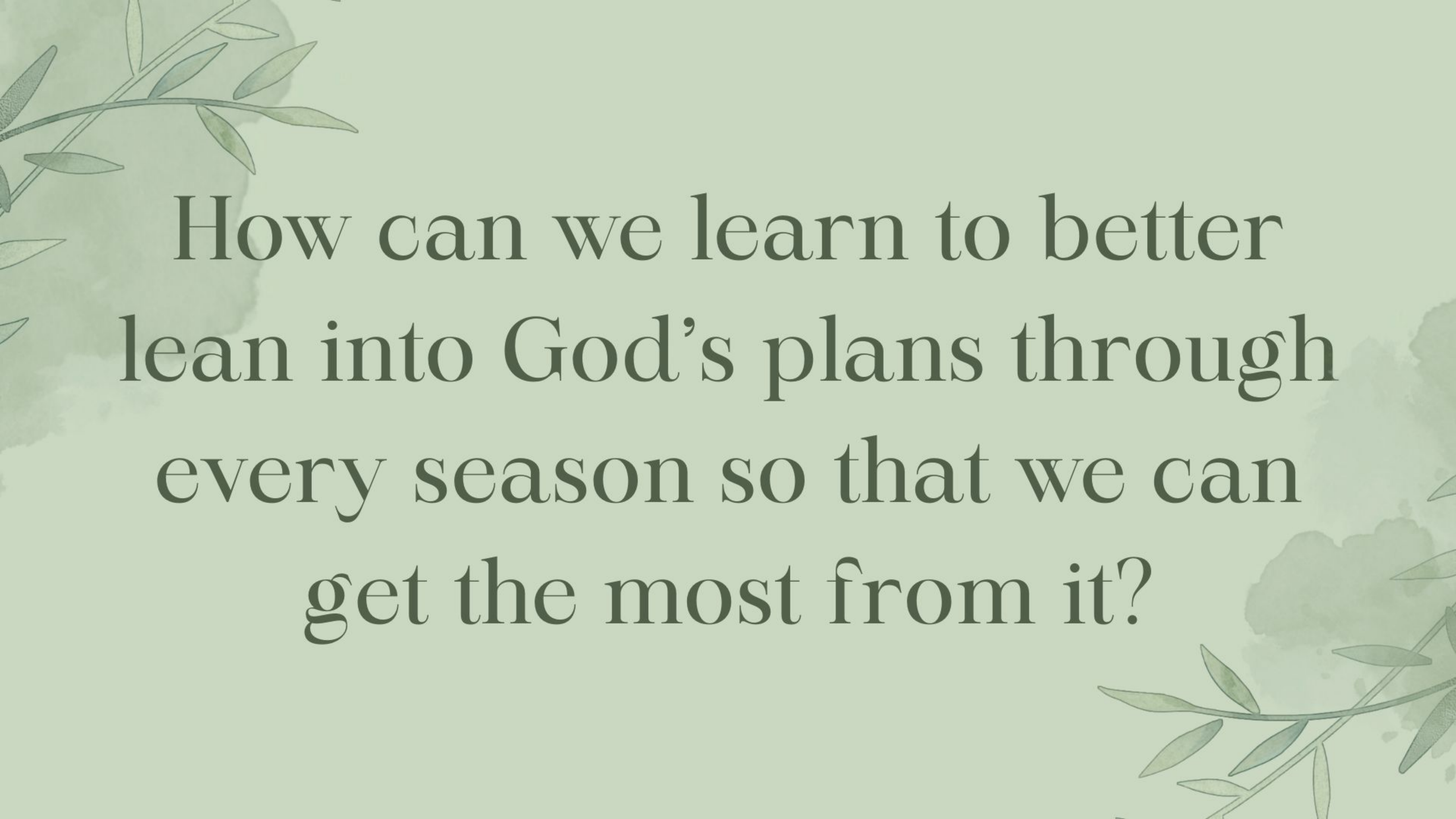
Genesis 37



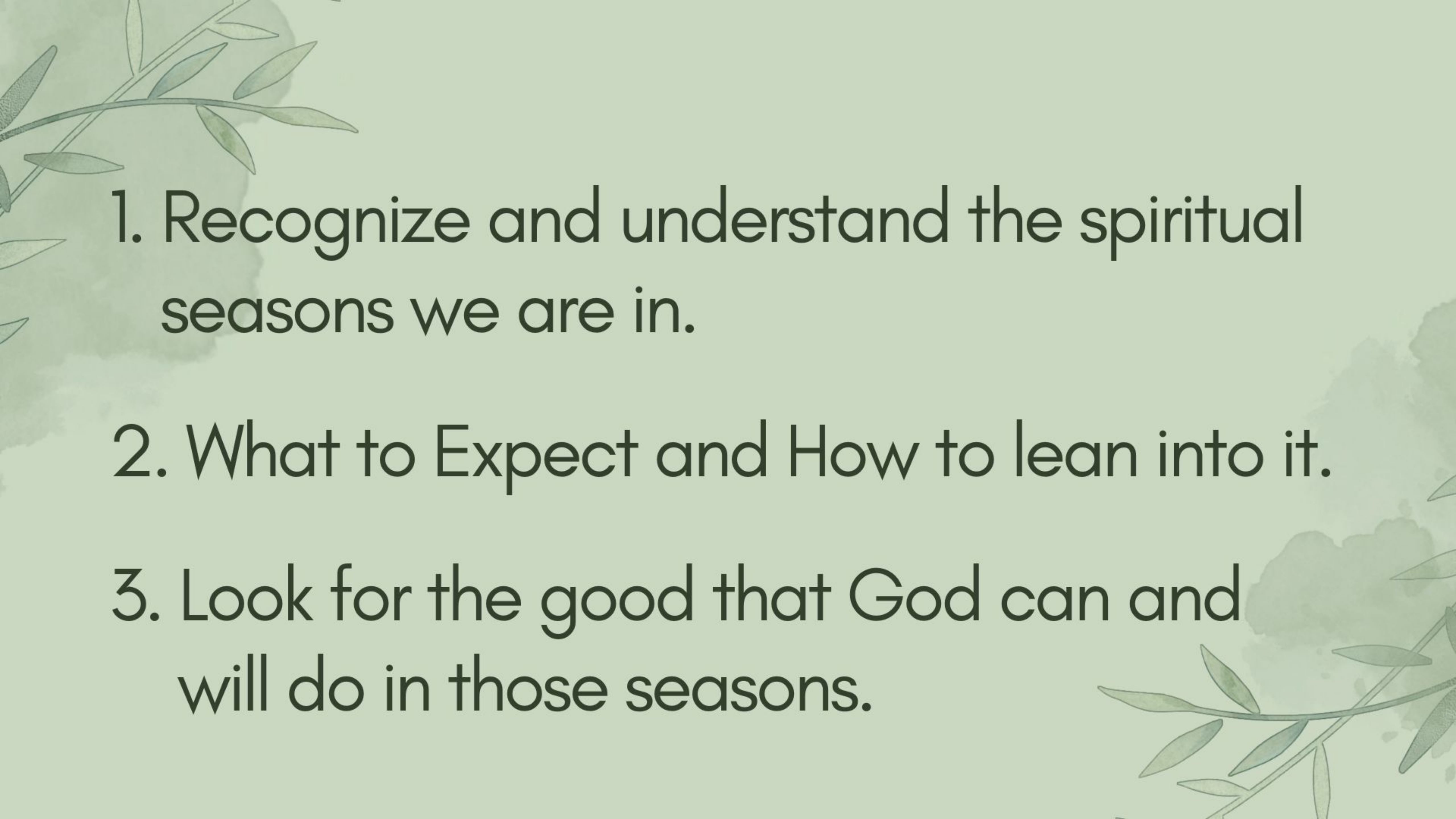
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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”





How can we learn to better
lean into God's plans through
every season so that we can
get the most from it?

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1. Recognize and understand the spiritual seasons we are in.
 2. What to Expect and How to lean into it.
 3. Look for the good that God can and will do in those seasons.

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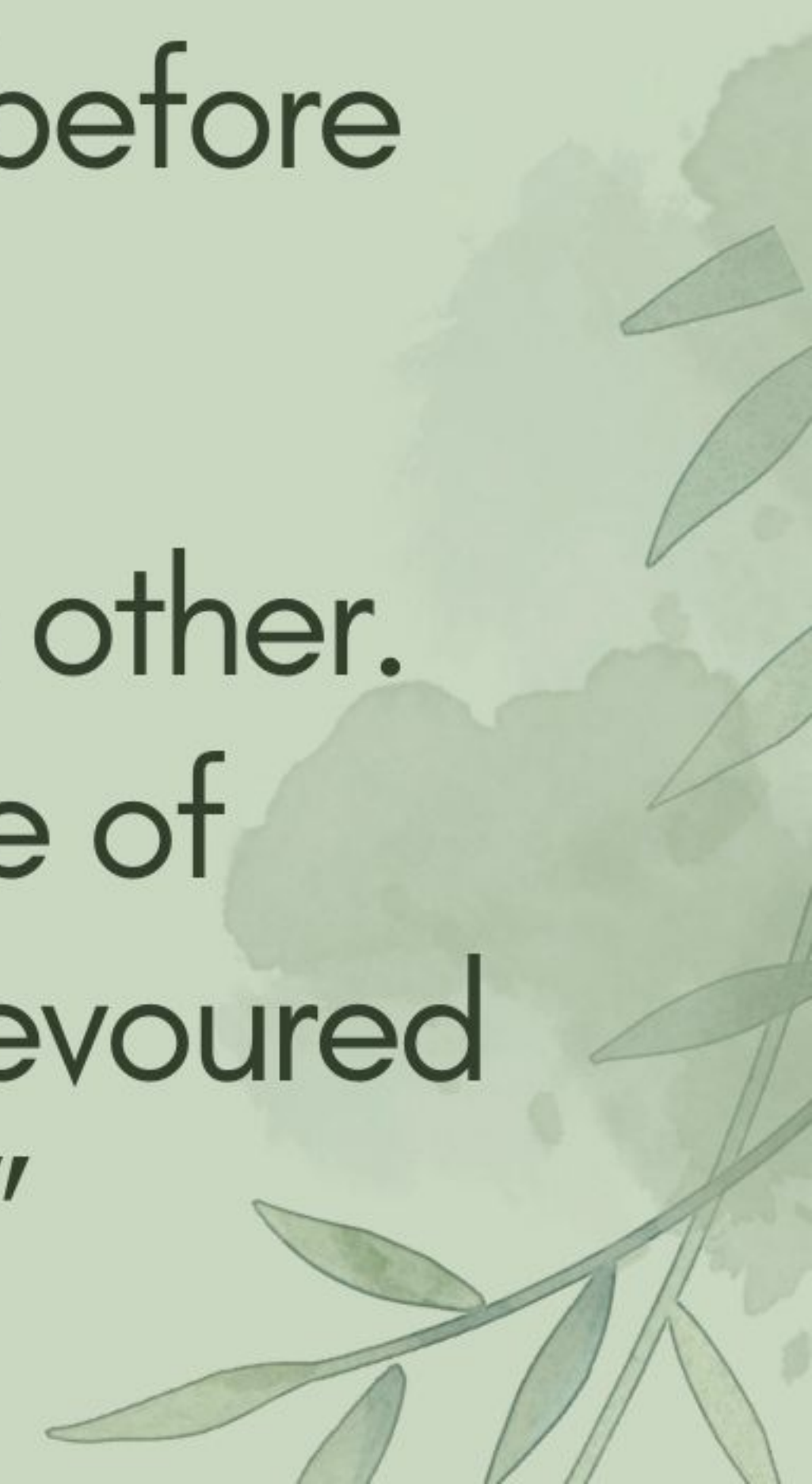


Genesis 37:19-22

Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

"Here comes that dreamer!" They said to each other.

"Come now let's kill him and throw him into one of those cisterns and say that ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."





When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands.

“Let’s not take his life,” he said.

“Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.





Pruning Season

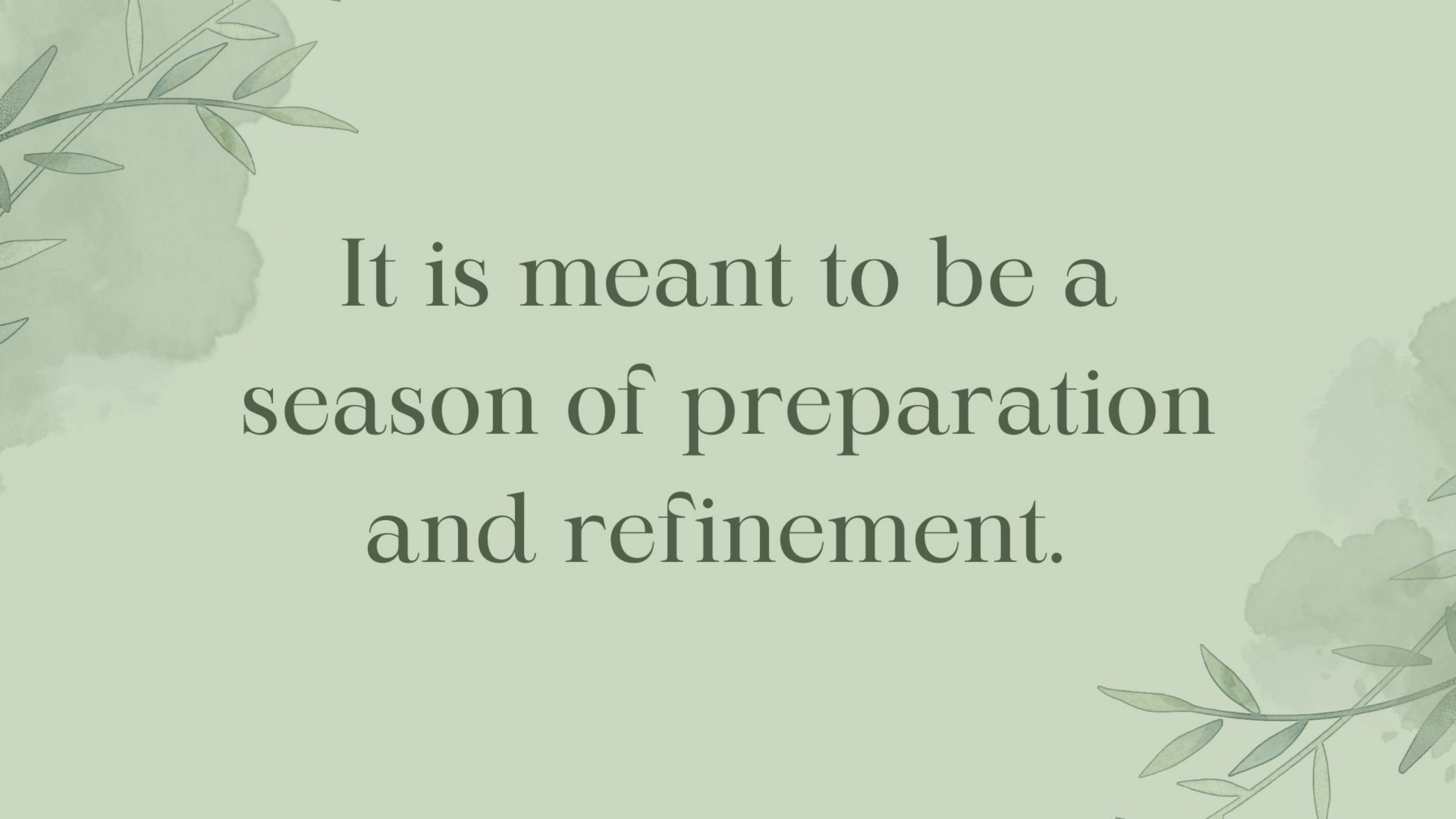
1. Pruning hurts – but promotes growth.
 2. Pruning strengthens the tree.
 3. Pruning makes way for new life.
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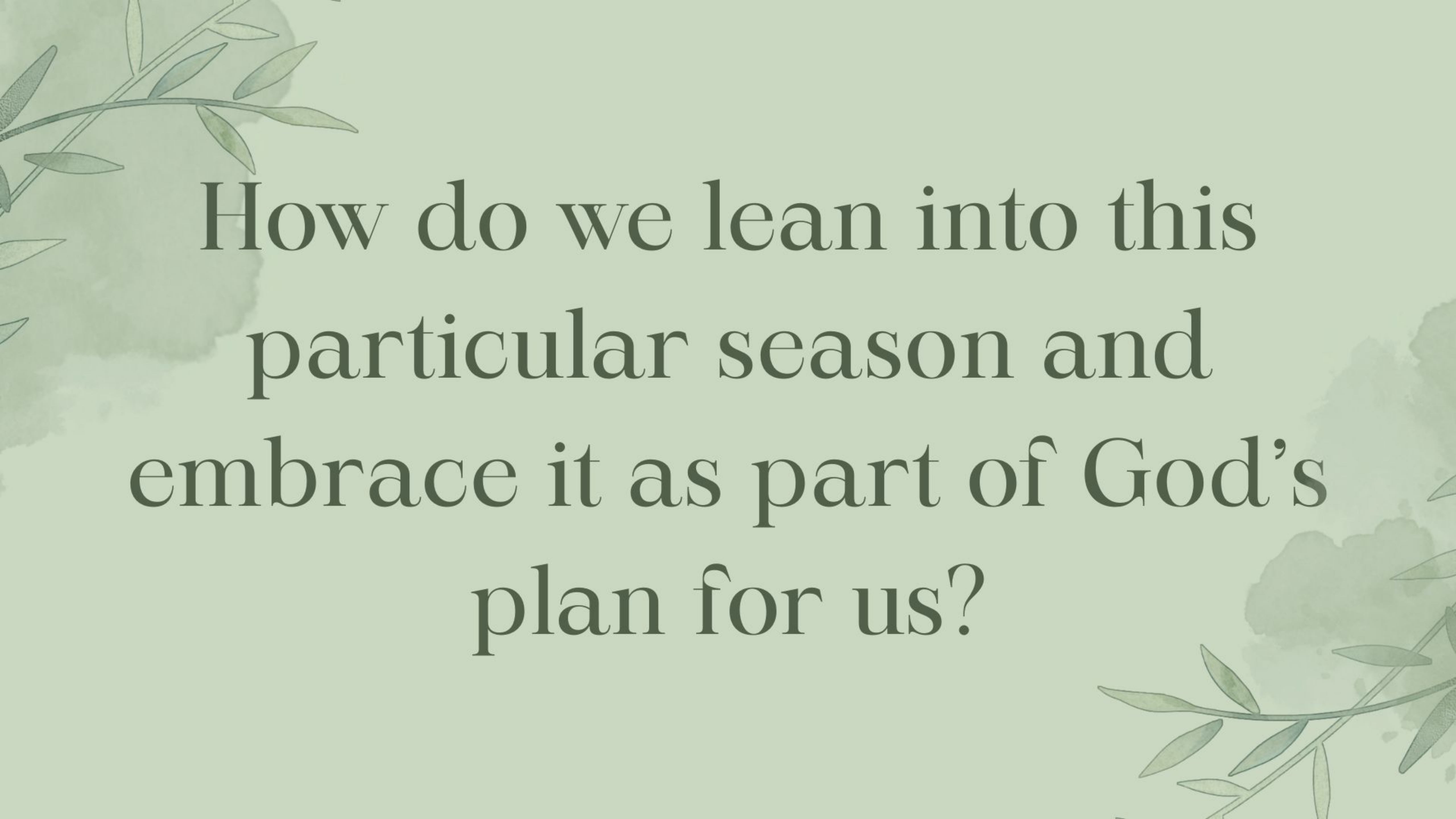
John 15:2

He cuts off every branch that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.





It is meant to be a
season of preparation
and refinement.



How do we lean into this
particular season and
embrace it as part of God's
plan for us?



1. Stay Connected to Christ

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.





2. Wait on the Lord

Psalm 130:5

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in
His word I put my hope.



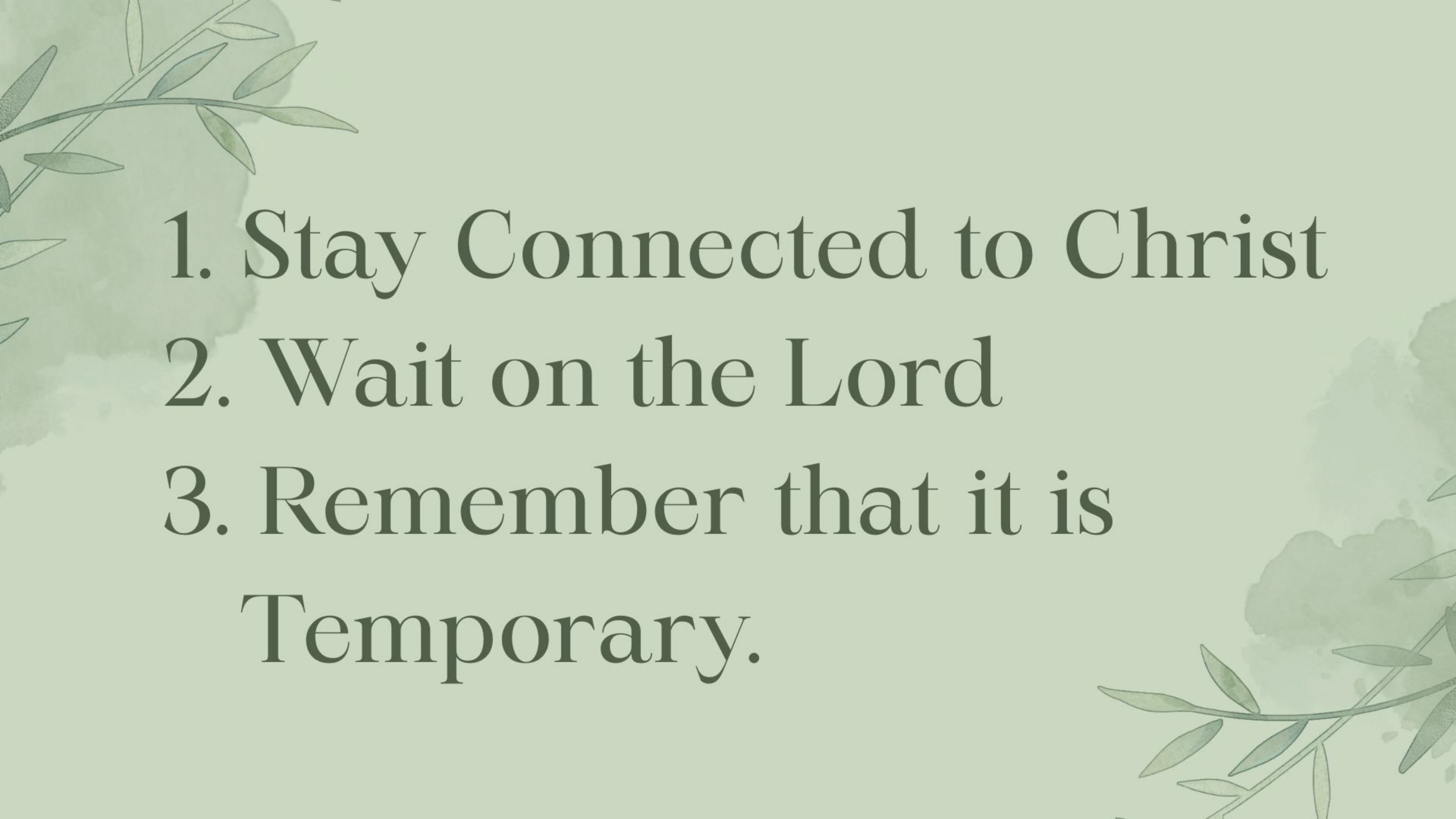


3. Remember that it is Temporary

Ecclesiastes 3:1

For everything there is a season, a time for every
activity under the heavens.



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