

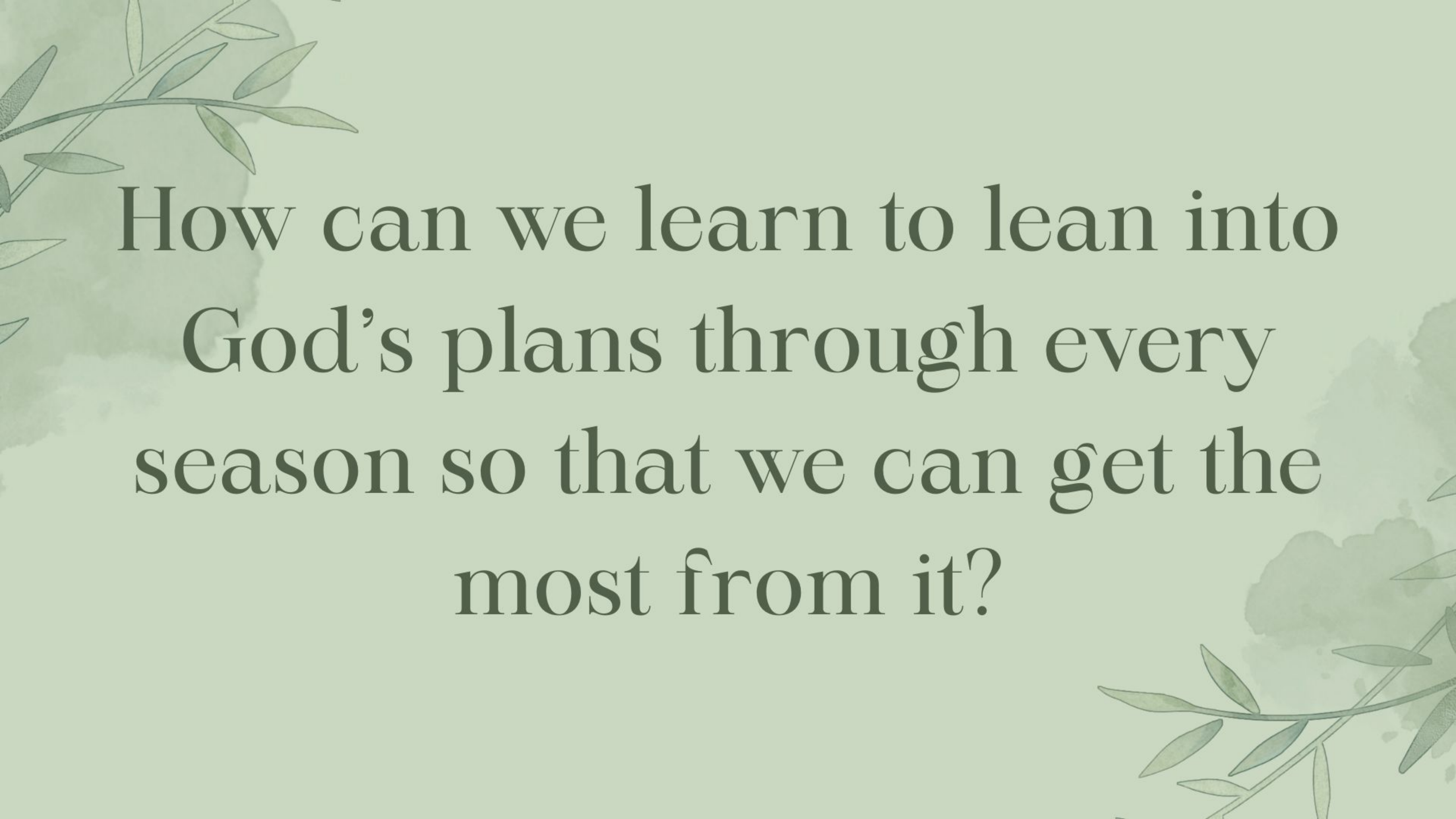


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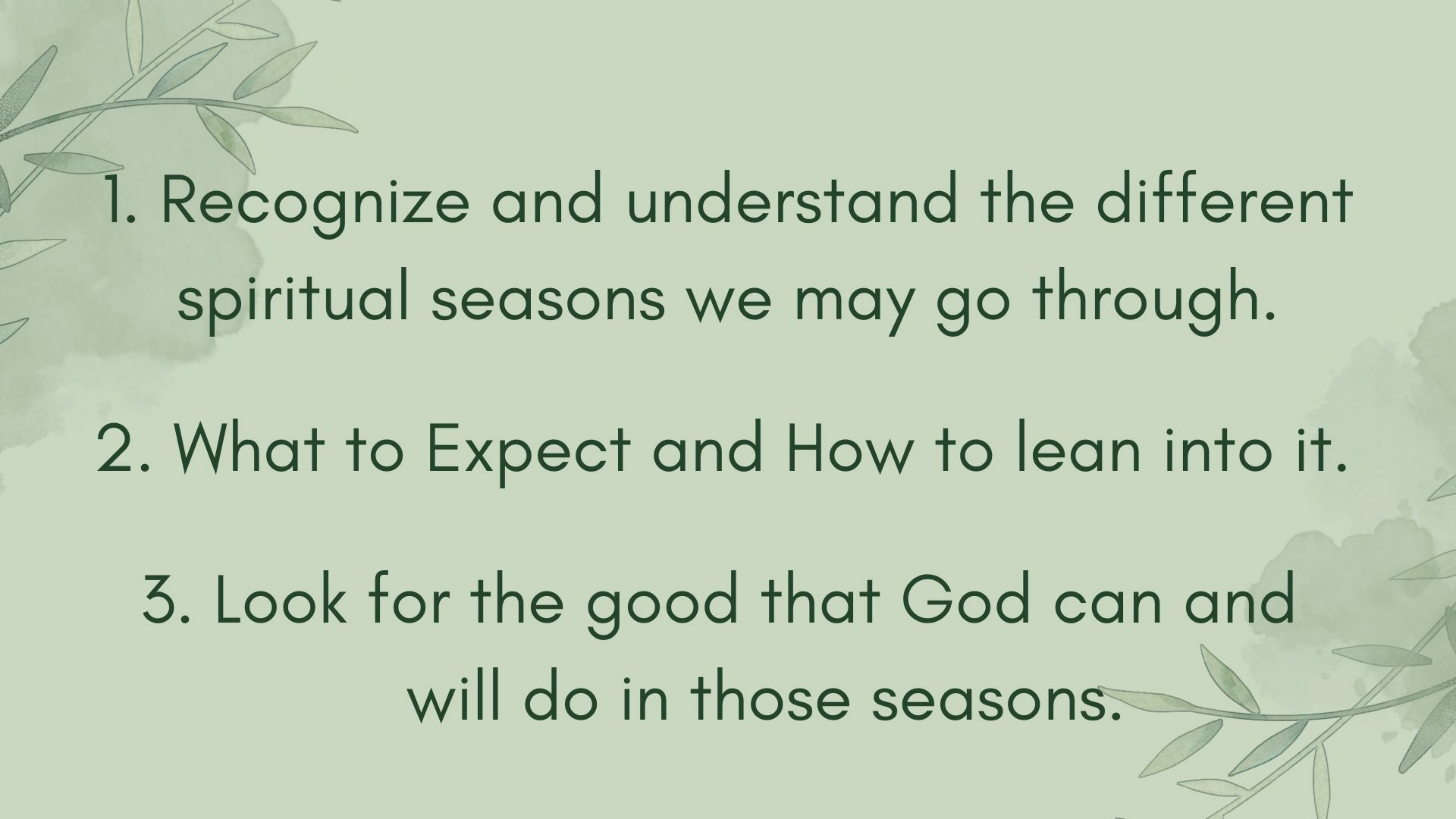
Genesis 39:1-20

Isaiah 43:2 & 10

Job 23:10



How can we learn to 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 different spiritual seasons we may go through.
 2. What to Expect and How to lean into it.
 3. Look for the good that God can and will do in those seasons.

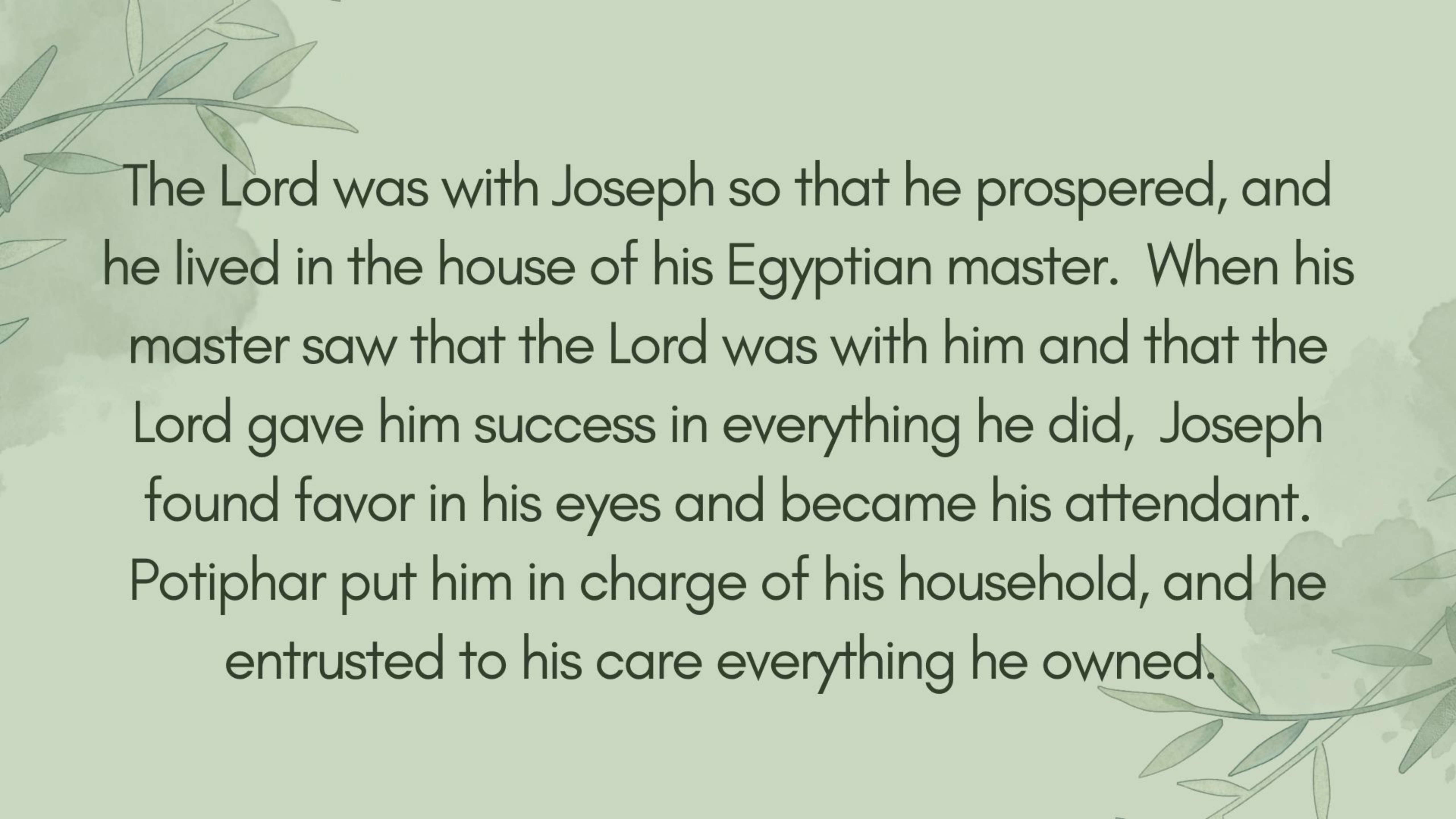


Genesis 39: 1-20

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt.

Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.





The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.



1. We see new strength,
new growth and new
fruit.

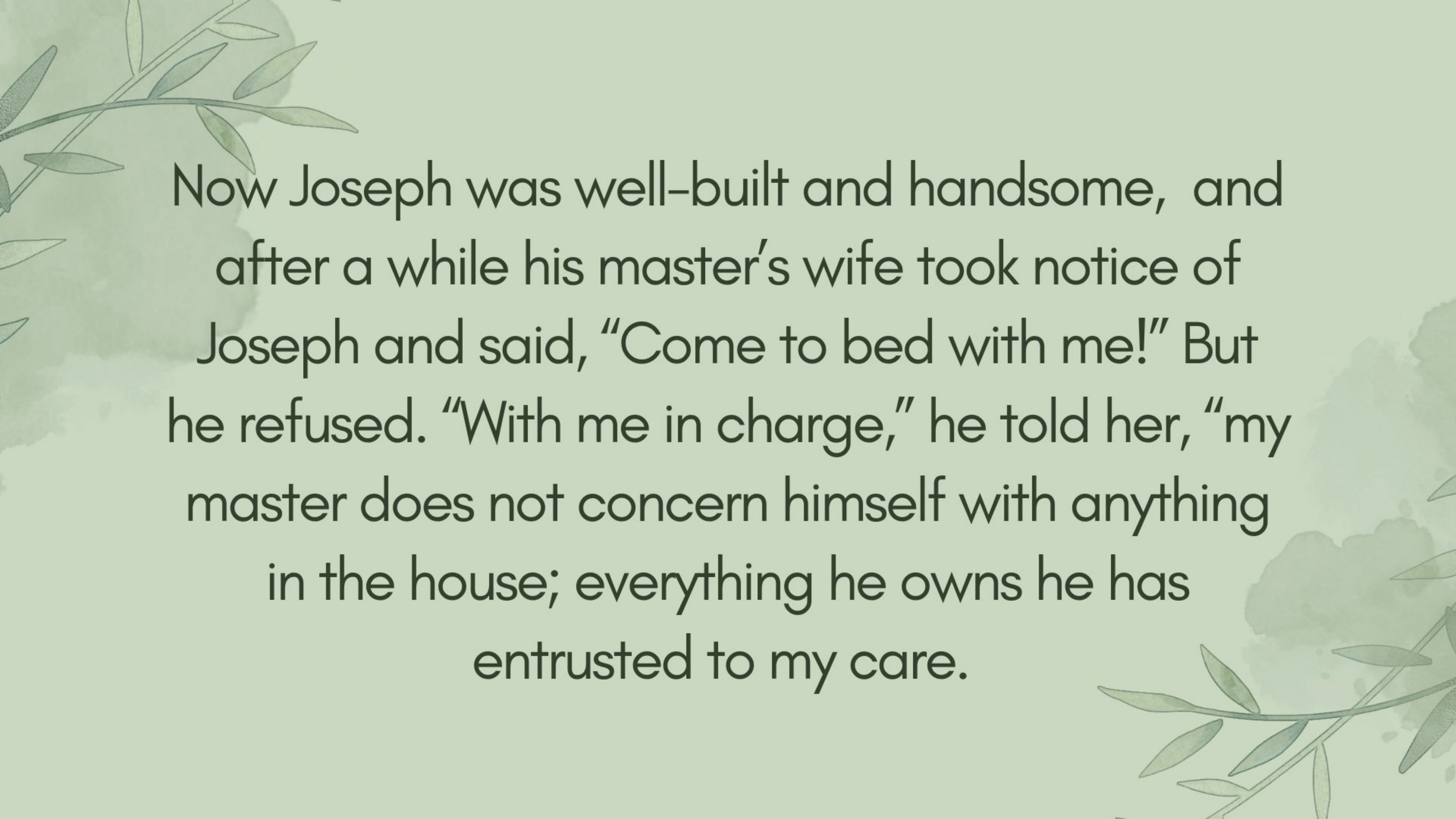


2. He leaned into God.

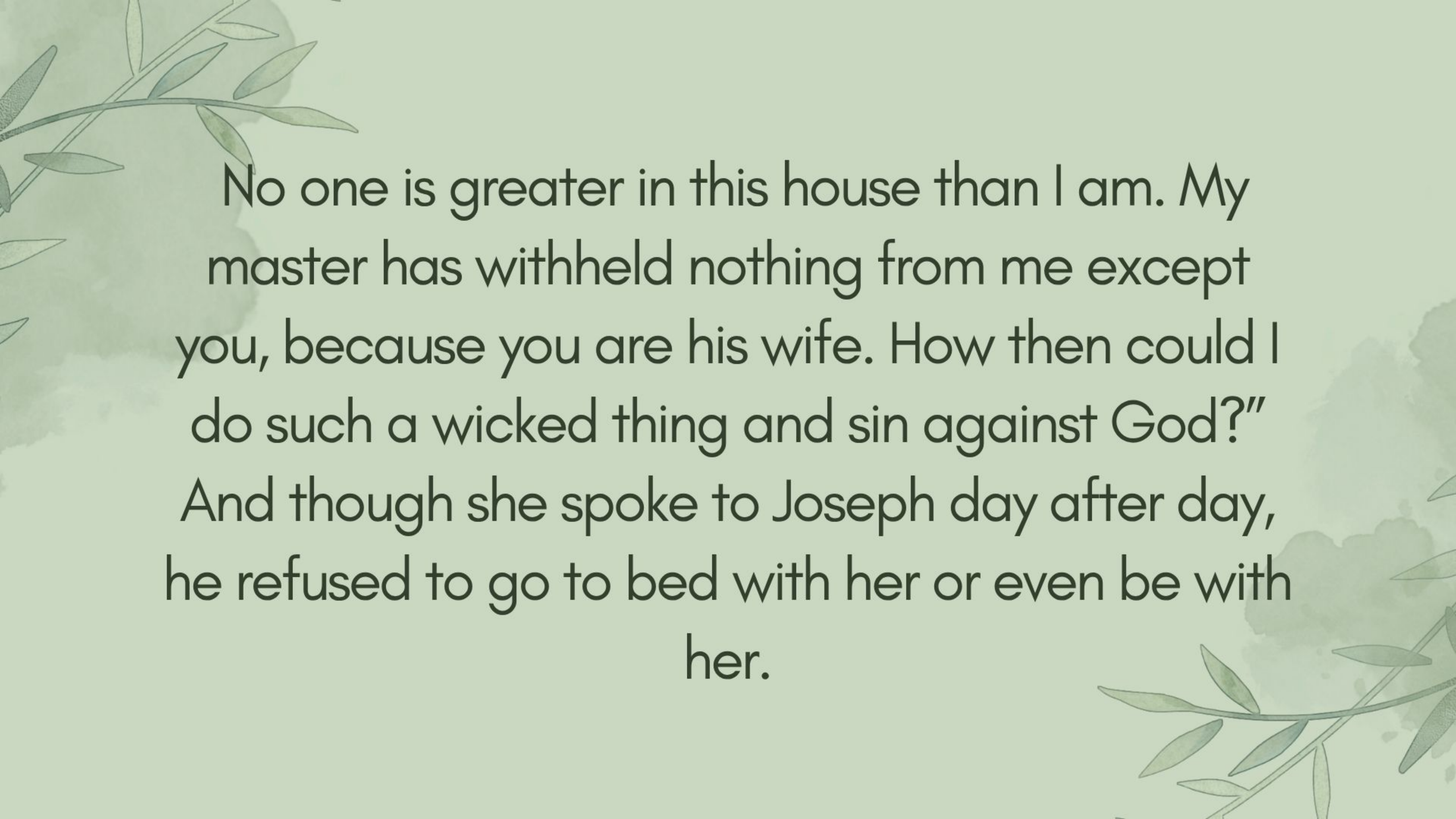
James 4:8

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

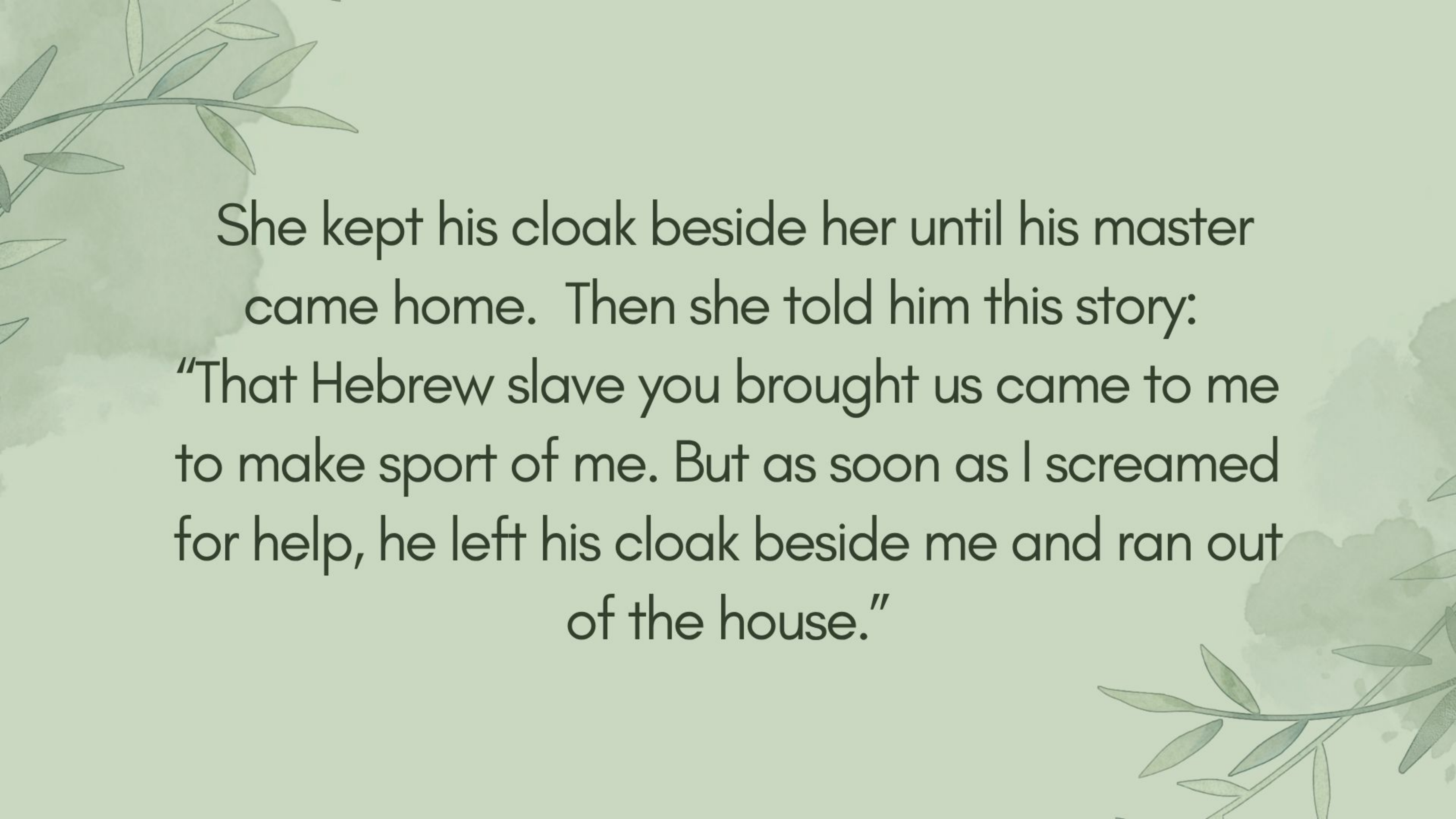




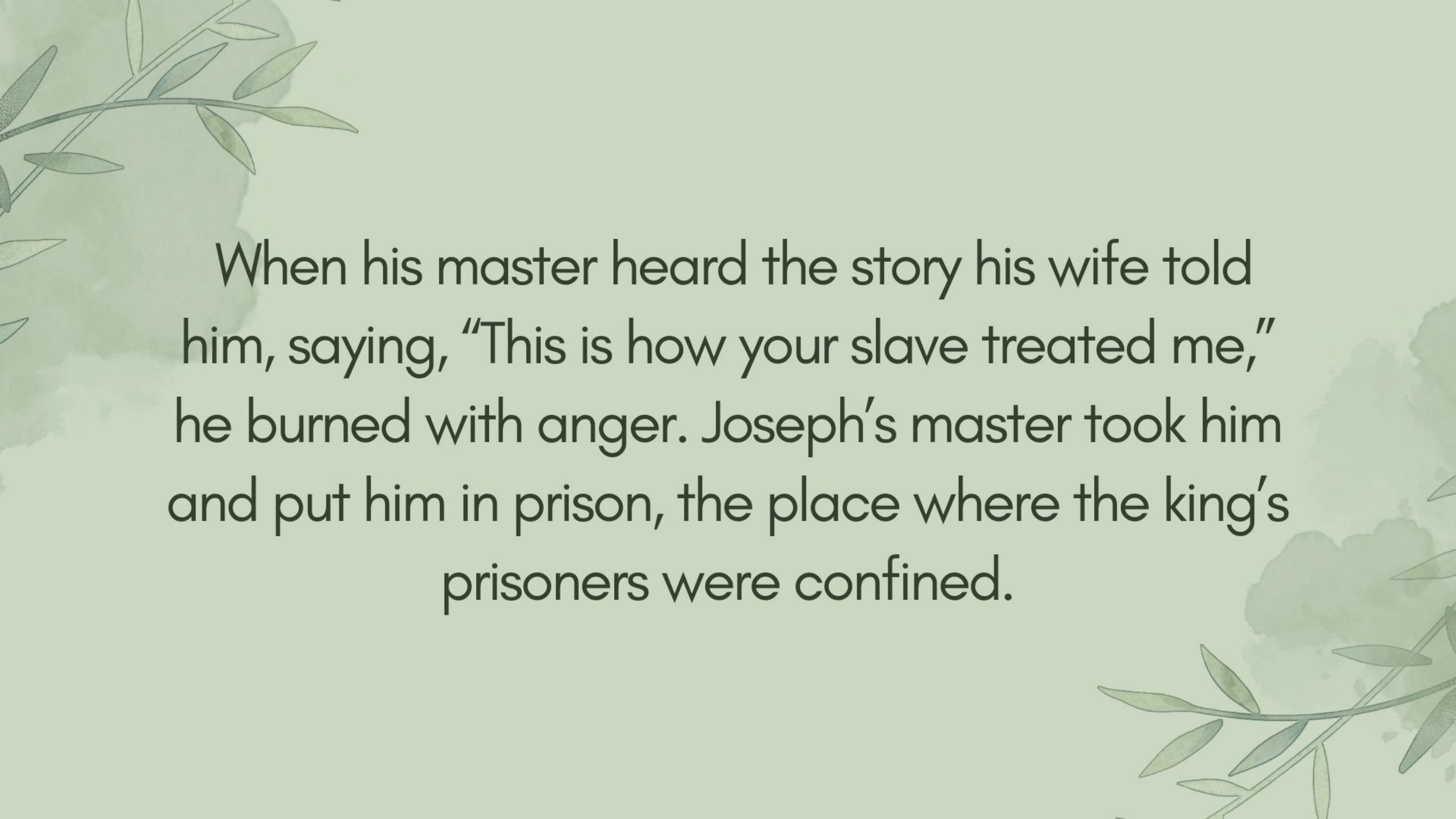
Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care."



No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.



She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story:
“That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”



When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.



A Biblical refining season is a period of difficult trials, testing and pressure that God can and will use to strip away spiritual impurities, help remove bad habits, expose wrong motives and strengthen our faith.

The process is meant to purify a person's character so they reflect Christ more clearly.





2. The Heat and Crucible

Proverbs 17:3

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,
but the Lord tests the heart.





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3. Burning away The Dross and Removing Impurities

Isaiah 1:25

I will thoroughly purge away your dross and
remove all your impurities.



4. The Reflection

Job 23:10

He knows the way that I take; when He has
tested me, I will come forth as gold.





Isaiah 43:10

I have refined you, but not as silver is refined. Rather I have refined you in the furnace of affliction.





John 16:33

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.





James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything.





Zechariah 13:9

I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold... I will say, "These are my people," and they will say, "The Lord is our God."



Signs of a refining season

Big Changes or Challenges

Rising pressure

Rising Stress

Life feels difficult

Feels like a lot of your weak spots are exposed.





Stuff you find comfort in is
no longer working or comfortable
(Shifting Gears)

Familiar routines, validation from other people,
relying only on yourself, trying to control things,
the need to always be right- no longer work or
bring you peace.





Exposed Motives and Feelings

Hidden pride, ego, anger, bitterness, unhealed wounds etc. come to the surface so that they can be dealt with and so you can be healed and restored.



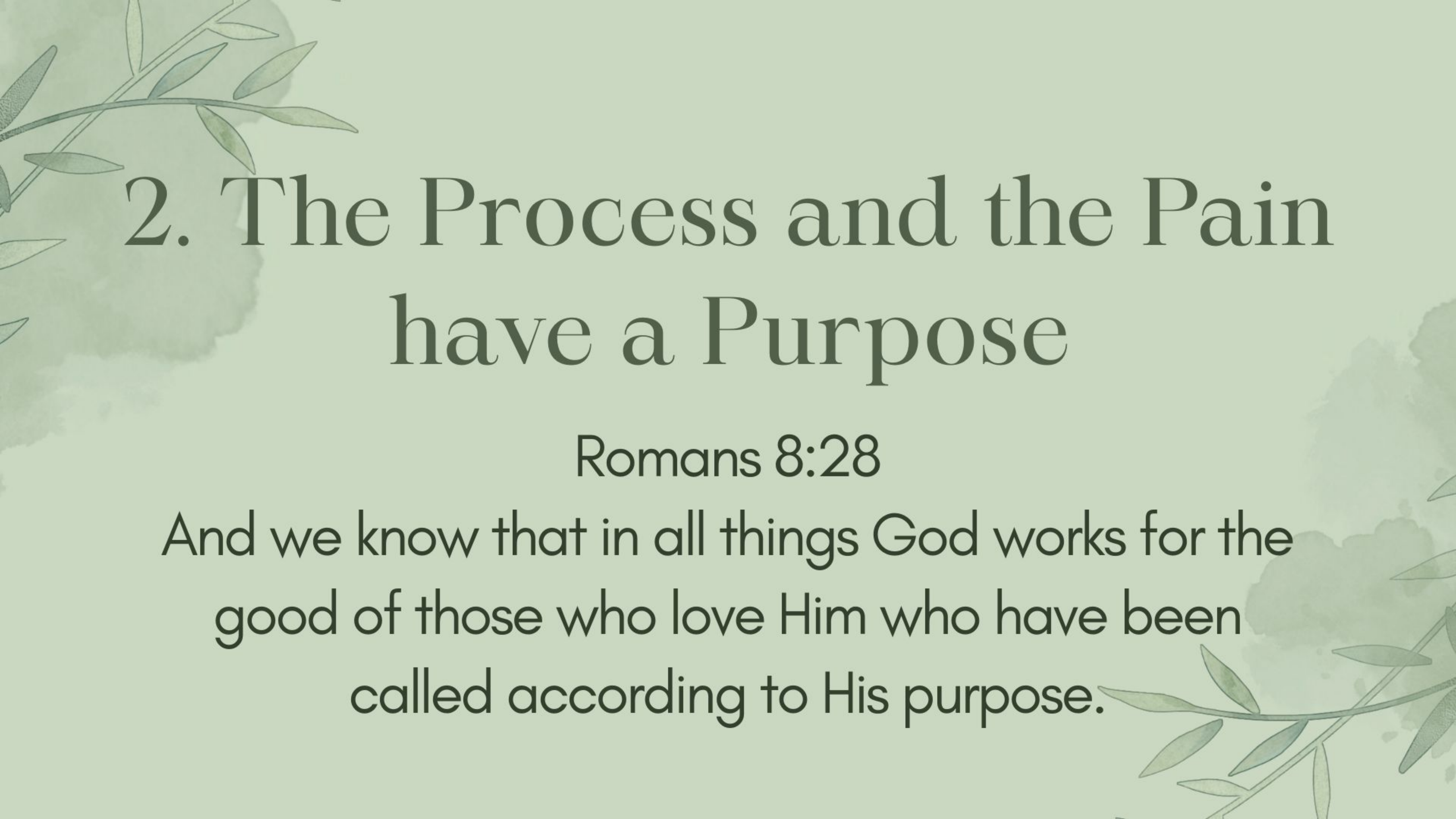


1. The Fire is Watched

Hebrews 13:5

Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.





2. The Process and the Pain have a Purpose

Romans 8:28

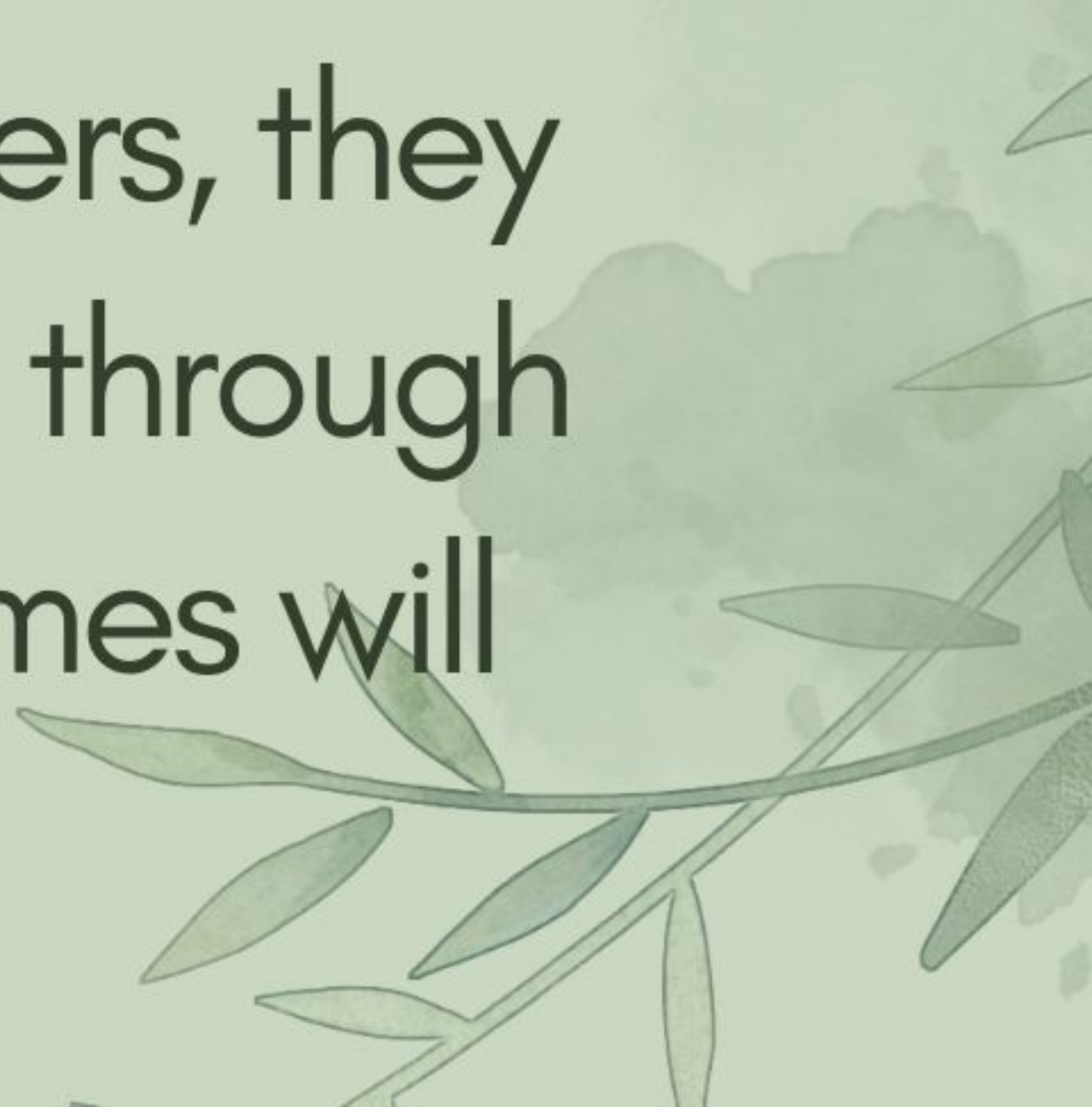
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose.



3. Trust God to Bring You Through It

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, the flames will not set you ablaze.





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