




Thanksgiving

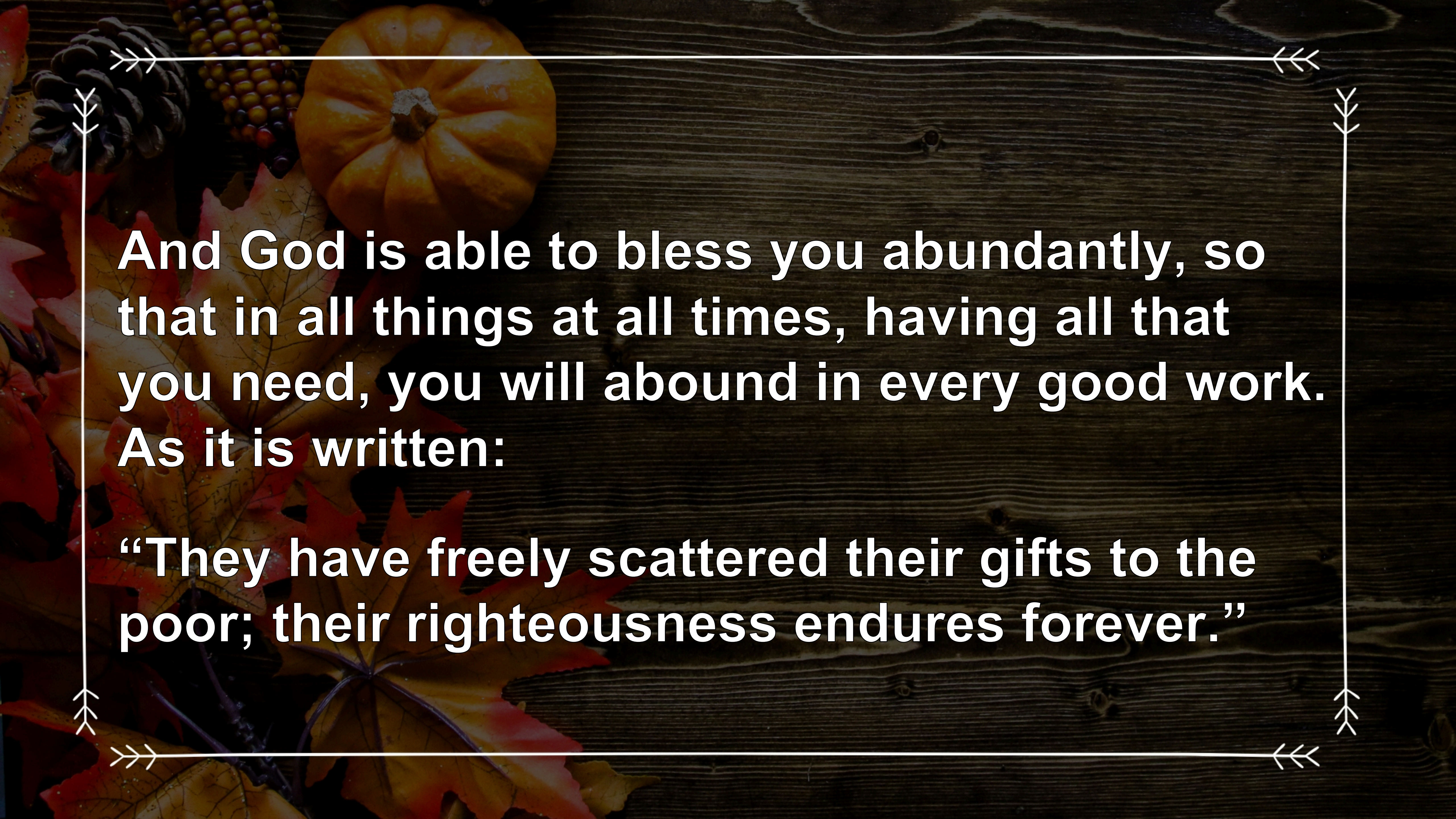


The Outpouring of a Grateful Heart
2 Corinthians 9:6-15



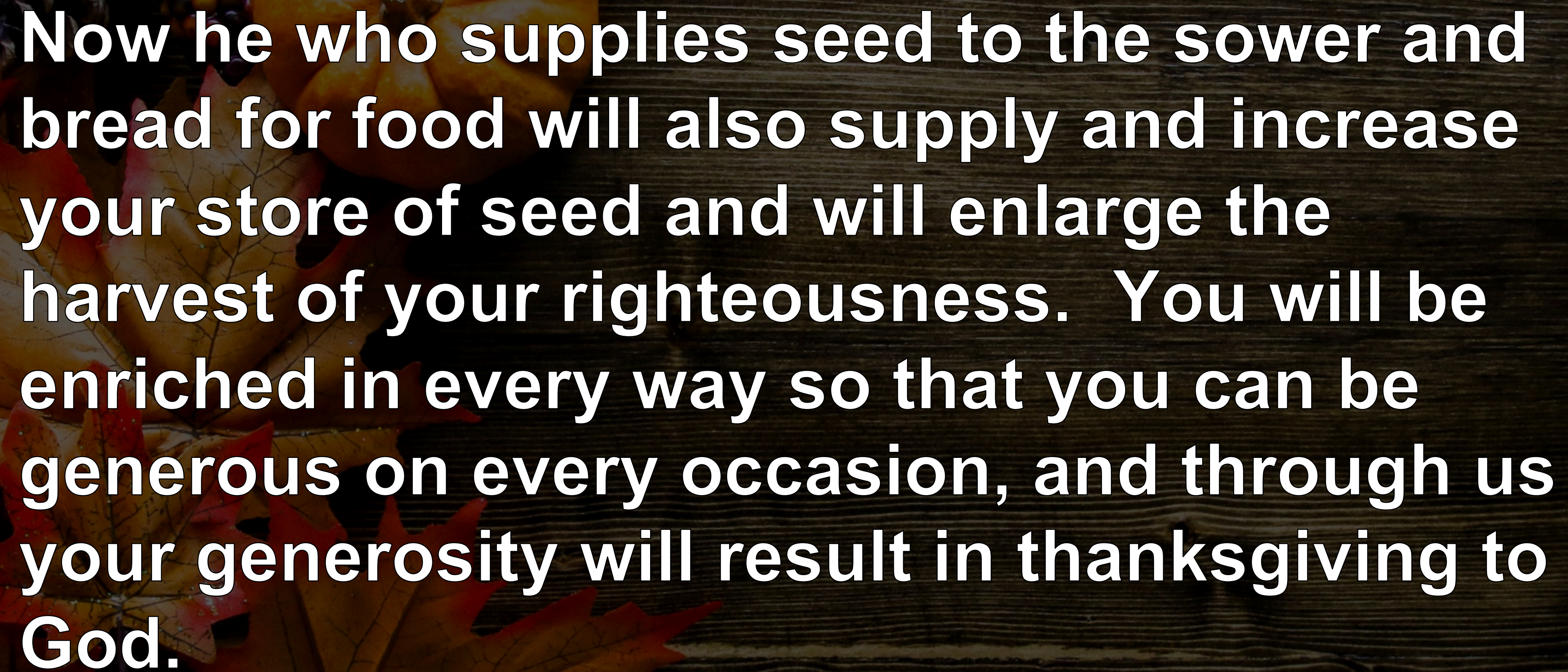
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Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

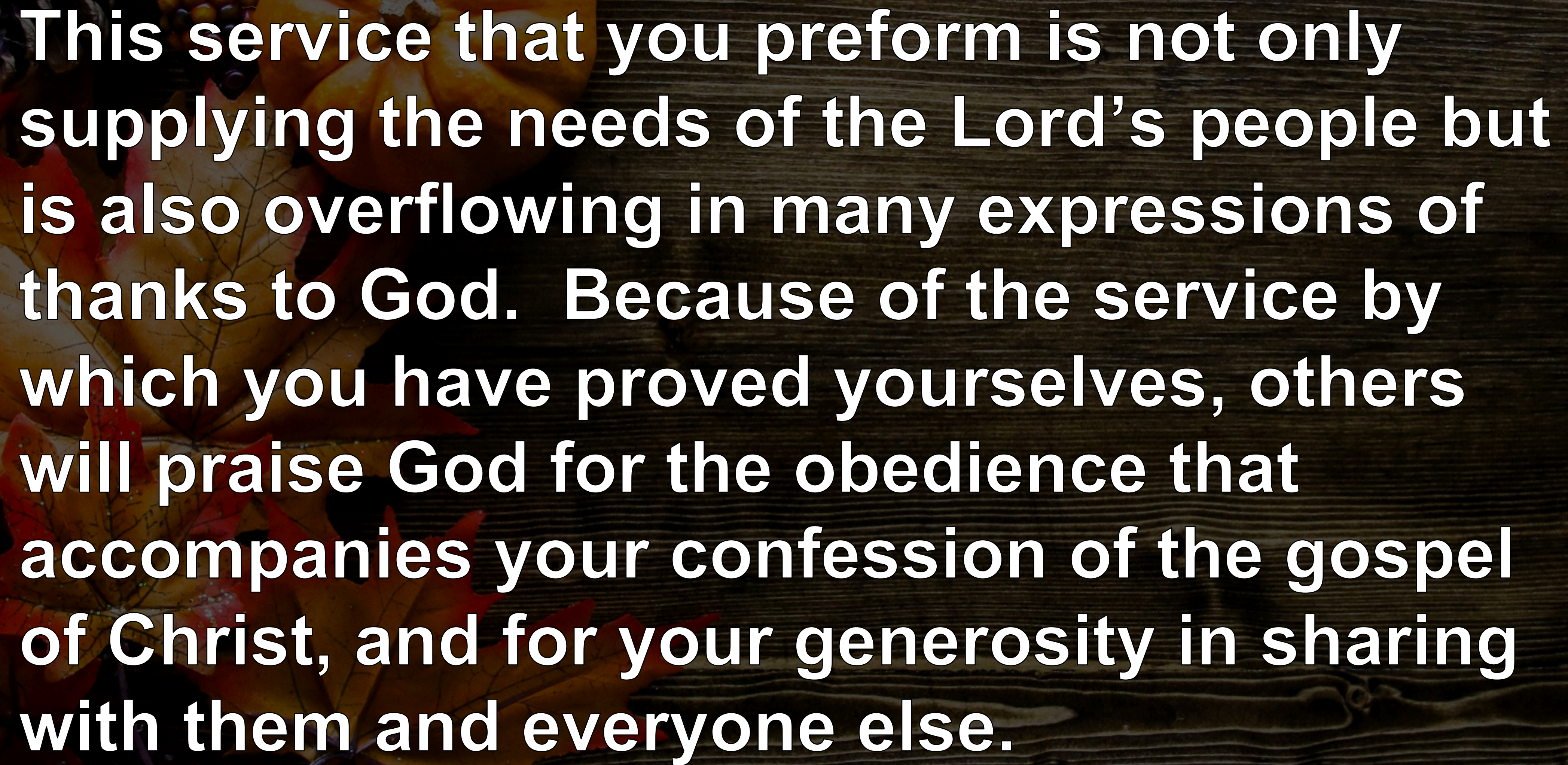


And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

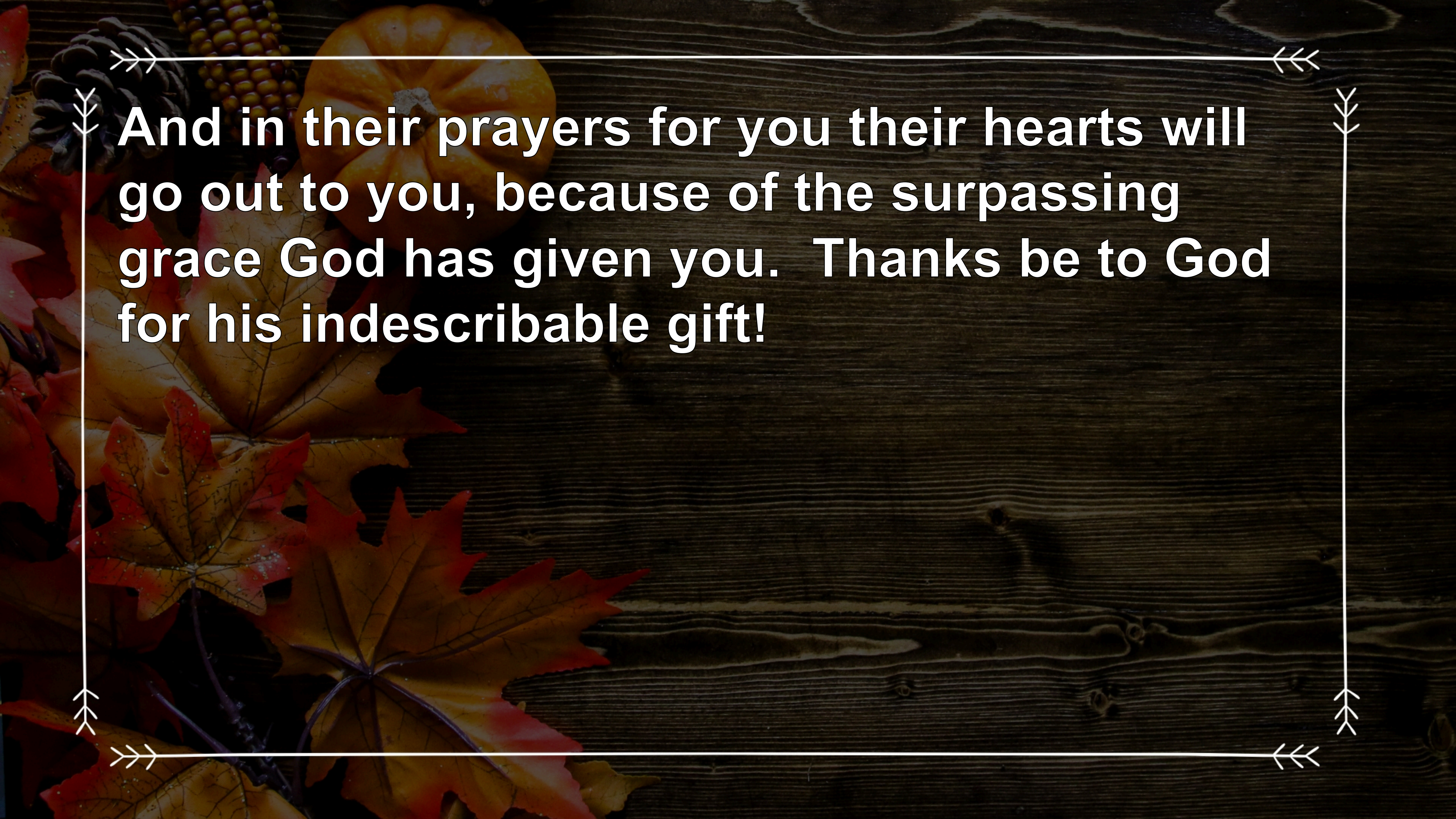
“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”



Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else.

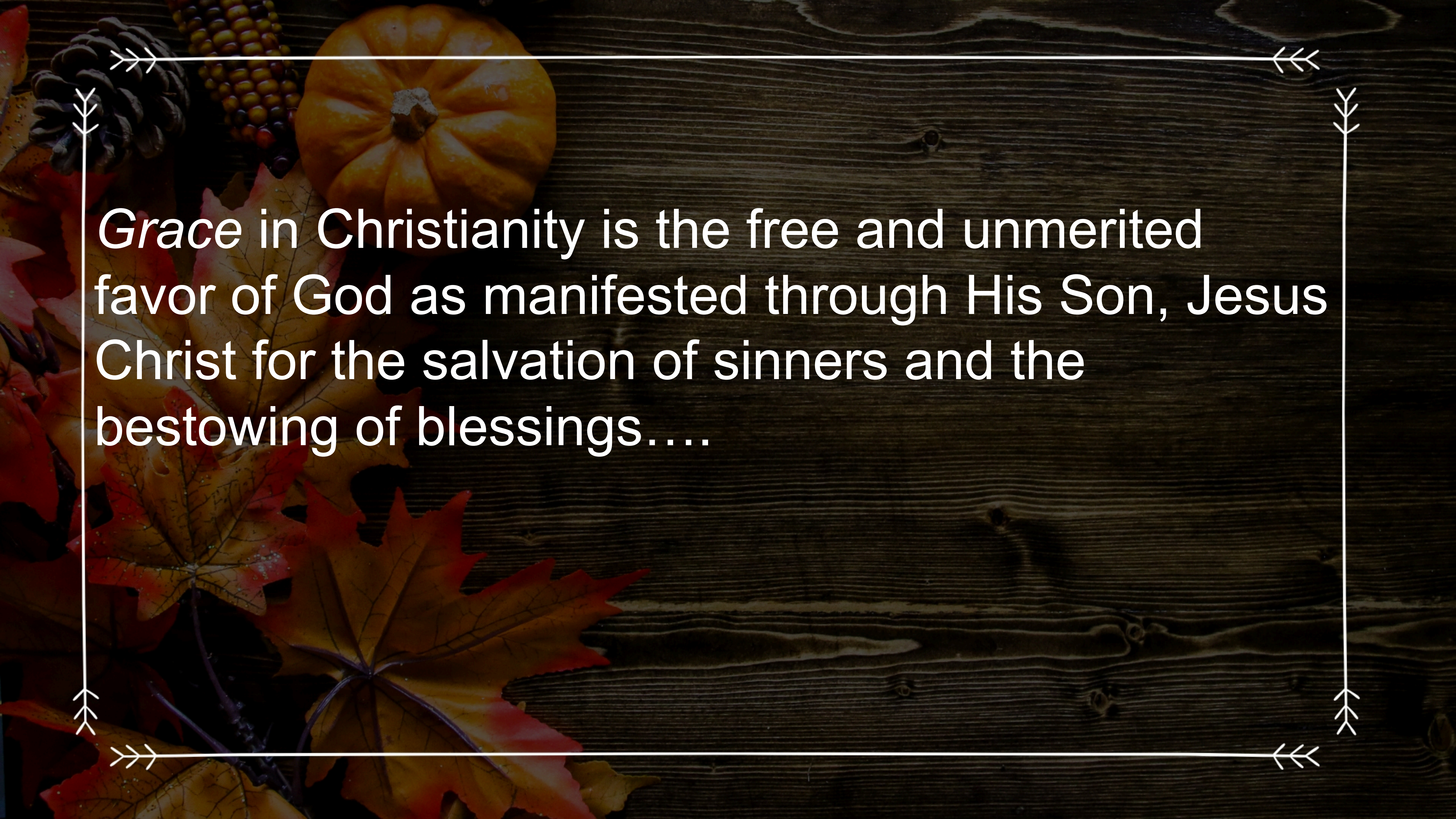


And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



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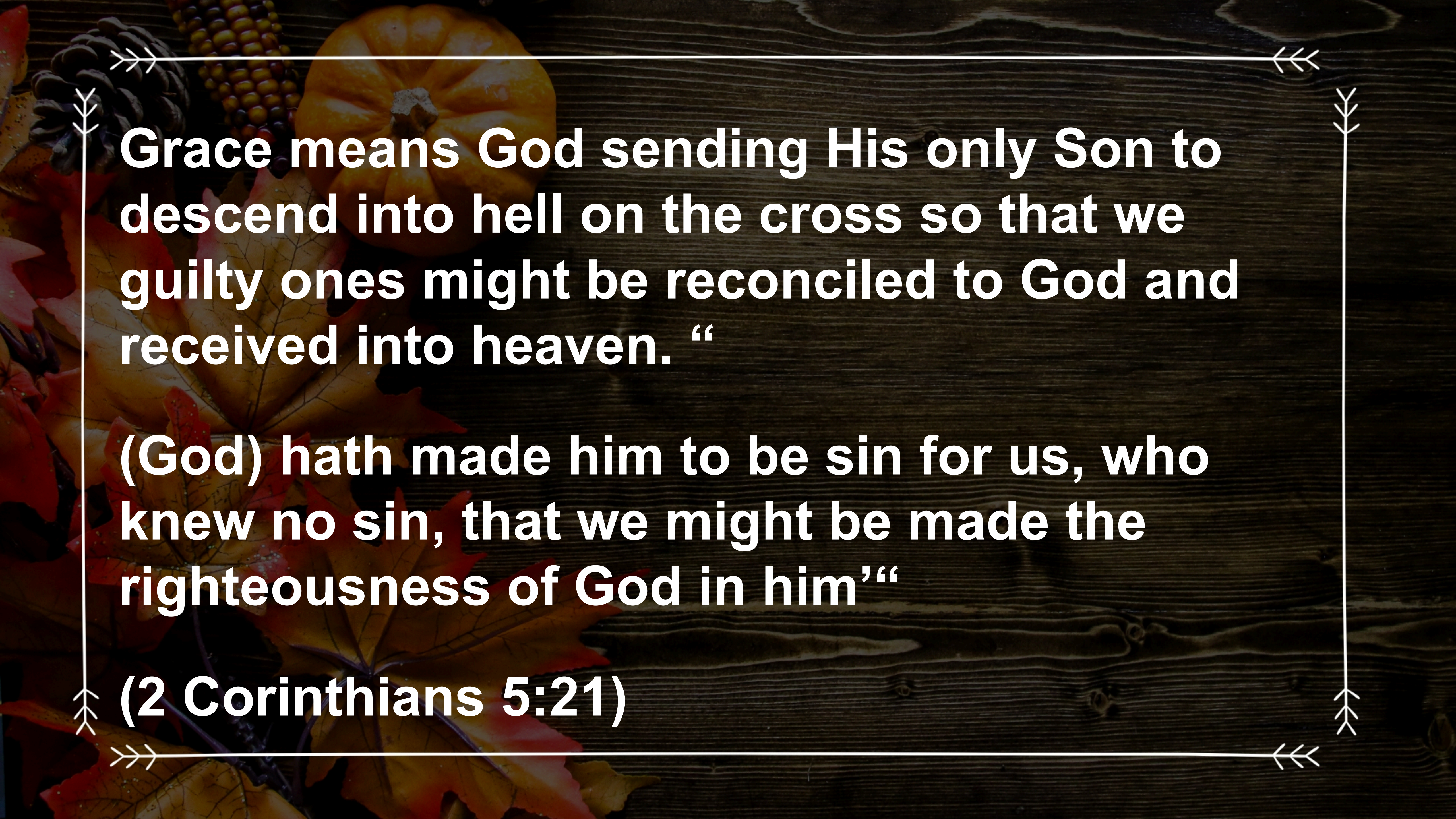


Grace in Christianity is the free and unmerited favor of God as manifested through His Son, Jesus Christ for the salvation of sinners and the bestowing of blessings....



"What is *grace*?"

In the New Testament grace means God's love in action towards men who merited the opposite of love. Grace means God moving heaven and earth to save sinners who could not lift a finger to save themselves.



Grace means God sending His only Son to descend into hell on the cross so that we guilty ones might be reconciled to God and received into heaven. “

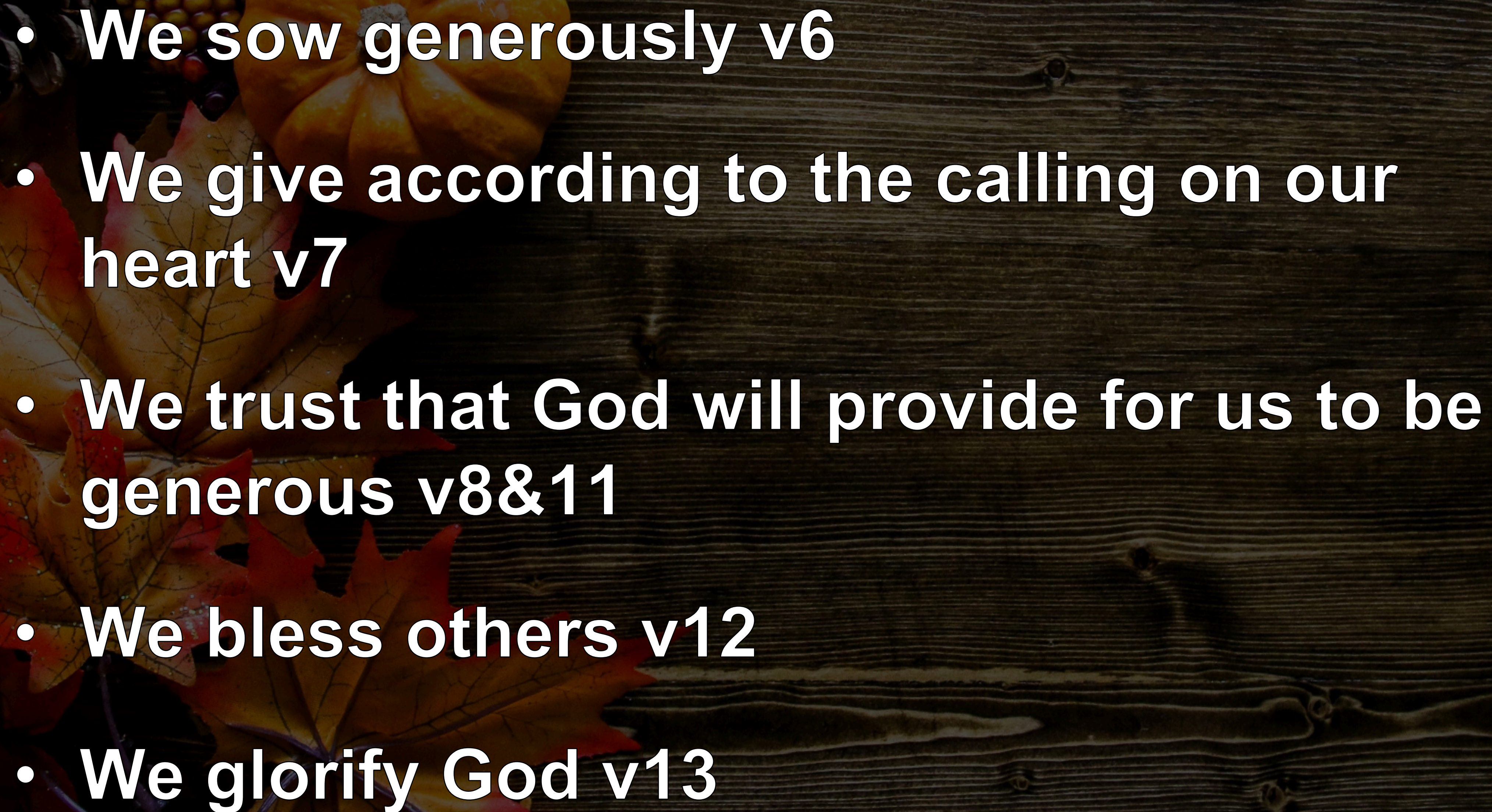
(God) hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him’“

(2 Corinthians 5:21)



**What is our response to this indescribable gift
called grace?**

Abundant Generosity

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- **We sow generously v6**
 - **We give according to the calling on our heart v7**
 - **We trust that God will provide for us to be generous v8&11**
 - **We bless others v12**
 - **We glorify God v13**





Sow Generously

v6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.



What are our lids?

Fear

Anxiety

Greed

Selfishness



Fear -
emotional response to real
or perceived imminent threat



~~Fear~~ – Let your heart decide.

v7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



Galatians 4:6

Because you are sons,
God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into
our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"



**Anxiety -
is the anticipation of future threat**



Anxiety – We trust that God will provide.

v8 **And God is able to bless you abundantly,**
so that in all things at all times, **having all that**
you need, you will abound in every good
work.



Matthew 6:26-34

..Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?.....



**Greed –
not having enough stuff**





~~Greed~~ – Conduit not Reservoir

v11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

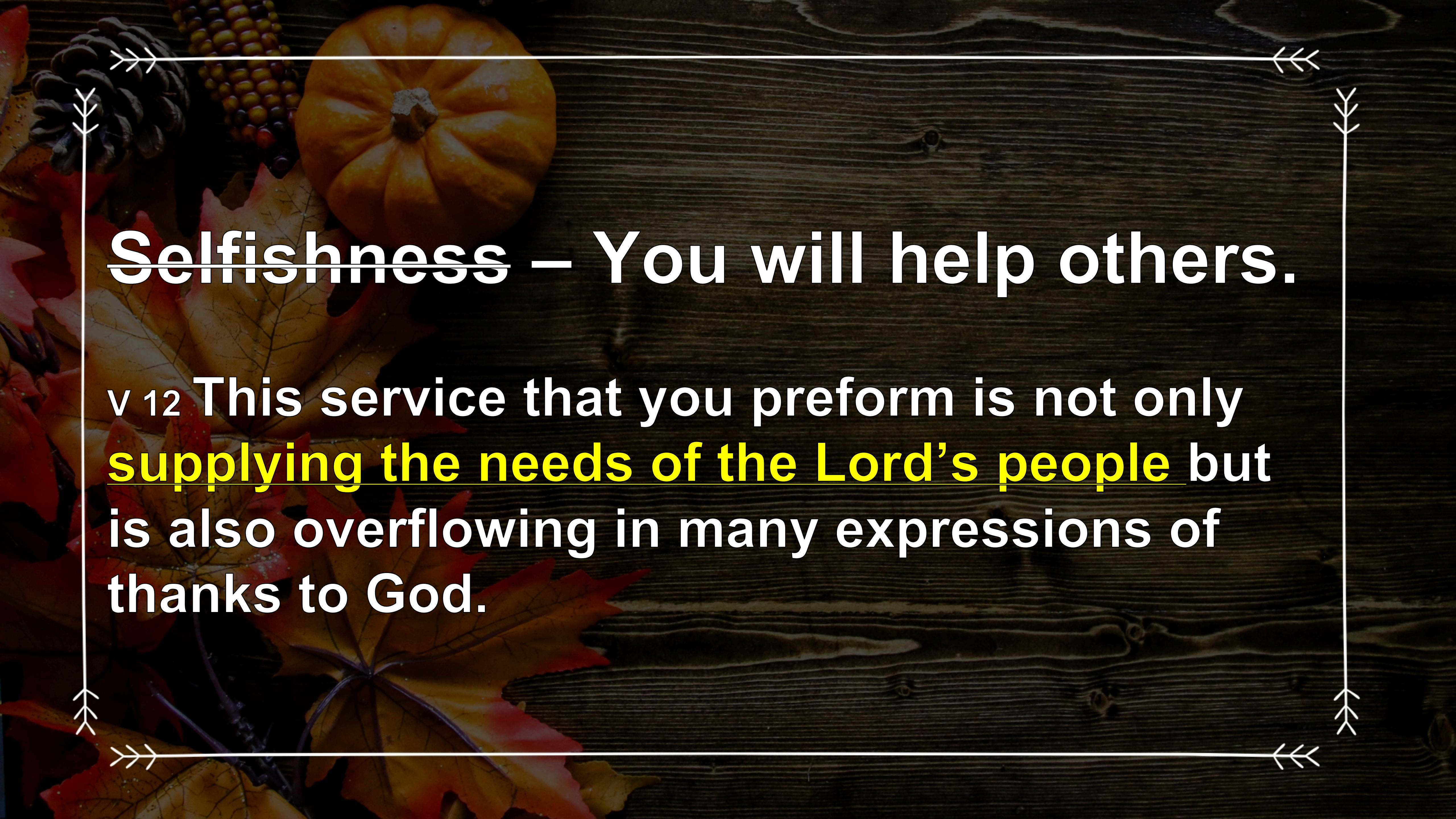


1 Timothy 6:7-8

For we brought nothing into the world, so we cannot carry anything out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.



**Selfishness –
it is all about me**



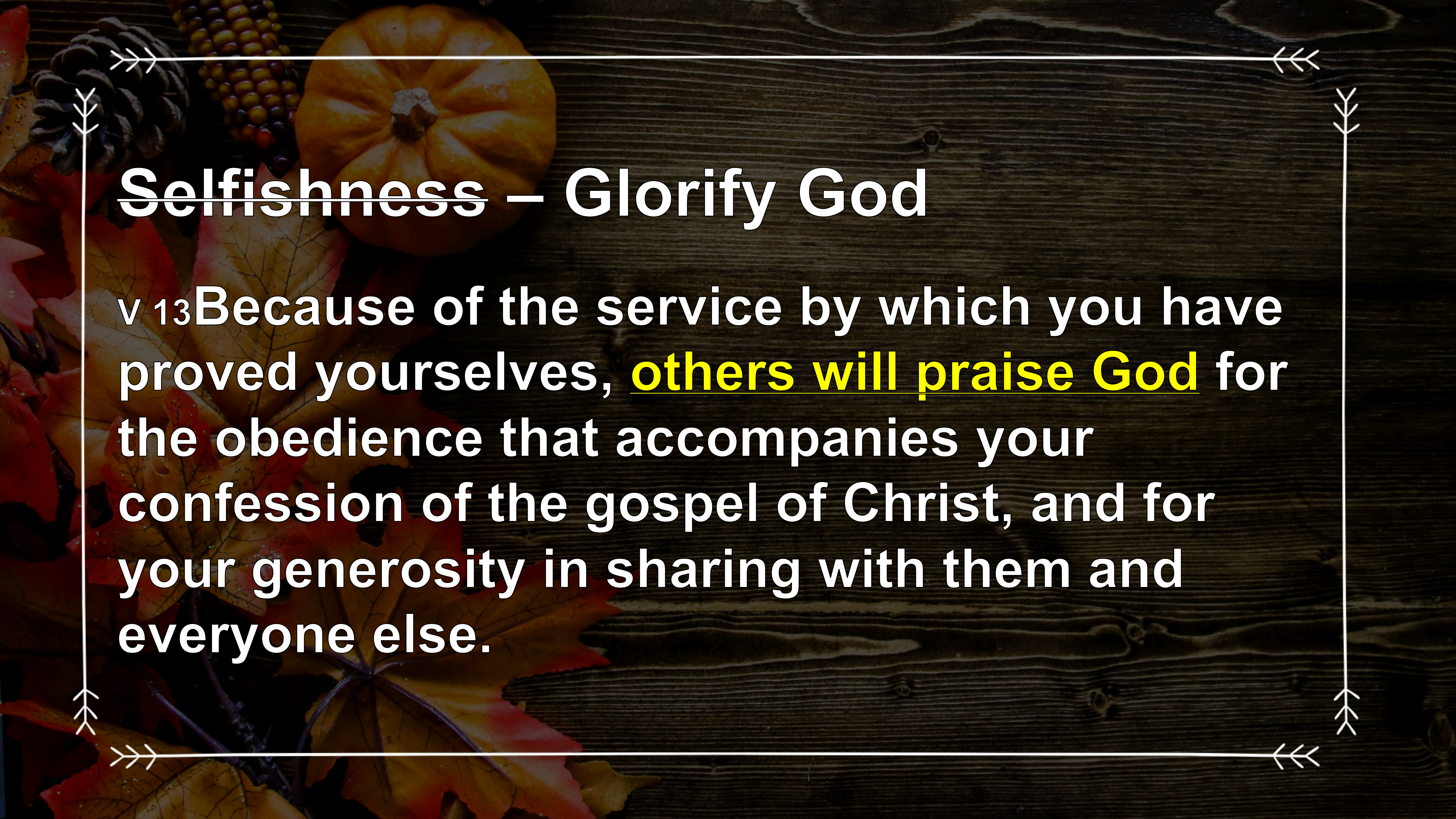
Selfishness – You will help others.

v 12 This service that you perform is not only **supplying the needs of the Lord's people** but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.



Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Selfishness – Glorify God

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2 Thessalonians 1:12

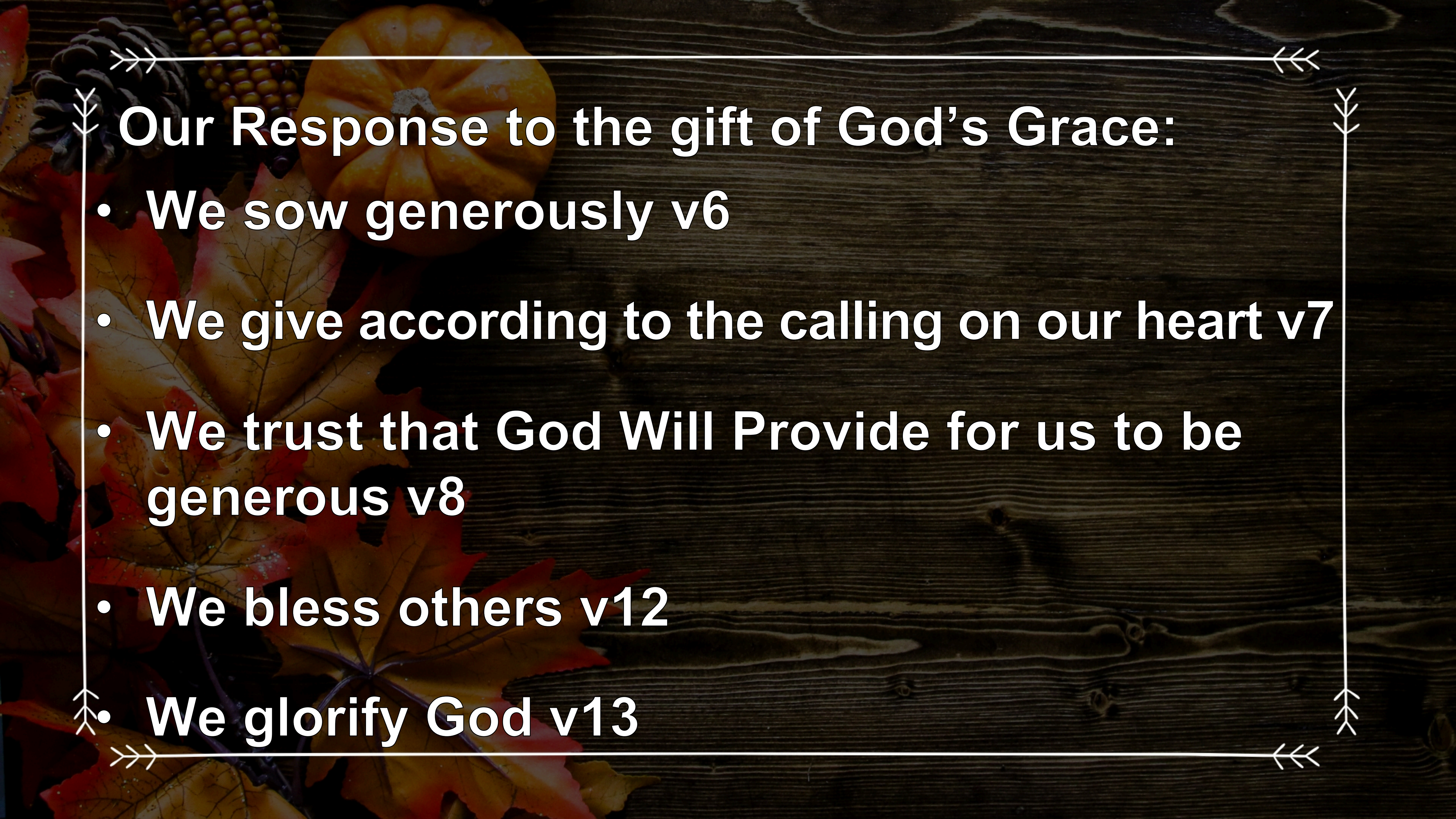
Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ. (NLT)



Daffy Duck Clip



**The last raise you got,
was meant to raise your cost of Giving,
not your cost of Living.**



Our Response to the gift of God's Grace:

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