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MOTHER'S
DAY





GIVING OVER,
NOT GIVING UP



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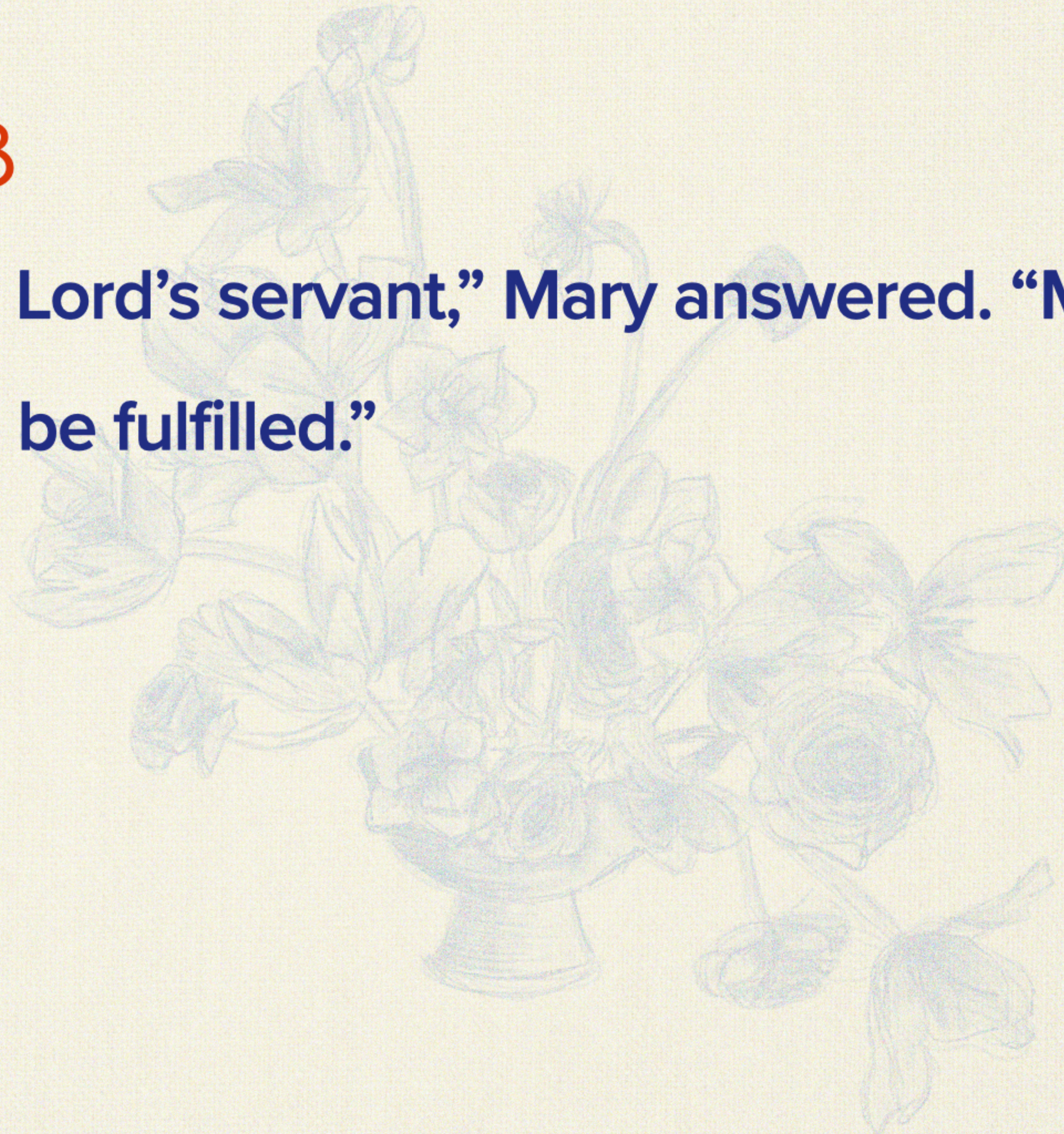
our POSITION.



**Before we can surrender the things that matter to us,
we need to come to a place of surrender in who we are.**

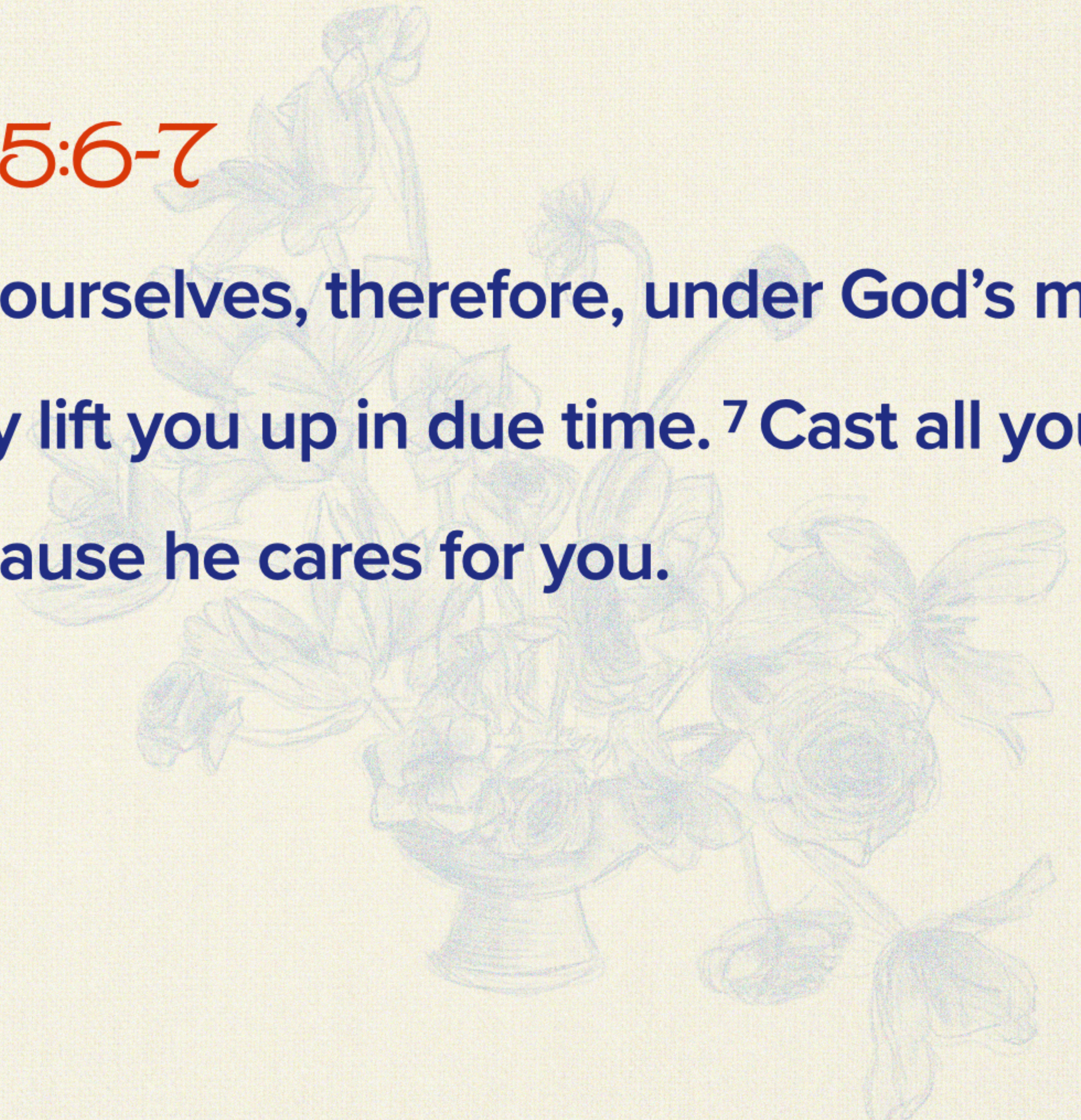
LUKE 1:38

38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.”



1 PETER 5:6-7

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.





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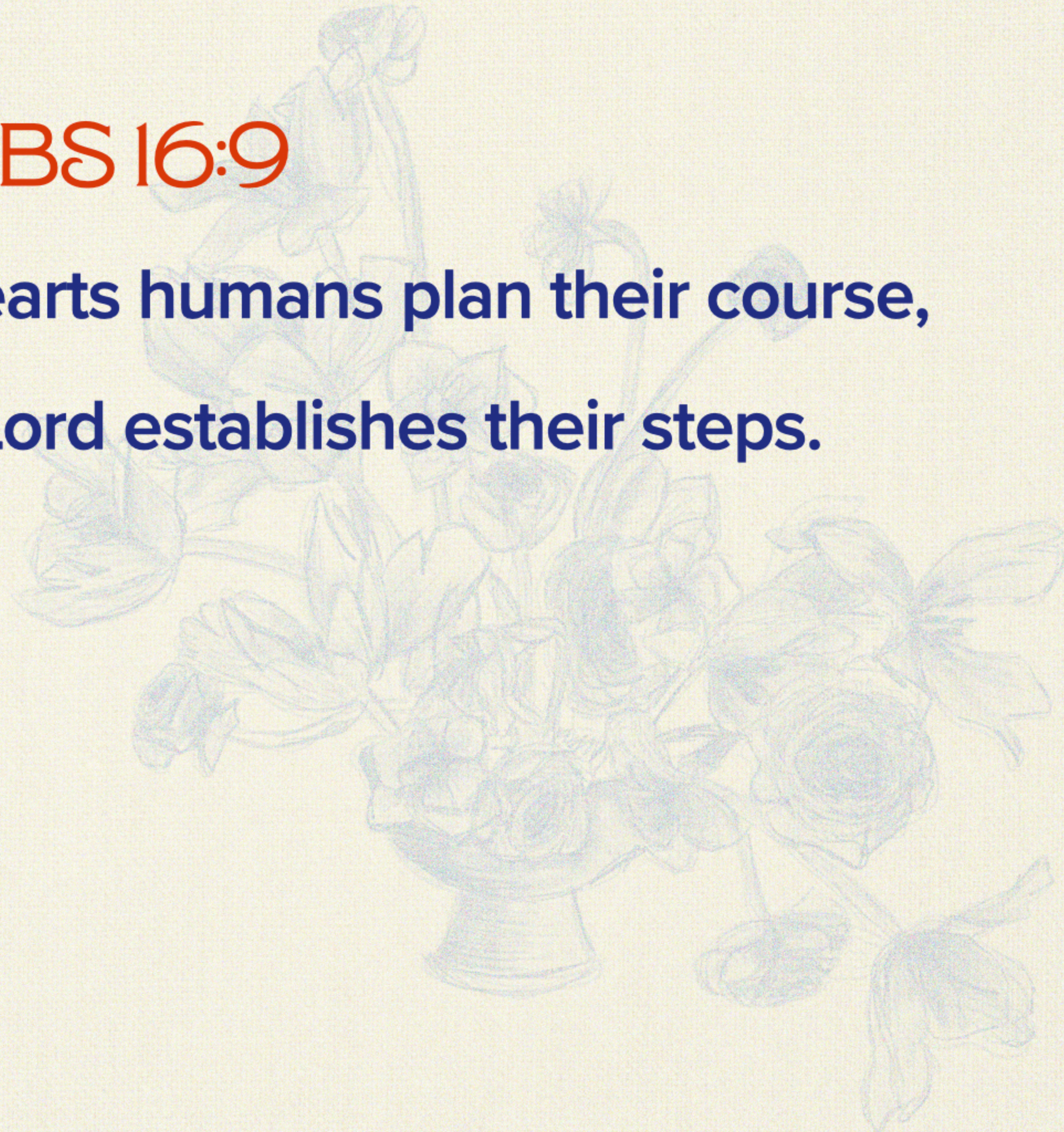
our PLANS.



**The journey is much more enjoyable
if we follow where the Lord is leading.**

PROVERBS 16:9

**9 In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps.**



LUKE 2:11

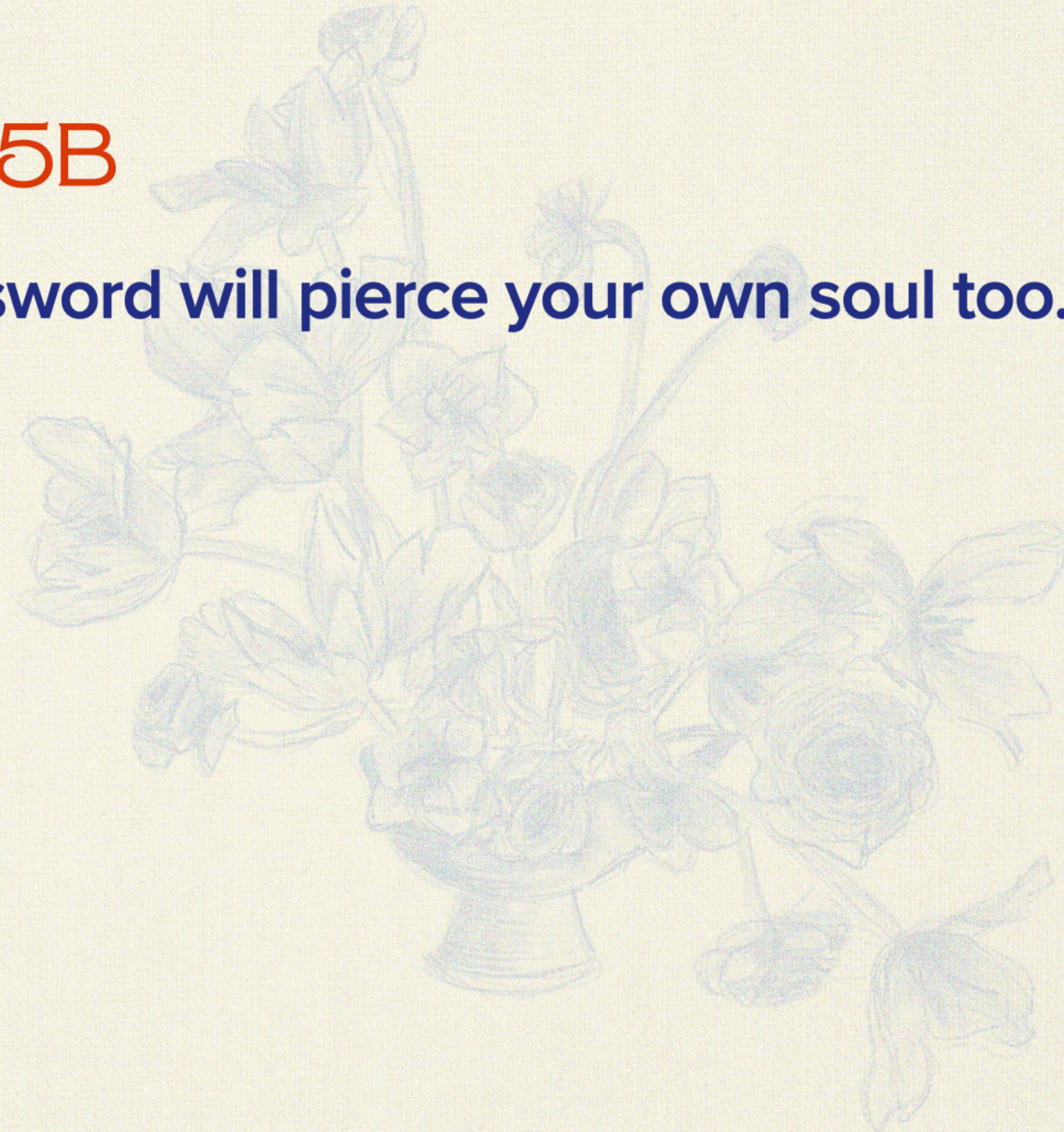
11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

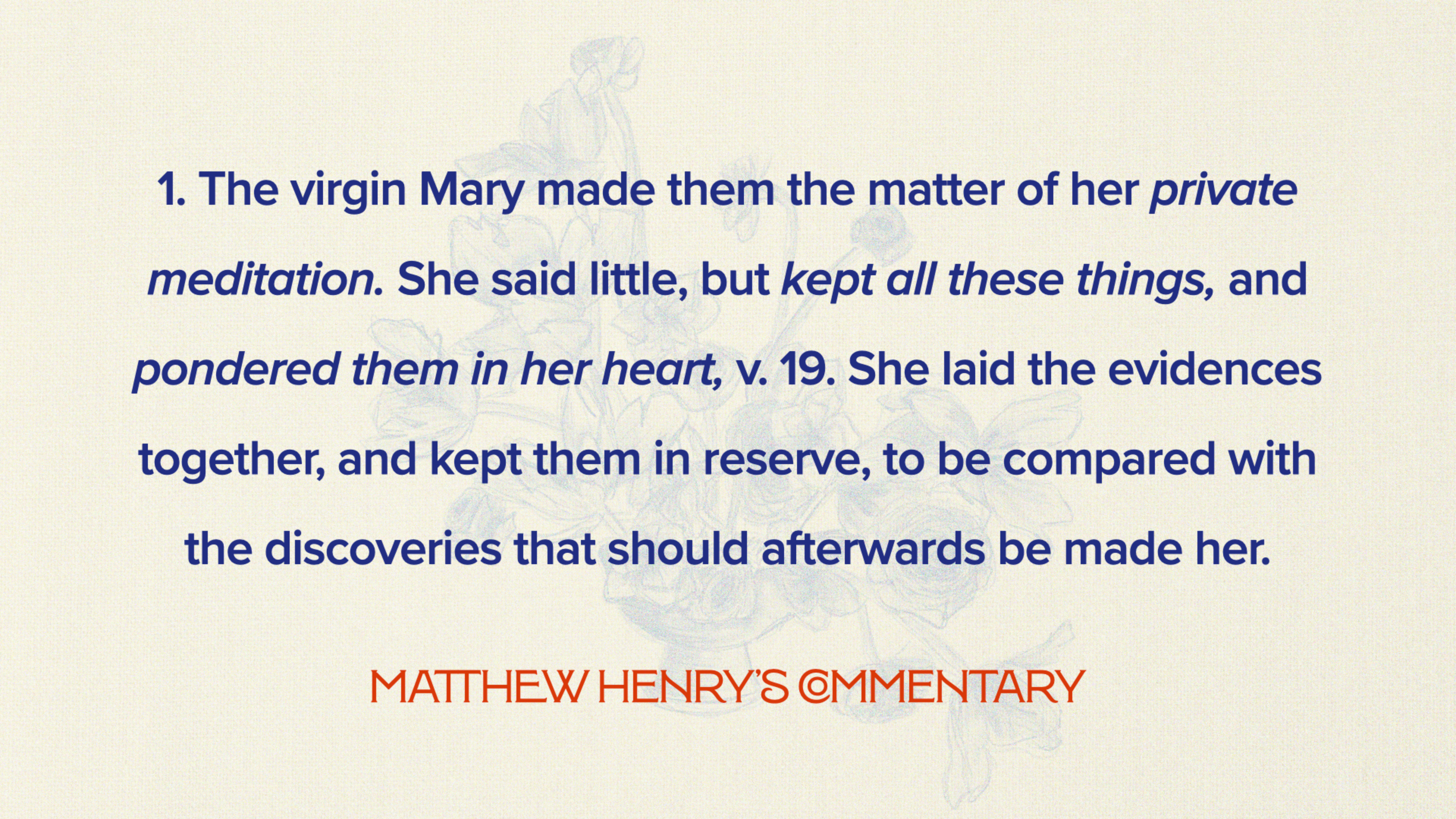
LUKE 2:34

34 ... “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against...

LUKE 2:35B

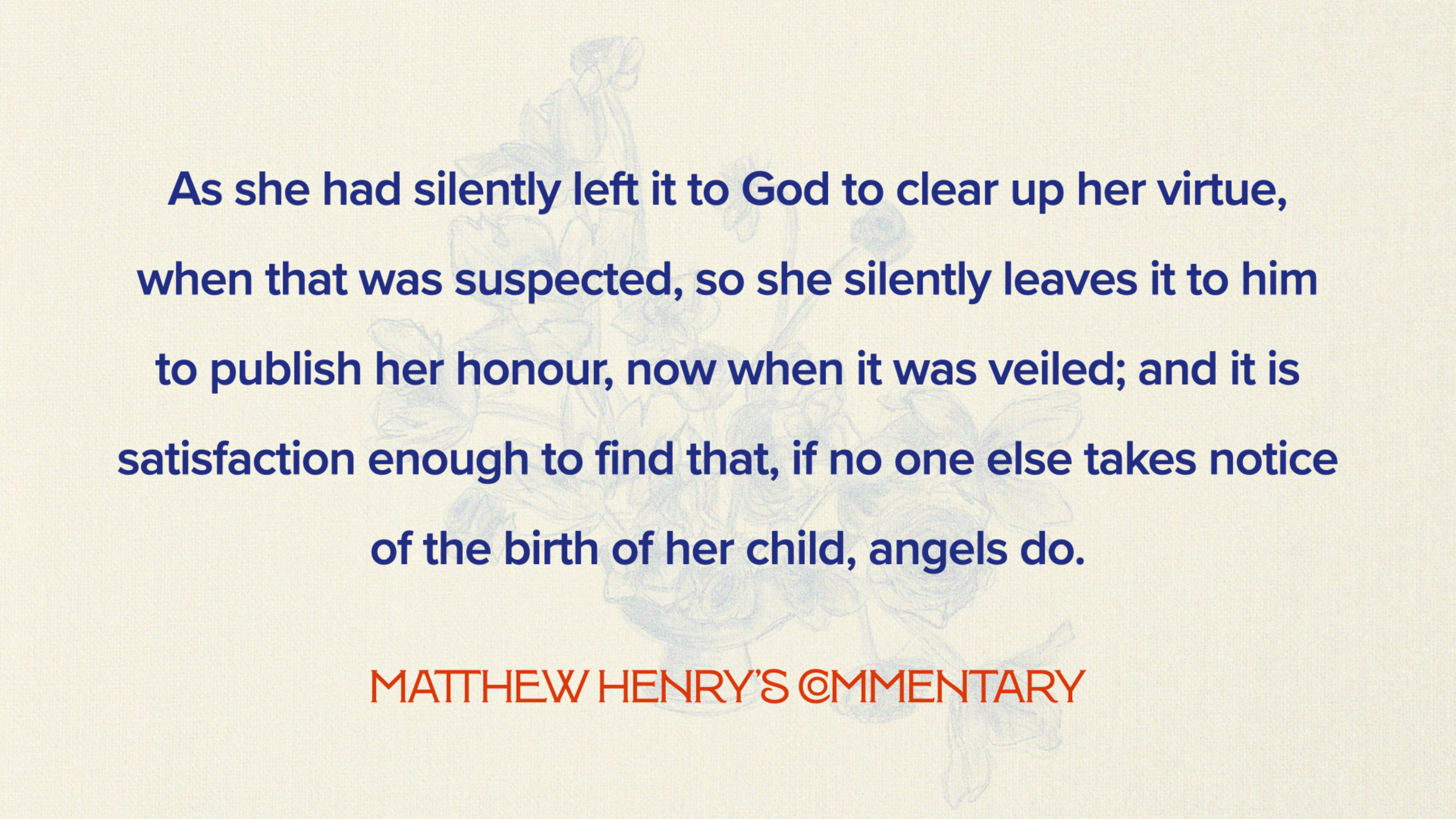
35 ...And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”





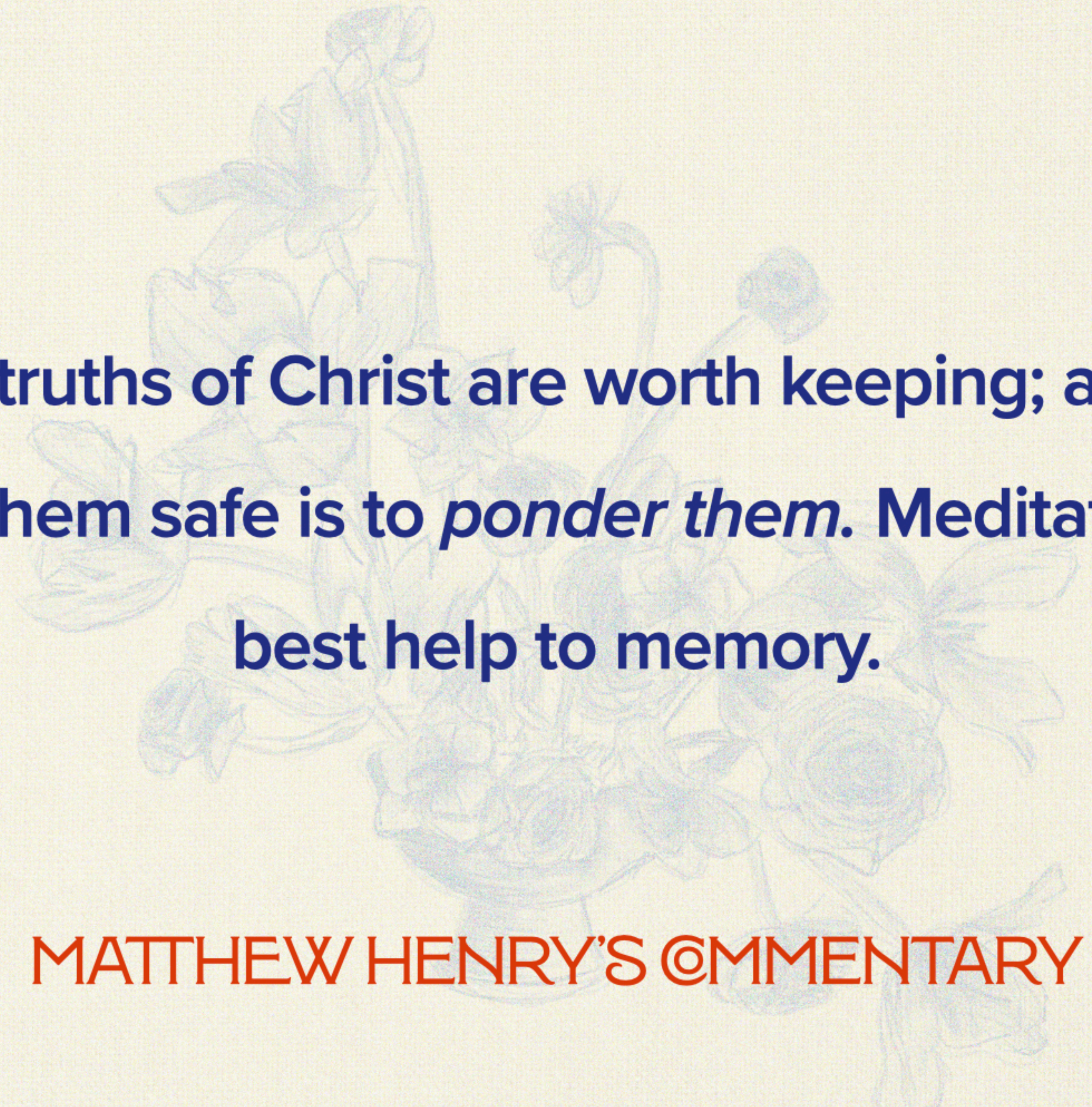
1. The virgin Mary made them the matter of her *private meditation*. She said little, but *kept all these things*, and *pondered them in her heart*, v. 19. She laid the evidences together, and kept them in reserve, to be compared with the discoveries that should afterwards be made her.

MATTHEW HENRY'S COMMENTARY



**As she had silently left it to God to clear up her virtue,
when that was suspected, so she silently leaves it to him
to publish her honour, now when it was veiled; and it is
satisfaction enough to find that, if no one else takes notice
of the birth of her child, angels do.**

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Note, The truths of Christ are worth keeping; and the way to keep them safe is to *ponder them*. Meditation is the best help to memory.

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**“Never be afraid to trust an
unknown future to a known God.”**

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ISAIAH 55:8-9

**8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”**

declares the Lord.

**9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**



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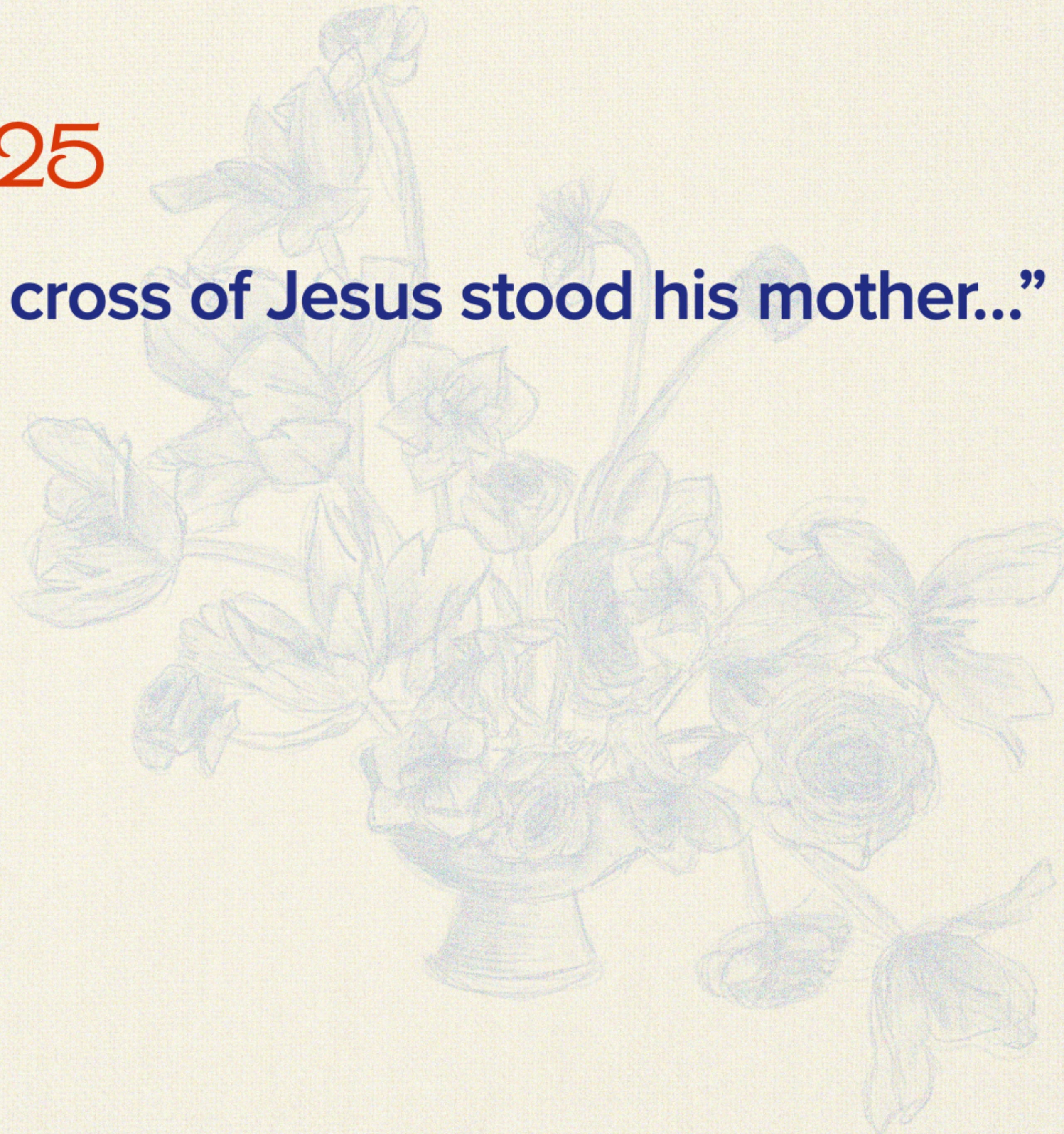
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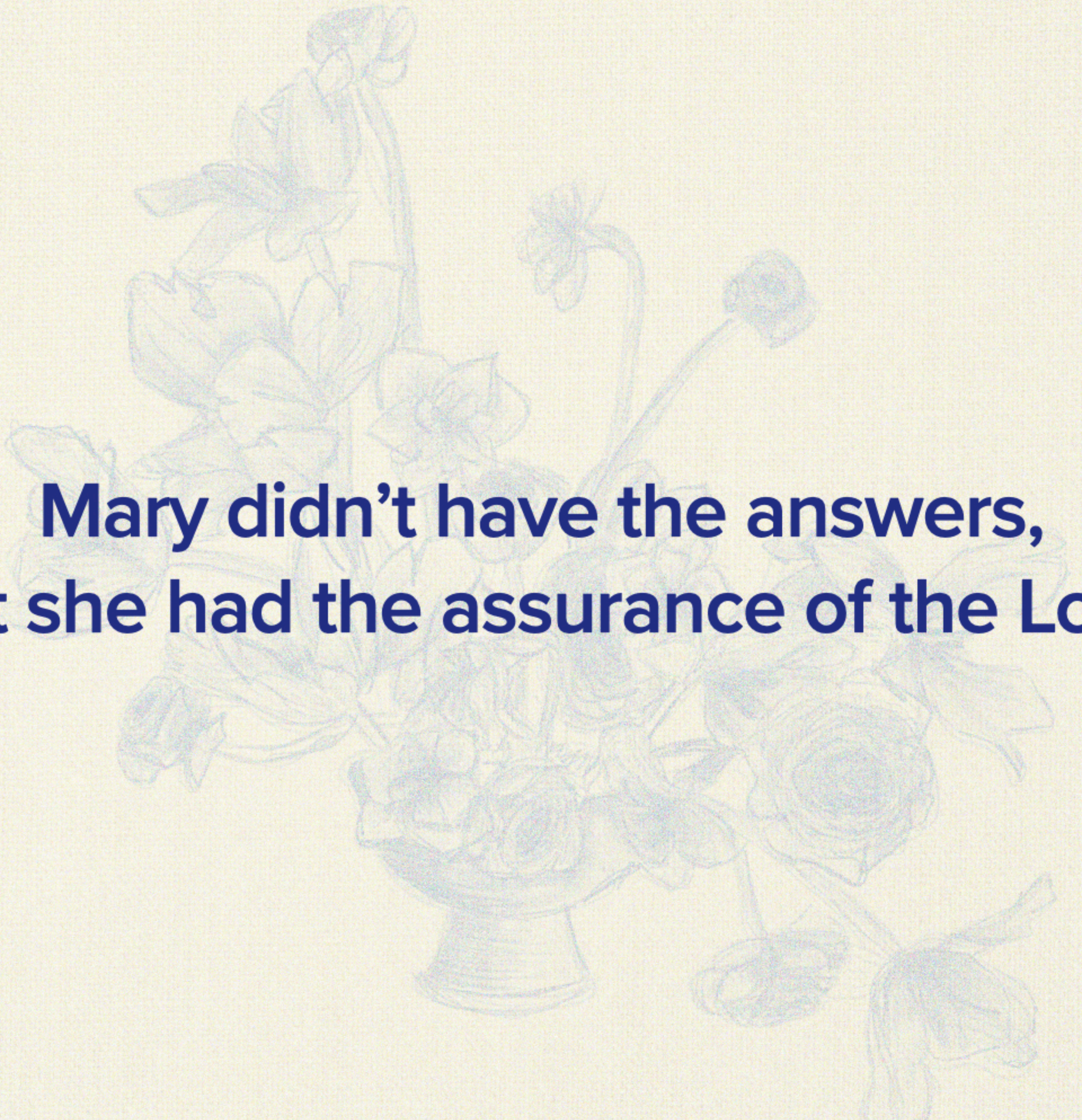
our PLANS.

our PEOPLE.

JOHN 19:25

25 **Near** the cross of Jesus stood his mother..”

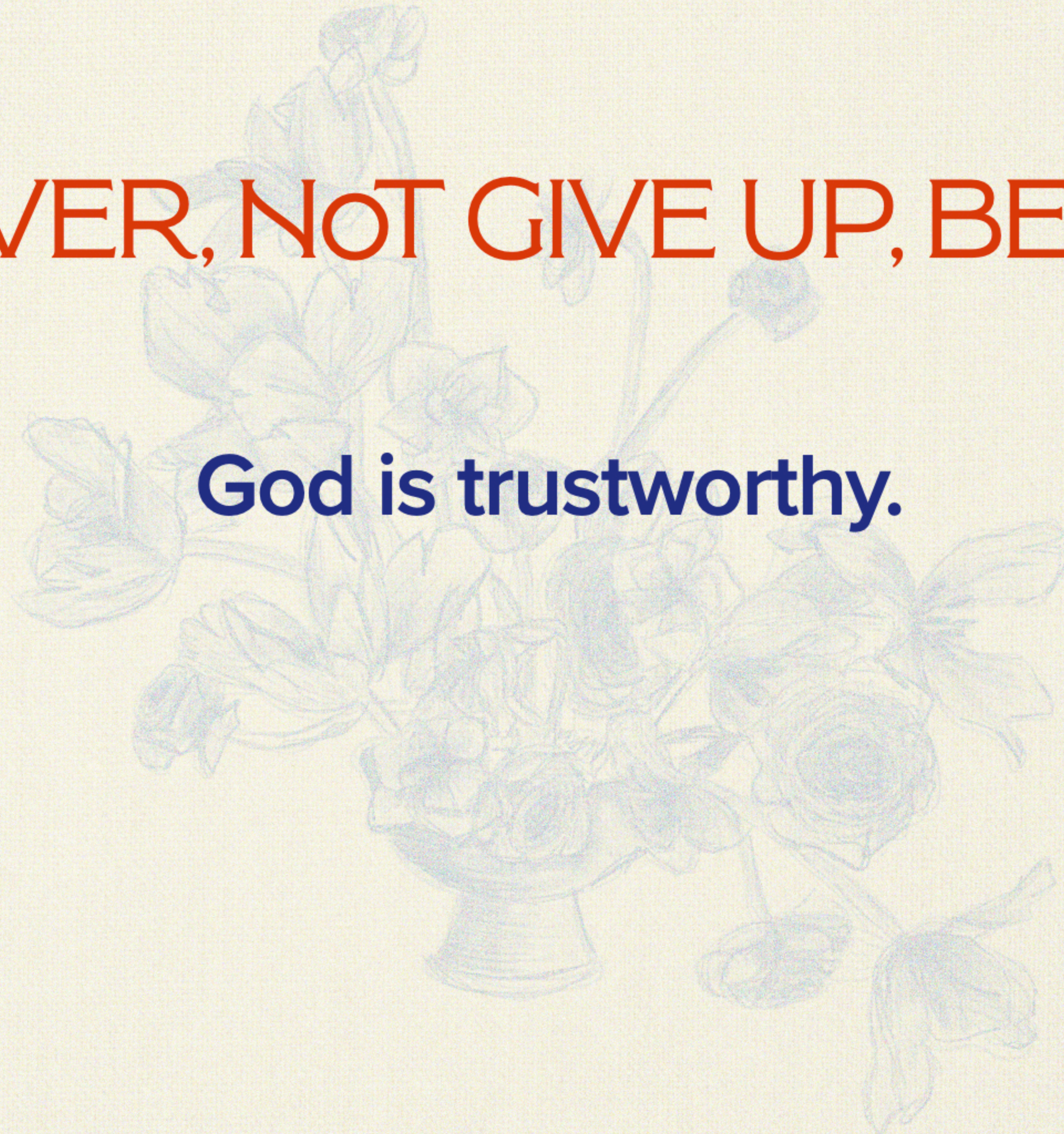




**Mary didn't have the answers,
but she had the assurance of the Lord.**

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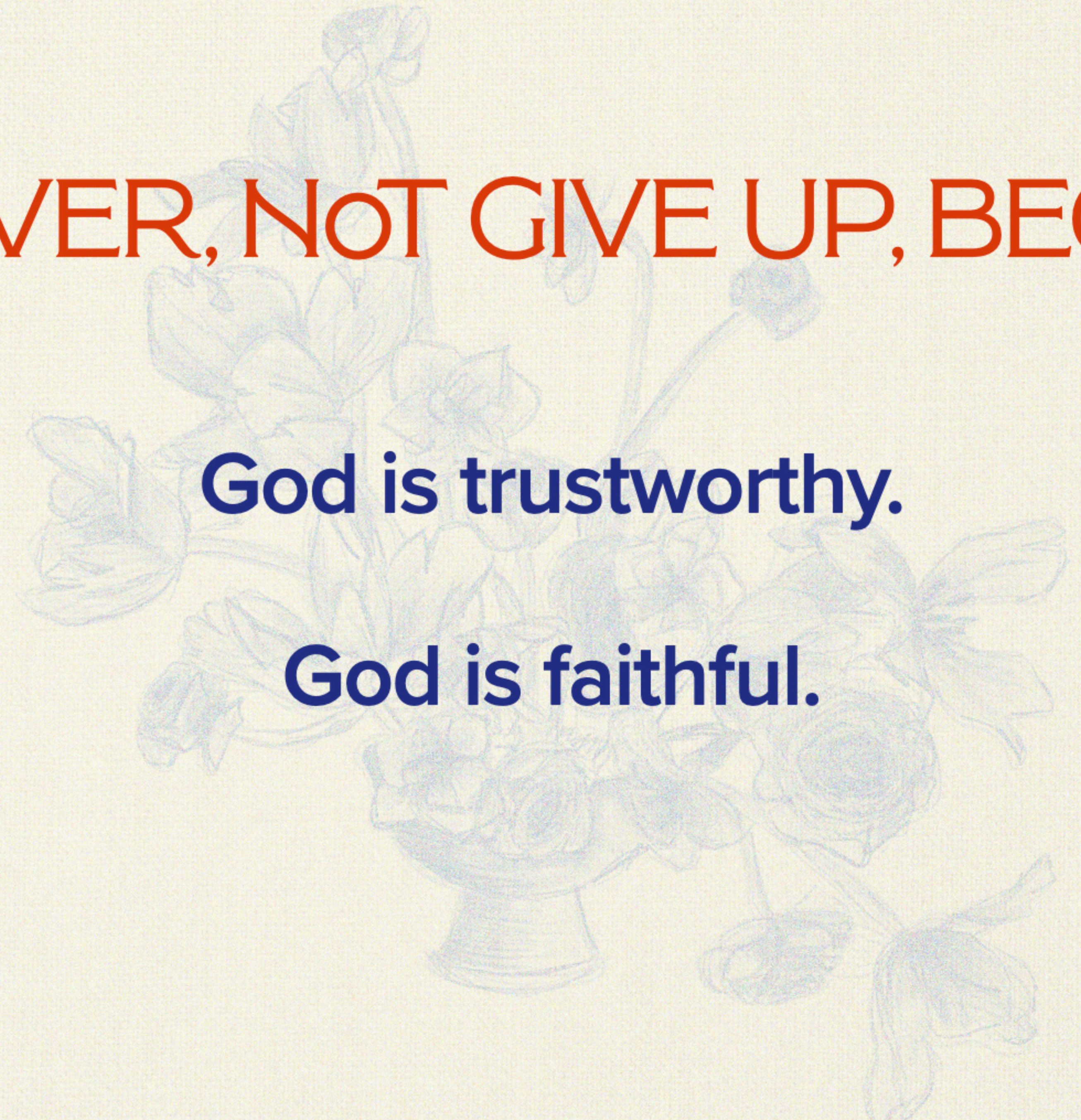
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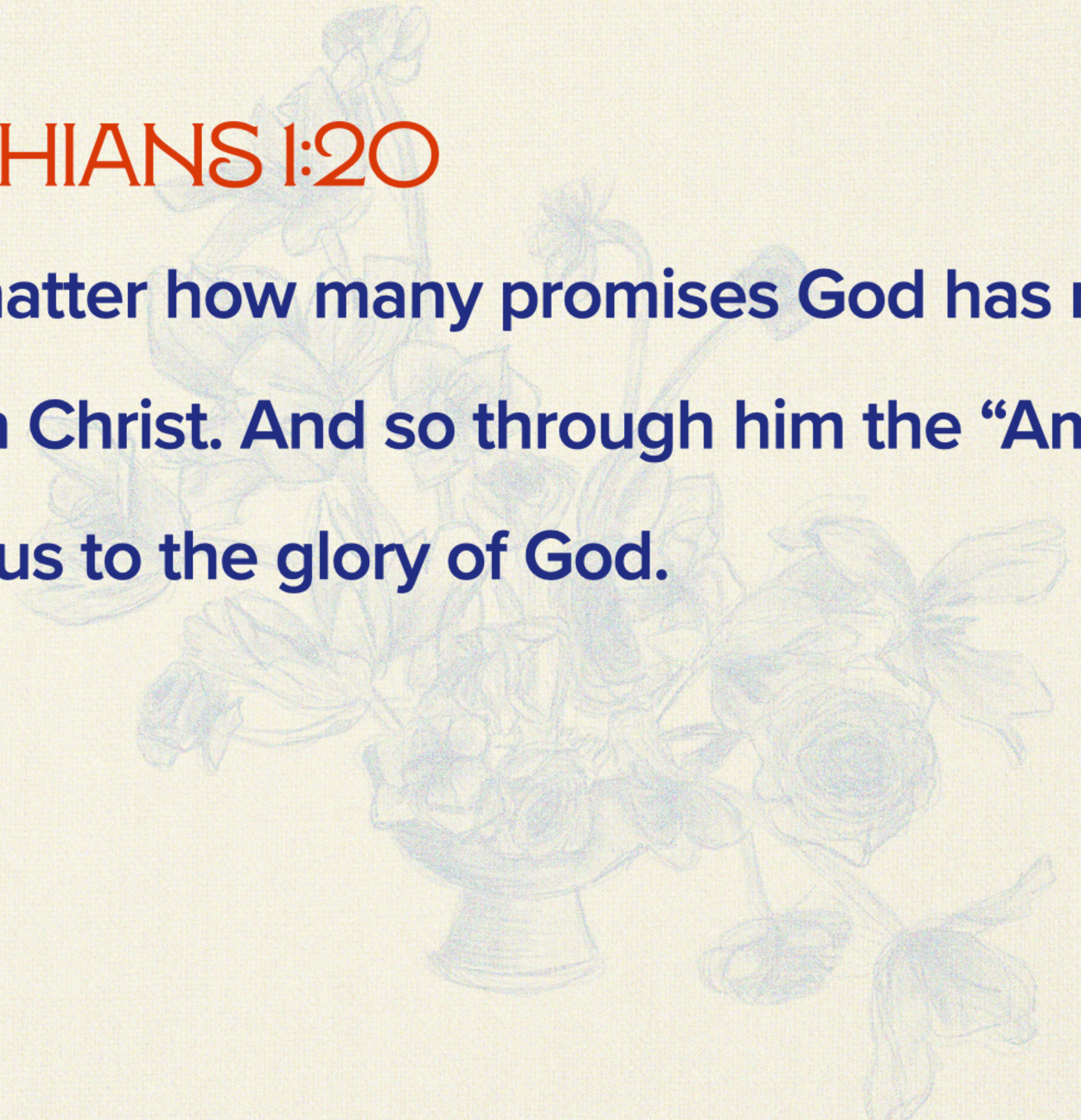
God wants to do something with it!

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!
Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.



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