

# Finding Favour In Following

.Can you think of a time when God asked you to be obedient in something small? What was that experience. Share with the group. What was the benefit of your obedience to God.

.Why do you think we find it hard to be obedient to God at times?

.Pastor Ralph described how Jesus wanted to use Peter's boat as a platform for ministry. Can you think of something you have that God could use as a platform for ministry? Discuss some options with your group.

.Under Point three in the message ( When We Obey God, We Will Never Be Disappointed), PR stated "*We, like Peter, must recognize that obeying God is always the wisest course of action* . Why is this so important in the Christian's life?

."The cost of obedience is far less than the cost of disobedience". Reflect on this and comment to the group.

John Sammis wrote that old hymn Pastor Ralph quoted at the end of the message. If you know the tune to this, why not sing the first verse and chorus as a group to close

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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**Luke 5:1-11**

**Pastor Ralph**

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

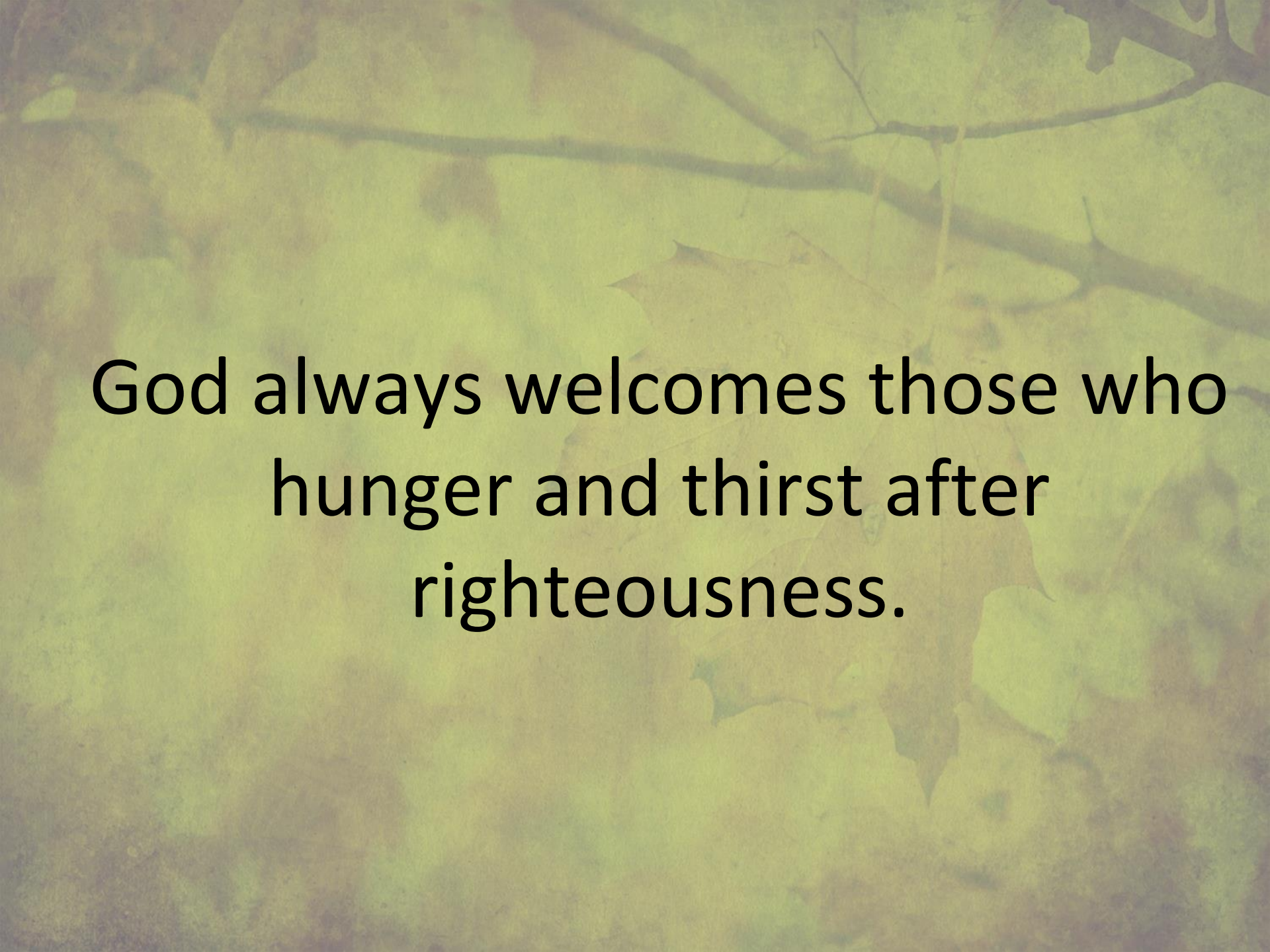
Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

“Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.”<sup>6</sup> And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!

<sup>7</sup> A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.”<sup>9</sup> For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.<sup>10</sup> His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” <sup>11</sup> And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

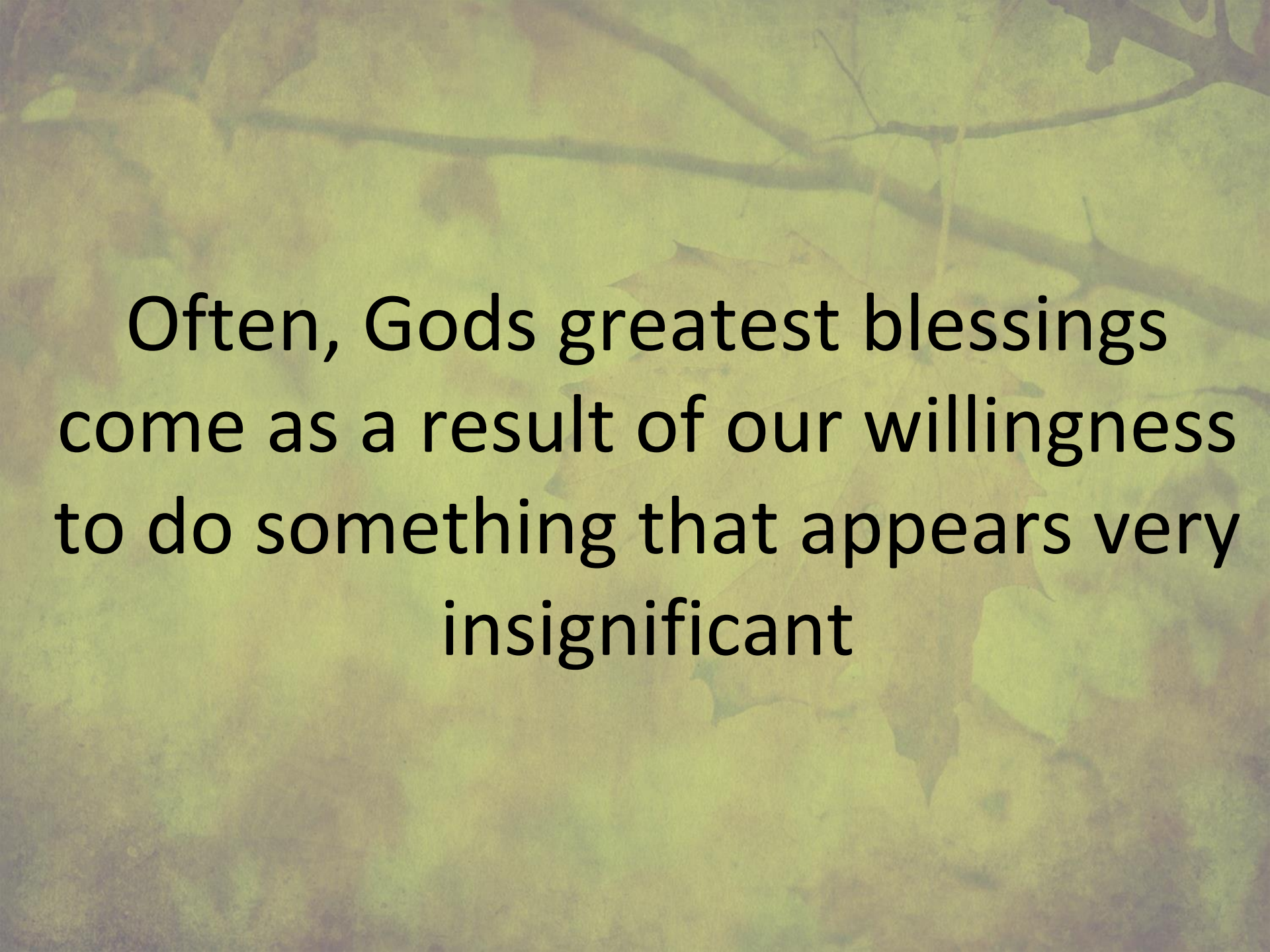


God always welcomes those who  
hunger and thirst after  
righteousness.

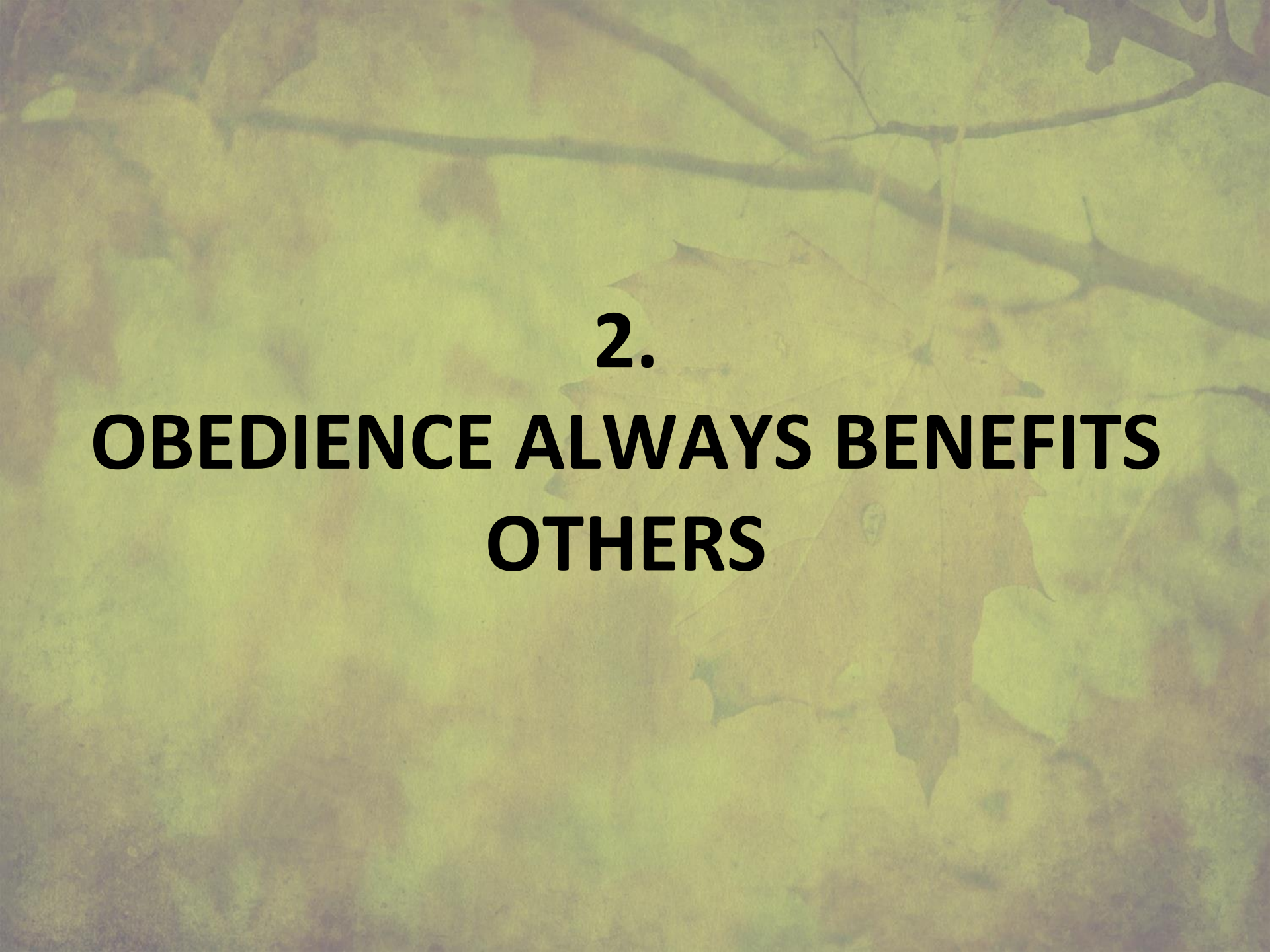


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**OBEYING GOD IN SMALL  
MATTERS IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP  
IN RECEIVING GOD'S GREATEST  
BLESSINGS**

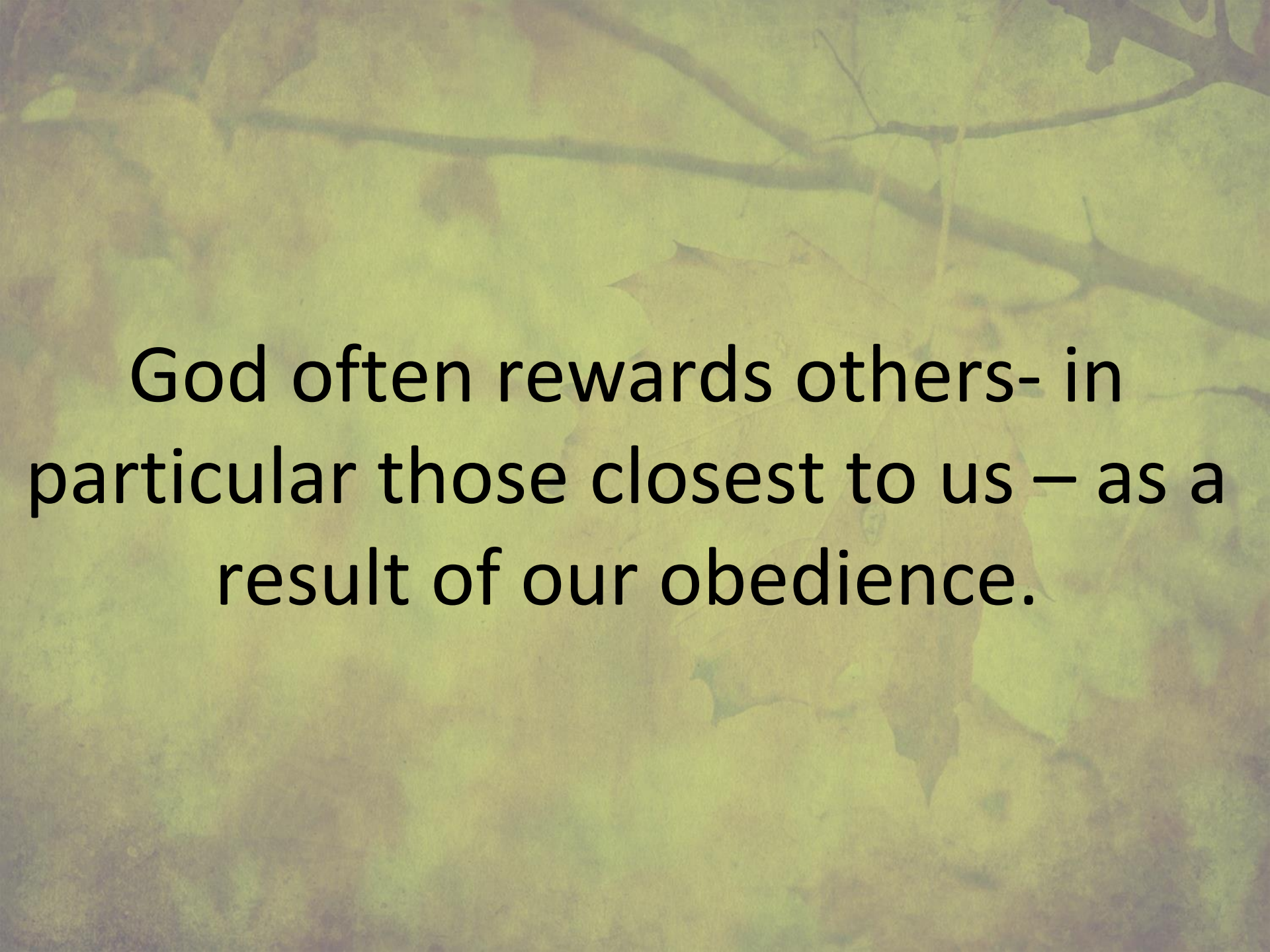
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Often, Gods greatest blessings  
come as a result of our willingness  
to do something that appears very  
insignificant

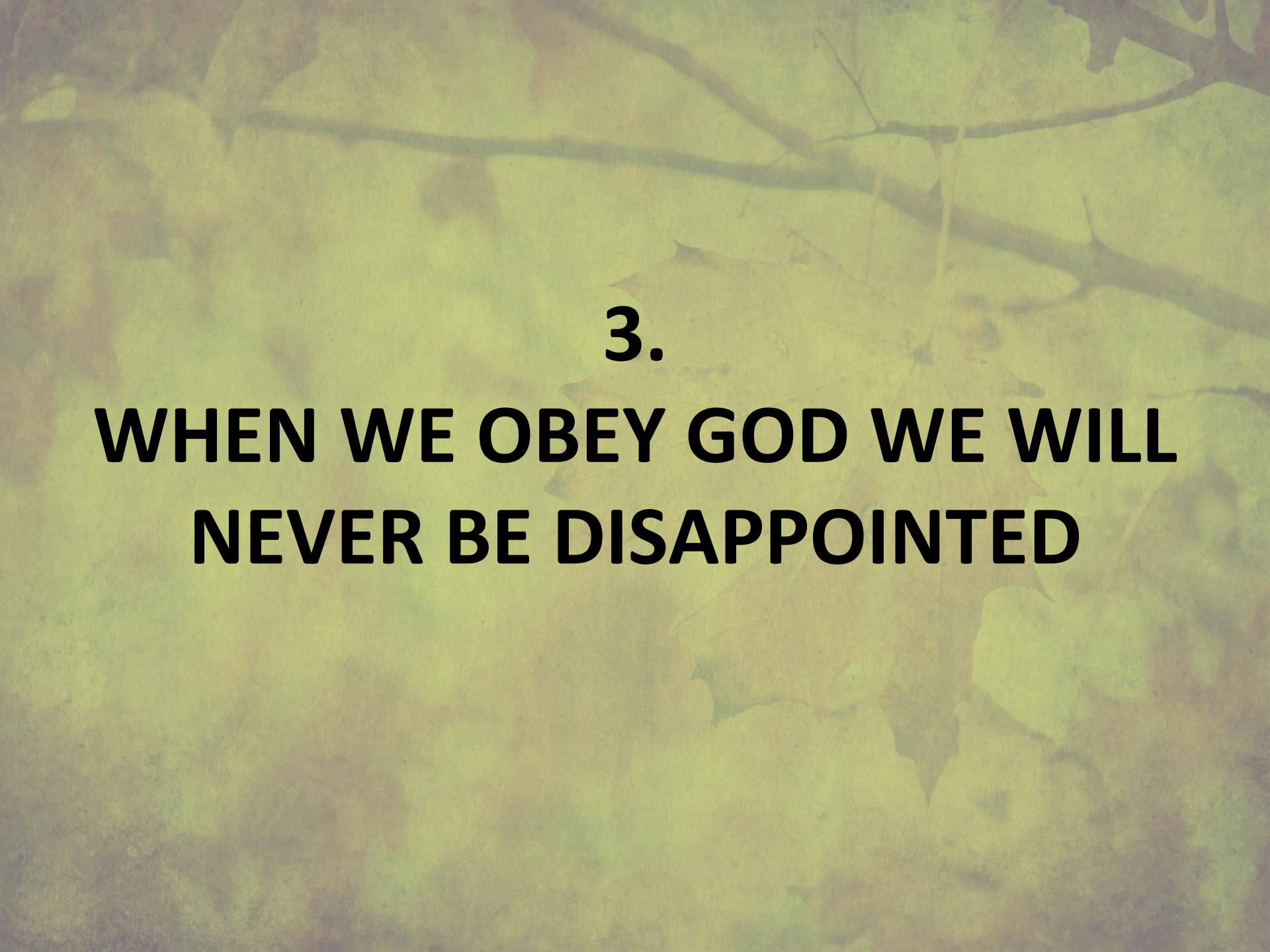
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**2.**

**OBEDIENCE ALWAYS BENEFITS  
OTHERS**

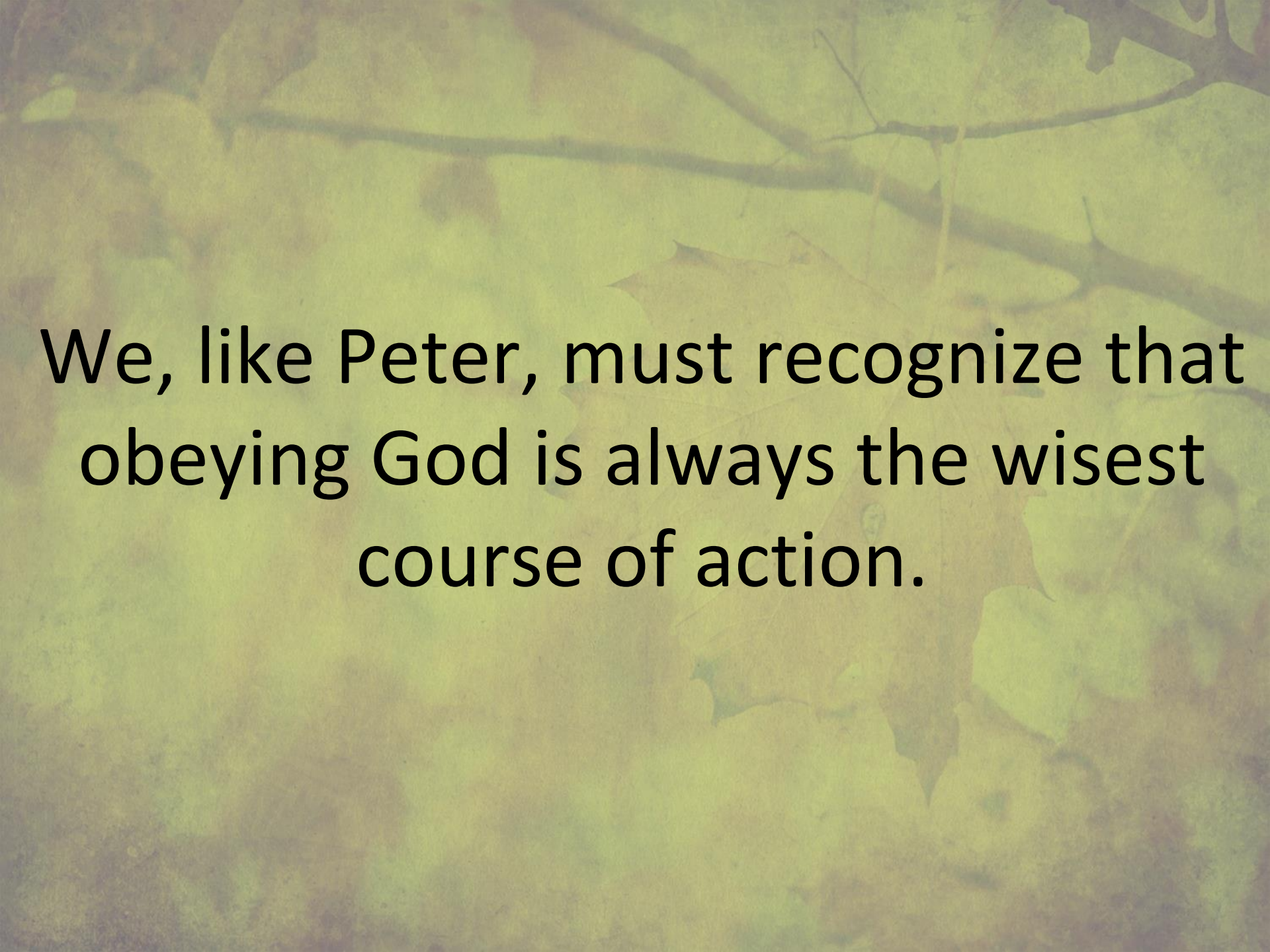


God often rewards others- in particular those closest to us – as a result of our obedience.

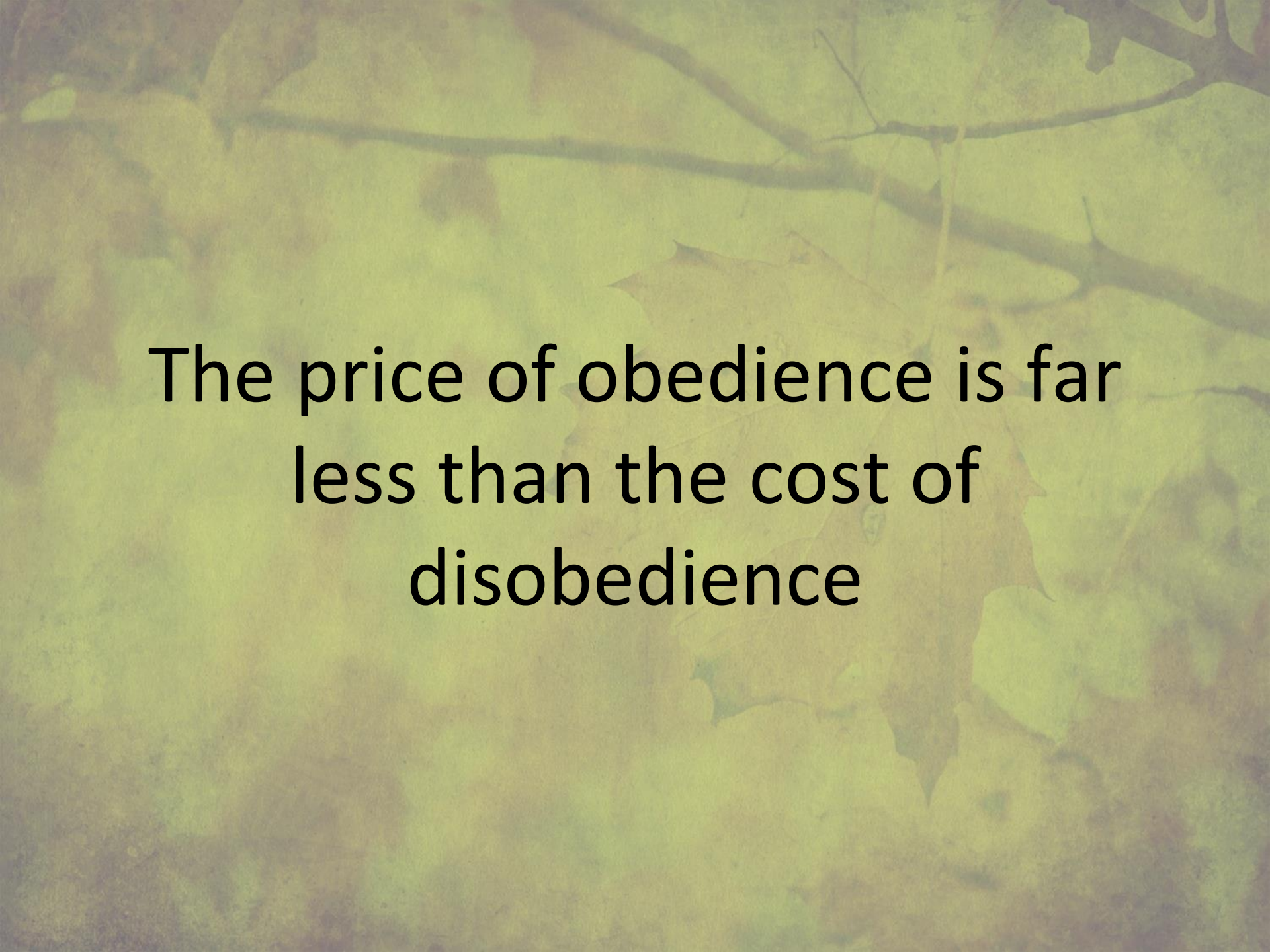
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**3.**

**WHEN WE OBEY GOD WE WILL  
NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED**



We, like Peter, must recognize that obeying God is always the wisest course of action.



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