



Valiant in the Valley

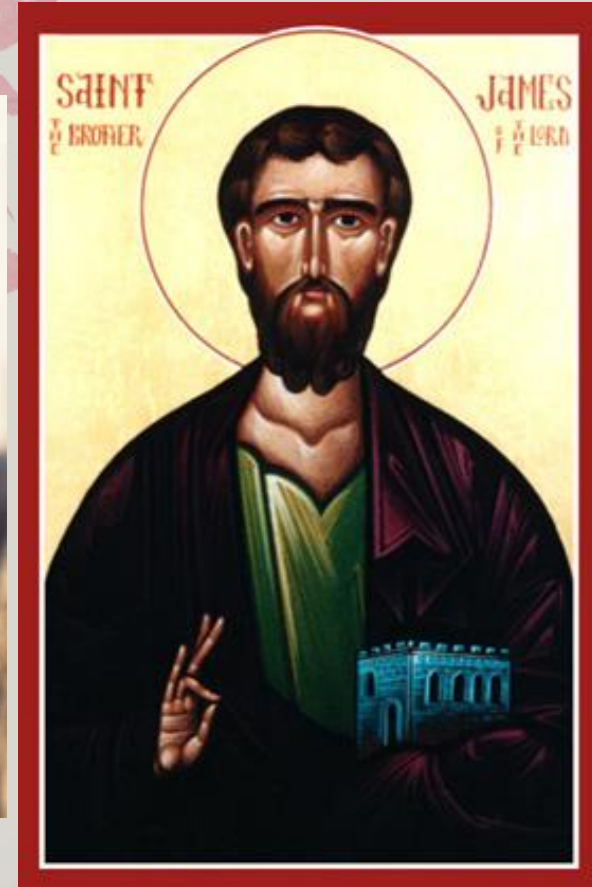
1. Read James 5:1-6. Remember, context is important! This is the context that sets up the sermon we heard today. Read it once more. Is God saying anything to you?
2. Consider some of the injustices/exploitations/abuses in _____ our culture. How does being patient until the coming of the Lord change our focus and direct our actions?
- 3.a) A more literal translation of “standing firm” in v. 8 is *establish* (or *strengthen*) *your hearts*. How can you strengthen your heart?
 - b) Why do we need strong hearts for the coming of the Lord?
4. If we’re going to be valiant in the valley, we need to stand firm with God and have strong hearts. Read these passages about strengthening your heart as an encouragement this week.
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:16
 - 1 Peter 5:10

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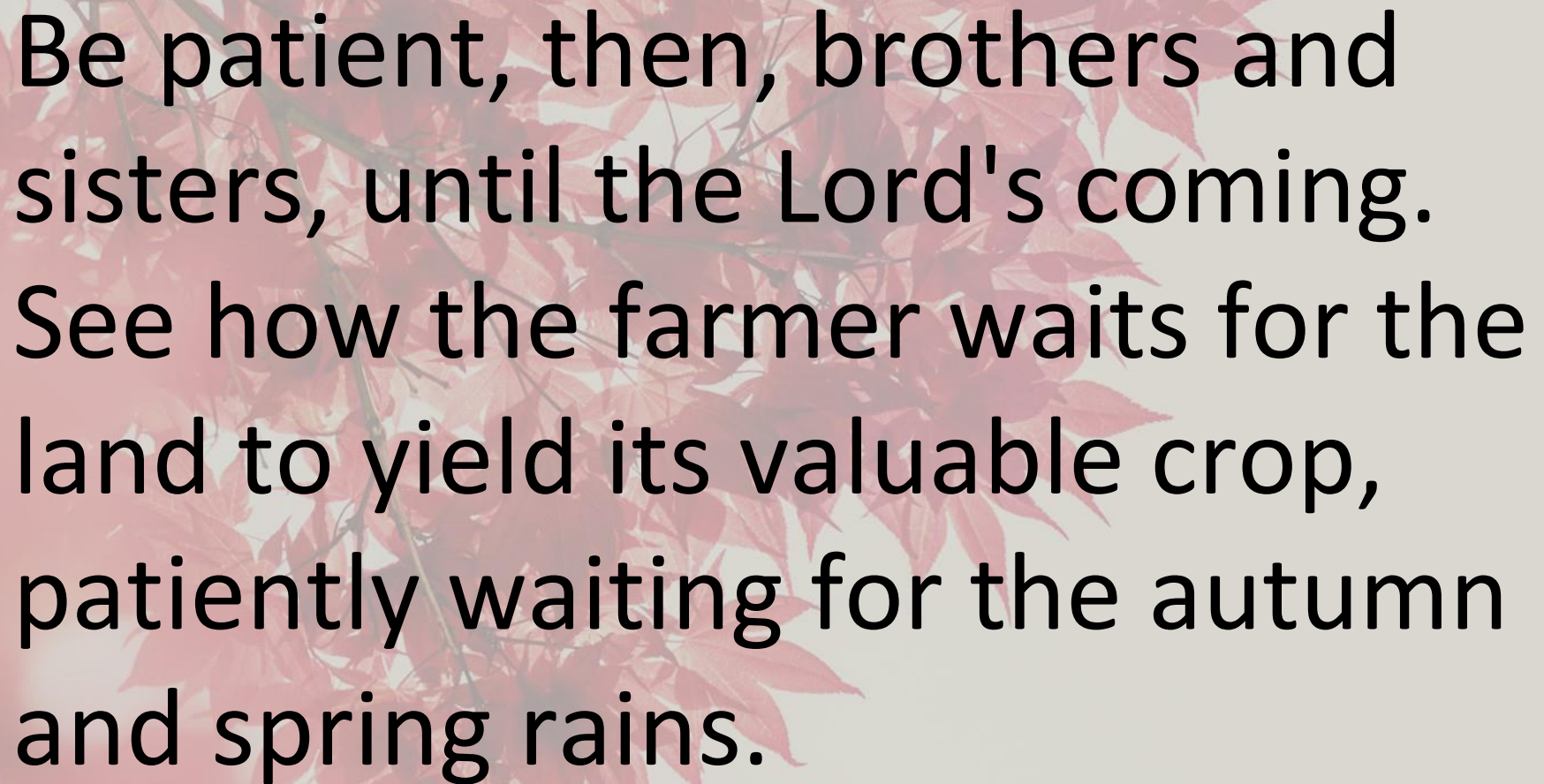


James the Just



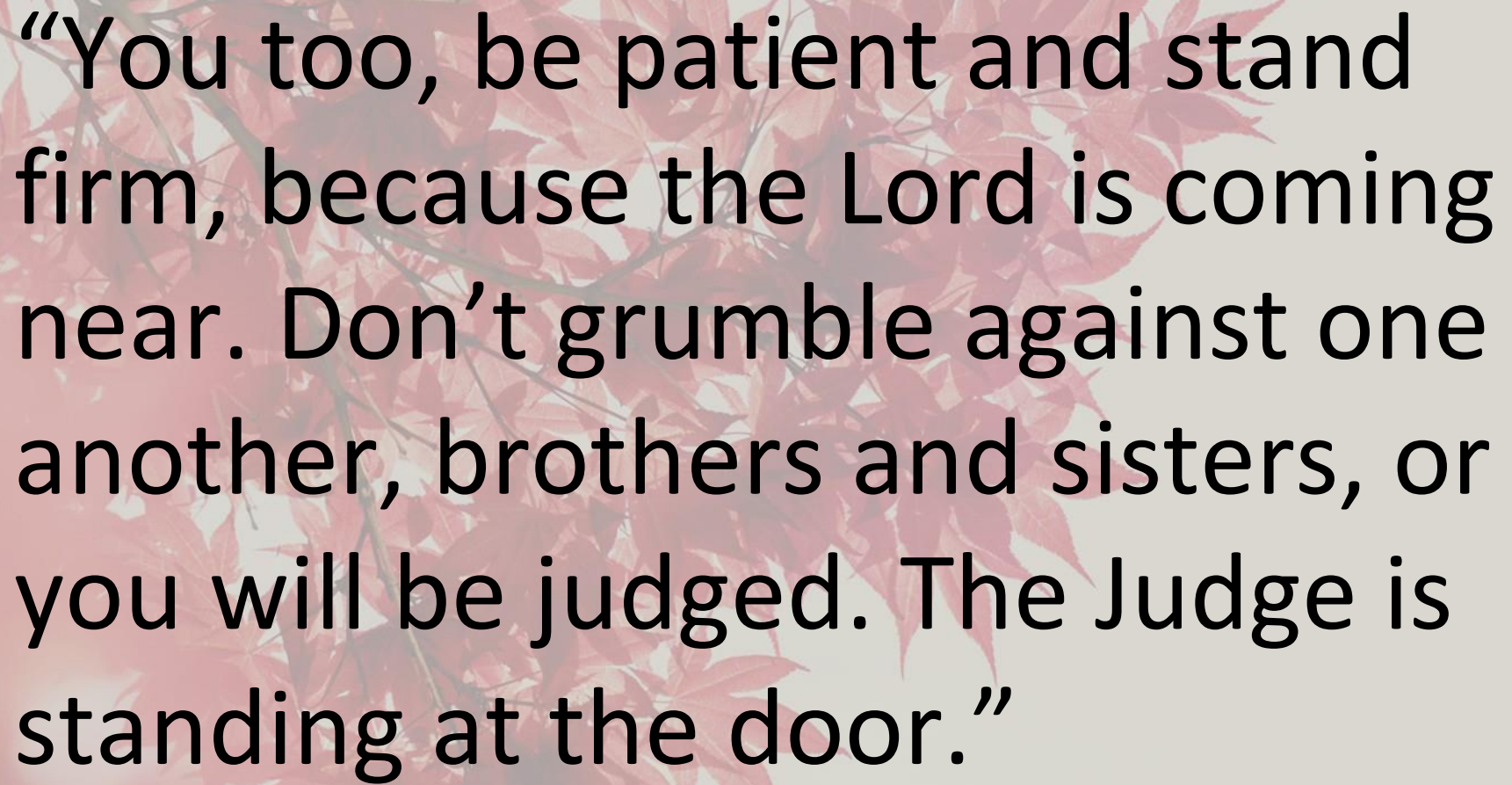
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**What am I
waiting for?**

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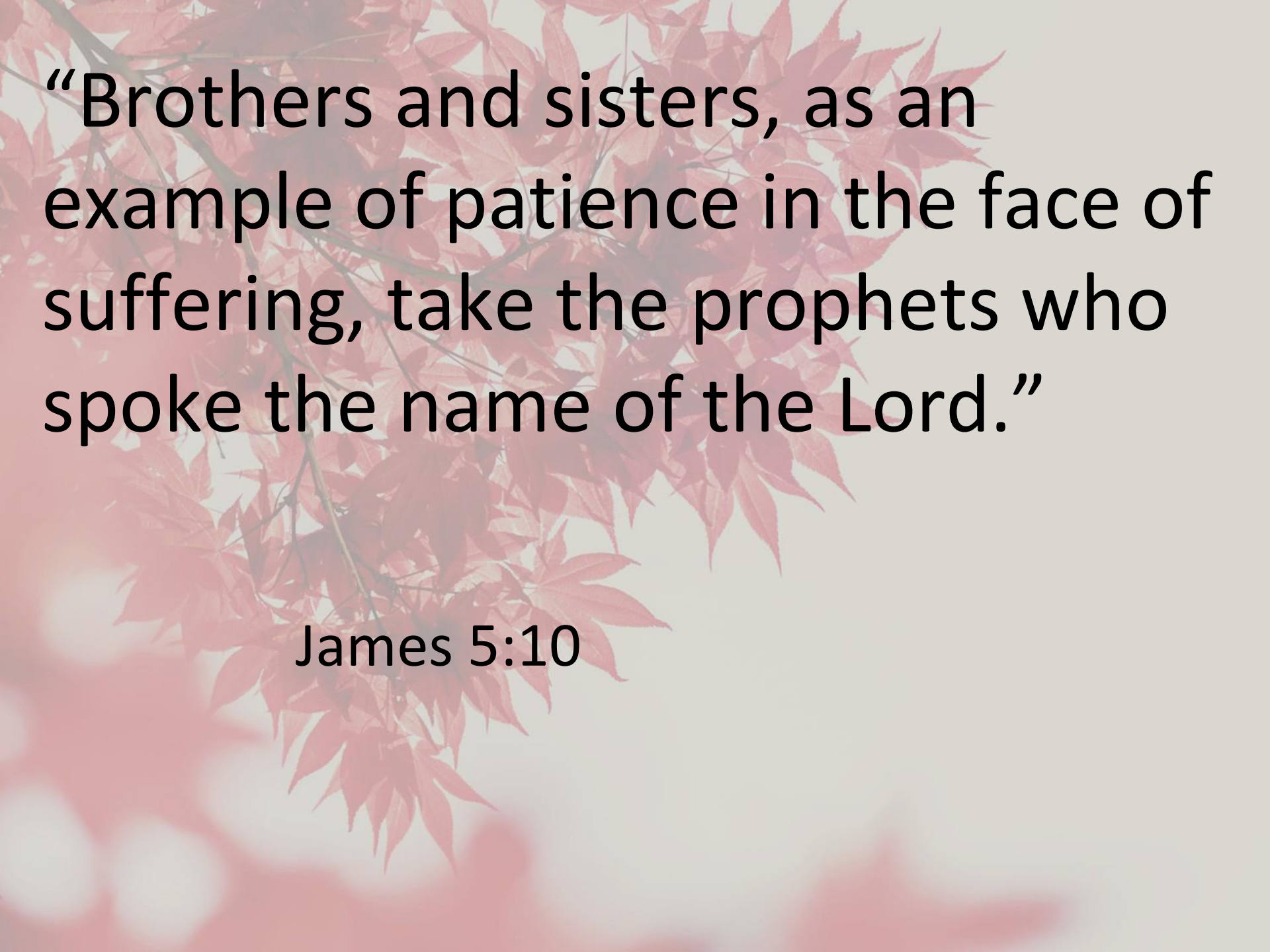
Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

James 5:7 NIV

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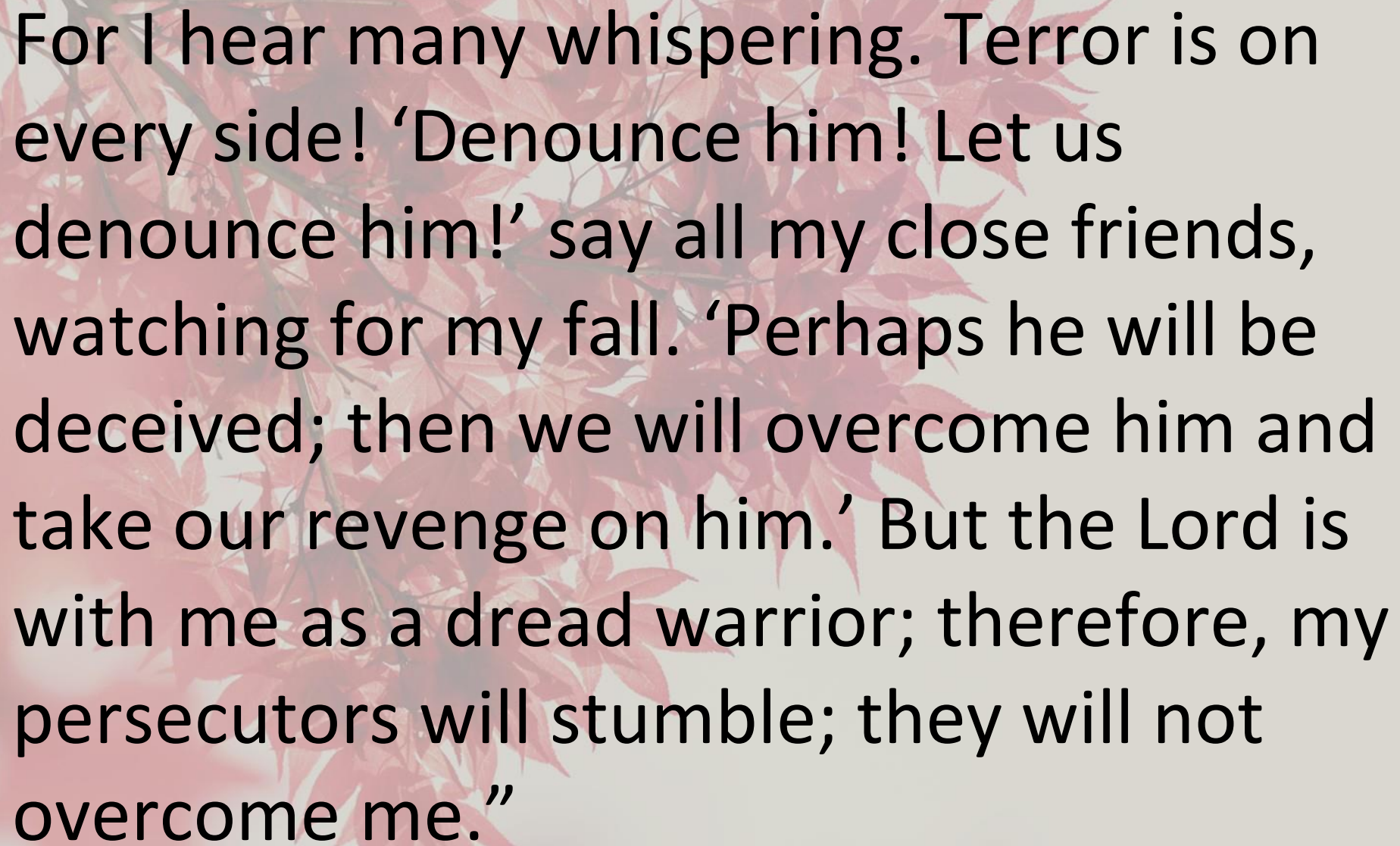
“You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord is coming near. Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door.”

James 5:8-9

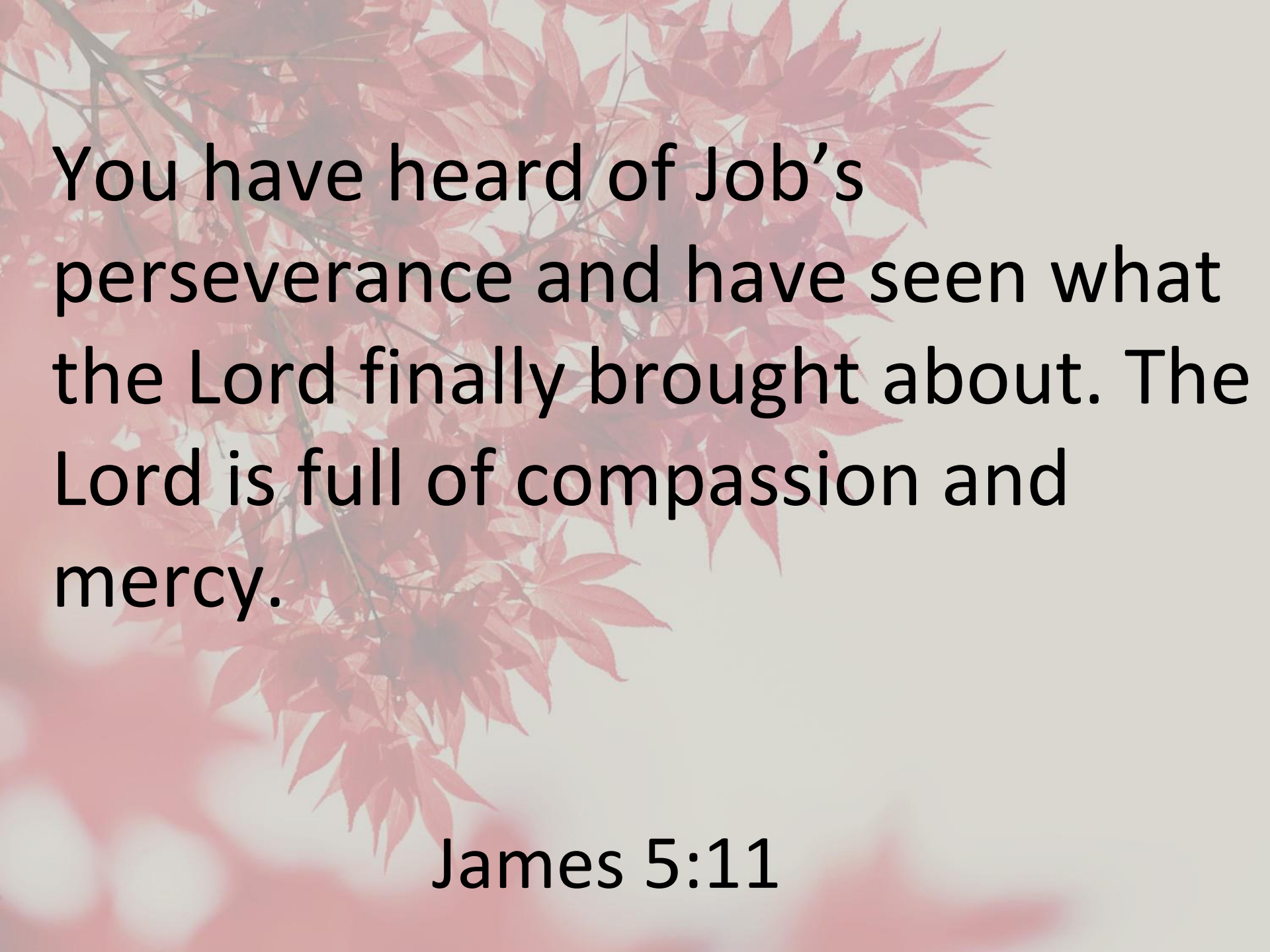
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“Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke the name of the Lord.”

James 5:10

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For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! ‘Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ say all my close friends, watching for my fall. ‘Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will overcome him and take our revenge on him.’ But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me.”

A background of red maple leaves, some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a soft, autumnal atmosphere. The leaves are a vibrant red color, and the overall scene is set against a light, hazy background.

You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:11