

CHRISTMAS TIME

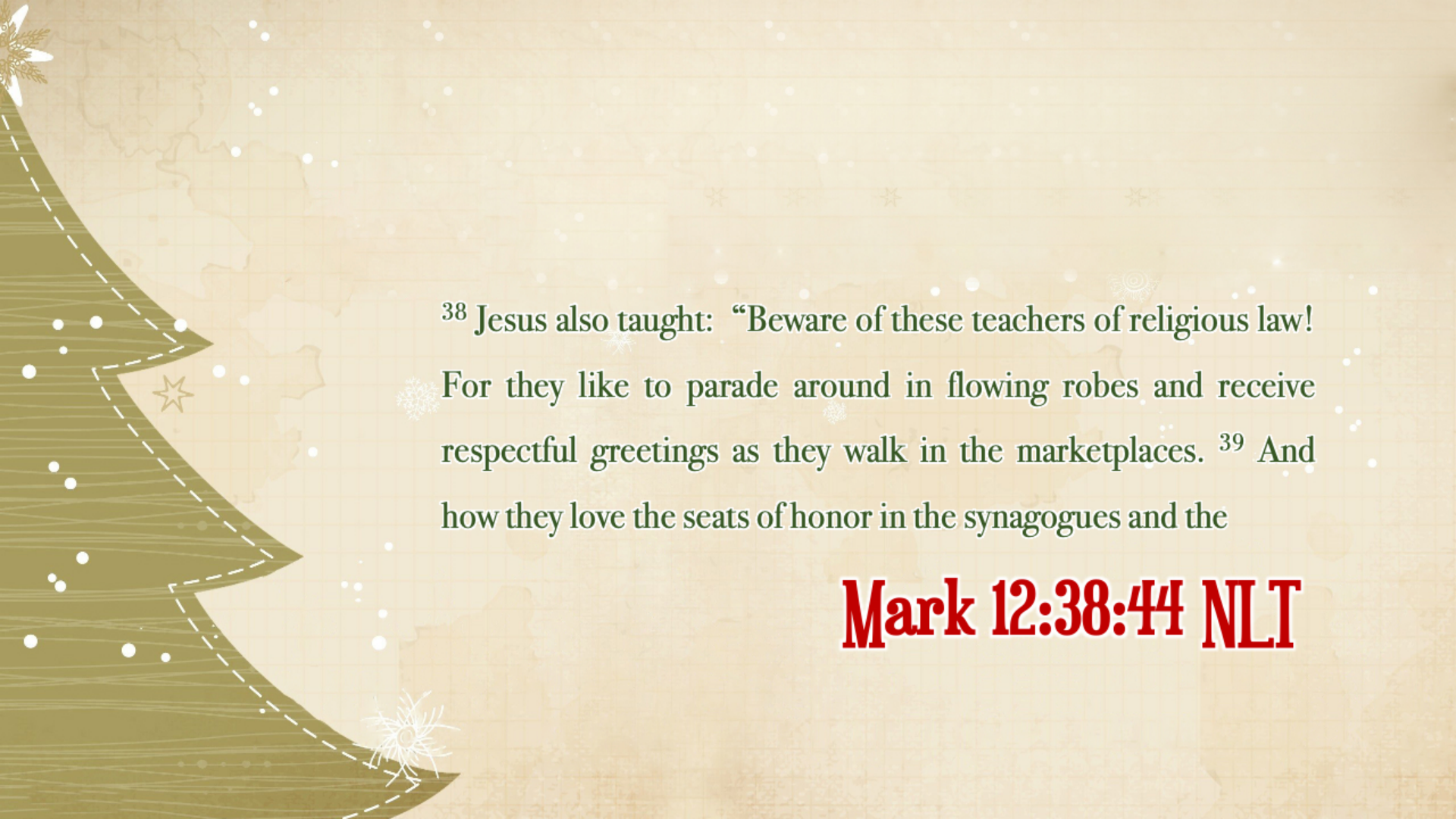
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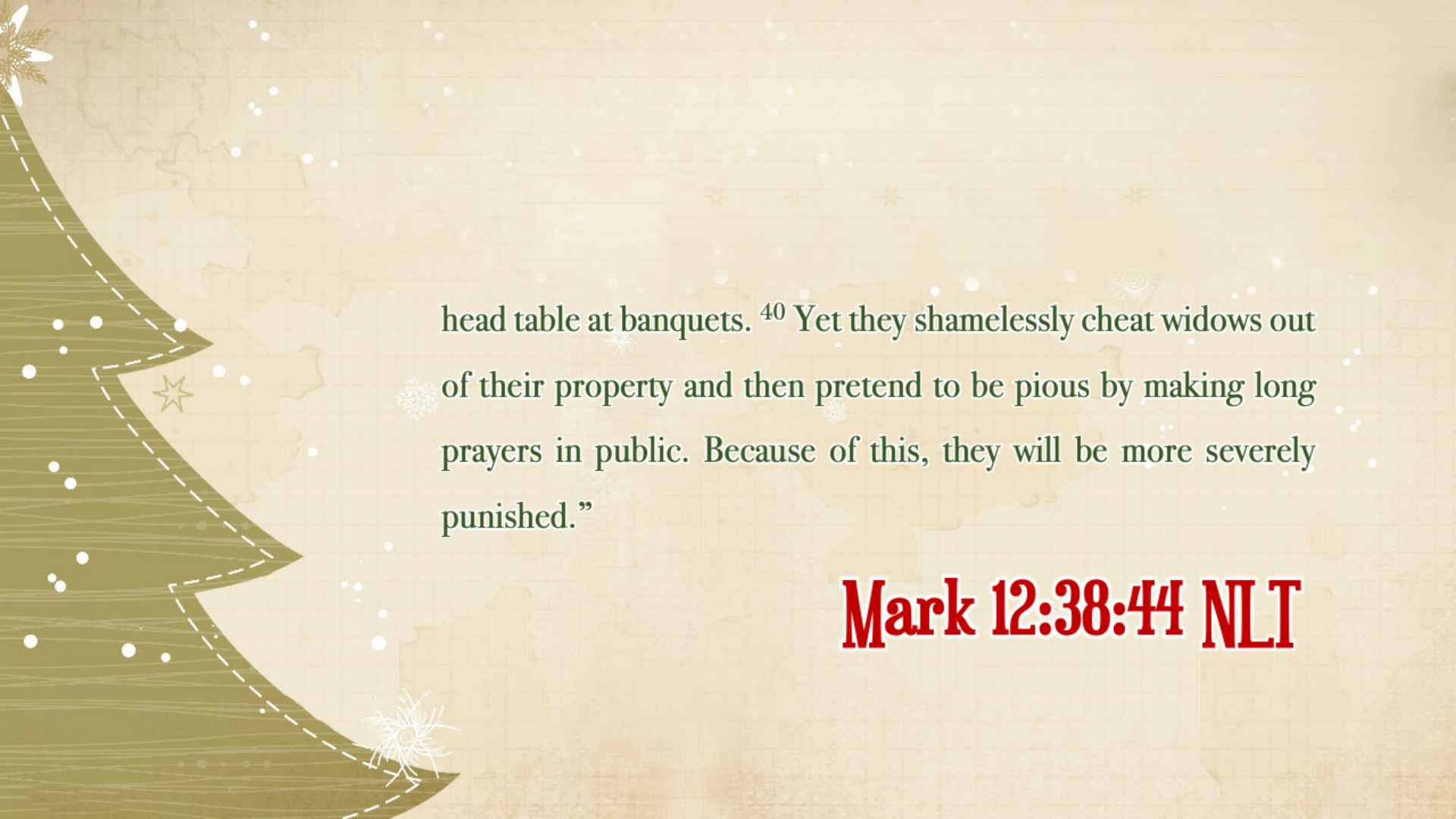
The Widow's

Gift



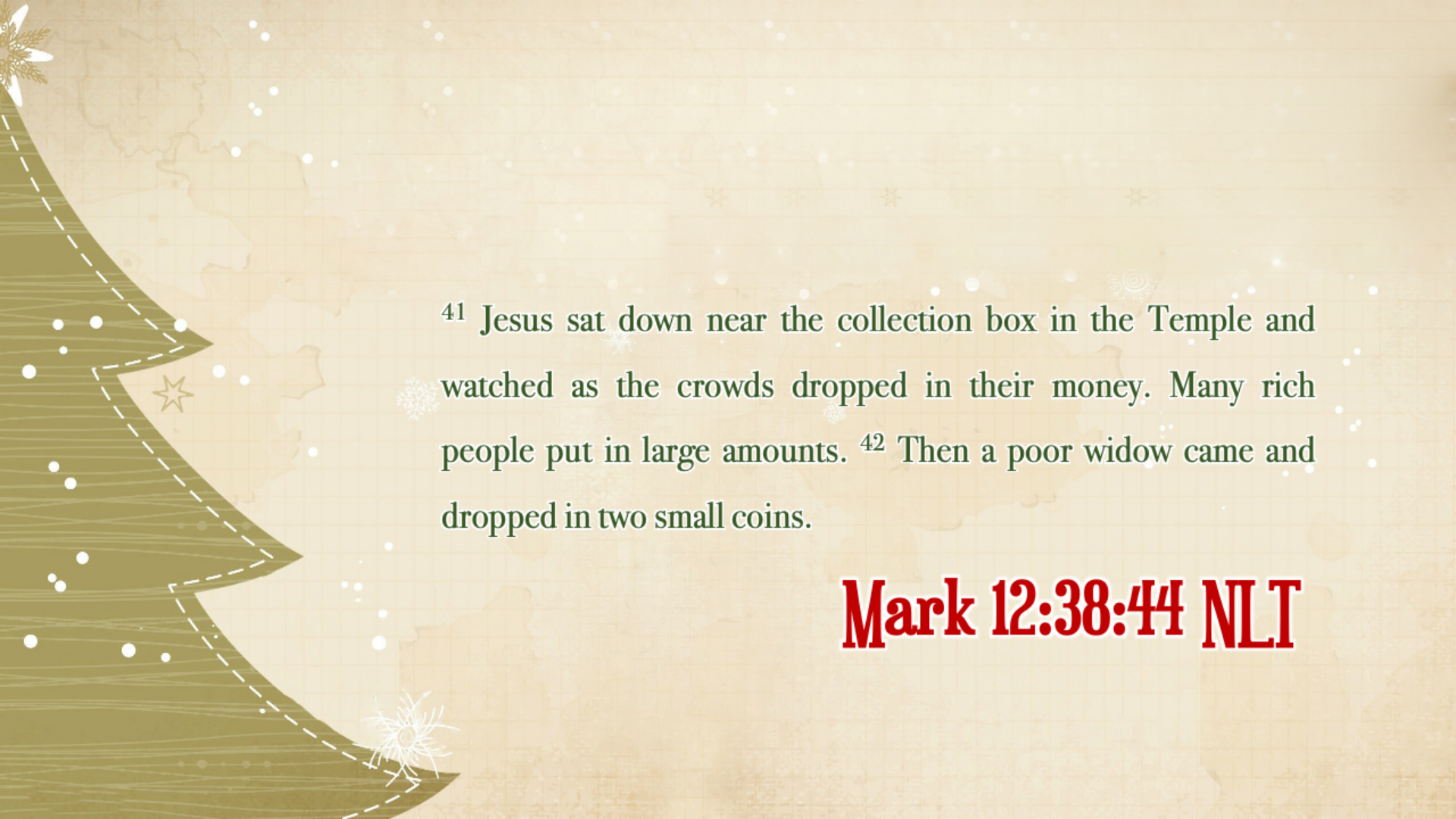
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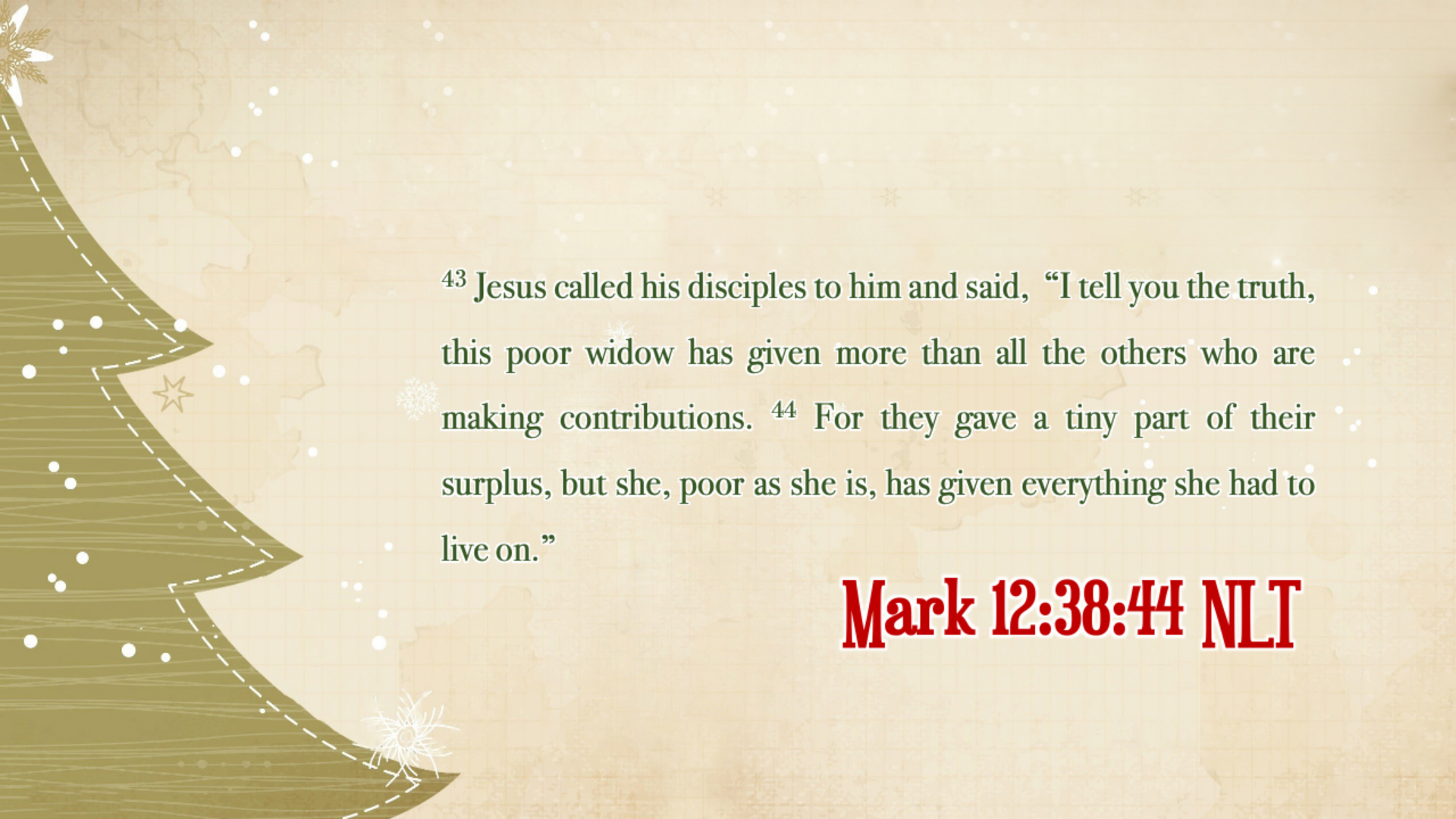
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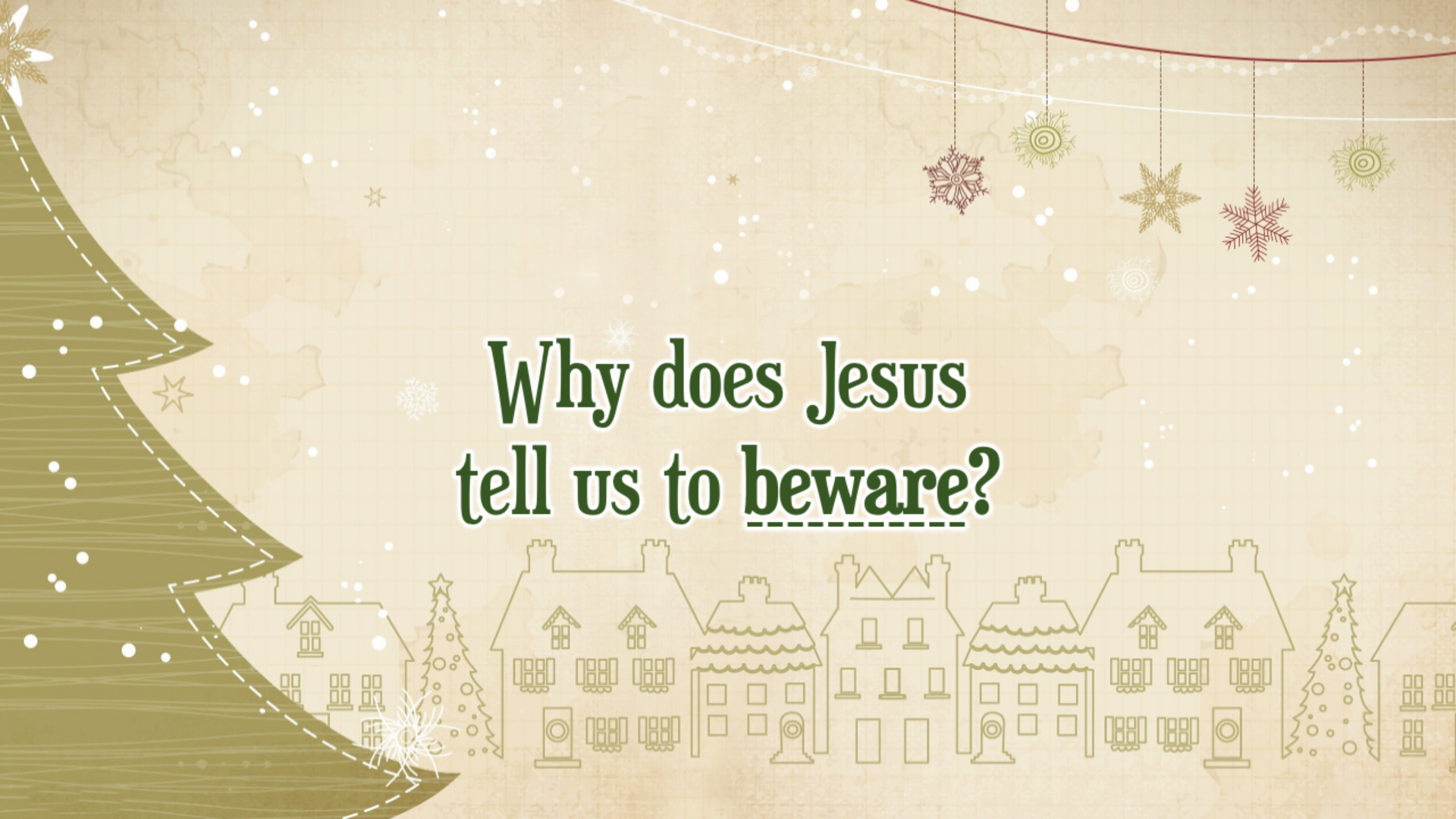
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The Context

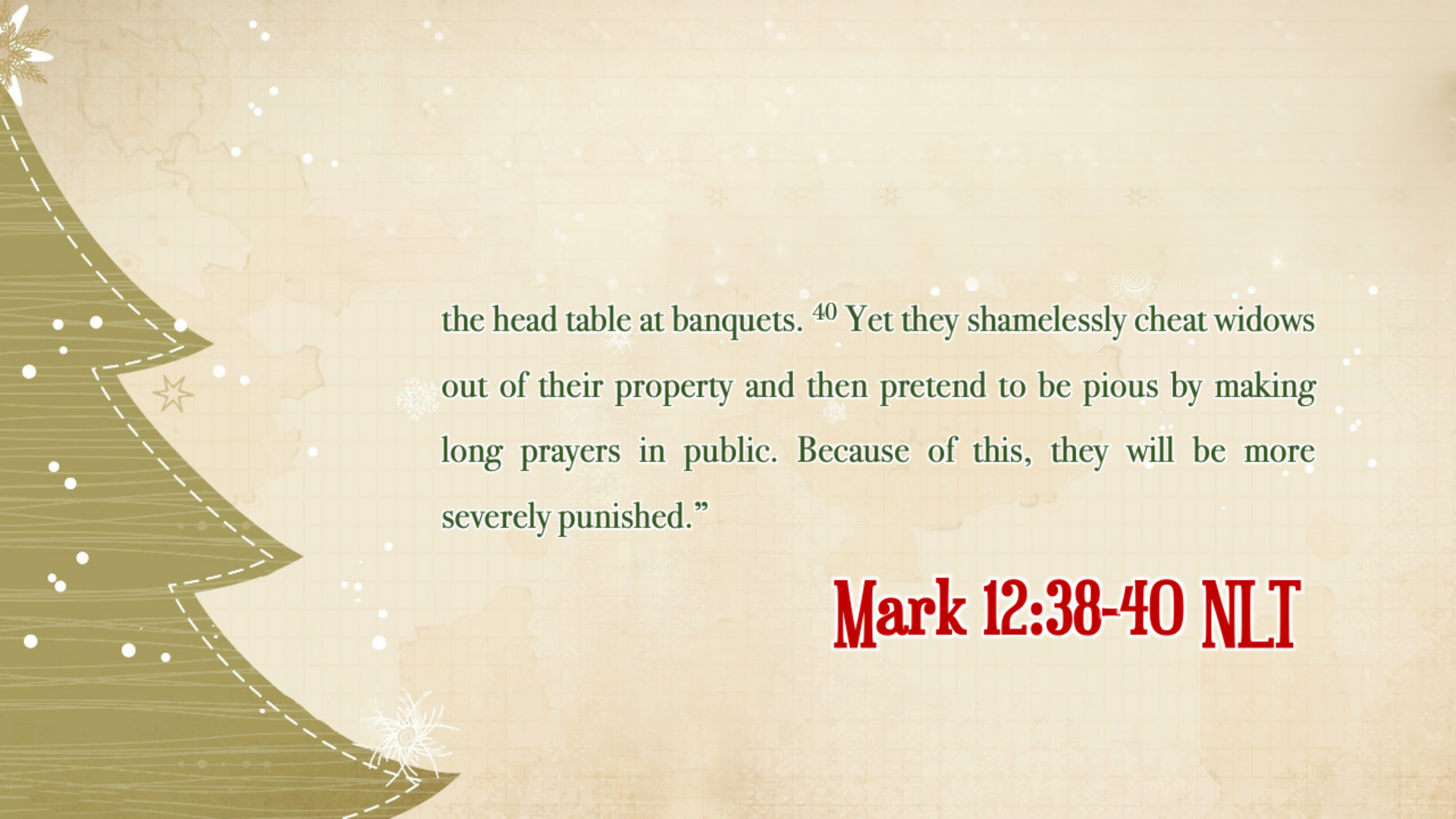


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Beware the teachers of the law,
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Beware the teachers of the law, because they loved their respectful greetings.

Beware the teachers of the law, because they loved the best seats in the synagogue and at banquets.

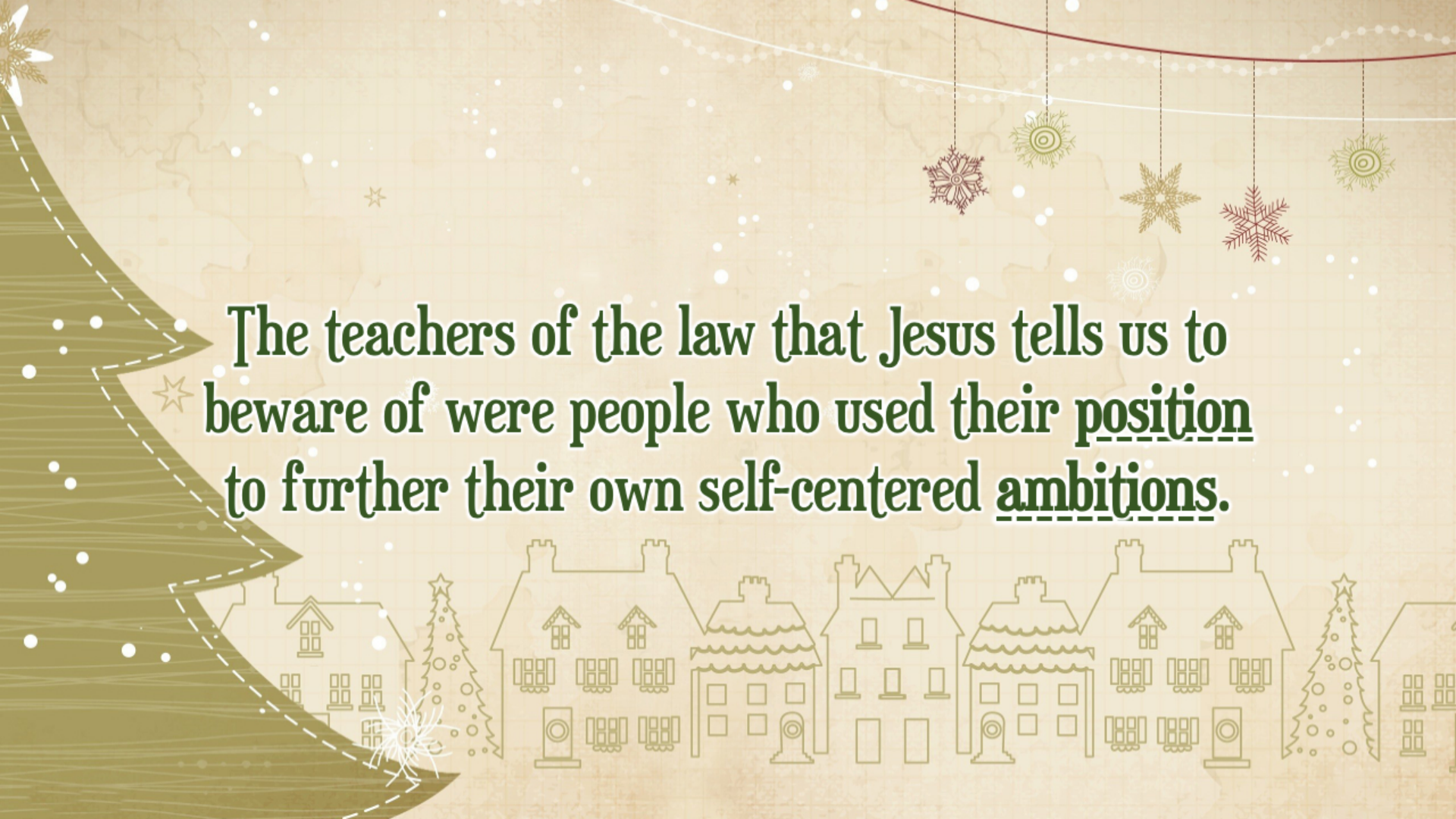


Beware the teachers of the law, because
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Beware the teachers of the law, because of their lengthy, showy prayers.

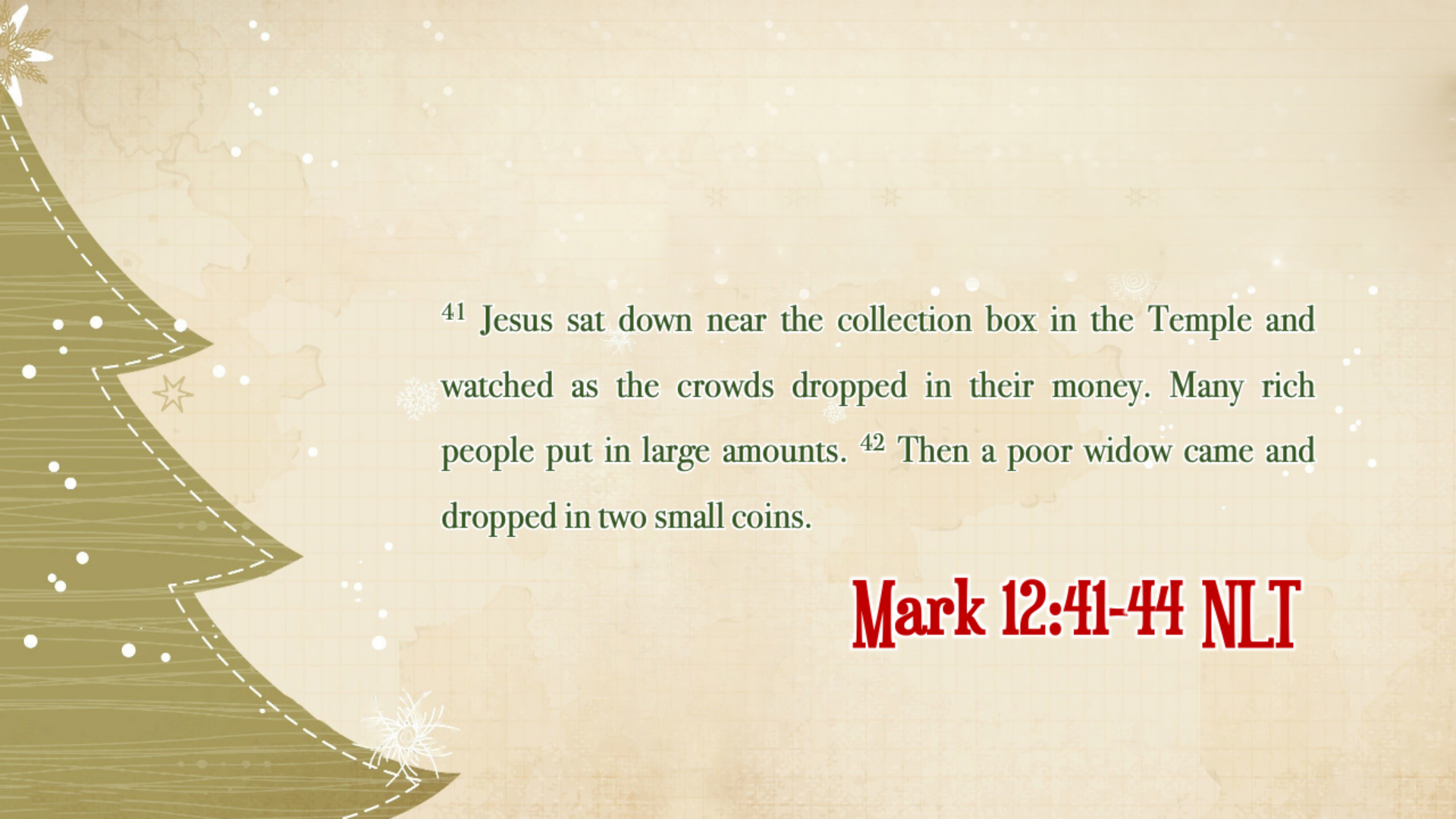


The teachers of the law that Jesus tells us to beware of were people who used their position to further their own self-centered ambitions.



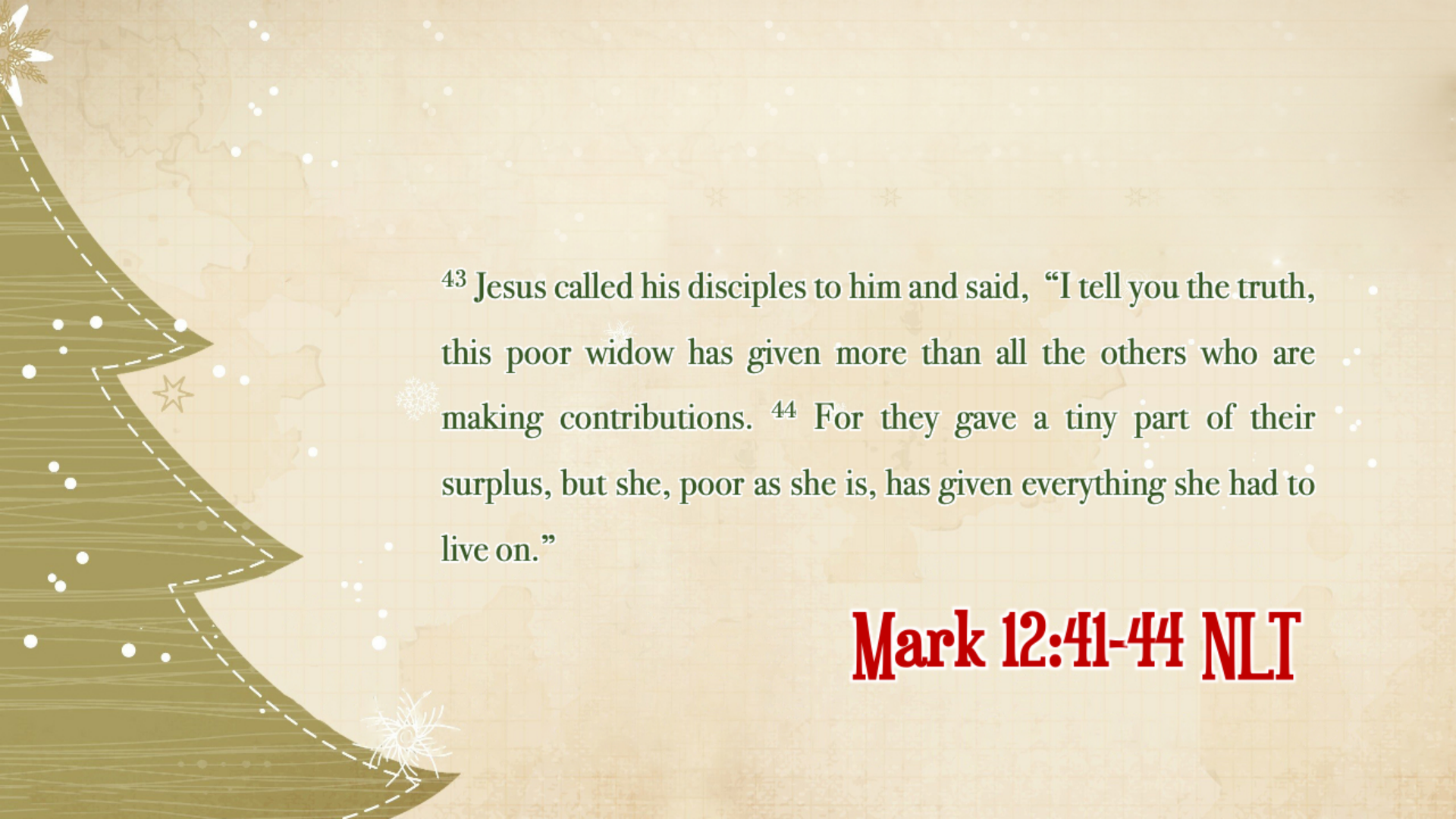
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The Contrast



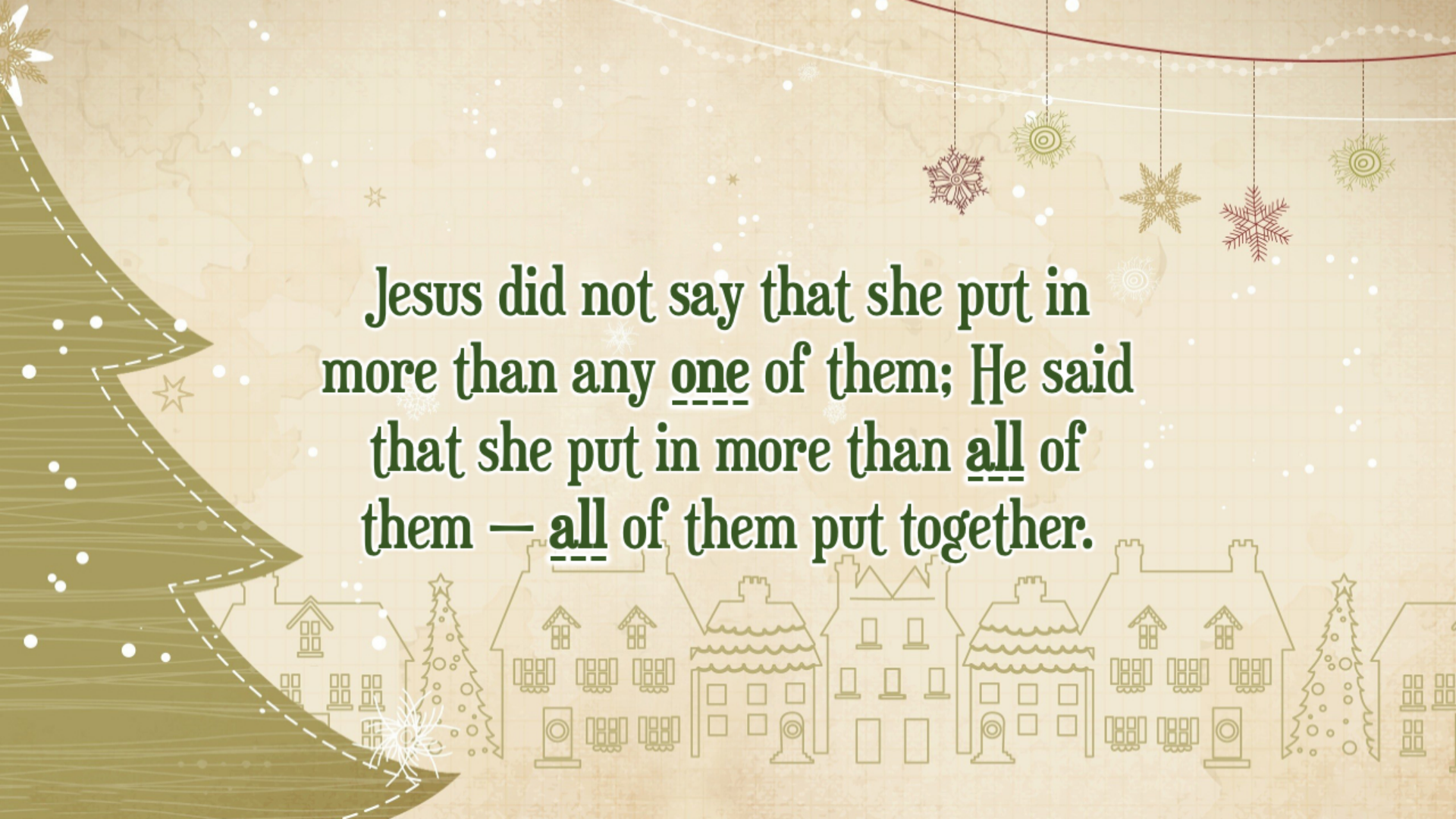
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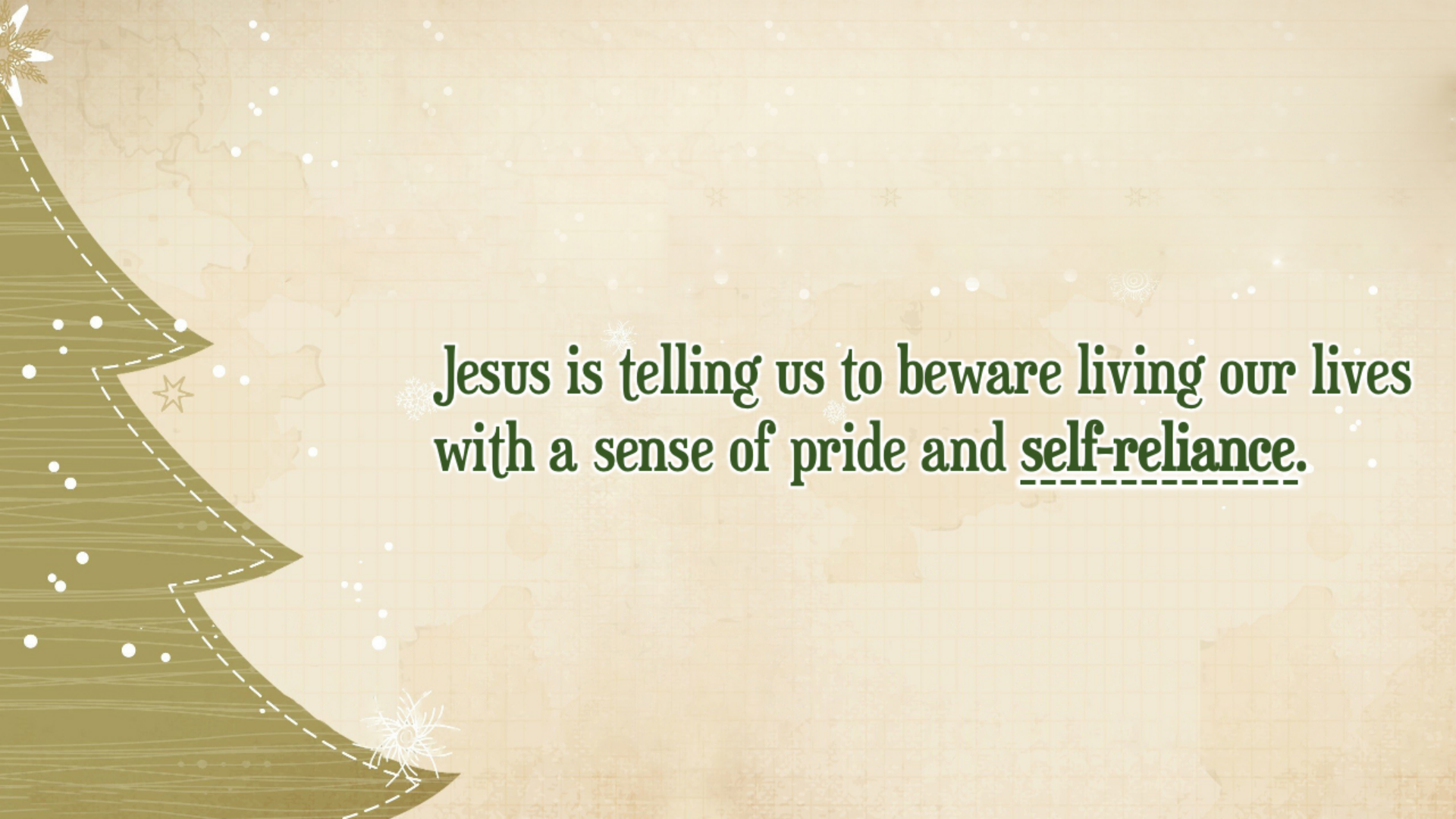


Jesus did not say that she put in
more than any one of them; He said
that she put in more than all of
them — all of them put together.

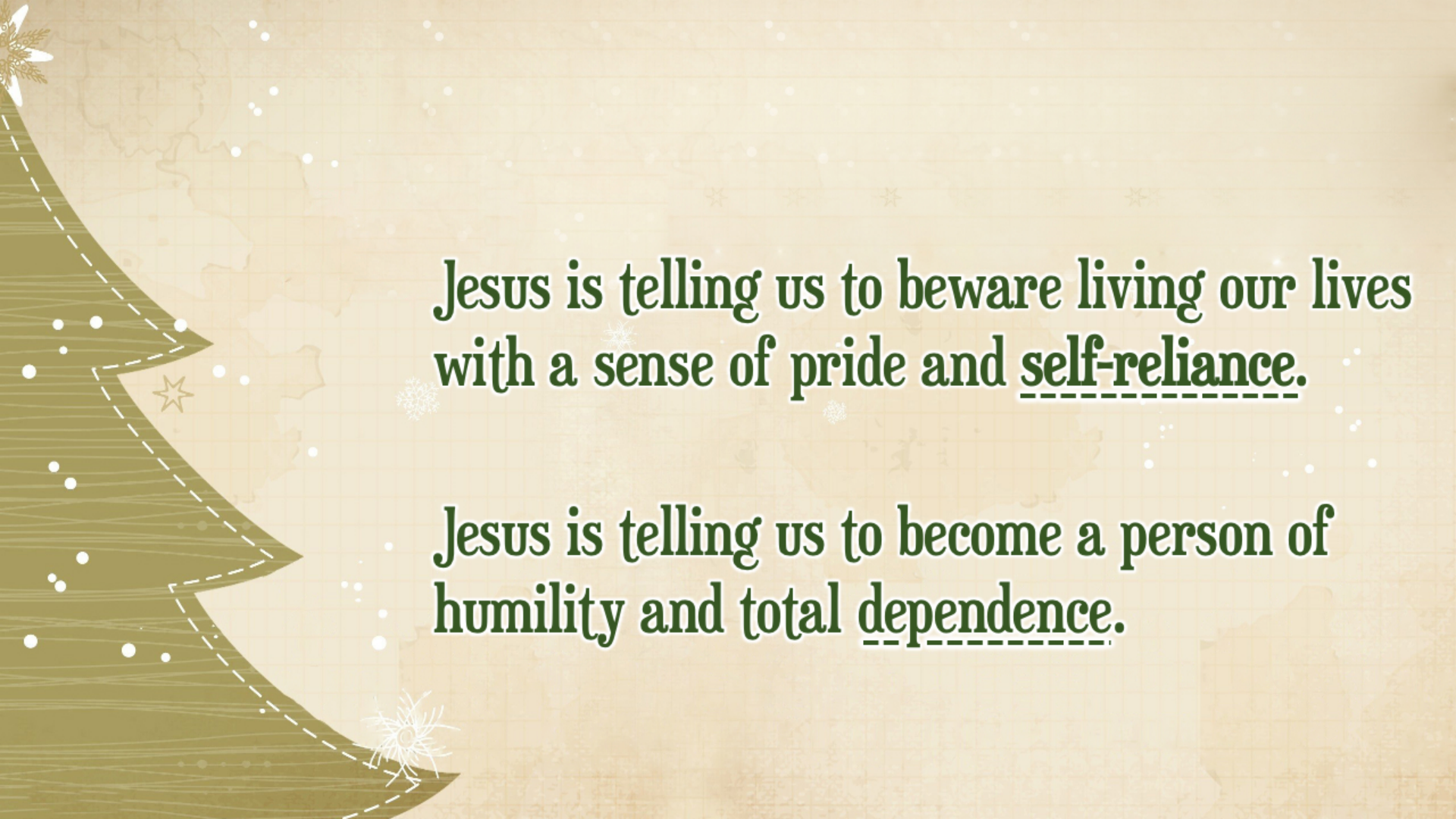


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The Challenge

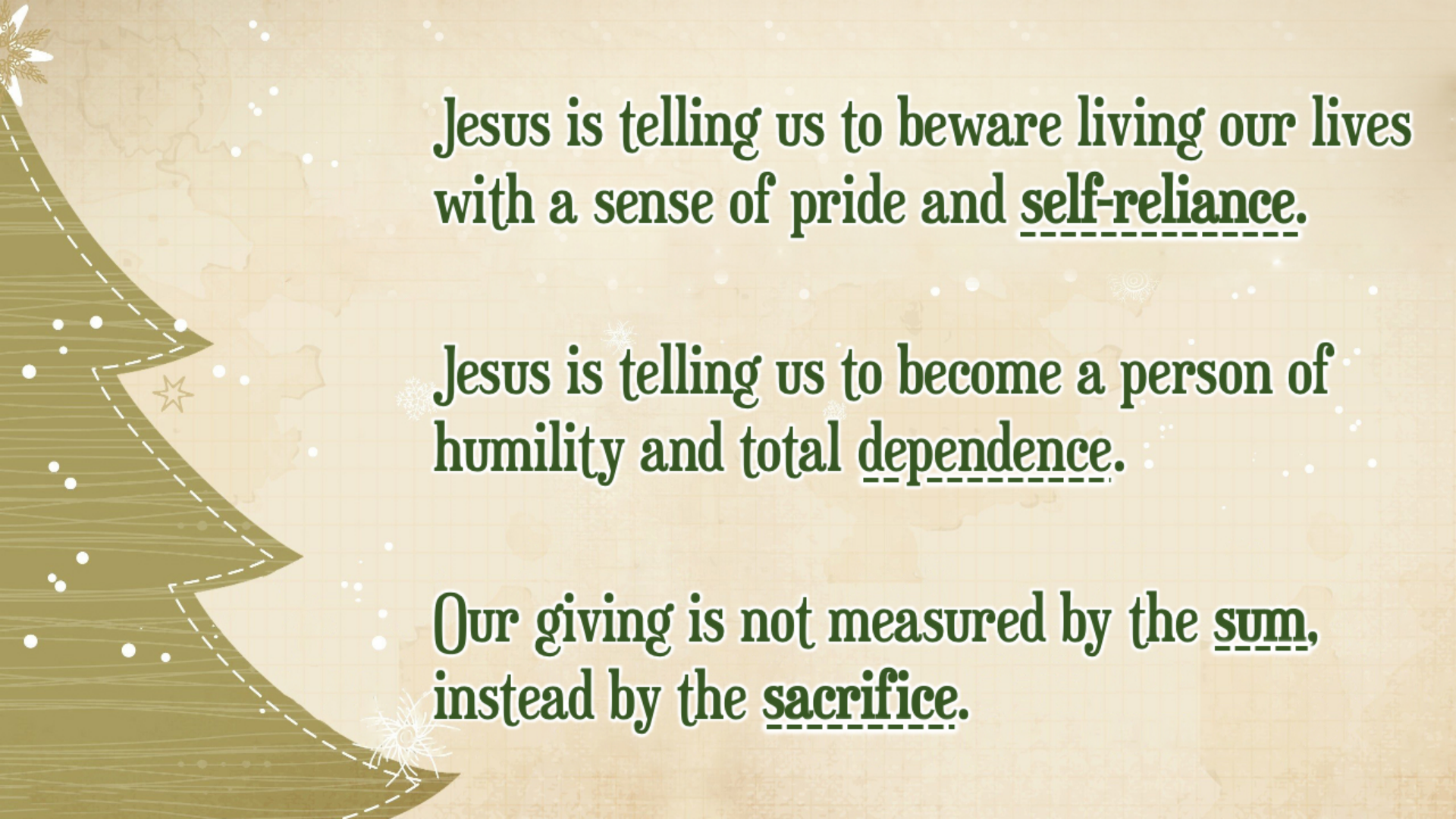


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Our giving is not measured by the sum, instead by the sacrifice.