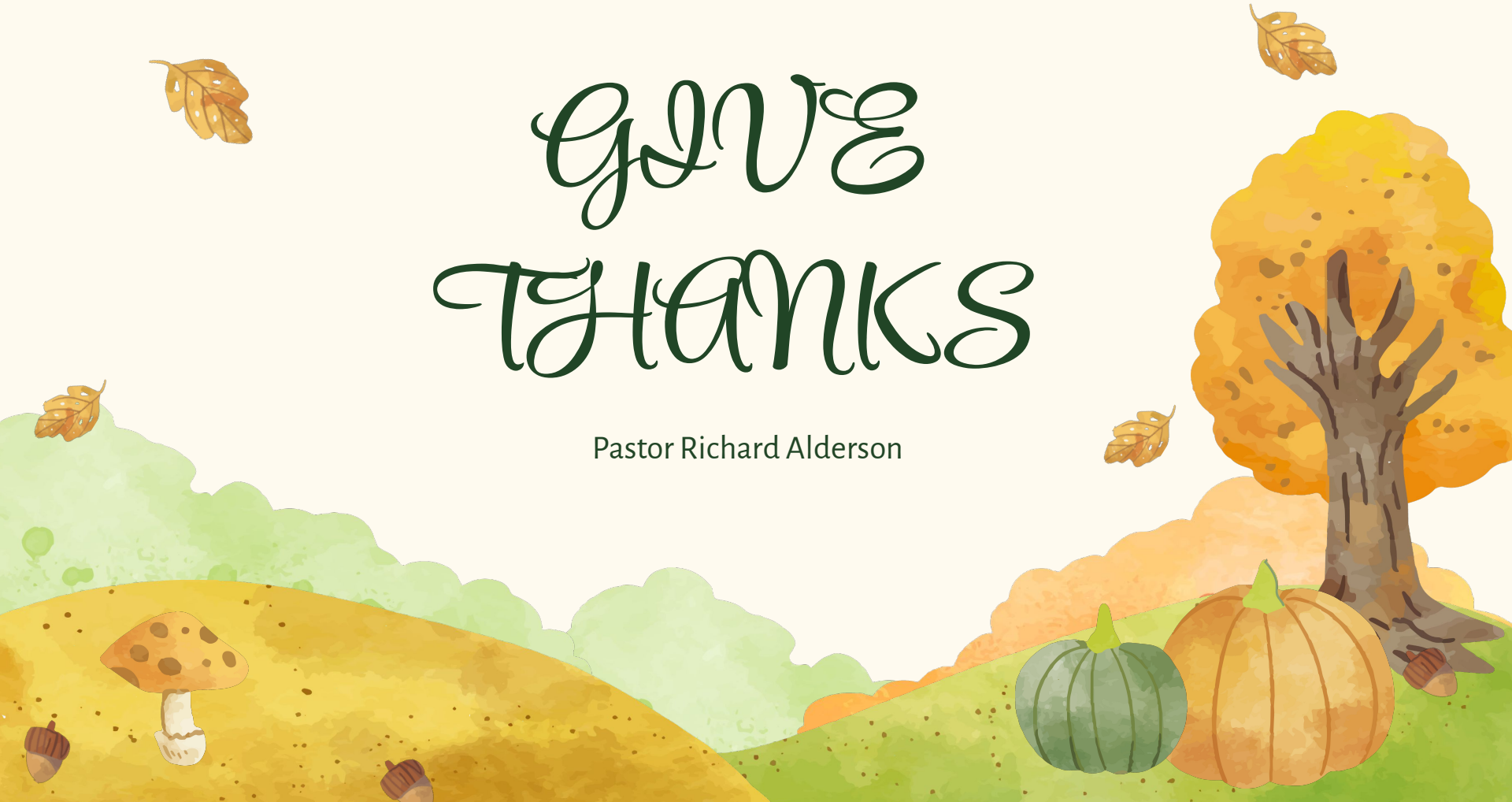


GIVE THANKS

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1 Thessalonians 5

Be Thankful for Rapture

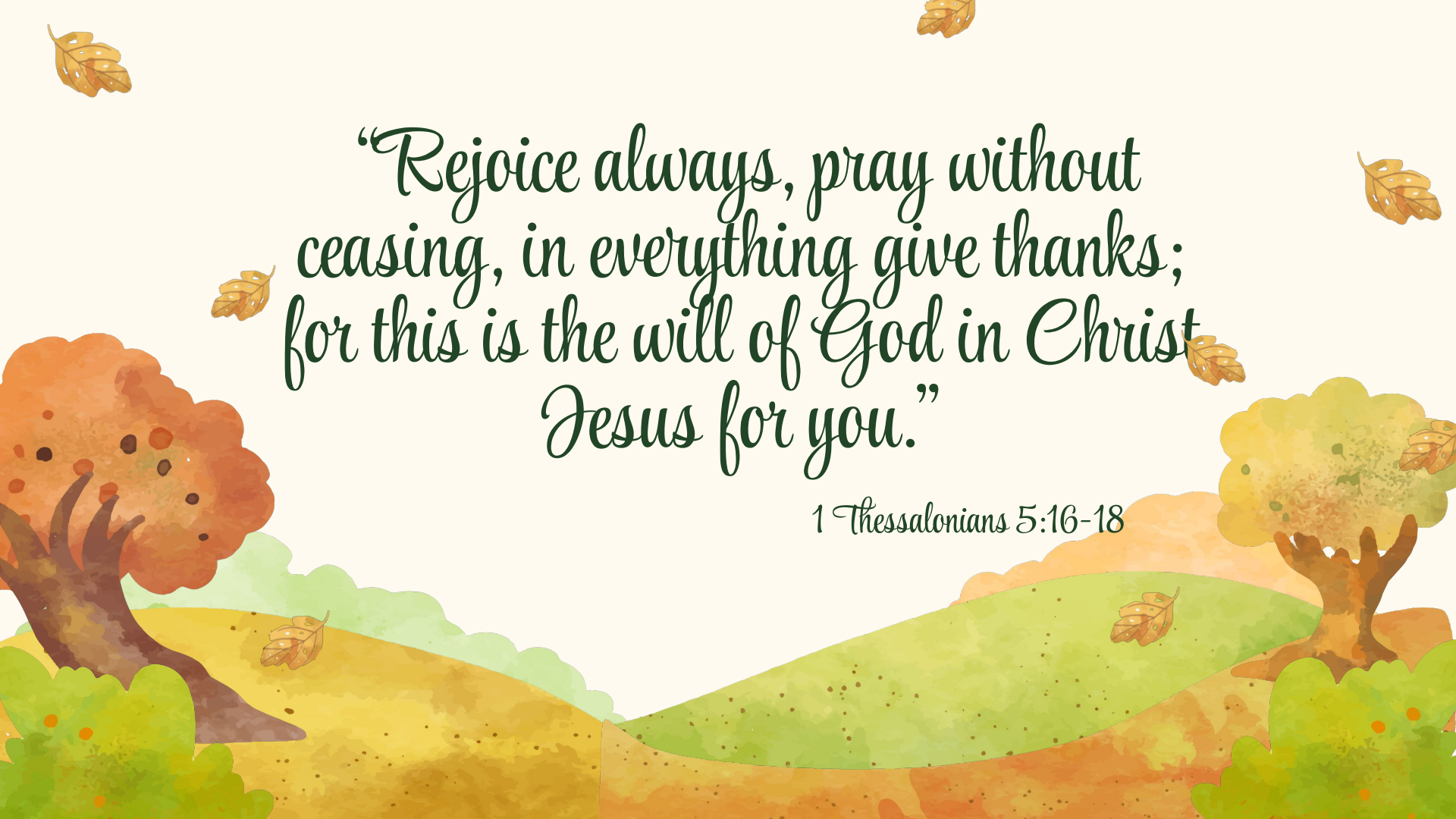
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Be Thankful for Relationships

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Be Thankful for Righteousness

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The background features a soft, watercolor-style illustration of an autumn landscape. On the left, a tree with vibrant orange and red foliage stands on a yellowish-brown hill. On the right, a tree with yellow and green leaves is situated on a green hill. The ground is depicted with various shades of green and yellow, suggesting grass and fallen leaves. Several individual leaves are scattered throughout the scene, some appearing to fall from the trees. The overall atmosphere is warm and peaceful.

“Rejoice always, pray without
ceasing, in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18




BE
CONTENTED
Rejoice always

1 Thessalonians 5:16



“Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited.”



Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.”



Jeremiah 17:5-10



*“The Lord is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him.”*

Psalms 28:7





BE
consumed
“...in everything give thanks...”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

*“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
And naked shall I return there.*

*The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken
away;*

Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Job 1:21





THANKFULNESS FOR TRIALS

James 1:2-6

Romans 5:3-5

1 Peter 1:6-9

2 Corinthians 4:16-18



“Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—”

2 Corinthians 11:23-27





BE

CONNECTED

“...pray without ceasing...”

1 Thessalonians 5:17





CONSTANT CONNECTION

Colossians 4:2-4
Romans 12:12
Ephesians 6:18-20
Luke 18:1-8



“In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.”

—Jesus the Christ (Matthew 6:9-13)



BE

CONFORMED

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1 Thessalonians 5:18

BECOME CHRISTLIKE

1 John 2:6

Galatians 2:20

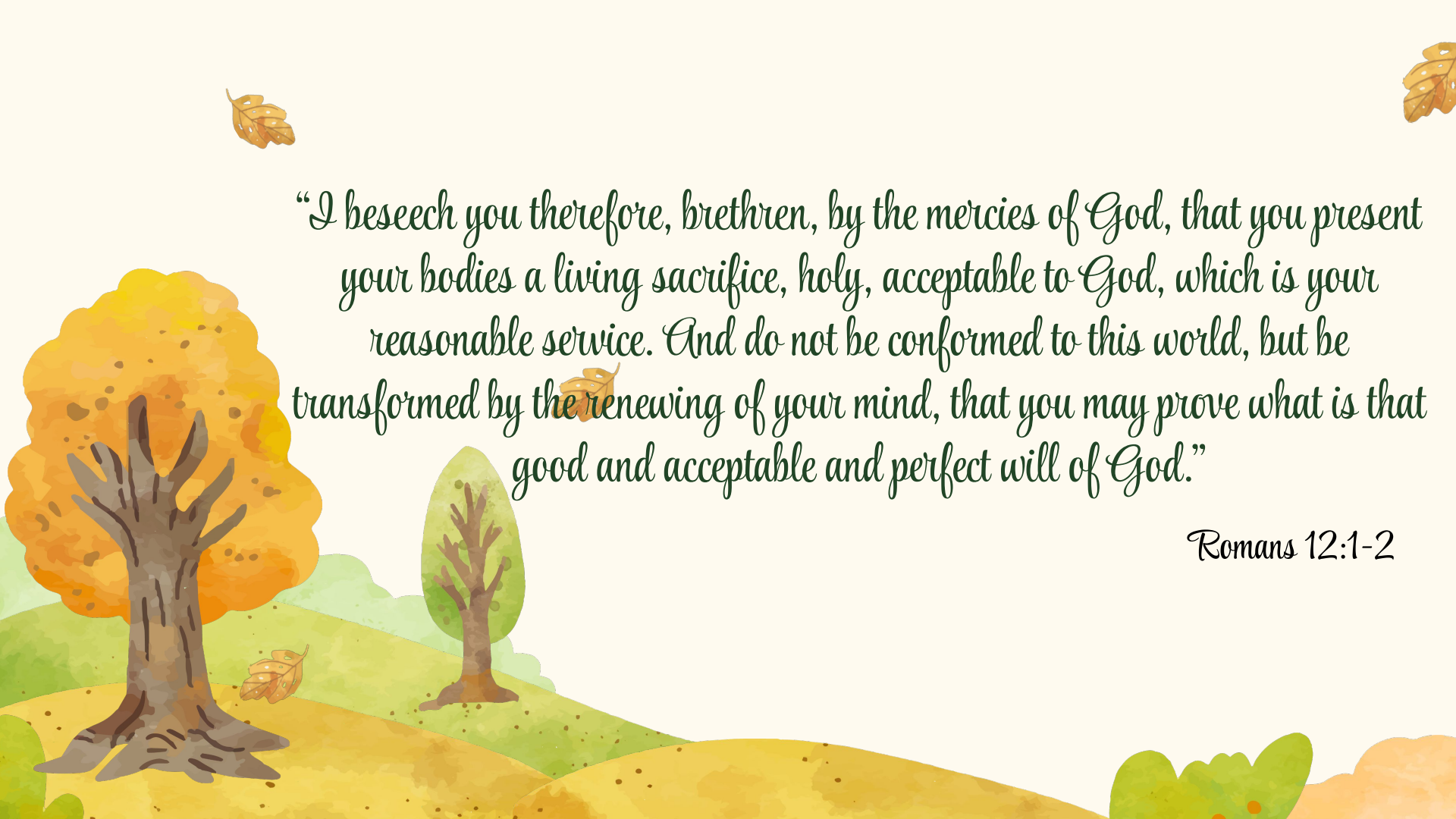
Philippians 1:6

Ephesians 2:10

Romans 8:29

2 Corinthians 3:18



A watercolor illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling hills in shades of yellow and orange. A large tree with a thick, dark brown trunk and a full, rounded canopy of bright yellow and orange leaves stands on the left. To its right, a smaller tree with a similar trunk but a more rounded, green canopy stands on a green hill. The background is a soft, light green wash. Several individual leaves are scattered throughout the scene, some floating in the air and others resting on the ground. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and a warm, autumnal color palette.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:1-2

