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James

Discovering God's Delight in a Lived-Out Faith

Favoritism/Partiality

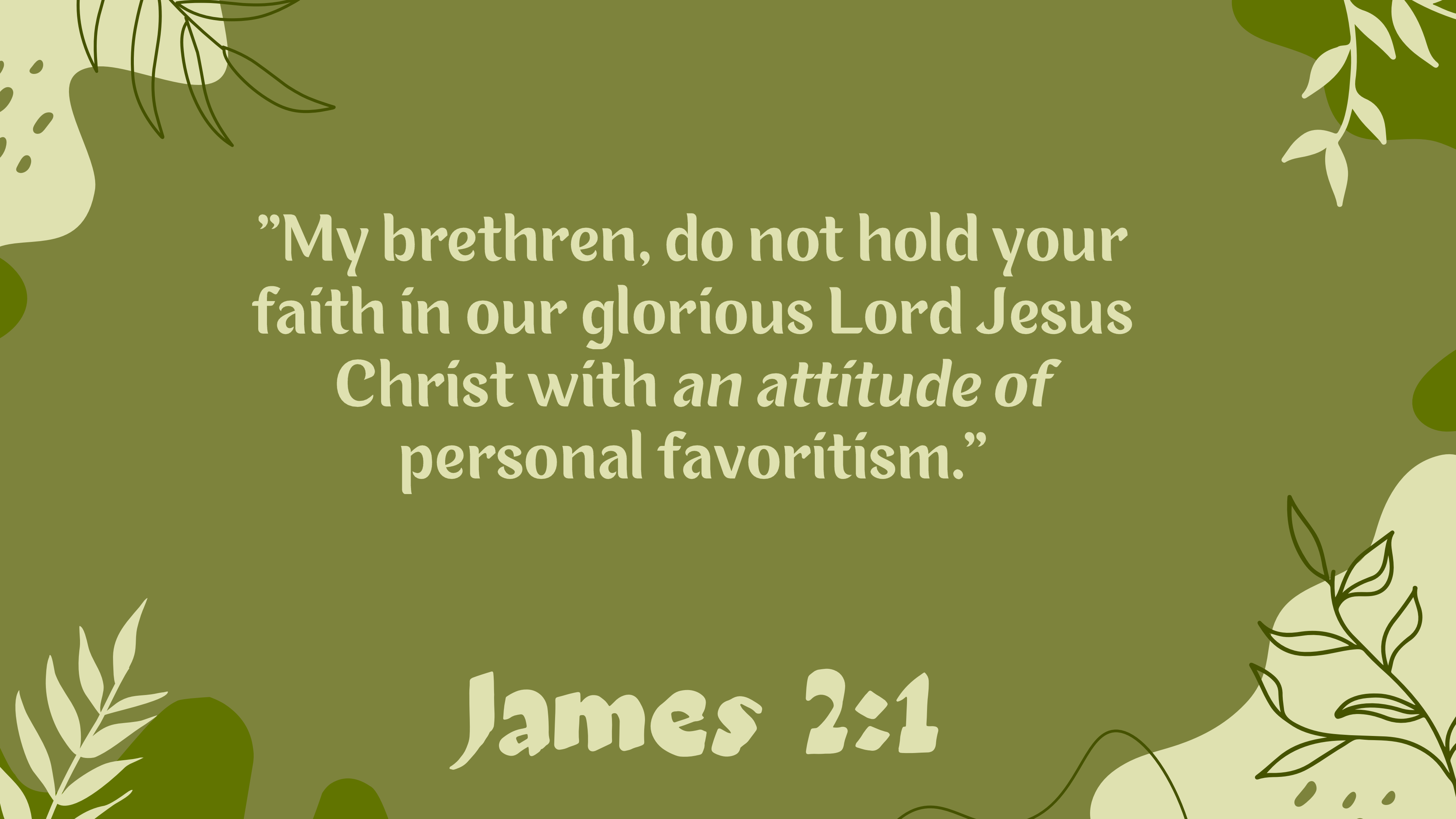
the fault of one who has respect
for outward circumstances

– their position, rank, popularity –

instead of their intrinsic merits

Favoritism/Partiality

a manifestation of
inconsistent love for other
people

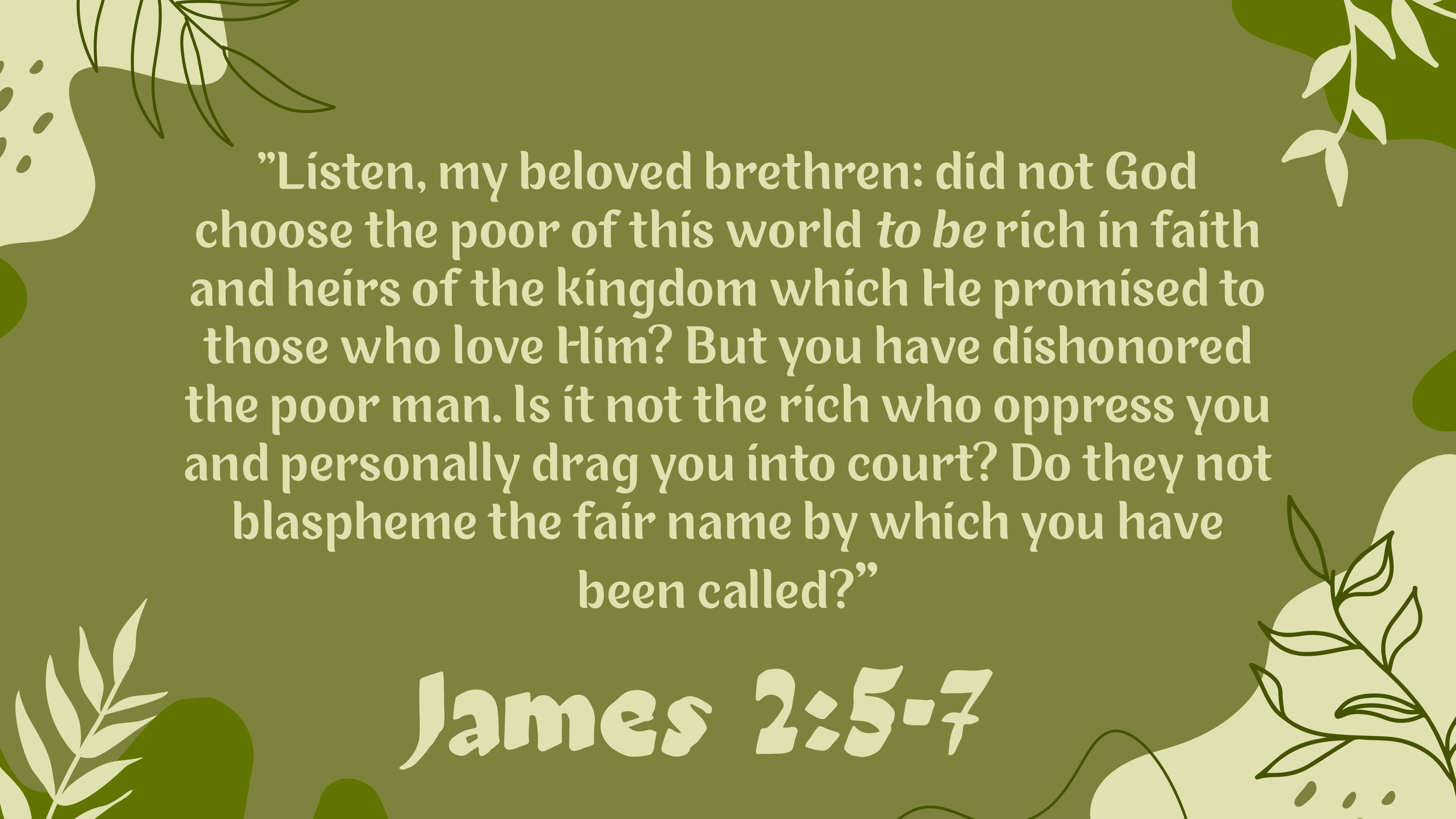


“My brethren, do not hold your
faith in our glorious Lord Jesus
Christ with *an attitude of*
personal favoritism.”

James 2:1

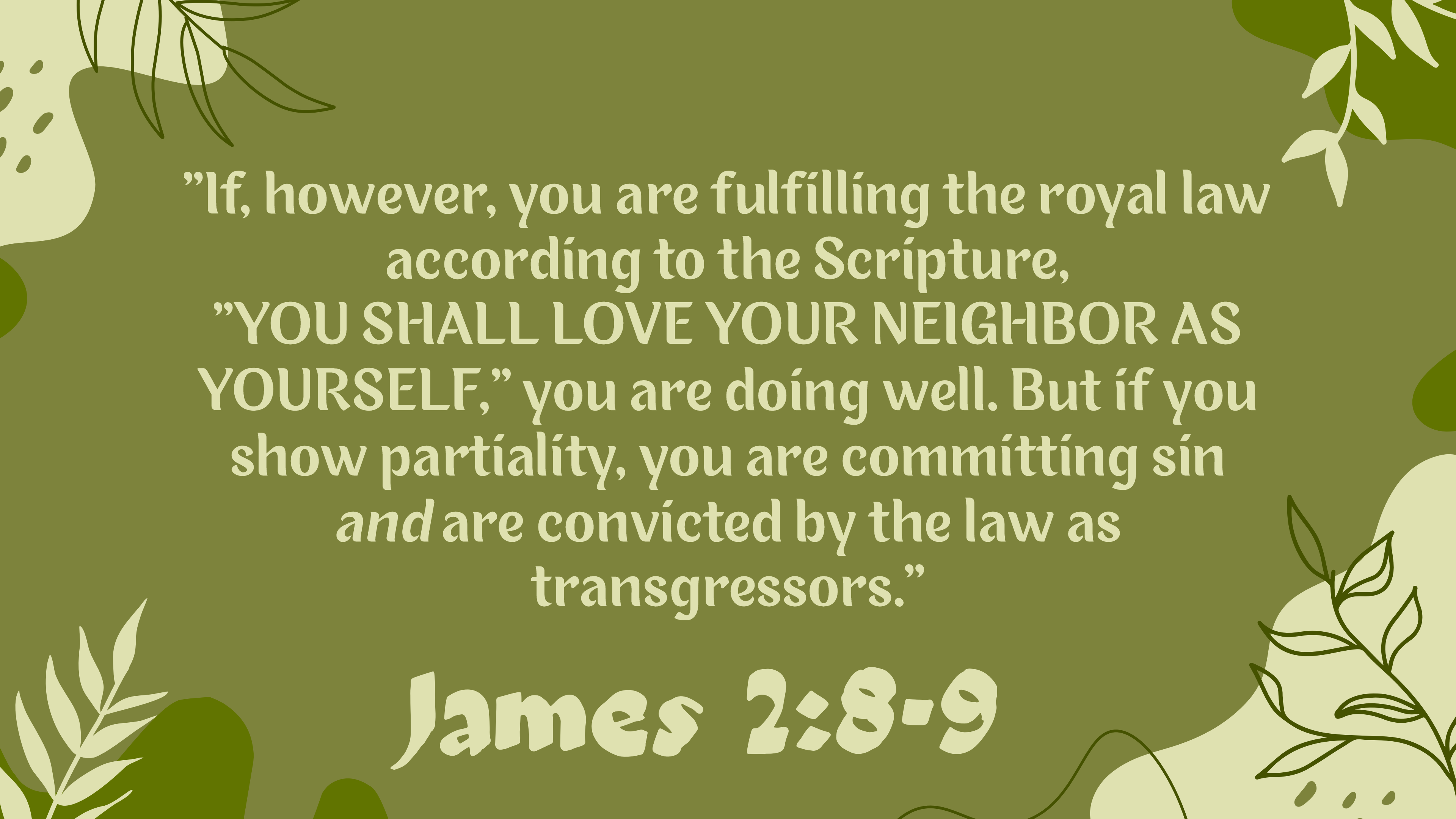
“For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and you say to the poor man, ‘You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,’ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?”

James 2:2-4



“Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?”

James 2:5-7

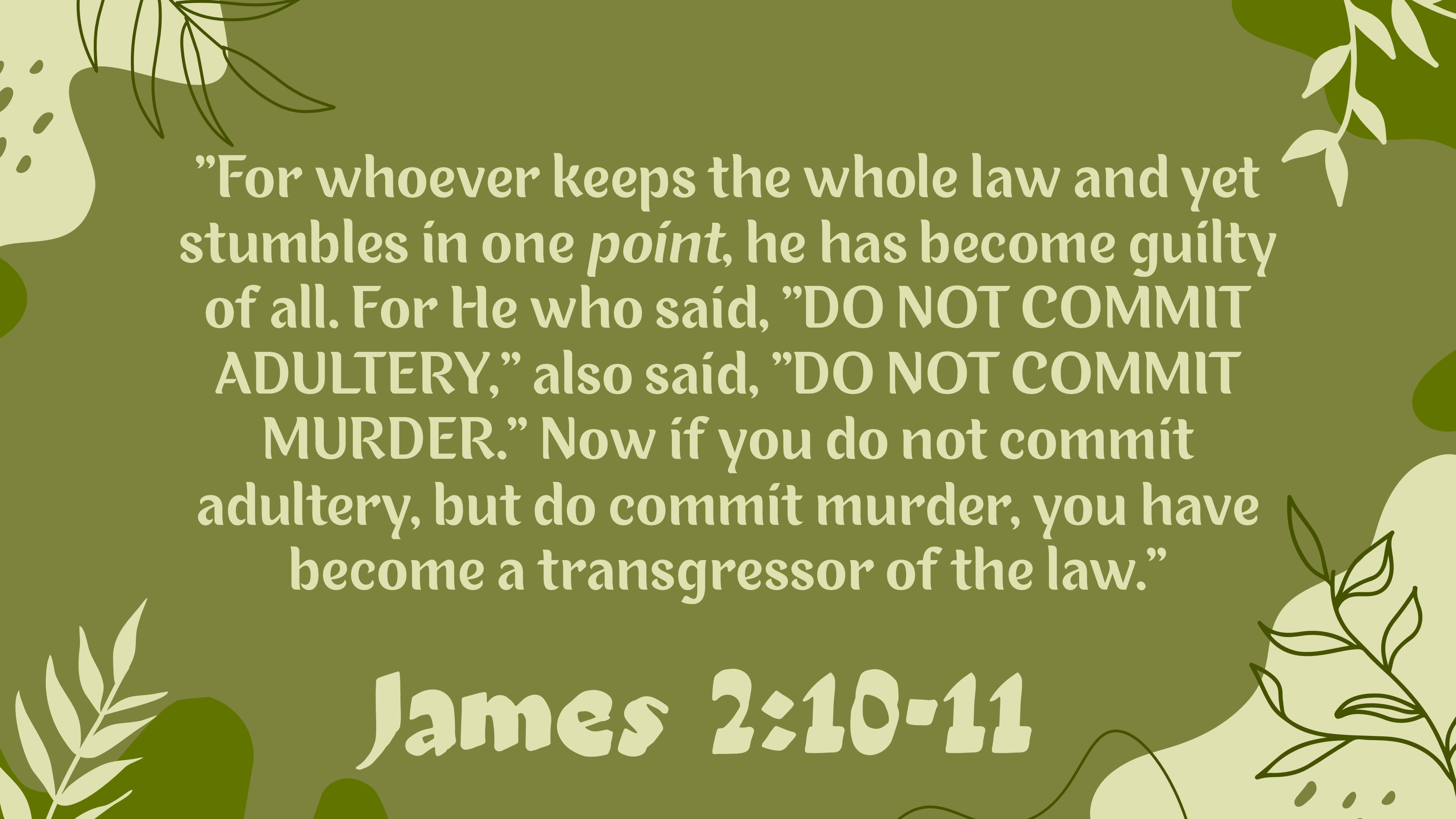


"If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law
according to the Scripture,
"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF," you are doing well. But if you
show partiality, you are committing sin
and are convicted by the law as
transgressors."

James 2:8-9

“This passage calls us to consistent love, not just polite ushering”

– Stulac

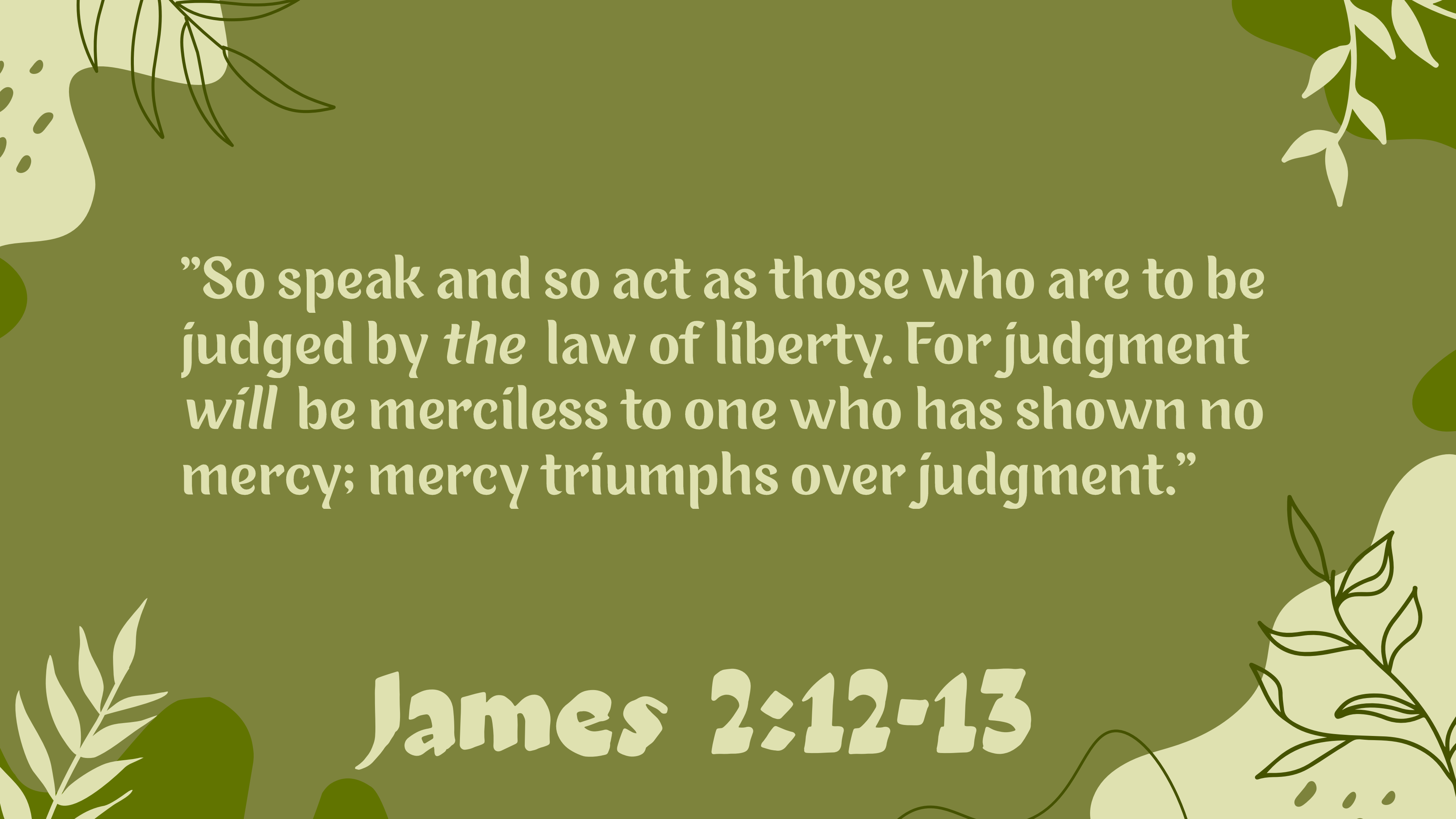


"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all. For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law."

James 2:10-11

“The Jew was very apt to regard the law as a series of detached injunctions. To keep one of these was to gain credit; to break one was to incur debt. Therefore, a man could add up the ones he kept and subtract the ones he broke, and, as it were emerge with a credit or a debit balance.”

– Barclay



“So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty. For judgment *will* be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.”

James 2:12-13

Matthew 7

James 2

1-2 :: Prohibition against judging

1 :: Prohibition against judgmental favoritism

3-5 :: Illustration of removing one's own fault so that one can help remove others' faults

2-4 :: Illustration of removing one's own partiality so that one can judge or instruct others

6 :: Warning not to despise what is sacred in favor of dogs or pigs that will harm you

5-7 :: Warning not to despise brothers who are rich in faith in favor of others who harm you

12 :: Summary of the law as doing to others what you would want for yourself

8-11 :: Summary of the law as loving others as yourself

13-14 :: Summary admonition to follow the narrow way that leads to life

12-13 :: Summary admonition to follow the law that gives freedom