

# NURTURING

FAMILY ON MISSION





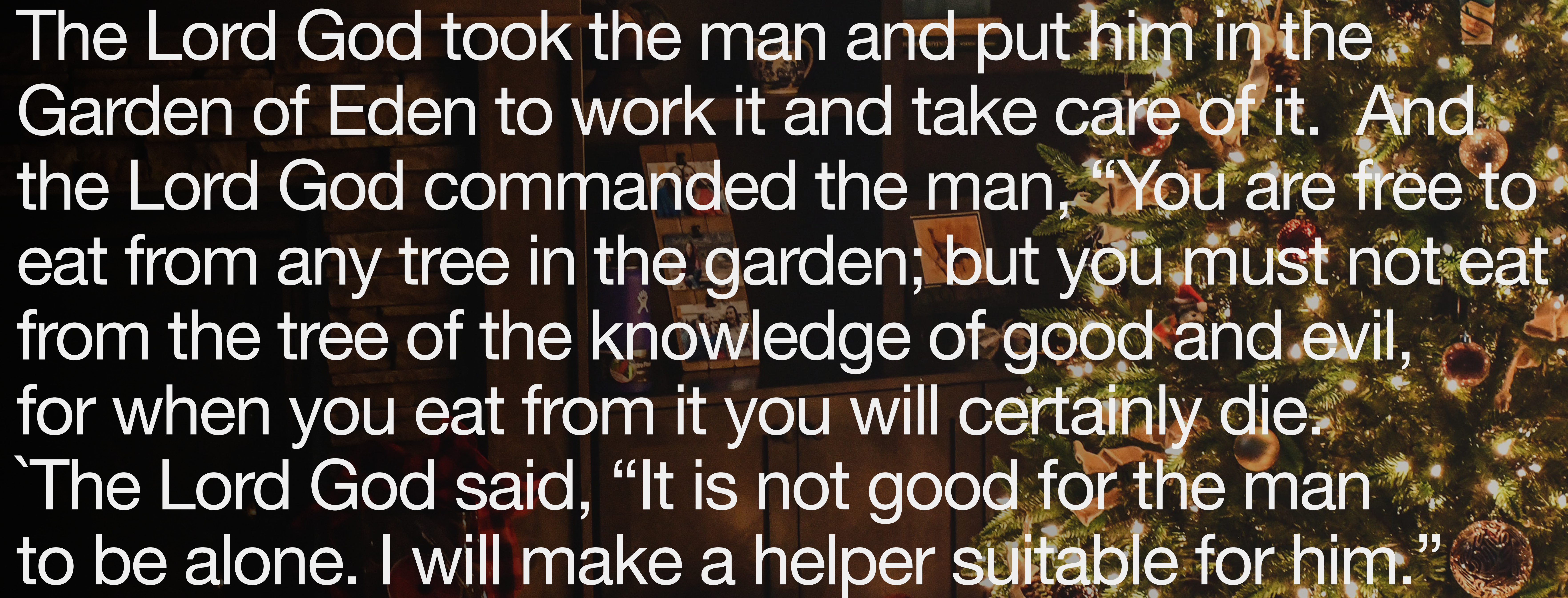
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# ADAM AND EVE





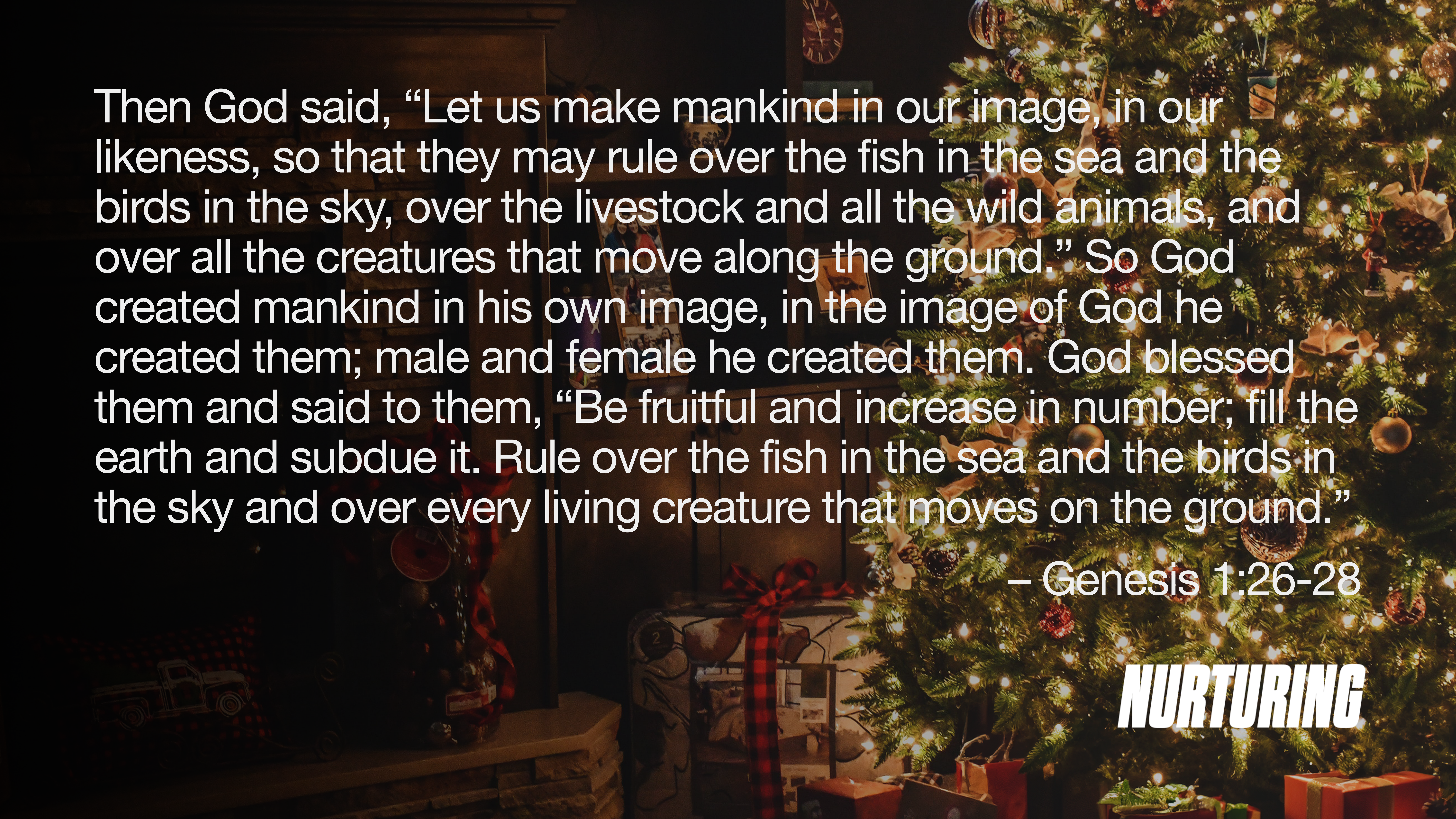


The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

– Genesis 2:15-18

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Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

– Genesis 1:26-28

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**NOAH**

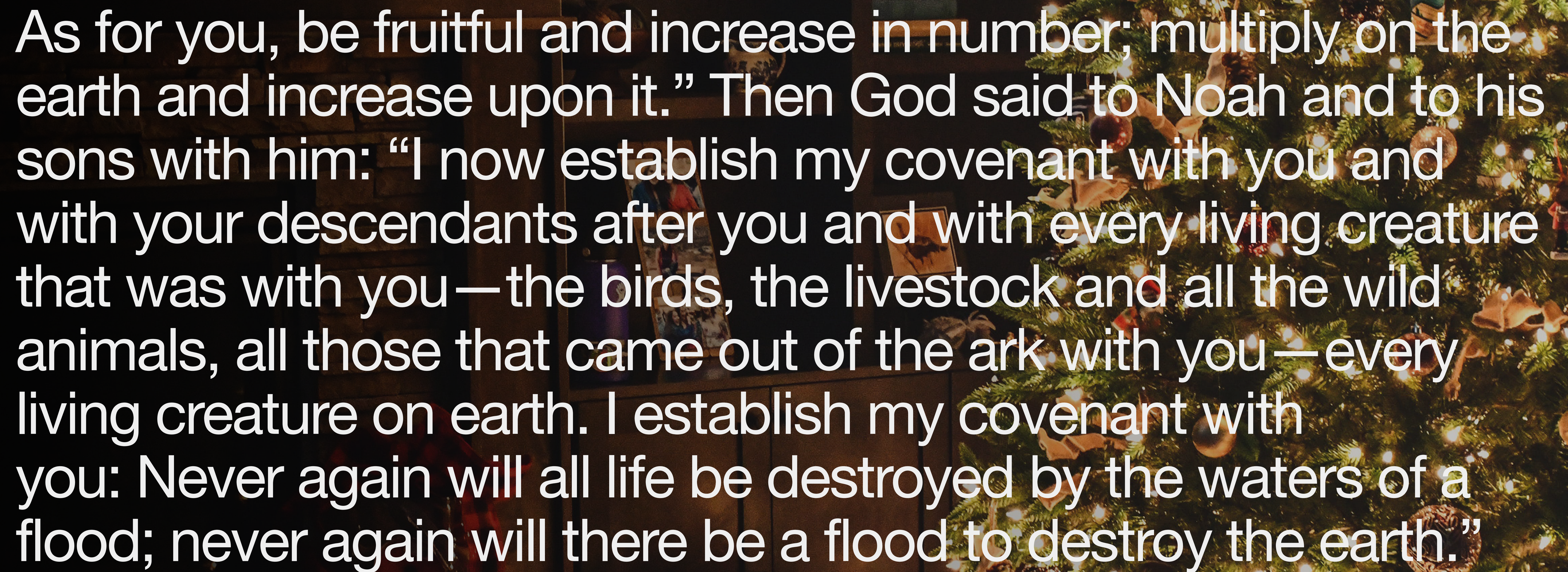


Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.”

– Genesis 9:1

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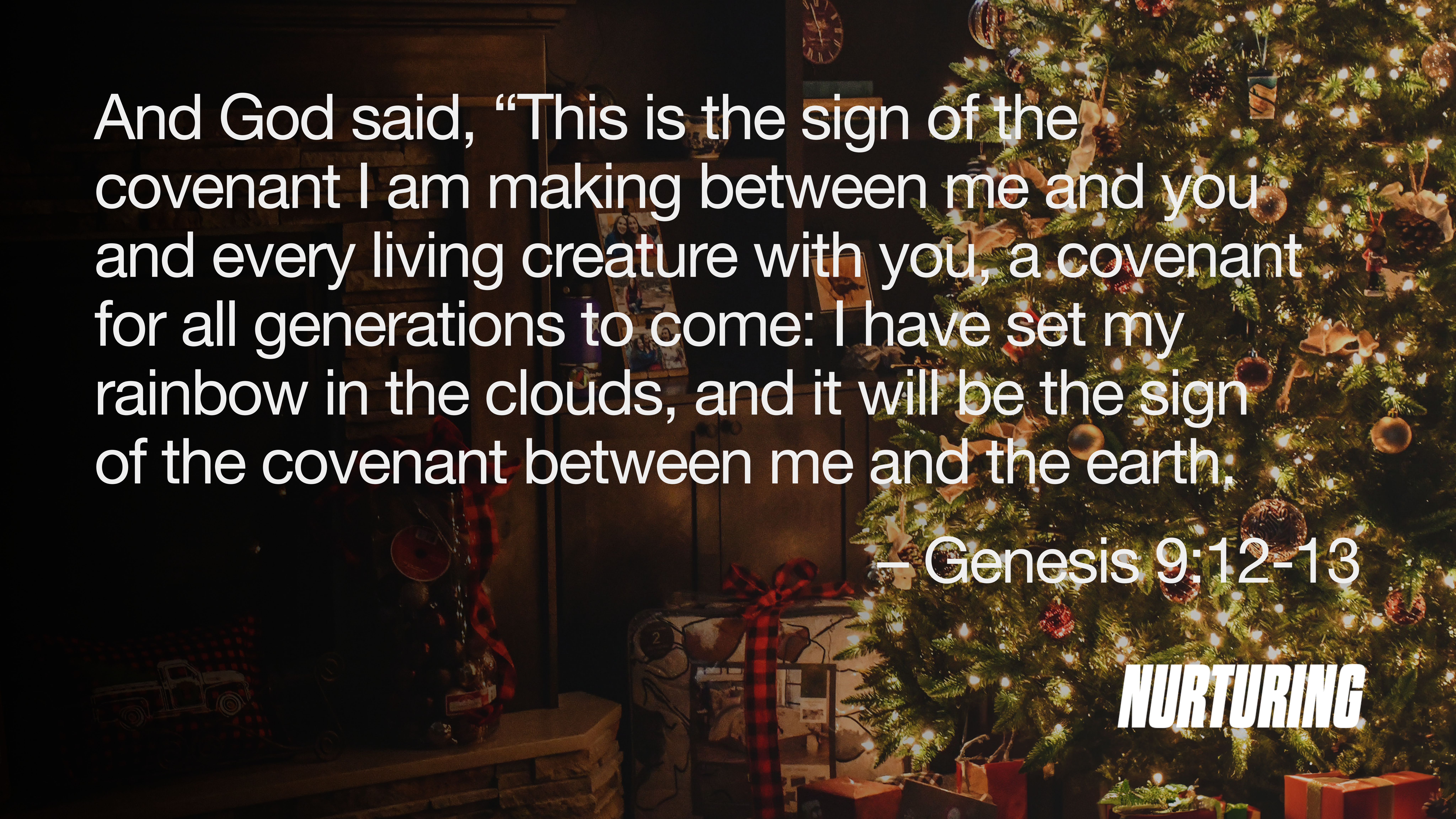


As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.” Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

– Genesis 9:7-11

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And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

– Genesis 9:12-13

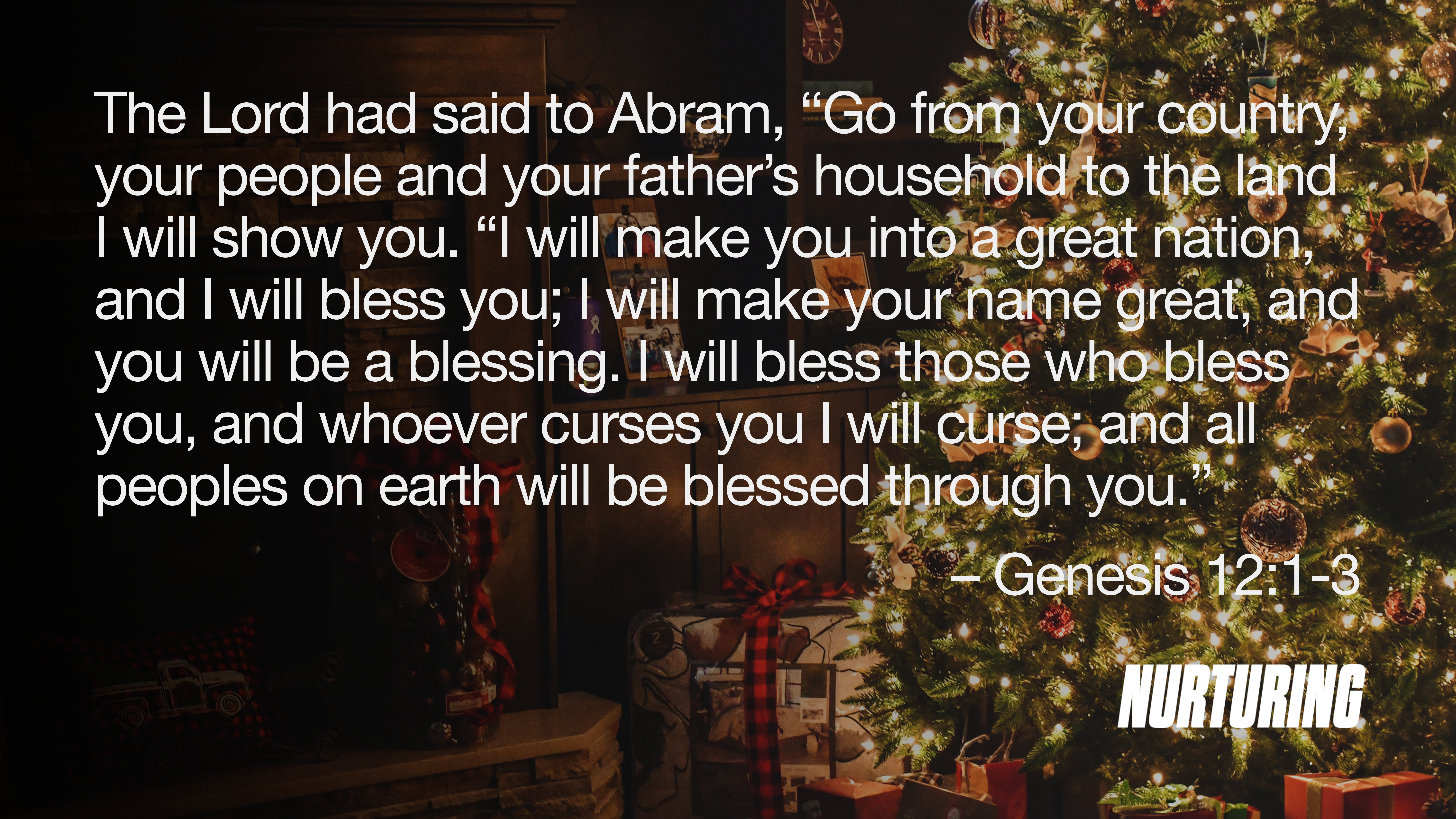
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# ABRAHAM





The background of the image is a warm, dimly lit room during the Christmas season. On the right side, a large, lush green Christmas tree is the centerpiece, densely decorated with warm white lights, gold and silver ornaments, and red and white bows. In the foreground, several wrapped gifts in red and gold paper are scattered at the base of the tree. To the left, a stone fireplace mantel is visible, adorned with stockings and more wrapped gifts. The overall atmosphere is cozy and festive.

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

– Genesis 12:1-3

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# MOSES





# ***DEUTERONOMY 28***

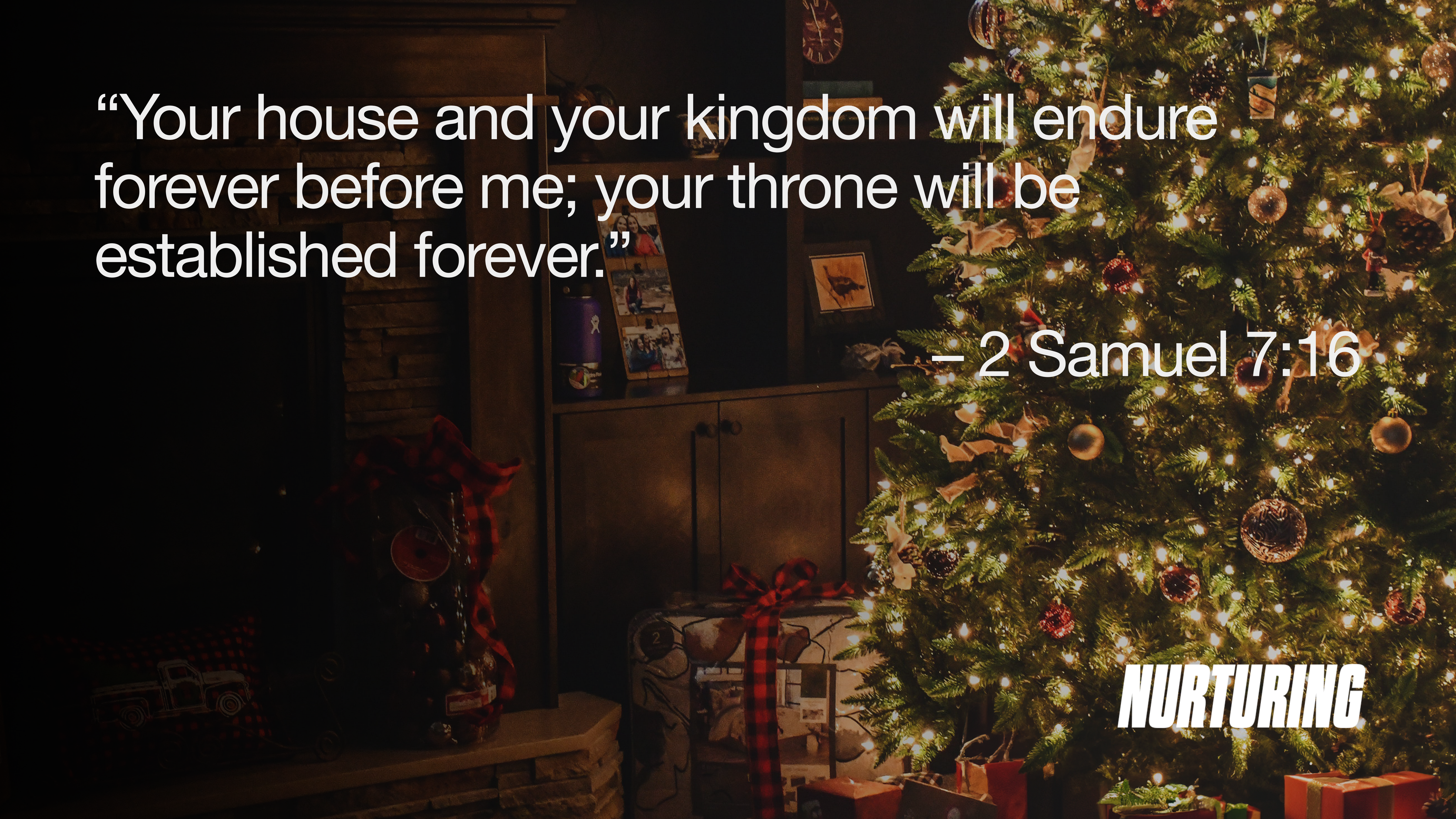
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**DAVID**



A warm, dimly lit living room during Christmas. A large, decorated Christmas tree stands on the right, adorned with lights, gold and red ornaments, and white garlands. In the center, a wooden cabinet holds several framed photographs. To the left, a stone fireplace mantel is decorated with a red ribbon and a small figurine. In the foreground, several wrapped gifts are visible, some with red and black plaid ribbons.

“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

– 2 Samuel 7:16

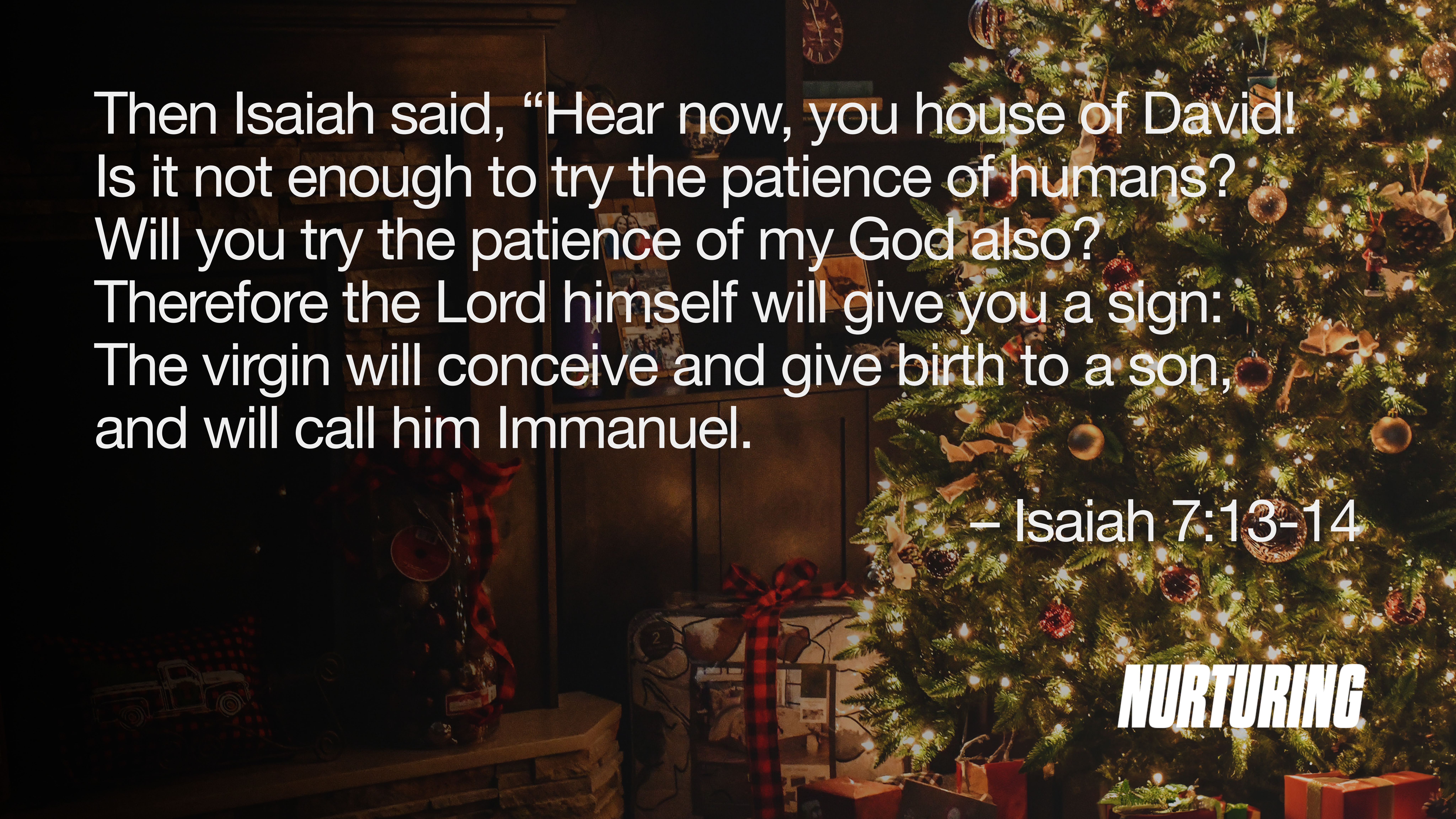
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# ***PROPHETS***





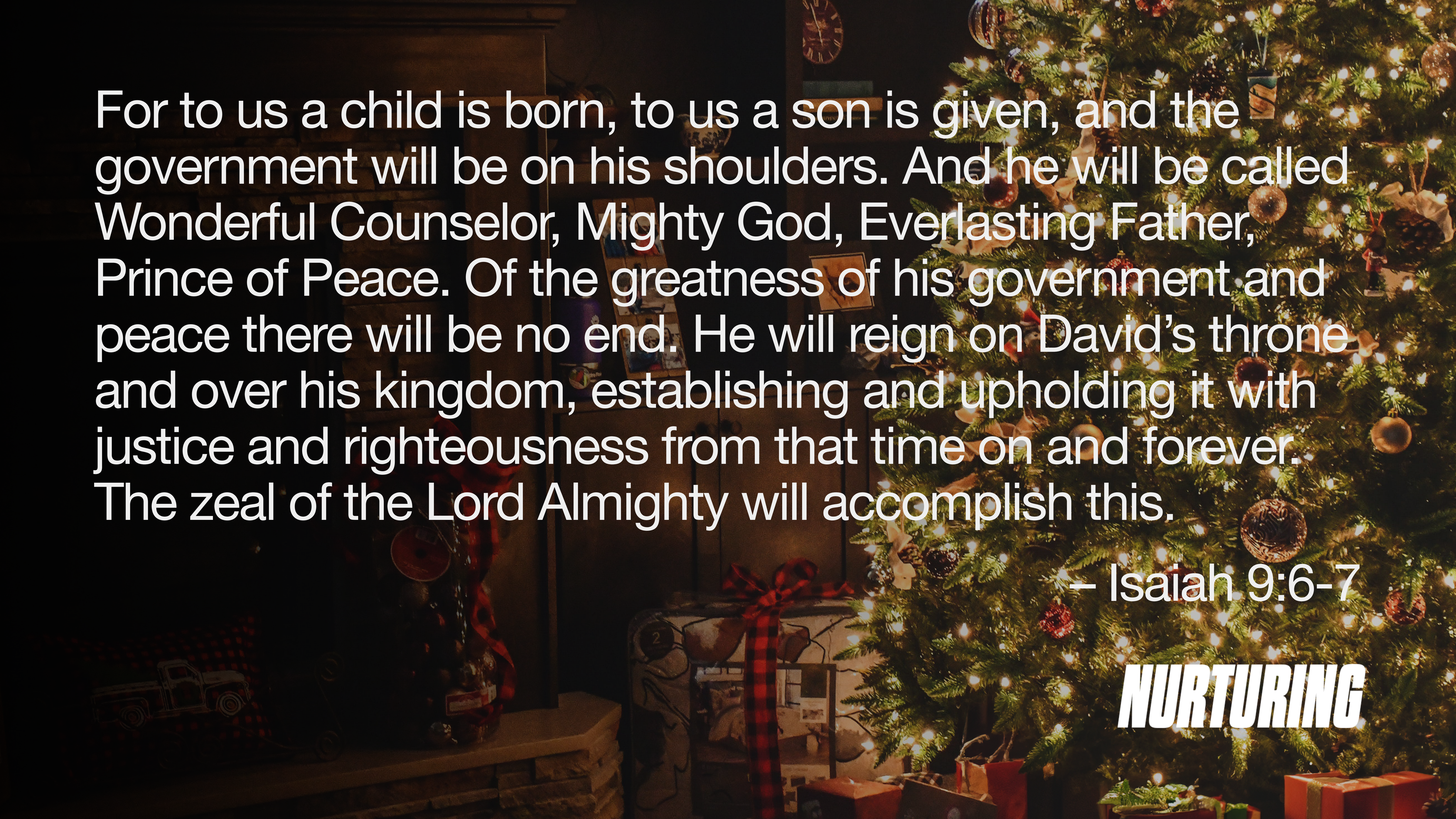
A festive Christmas scene featuring a large, decorated tree on the right side, adorned with warm white lights, gold and red ornaments, and white garlands. Several wrapped gifts in red and gold paper are placed at the base of the tree. In the background, a fireplace mantel is visible with a clock and other decorations. The overall atmosphere is cozy and celebratory.

Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David!  
Is it not enough to try the patience of humans?  
Will you try the patience of my God also?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:  
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,  
and will call him Immanuel.

– Isaiah 7:13-14

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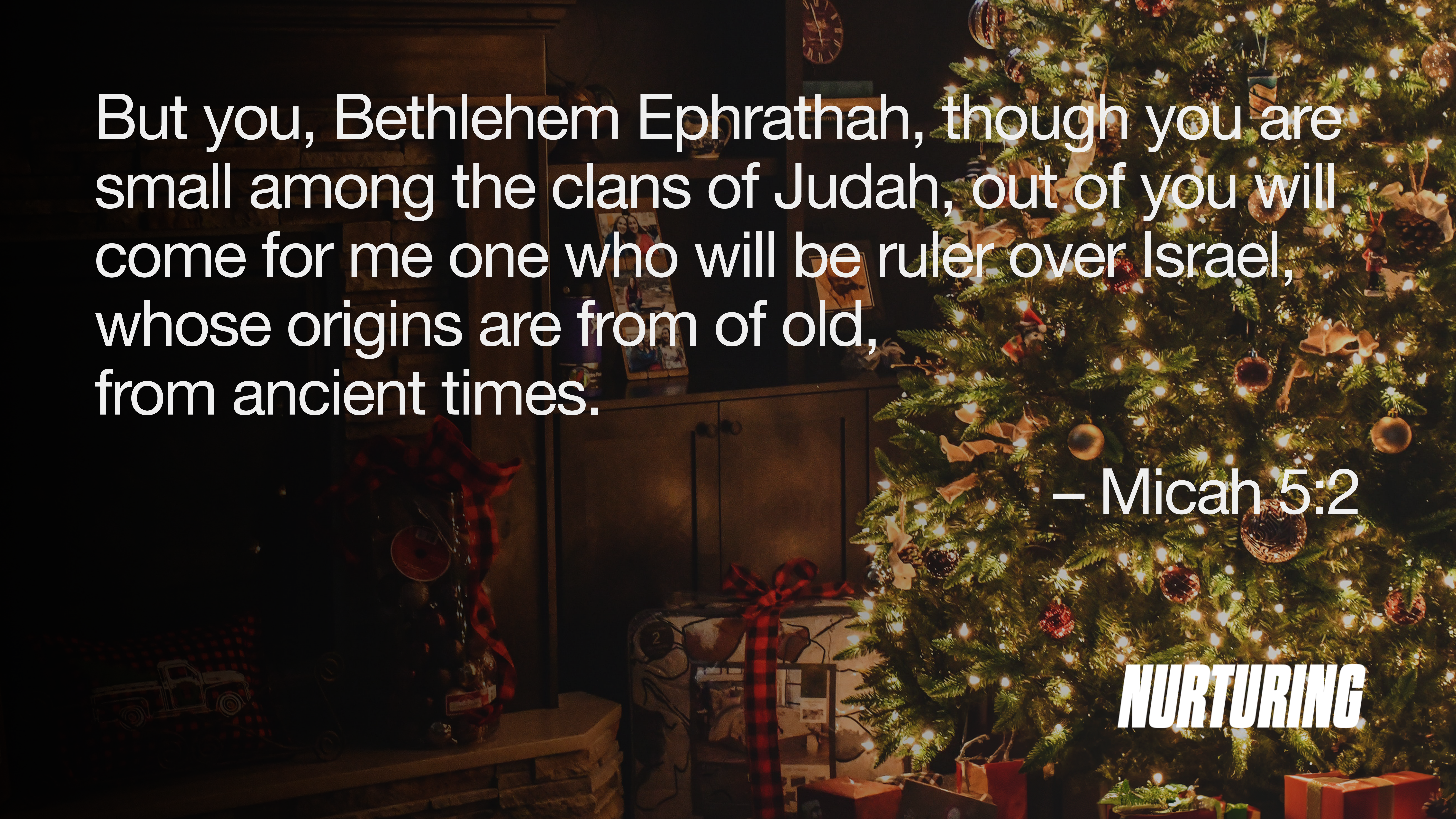
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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

— Isaiah 9:6-7

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A warm, dimly lit living room during Christmas. A large, decorated Christmas tree stands on the right, adorned with lights, gold and red ornaments, and white garlands. In the foreground, several wrapped gifts are visible. To the left, a fireplace mantel holds a small truck figurine and other decorations. The background features a wooden cabinet with framed photos and a clock.

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

– Micah 5:2

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***MATTHEW'S***

***GENEALOGY***

Abraham to Jesus

***LUKE'S***

***GENEALOGY***

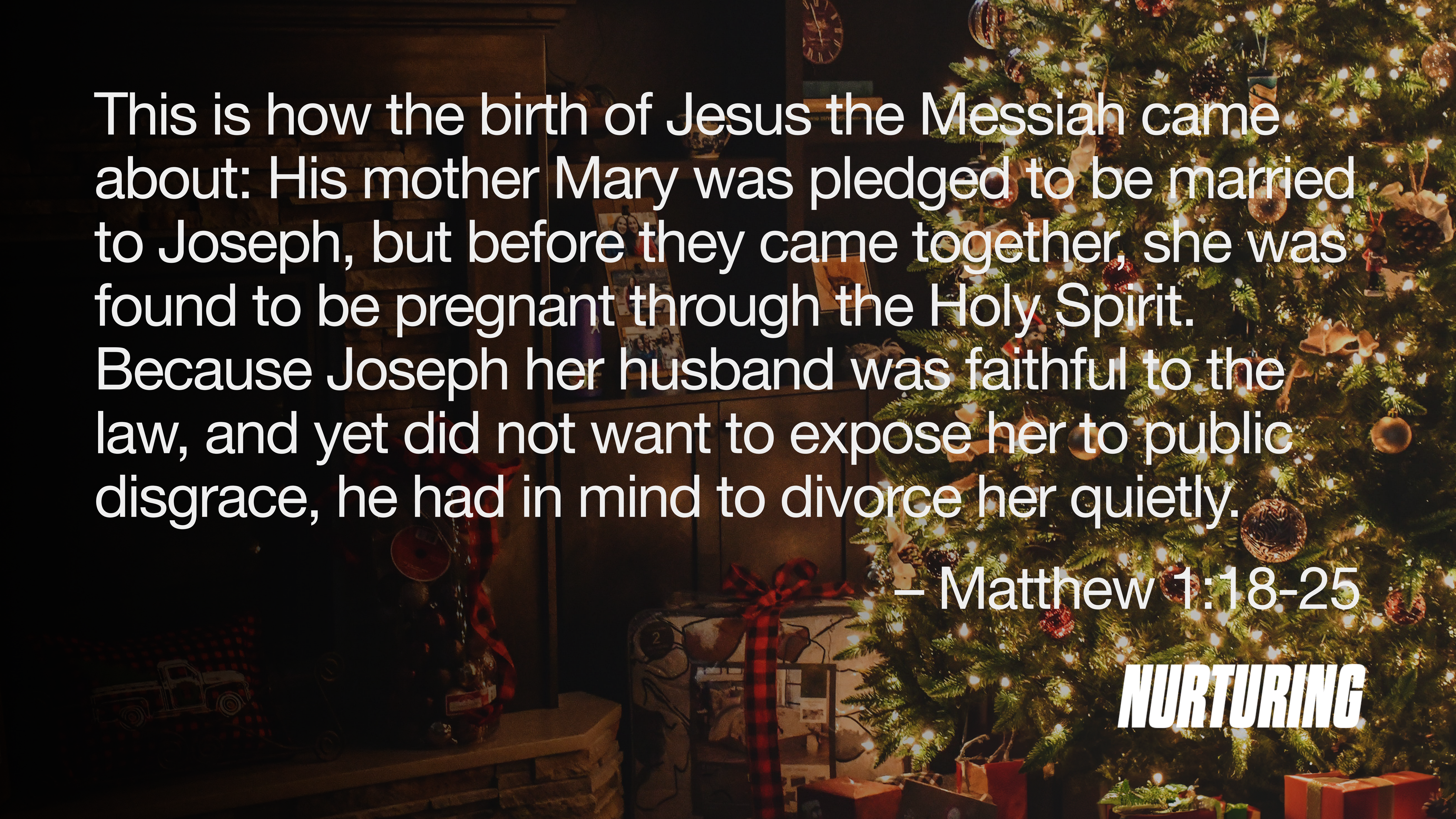
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**MARY, JOSEPH,  
AND JESUS**



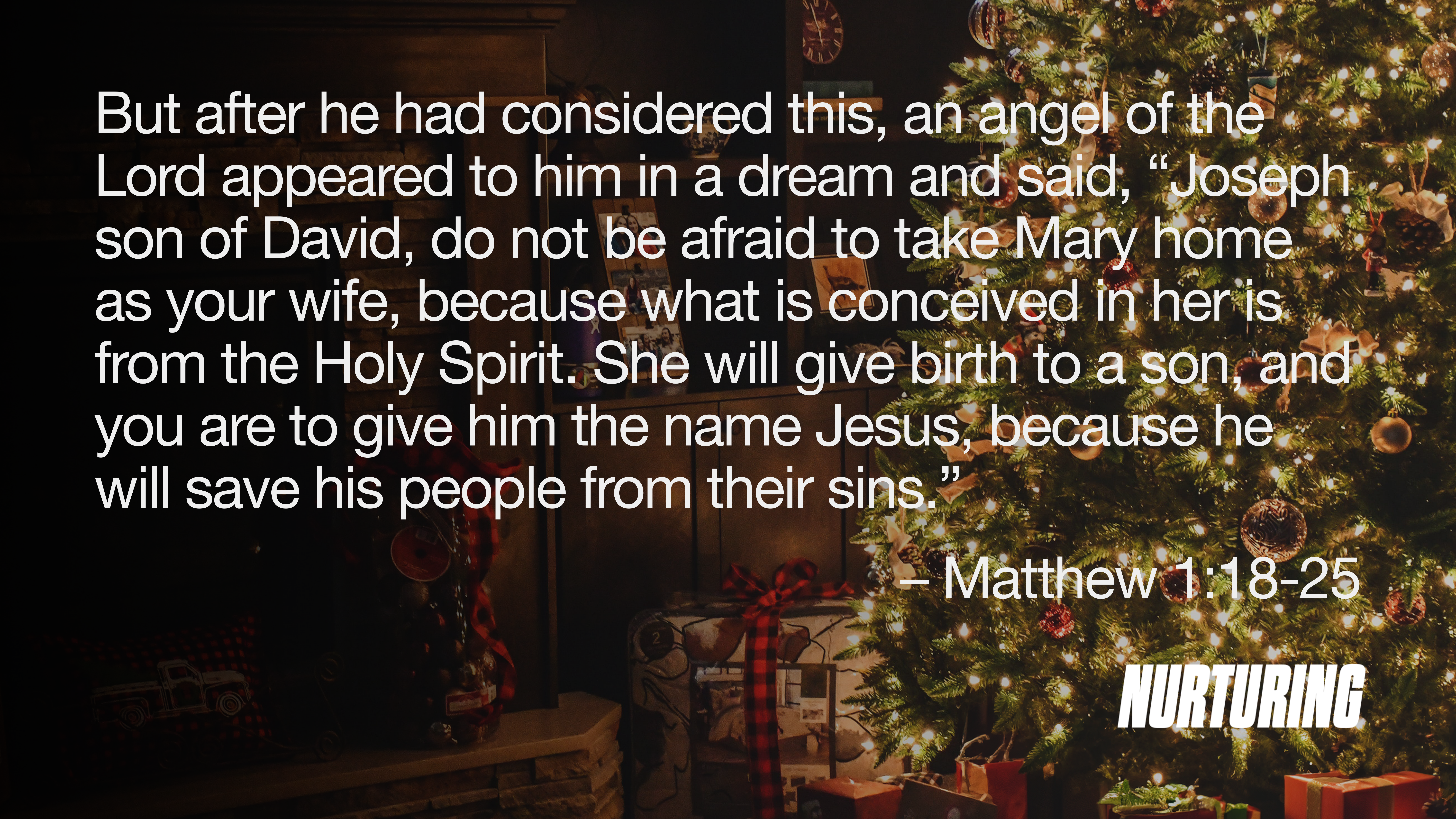
A festive Christmas scene featuring a large, decorated tree on the right side, adorned with warm white lights and various ornaments. In the foreground, several wrapped gifts are visible, some with red and white plaid ribbons. The background shows a dark wooden cabinet or fireplace mantel with a few decorative items, including a clock and some framed photos. The overall atmosphere is cozy and celebratory.

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

– Matthew 1:18-25

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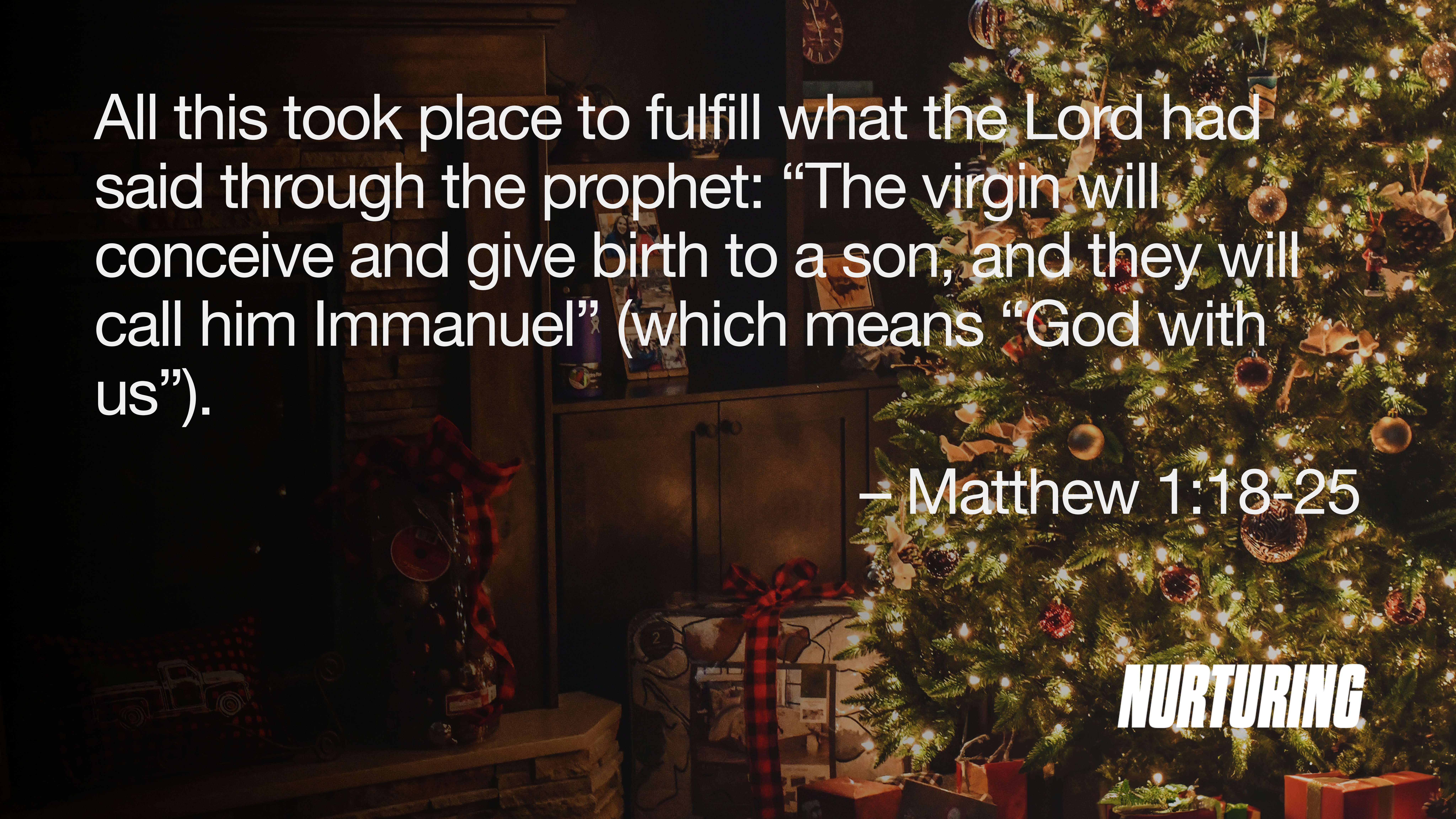


But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

– Matthew 1:18-25

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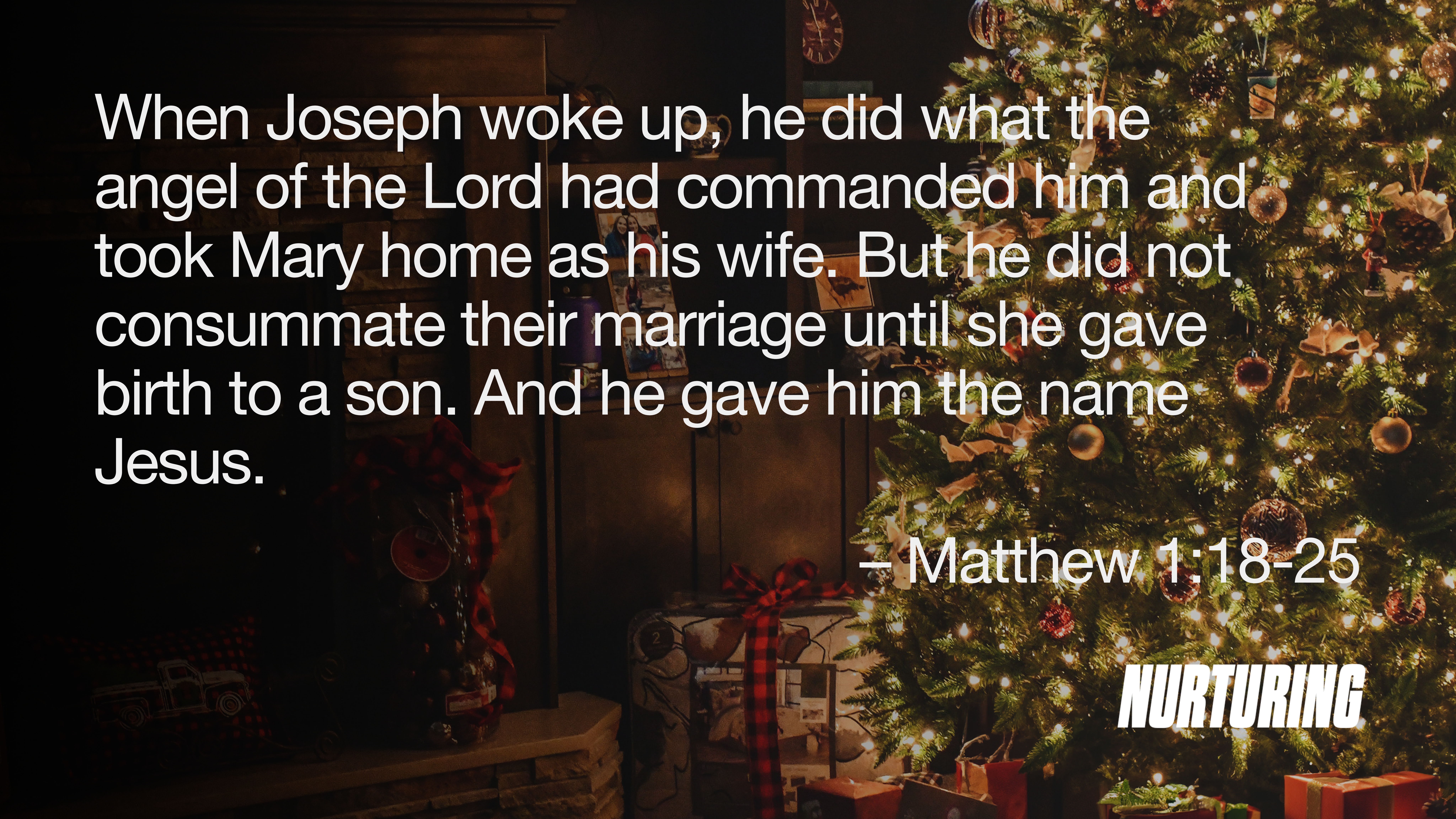
A warm, dimly lit living room during Christmas. A large, decorated Christmas tree with warm white lights and various ornaments stands on the right. In the foreground, a gift box wrapped in brown paper with a red and black plaid ribbon sits on a surface. To the left, a fireplace mantel is decorated with a red ribbon and a small figurine. The background shows a wooden cabinet and a clock on the wall.

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

– Matthew 1:18-25

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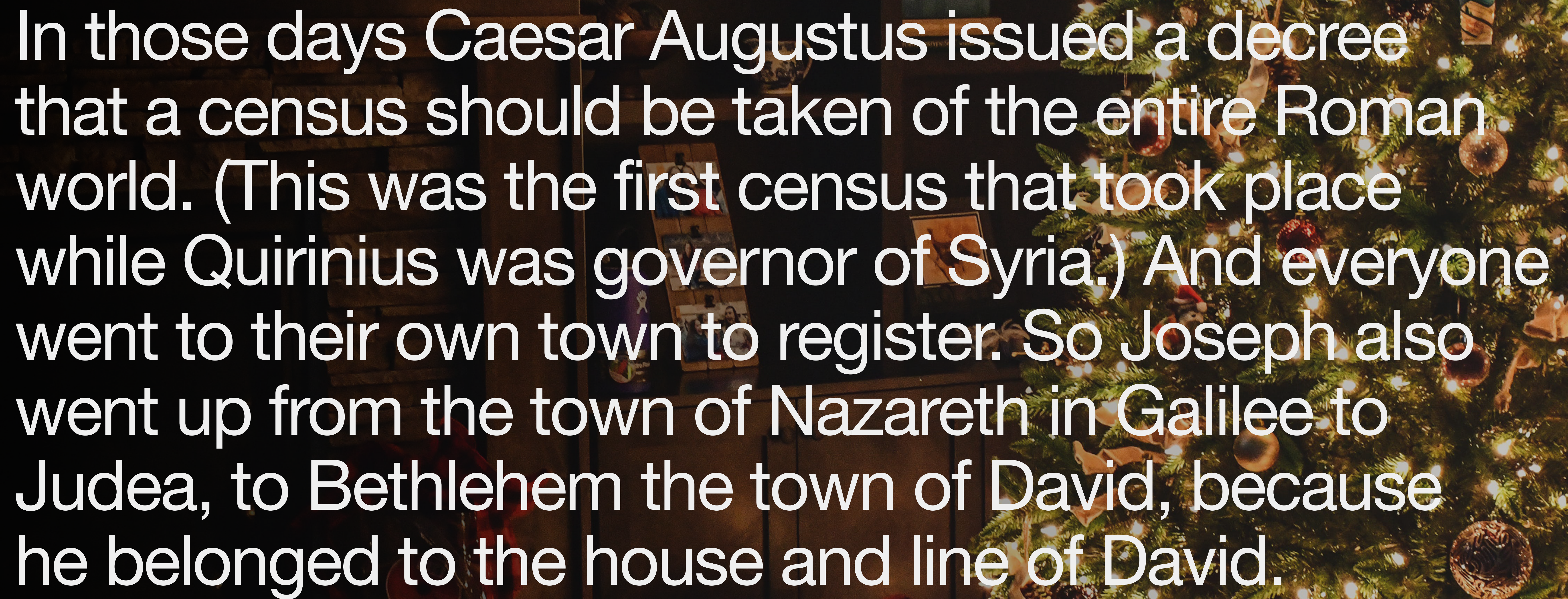
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When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

– Matthew 1:18-25

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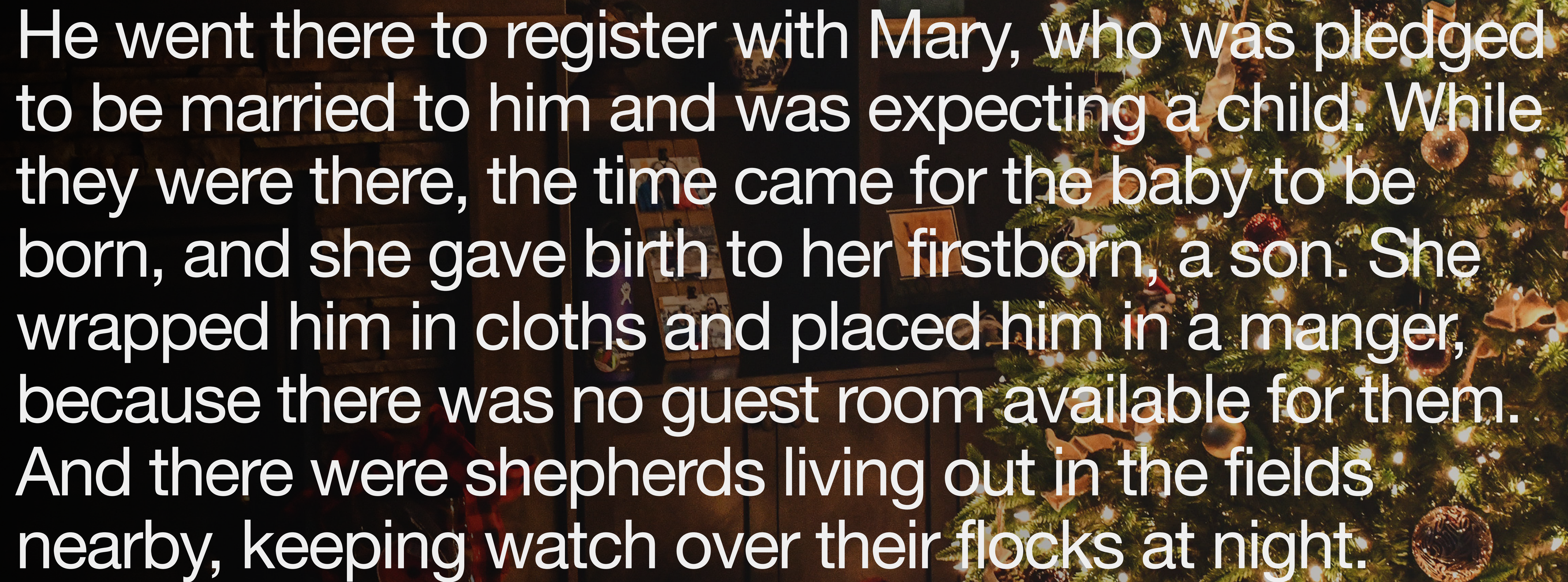
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In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

– Luke 2:1-20

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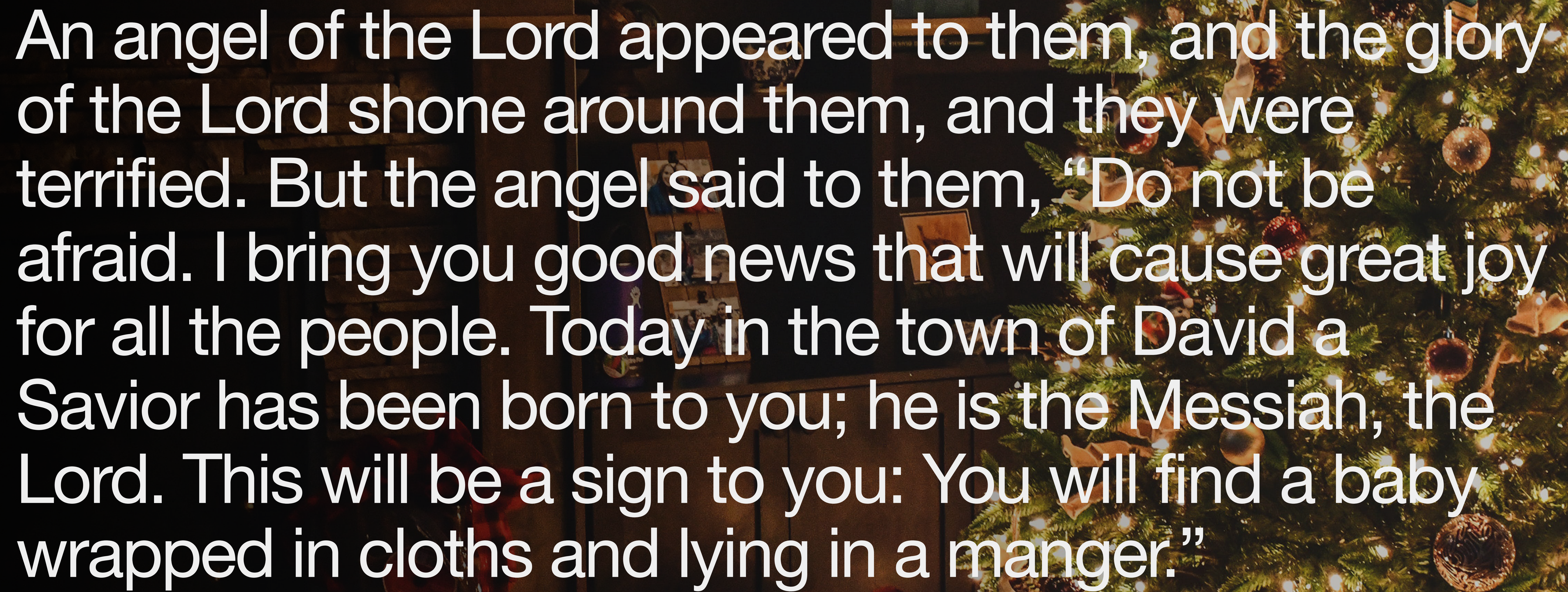
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He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

– Luke 2:1-20

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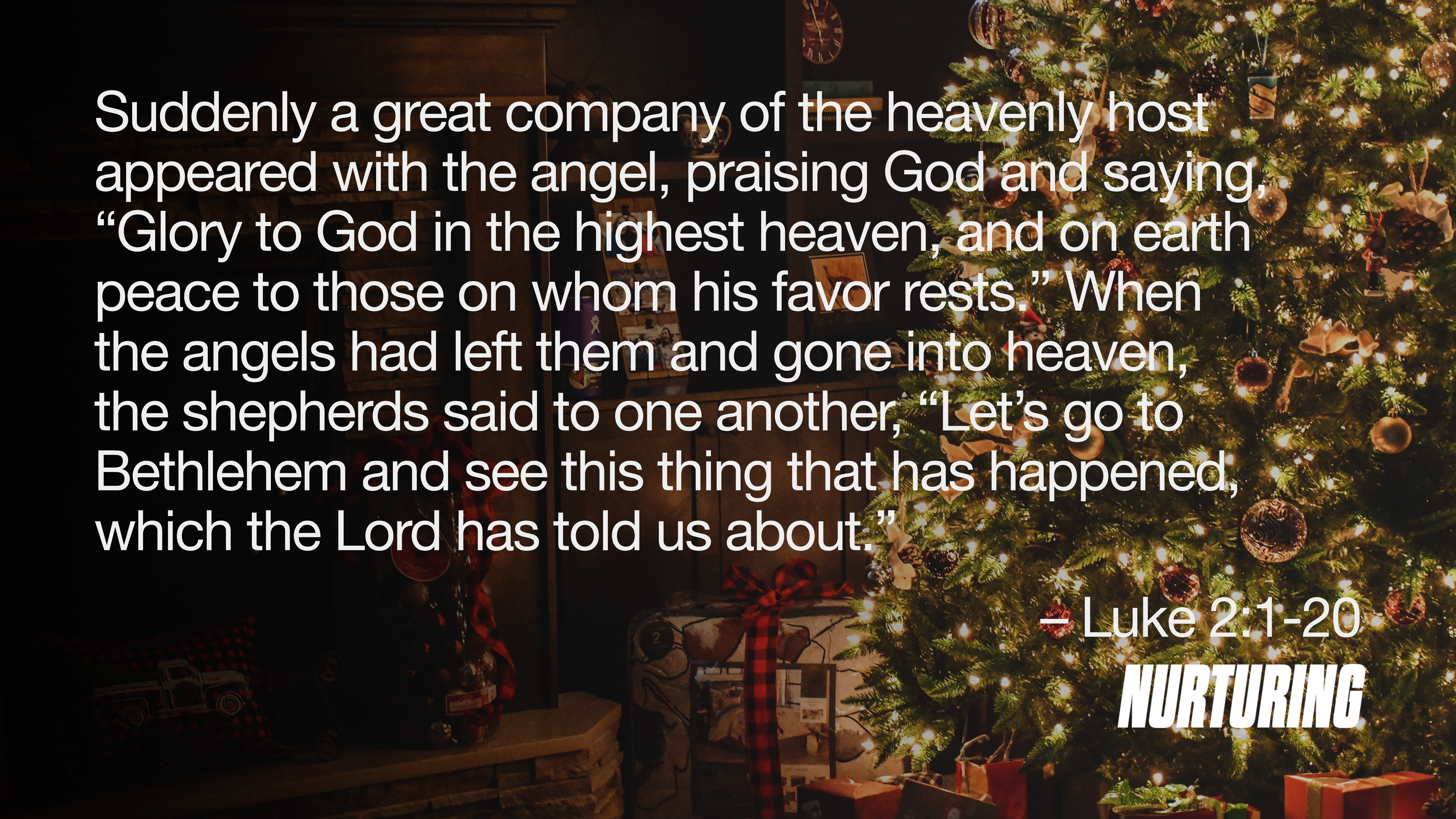


An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

– Luke 2:1-20

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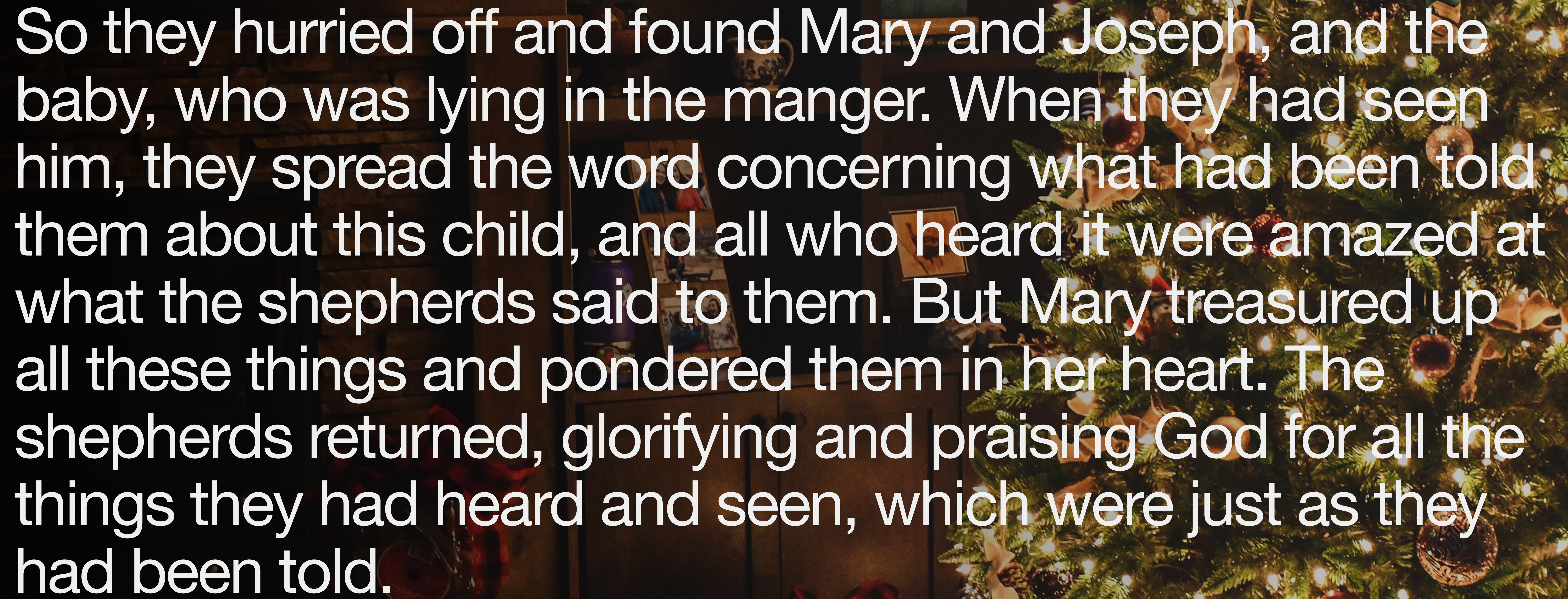


Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

– Luke 2:1-20

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So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

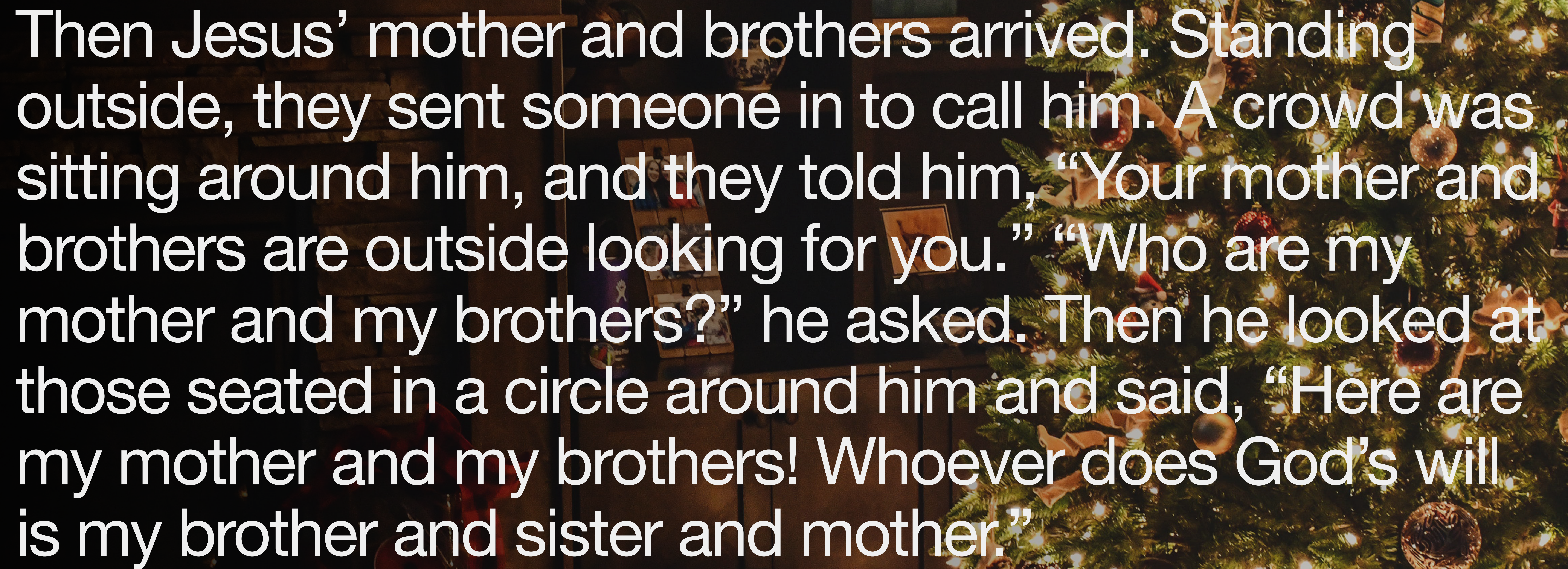
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# A NEW FAMILY





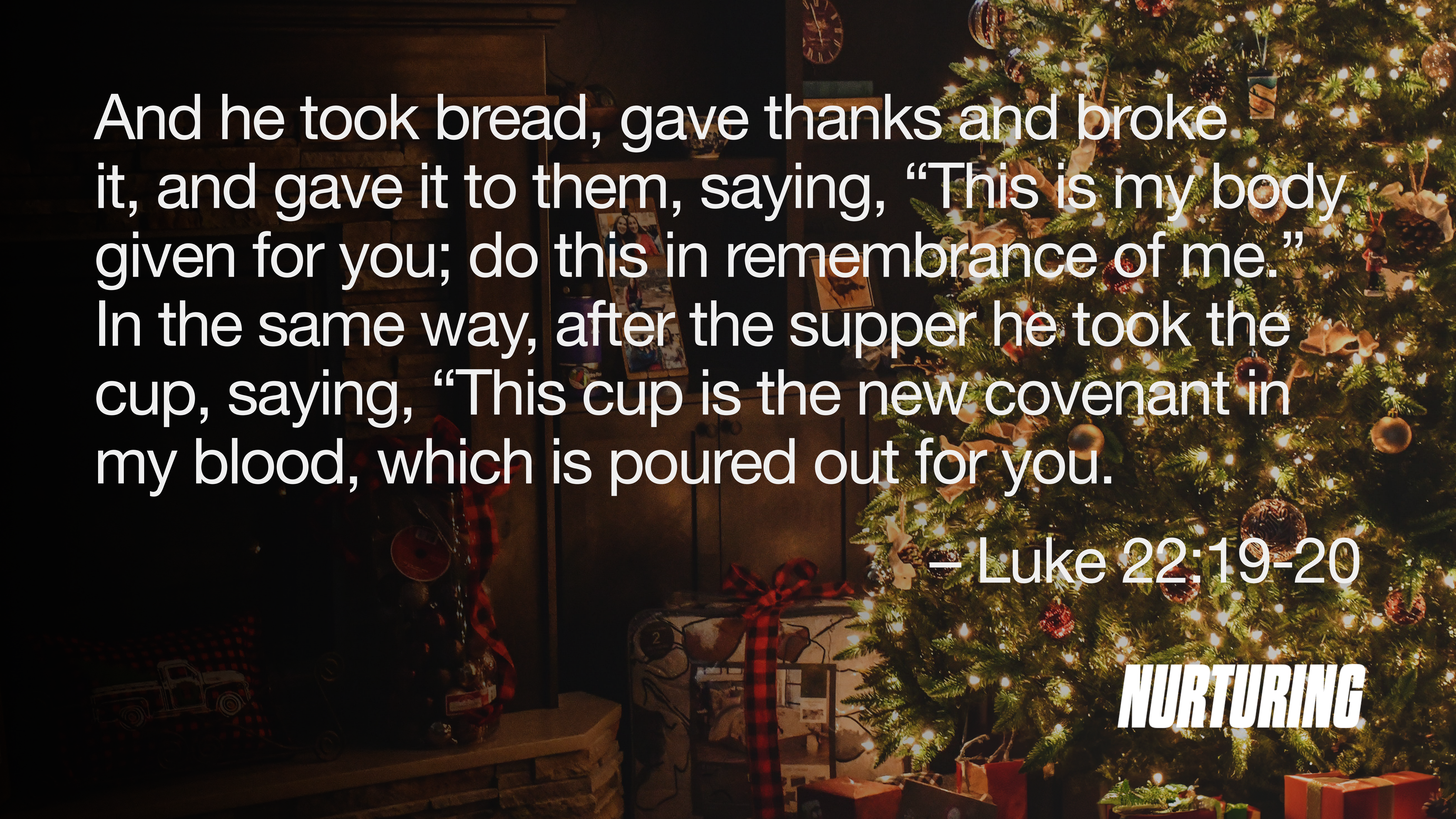


Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will, is my brother and sister and mother."

— Mark 3:31-35

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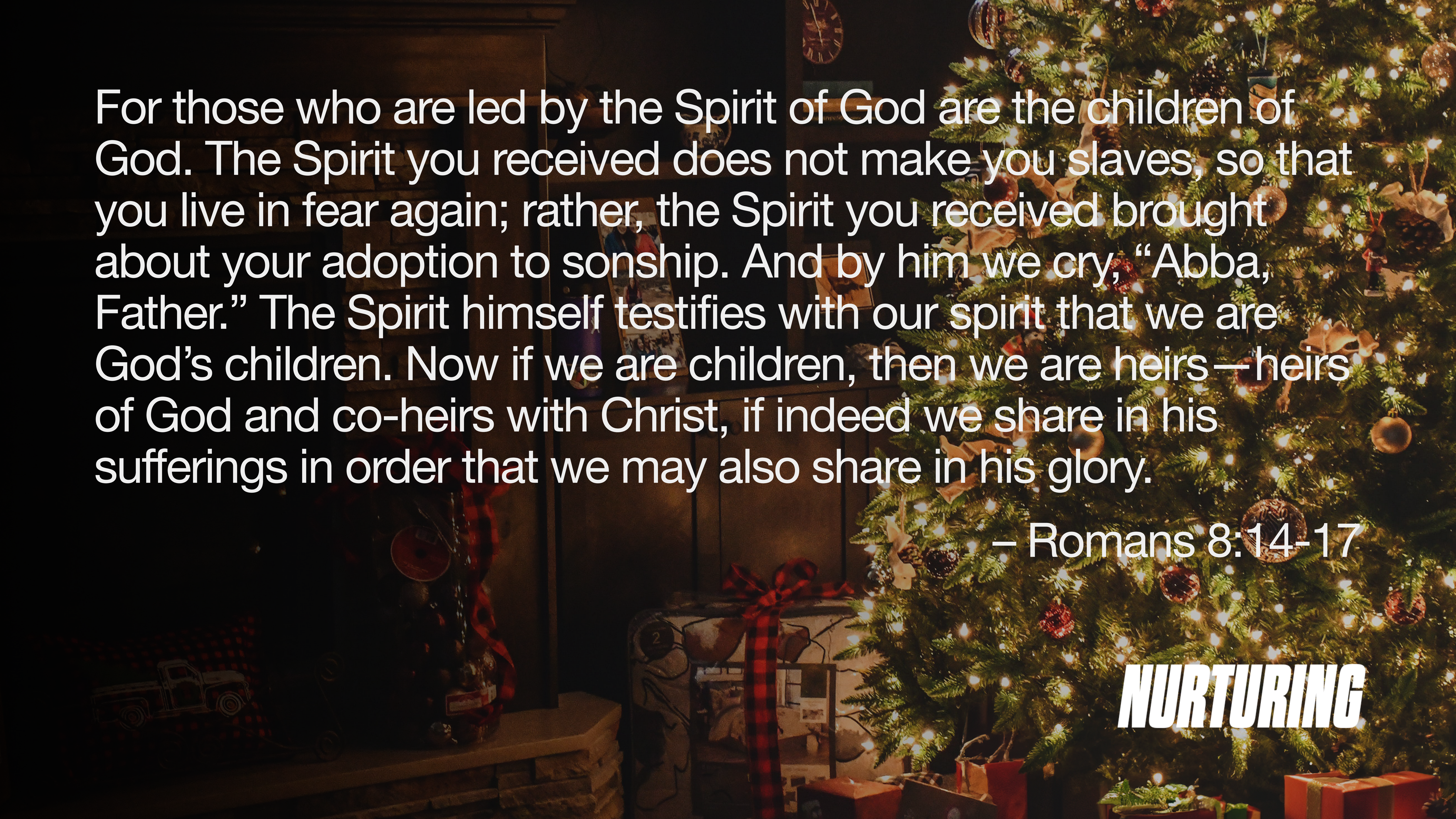


And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

– Luke 22:19-20

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For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

– Romans 8:14-17

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***THE FAMILY WAS  
CREATED BY GOD.***






***GOD DECIDED TO PARTNER  
WITH FAMILY TO BRING PEACE,  
HOPE, AND REDEMPTION TO A  
BROKEN WORLD.***



***THE FAMILY OF GOD  
INCLUDES ALL WHO  
BELIEVE IN JESUS.***





***THE MISSION OF THE FAMILY  
HAS BEEN AND WILL ALWAYS  
BE ABOUT JESUS.***



***THE MISSION OF THE FAMILY IS  
TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
IN THE WORLD THROUGH  
WORDS AND ACTIONS.***





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