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Jesus: Our Foundation

Gathered & Scattered: Our Form

Elders: Our Leaders

Members: Our People

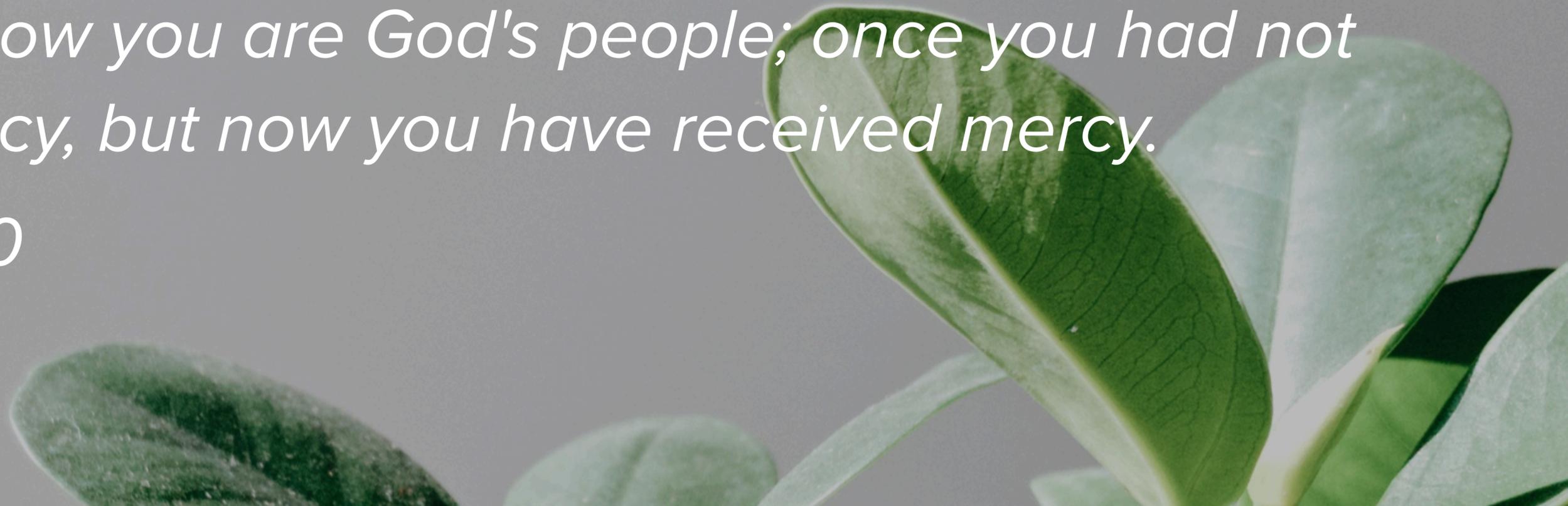
APEST: Our Gift

Gifts: Our Part



[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9–10



[3] His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence

2 Peter 1:3



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What is a gift?



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Grace Gifts



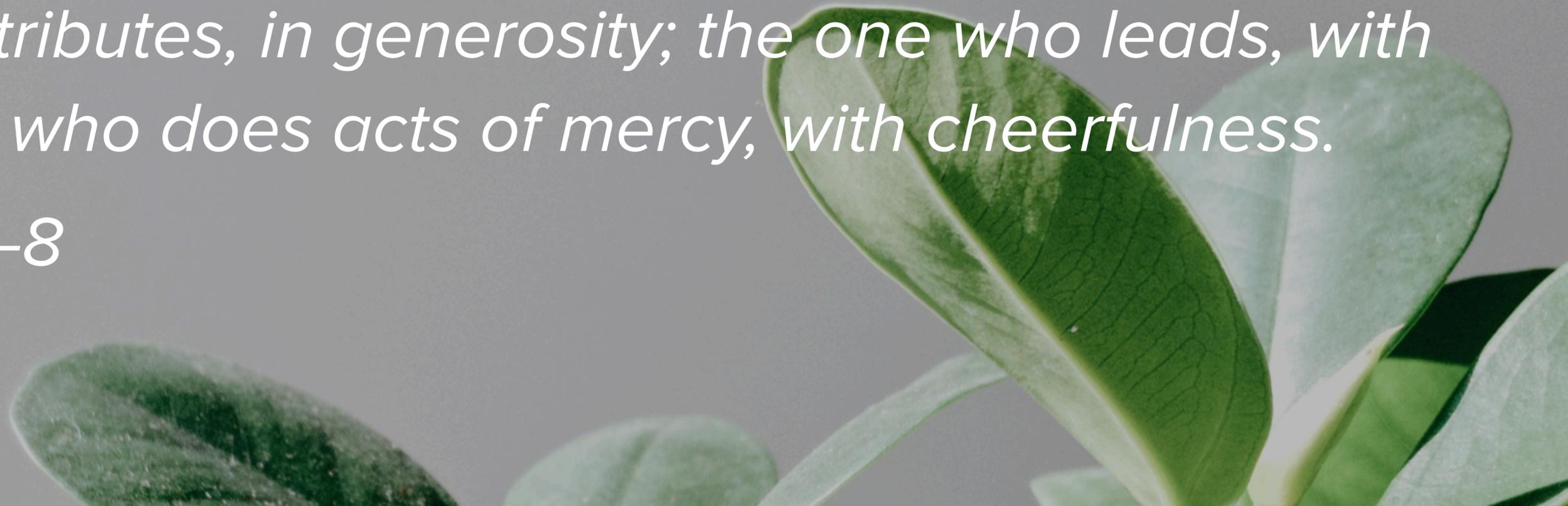
[3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:3–8



[6] Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7] if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8] the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3–8



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Spiritual Gifts



[1] Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1 Corinthians 12:1



Gifts

τῶν (*ho*) → this, that, these



πνευματικός (*pneumatikos*) → Spiritual, not physical, more specifically, animated by the Holy Spirit, something that can only be done by the power of the Holy Spirit

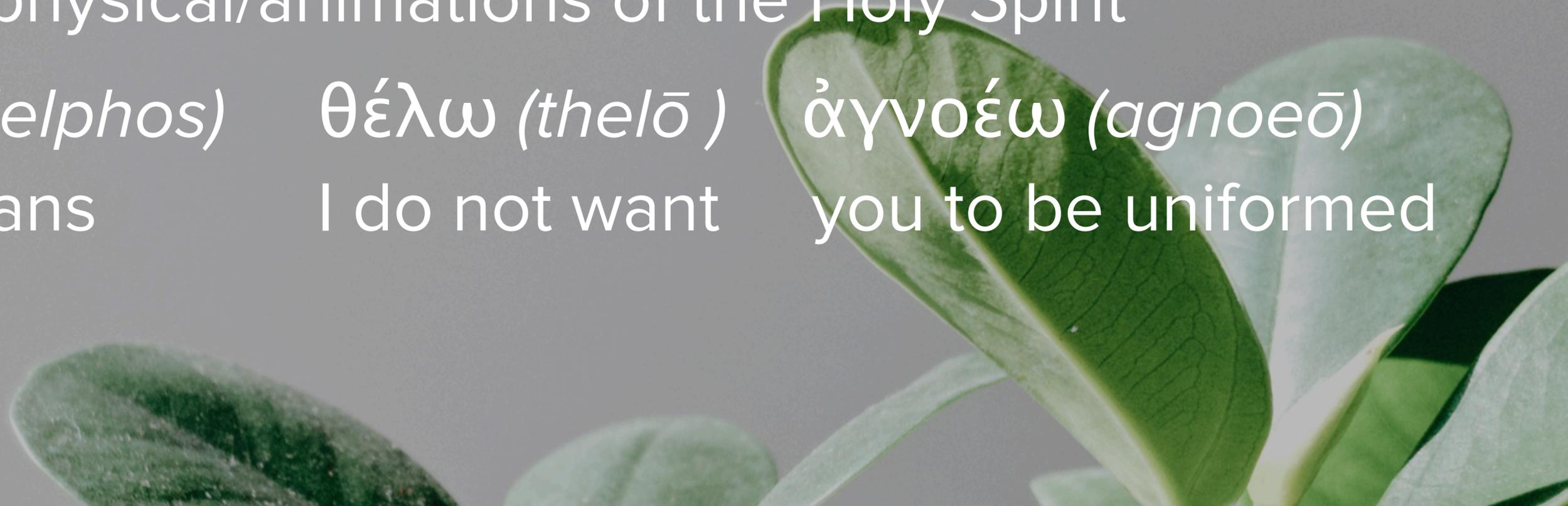


περὶ (*peri*) δὲ (*de*) τῶν (*ho*)
Concerning *now* *the/that/these*

πνευματικῶν (*pneumatikos*)

spiritual, not physical/animations of the Holy Spirit

Ἀδελφοί (*adelphos*) θέλω (*thelō*) ἀγνοέω (*agnoeō*)
fellow Christians I do not want you to be uniformed

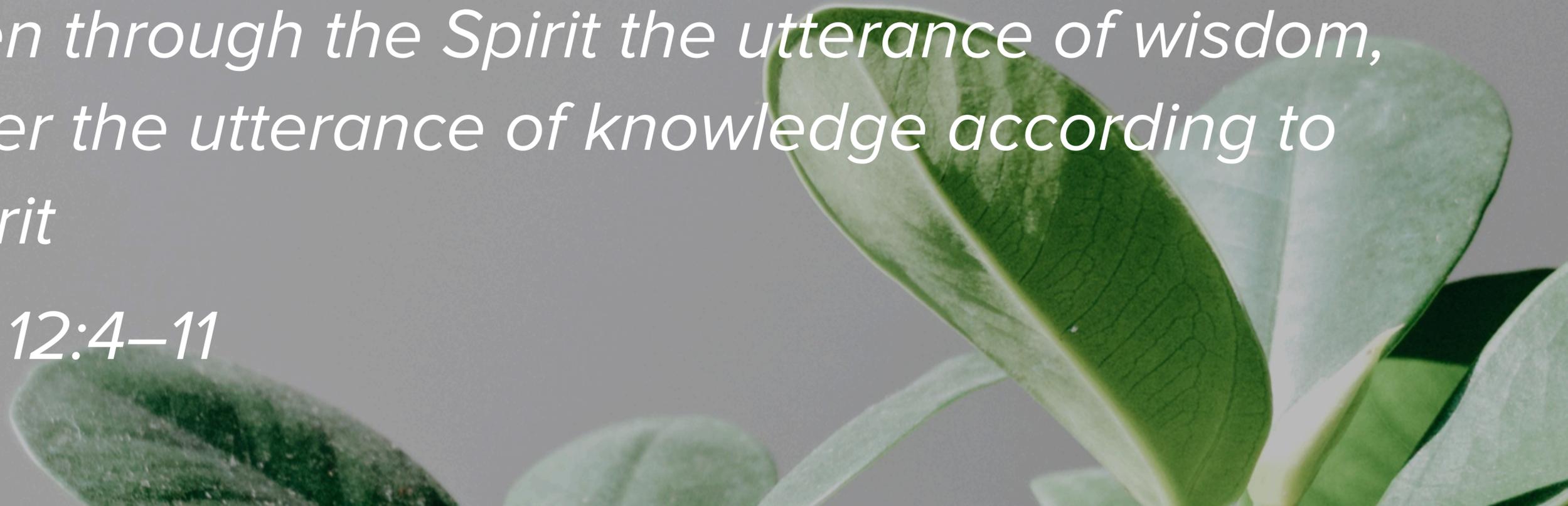


*Now concerning these manifestations of the Holy Spirit,
brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.*



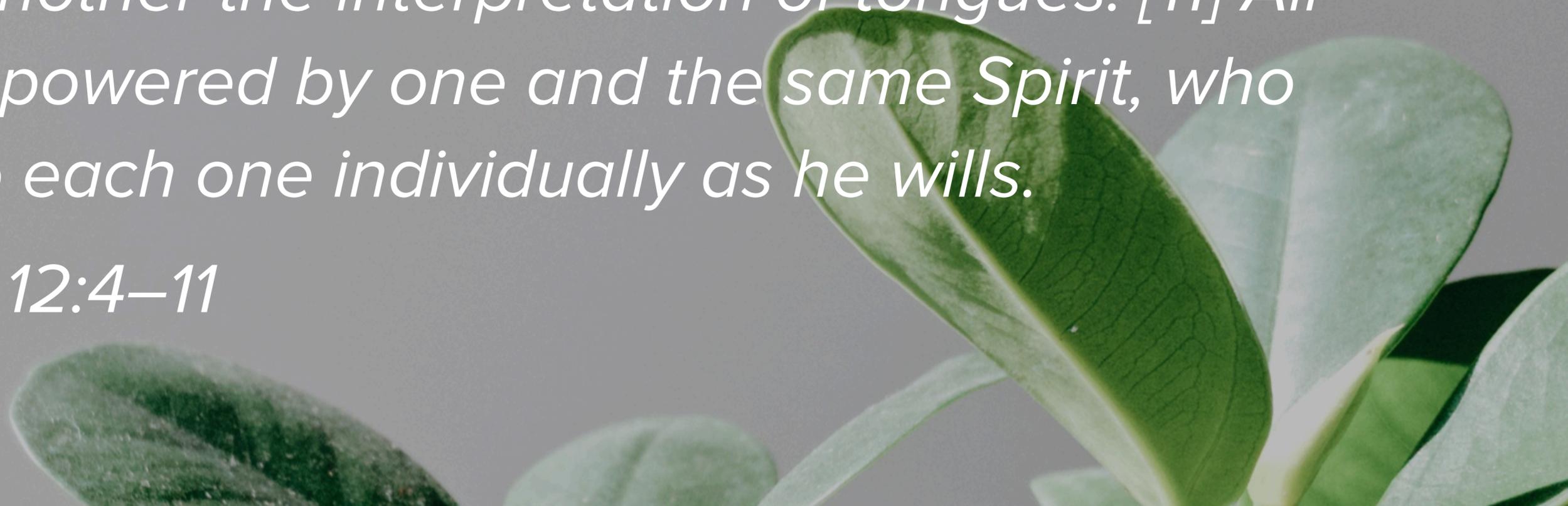
[4] Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; [5] and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; [6] and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. [7] To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. [8] For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:4–11



[9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, [10] to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Corinthians 12:4–11



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How should we use our gifts?



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Serve the need, regardless of the gift



[1] And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, [2] and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

Luke 9:1–2



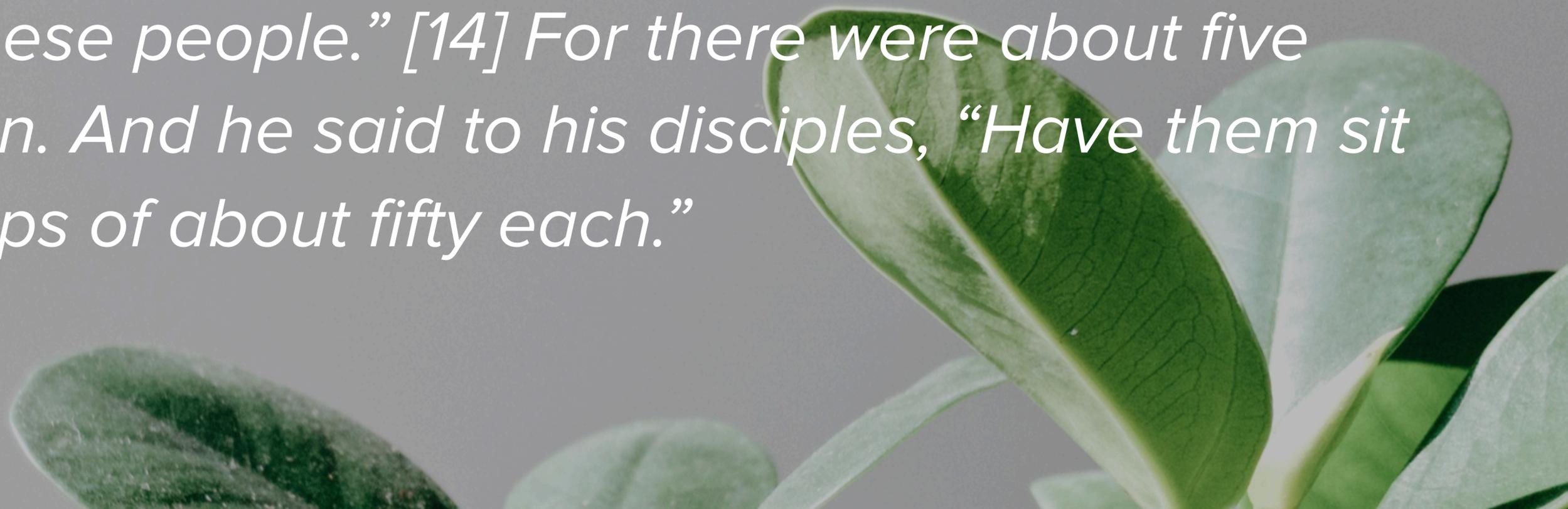
[10] On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. [11] When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. [12] Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him,

Luke 9:10–17



“Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” [13] But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” [14] For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.”

Luke 9:10–17



[15] And they did so, and had them all sit down. [16] And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. [17] And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Luke 9:10–17



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Is there a need?
How can I serve?



Serve the need, regardless of the gift

**Humbly understand that order and structure is part of
how Jesus built his church**



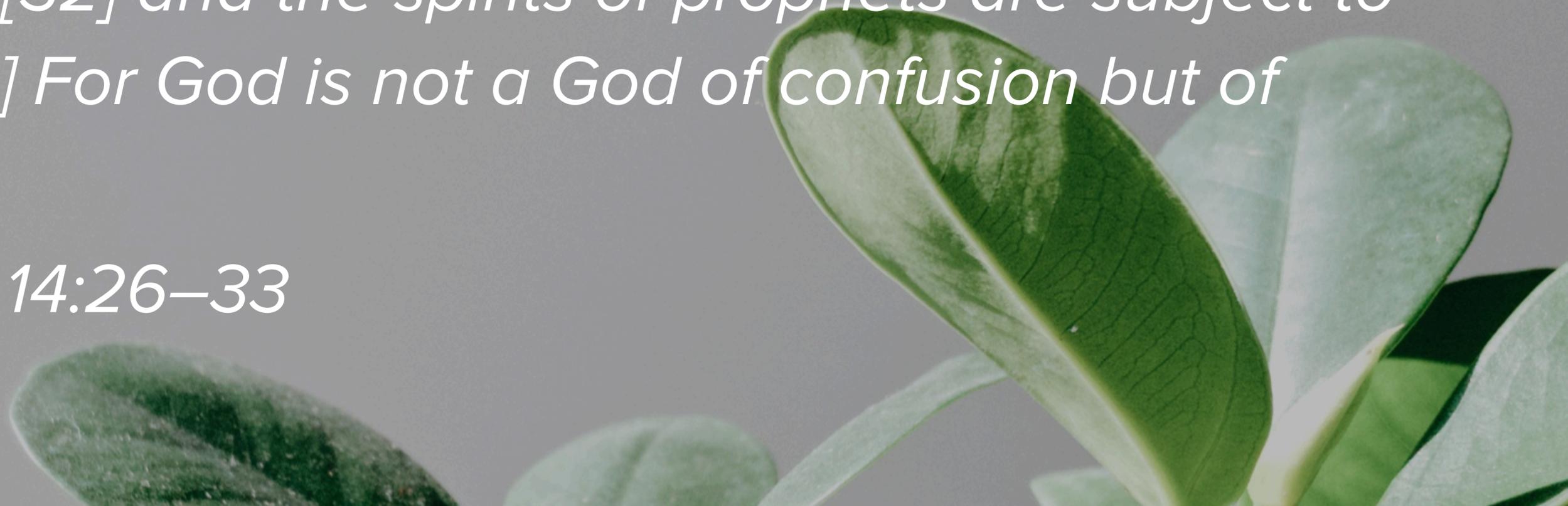
[26] What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. [27] If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. [28] But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

1 Corinthians 14:26–33



[29] Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. [30] If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. [31] For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, [32] and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. [33] For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

1 Corinthians 14:26–33



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This isn't about getting "your voice heard," but building up
the body of Christ



Serve the need, regardless of the gift

Humbly understand that order and structure is part of how
Jesus built his church

Contribute as the Spirit leads



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What is the ultimate outcome?



[10] As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: [11] whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10–11





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