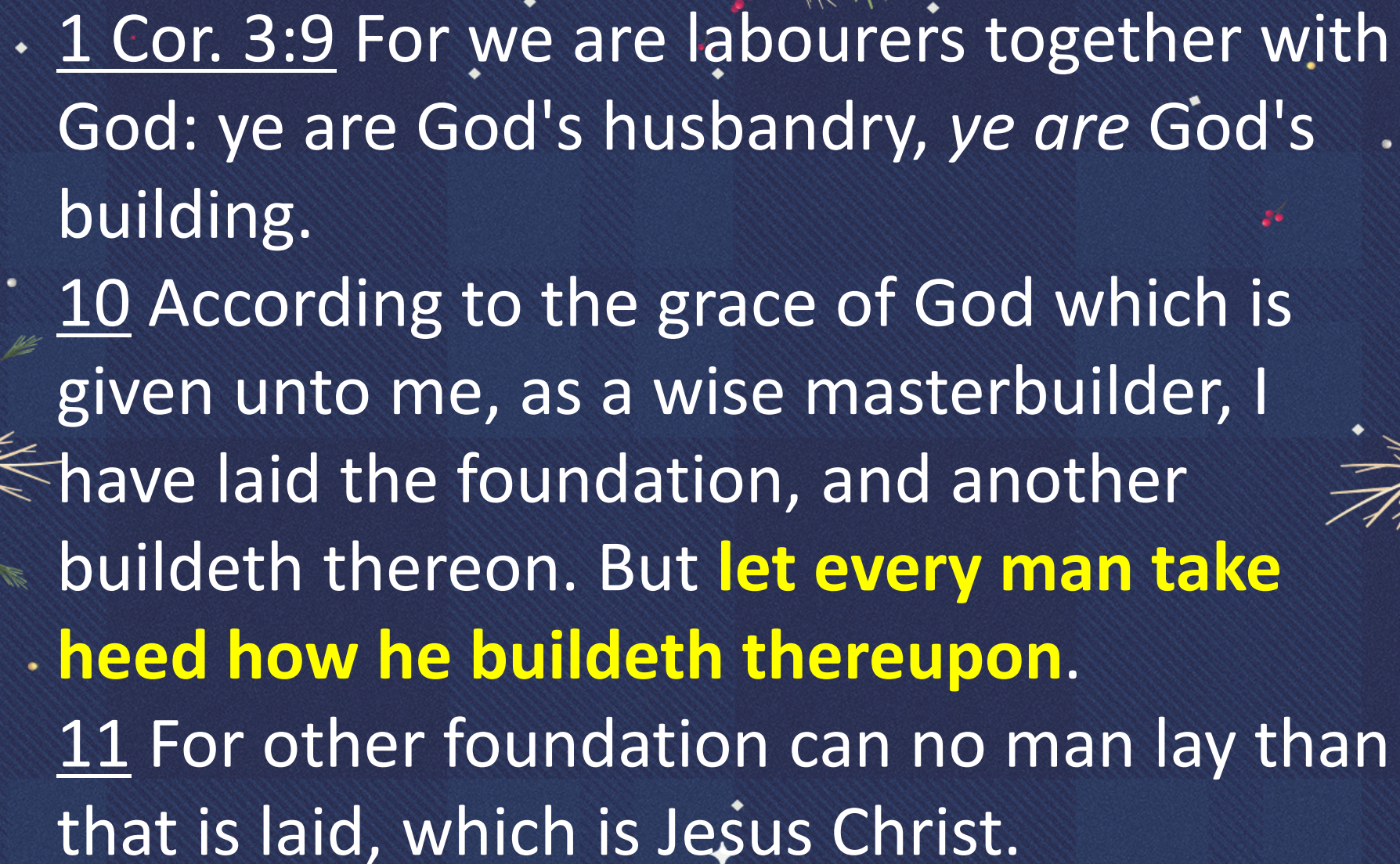


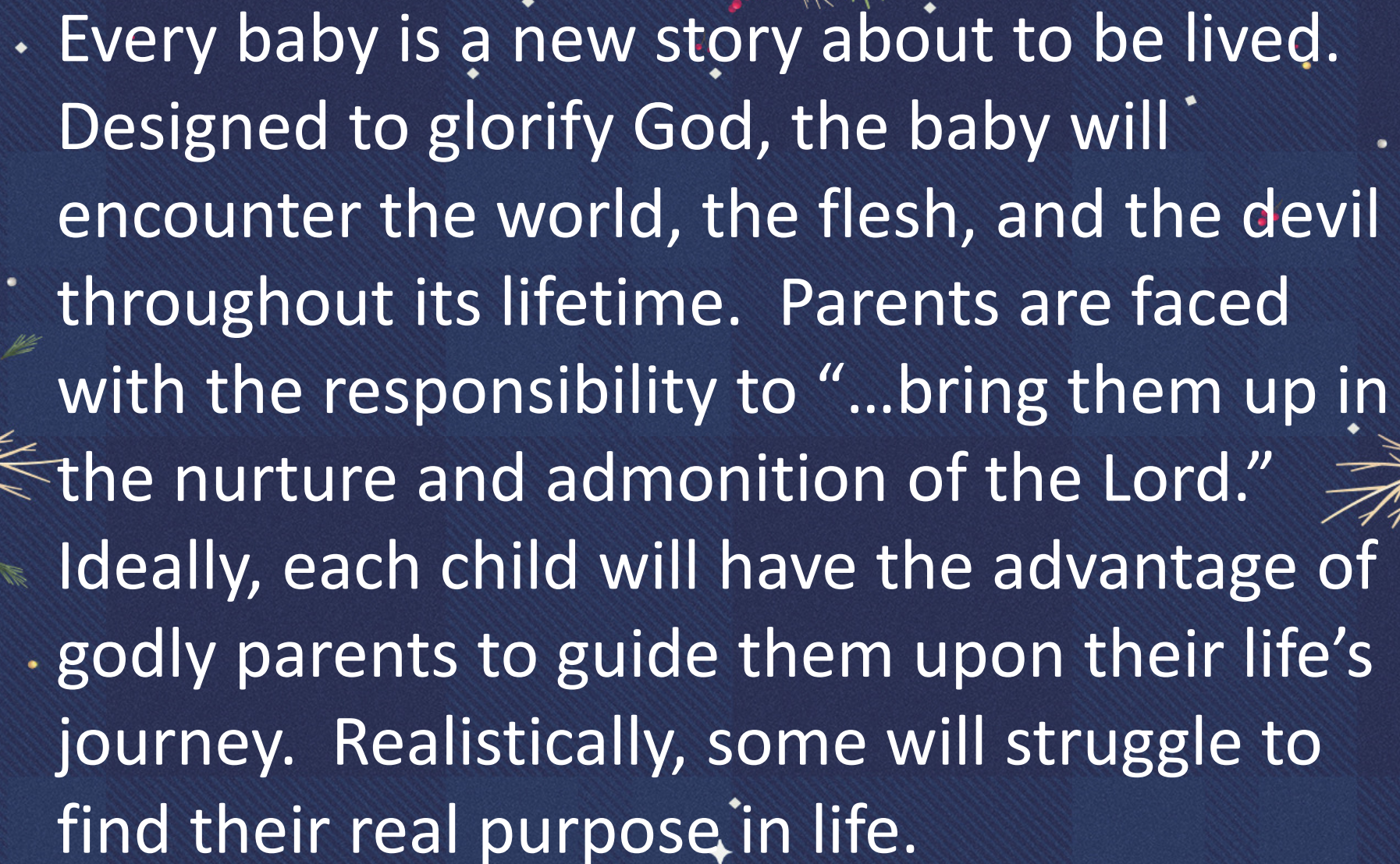


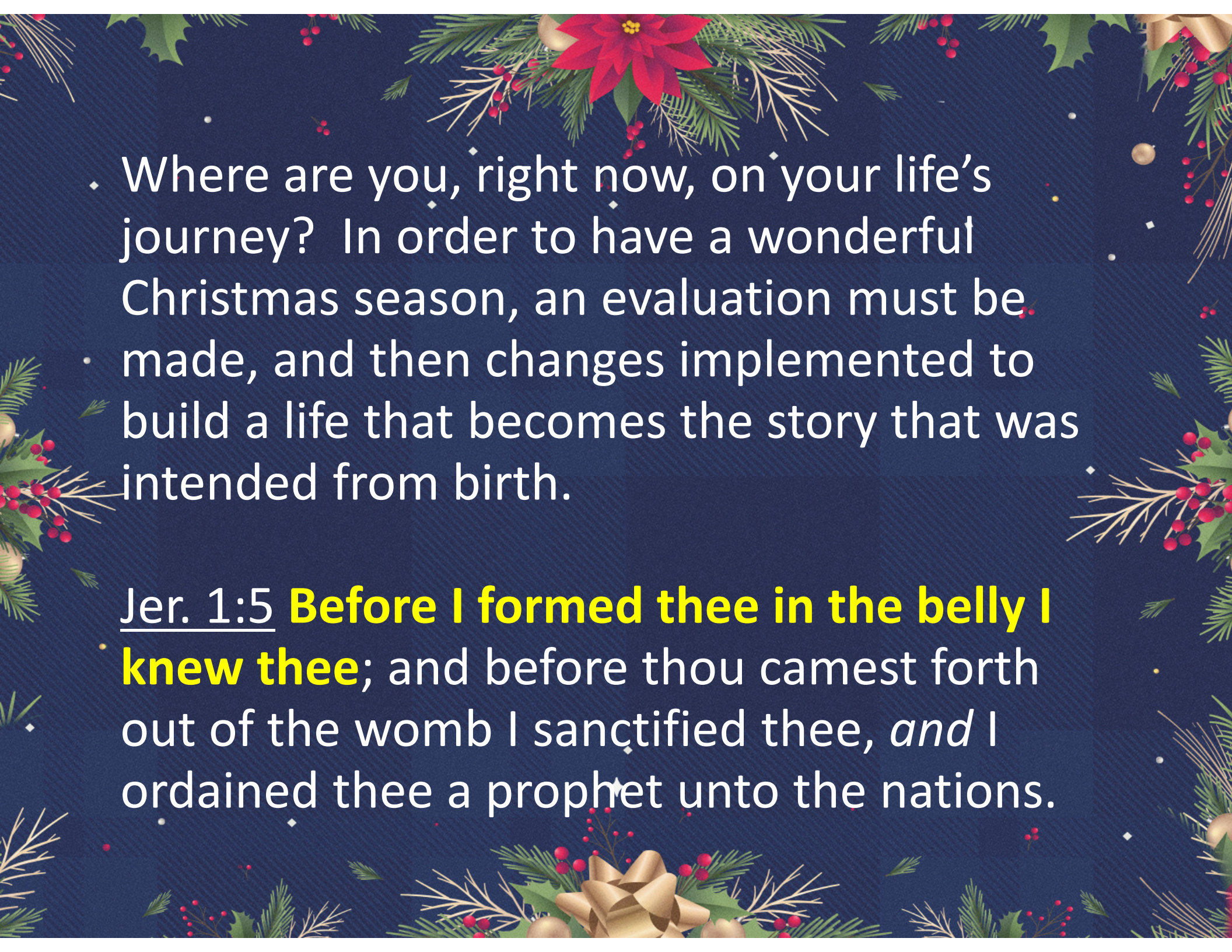
RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Cor. 3:9-11

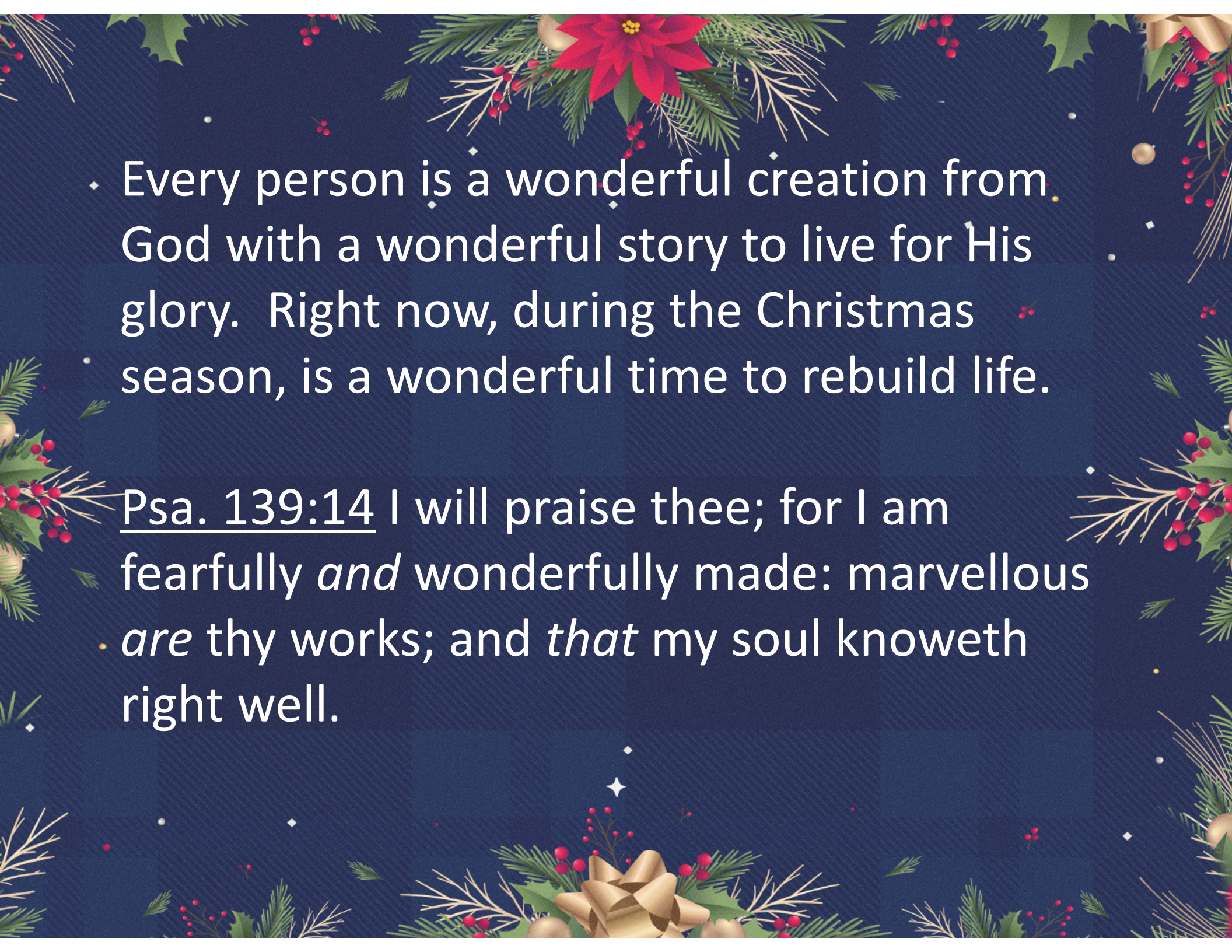
REBUILD YOUR WORKSHOP
(What do you have?)

- 
- 1 Cor. 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
 - 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But **let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.**
 - 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- 
- Every baby is a new story about to be lived. Designed to glorify God, the baby will encounter the world, the flesh, and the devil throughout its lifetime. Parents are faced with the responsibility to “...bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Ideally, each child will have the advantage of godly parents to guide them upon their life’s journey. Realistically, some will struggle to find their real purpose in life.

- 
- Where are you, right now, on your life's journey? In order to have a wonderful Christmas season, an evaluation must be made, and then changes implemented to build a life that becomes the story that was intended from birth.

Jer. 1:5 **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee**; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

- 
- Every person is a wonderful creation from God with a wonderful story to live for His glory. Right now, during the Christmas season, is a wonderful time to rebuild life.

Psa. 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.



• I. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CREATOR.

1 Cor. 3:9

- 1 Cor. 3:9 For **we are** labourers together with God: **ye are** God's husbandry, **ye are** God's building.

A. Understand the Intention, that God has a Plan

- ❖ The Creator is the beginning and ending of an individual plan.



• Heb. 12:2a “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith...”

• ❖ God has begun His work in us and expects us to fulfill His plan for our lives.


• Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

• Phil. 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

• ❖ God has a plan and purpose for our life which should reflect His handiwork.

B. Undertake to Implement God's Plan

• 1 Chron. 28:10 **Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.**

- 
- ❖ Fellowship with the Creator begins at salvation, then continues to influence our lives as we walk by faith to fulfill our purpose for living.
 - ❖ The Christmas season is an opportunity for us to show forth His glory!



• II. OUR RAMIFICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS,
1 Cor. 3:10-11

• 1 Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

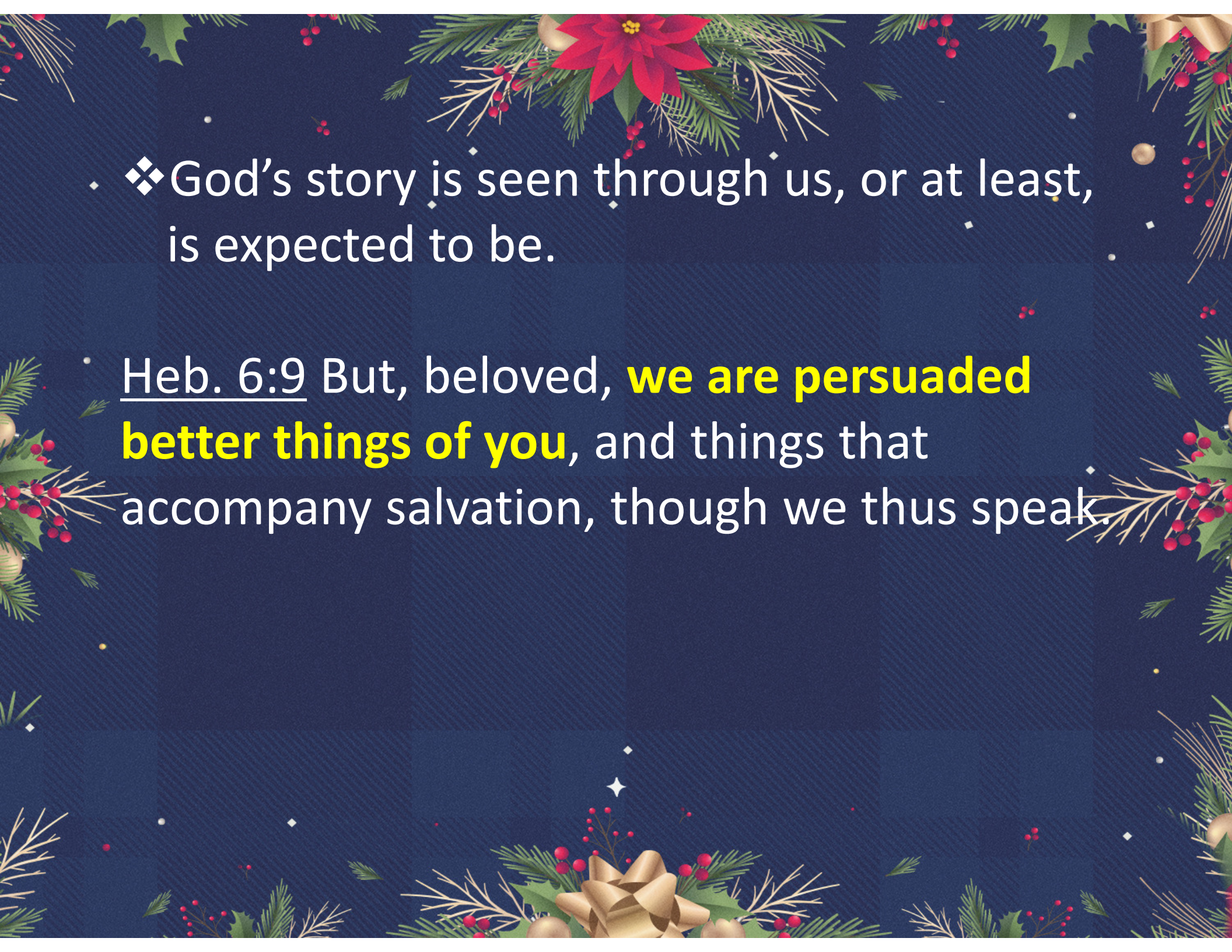
A. The Foundation is Revealed in Christ

❖ Any endeavor of fulfillment begins with the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. The Faithfulness is Required from the Christian.

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover **it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

1 Cor. 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But **let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.**



❖ God's story is seen through us, or at least, is expected to be.

• Heb. 6:9 But, beloved, **we are persuaded better things of you**, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

♦ III. OUR REFLECTION IN THE CELEBRATION,
1 Cor. 8:11-12

♦ 2 Cor. 8:11 Now therefore perform the doing *of it*; that as *there was* a readiness to will, so ***there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.***

♦ 12 For ***if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.***

- 
- A. The Performance – “Now therefore perform the doing *of it...*”

- ❖ How?

- ○ Have a “...readiness to will...”

- ○ Perform it “...out of that which ye have.”



• 2 Cor. 8:12 For **if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not.**

❖ What has God given to us that we are expected to pass on to someone else?

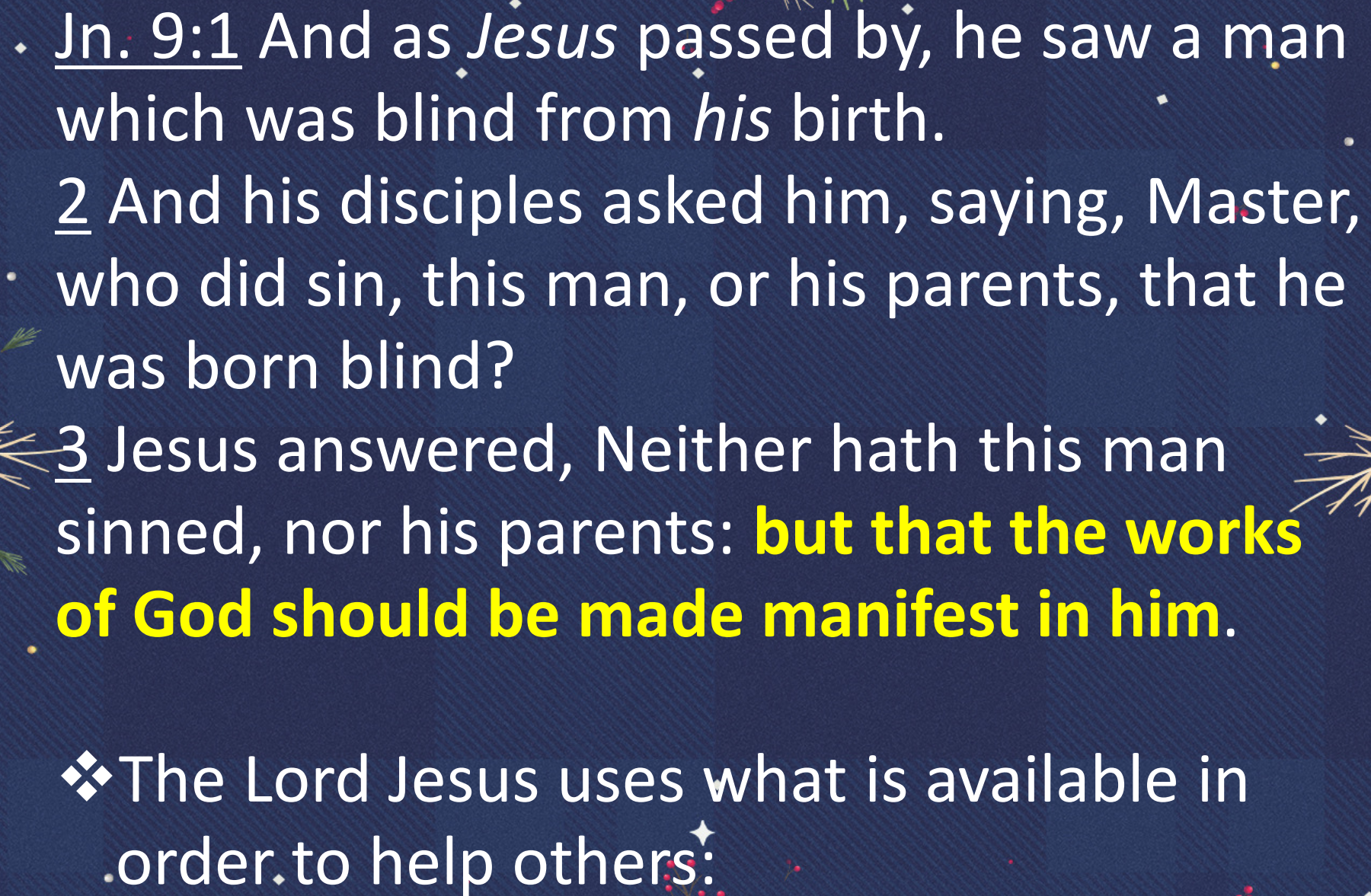
❖ What is in our workshop?



• B. The Purpose

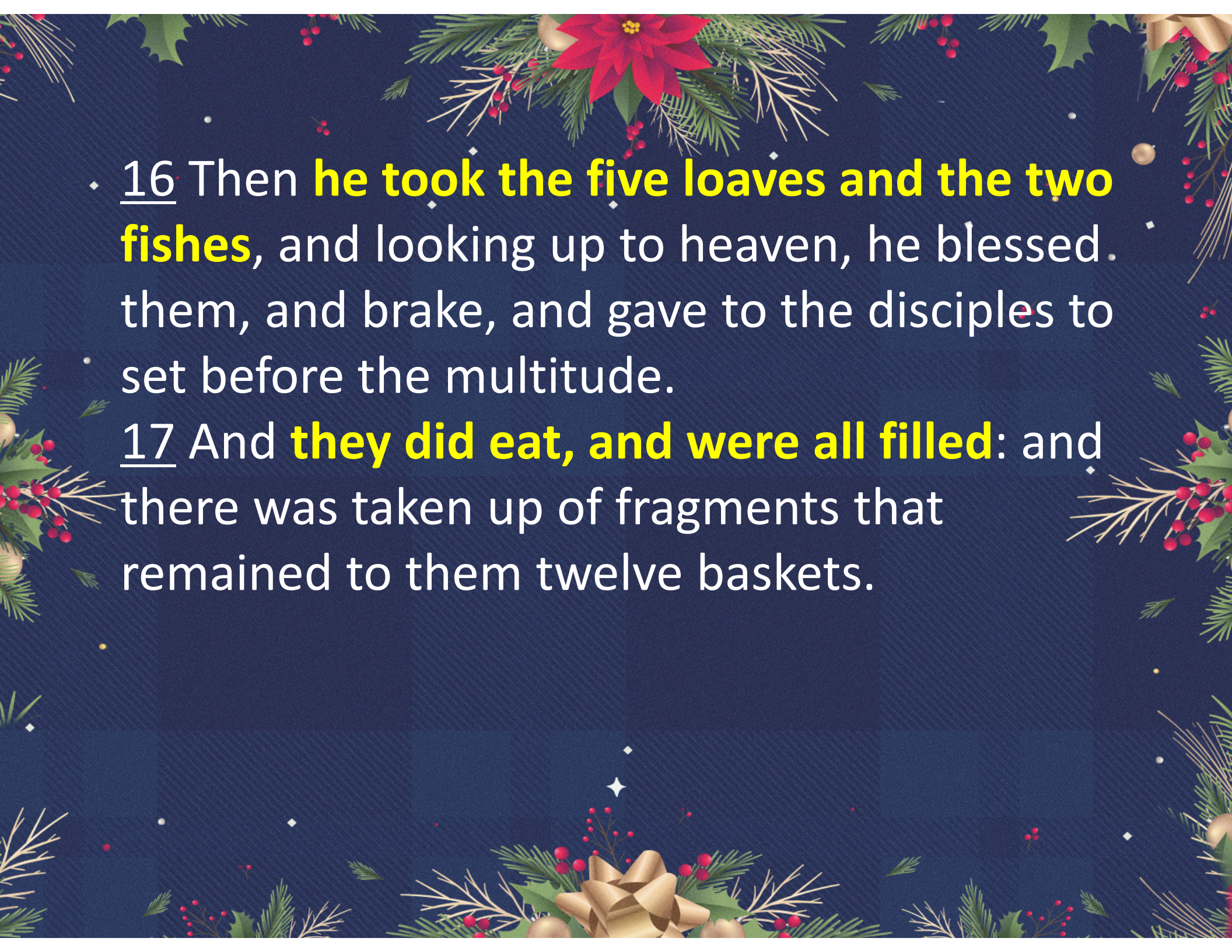
❖ The purpose of a person's life is to glorify God.

○ The Creator has made each individual with attributes and liabilities for a unique way to glorify Himself.

- 
- Jn. 9:1 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.
 - 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
 - 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: **but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**
 - ❖ The Lord Jesus uses what is available in order to help others:

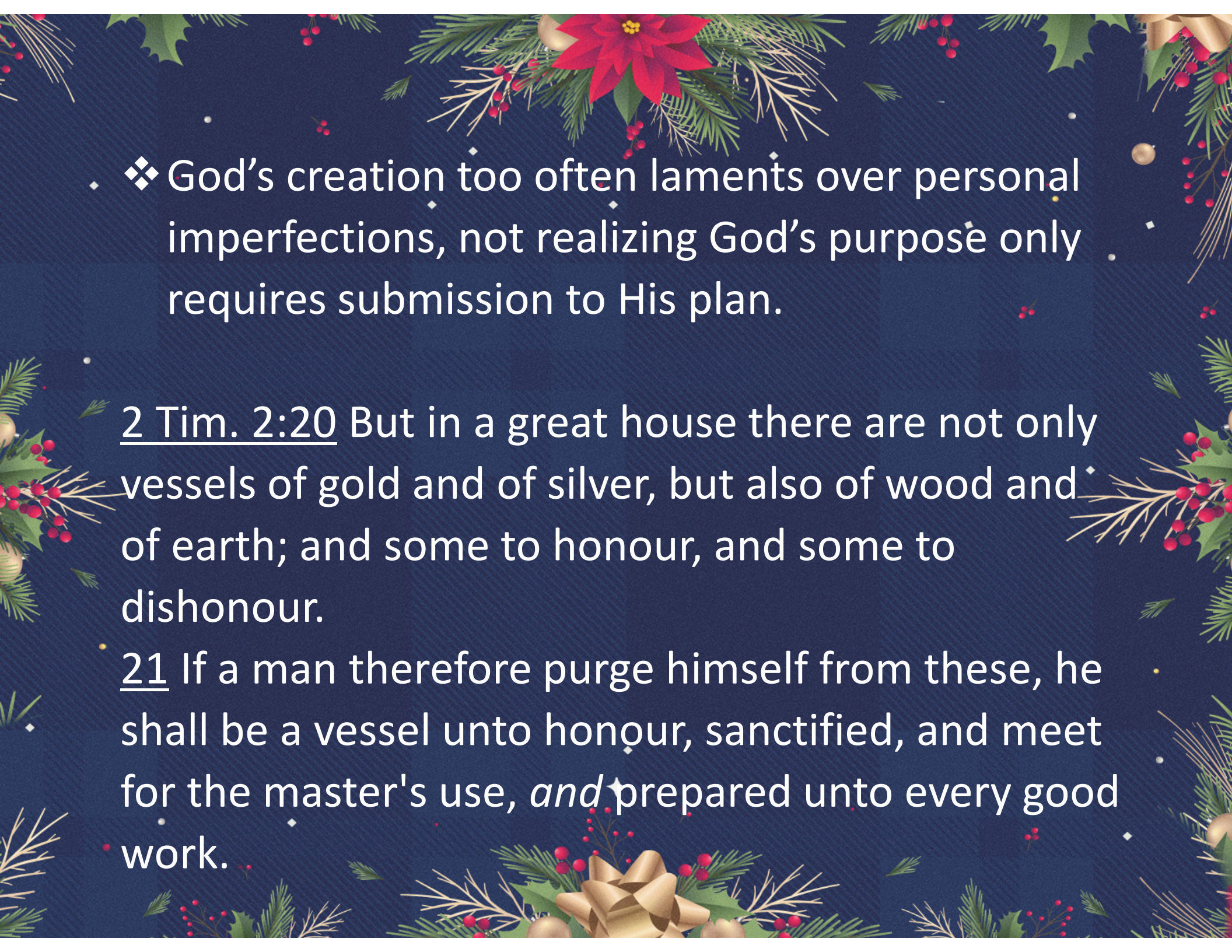
• Luke 9:13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, **We have no more but five loaves and two fishes**; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.

• 14 For **they were about five thousand men**. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.



• 16 Then **he took the five loaves and the two fishes**, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

• 17 And **they did eat, and were all filled**: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

- 
- ❖ God's creation too often laments over personal imperfections, not realizing God's purpose only requires submission to His plan.

2 Tim. 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.



Conclusion

❖ A believer has been blessed by the Creator, as His workmanship, to be capable to bless others, for His glory.

• Eph. 2:7 That **in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

• 8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God:***

9 **Not of works,** lest any man should boast.

• 10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,** which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.



❖ Believers need to renew and rebuild His workshop → our lives...for His glory!

• Phil. 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

• 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

• 15 **That** ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, **among whom ye shine as lights in the world;**

• 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.