

# **The Way of a Worshiper**

**September Sermon  
Series**



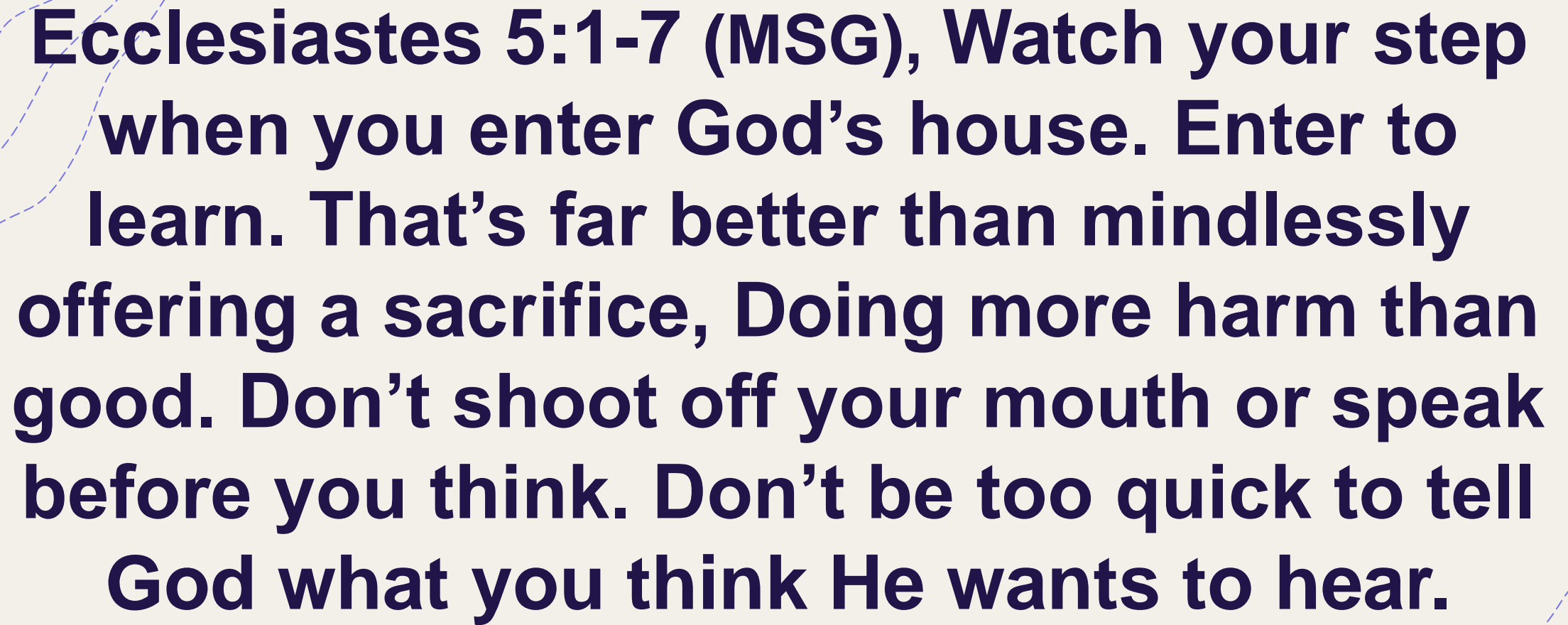


**“Many go to church. Few  
go to worship.”**

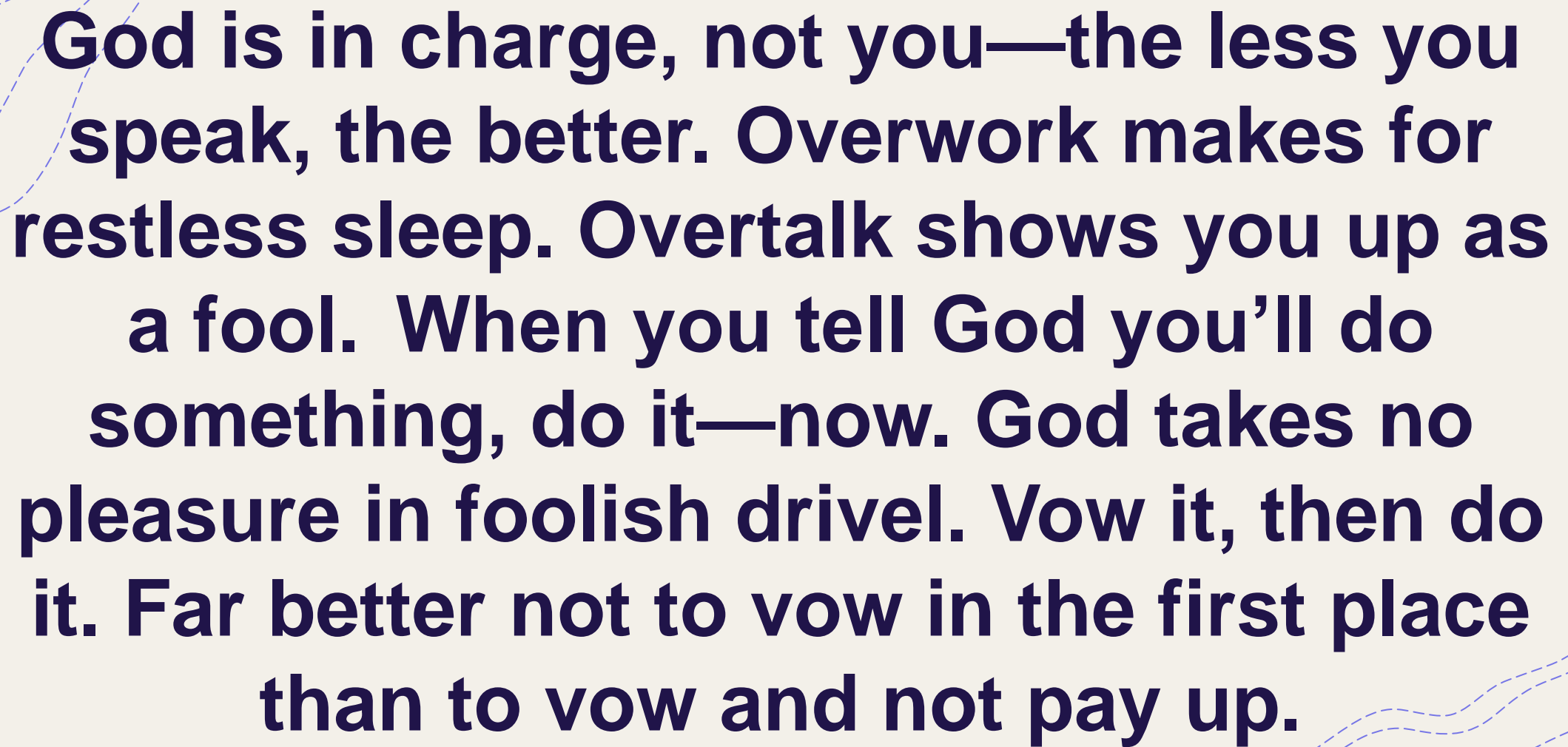
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# **Scripture Lesson:**

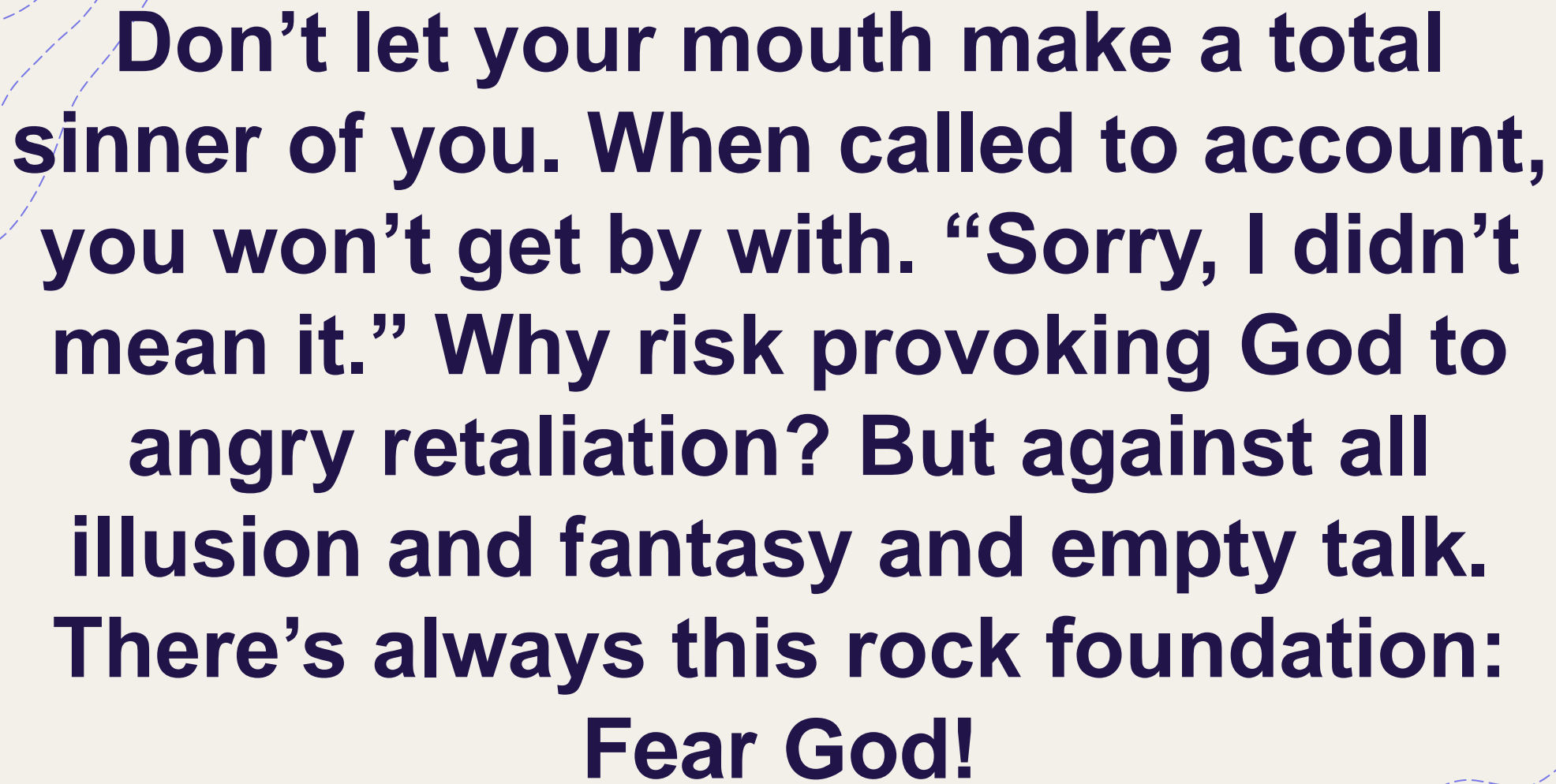
# **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (MSG)**



**Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (MSG), Watch your step when you enter God's house. Enter to learn. That's far better than mindlessly offering a sacrifice, Doing more harm than good. Don't shoot off your mouth or speak before you think. Don't be too quick to tell God what you think He wants to hear.**



**God is in charge, not you—the less you speak, the better. Overwork makes for restless sleep. Overtalk shows you up as a fool. When you tell God you'll do something, do it—now. God takes no pleasure in foolish drivel. Vow it, then do it. Far better not to vow in the first place than to vow and not pay up.**



**Don't let your mouth make a total sinner of you. When called to account, you won't get by with. "Sorry, I didn't mean it." Why risk provoking God to angry retaliation? But against all illusion and fantasy and empty talk. There's always this rock foundation: Fear God!**

# **The Preparation of Worship**

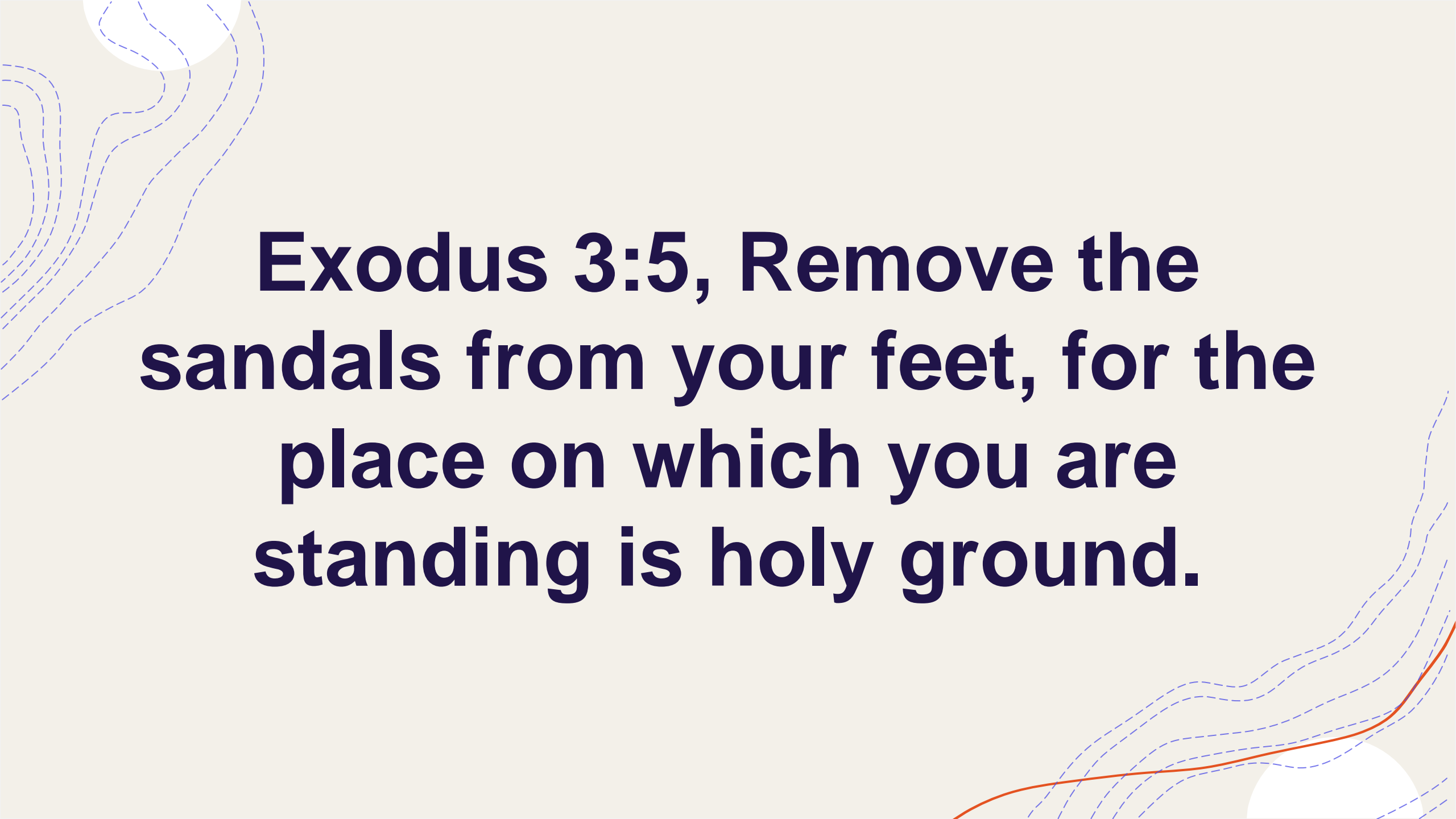
## **Lesson Two**



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**Genuine worship  
requires preparation.**

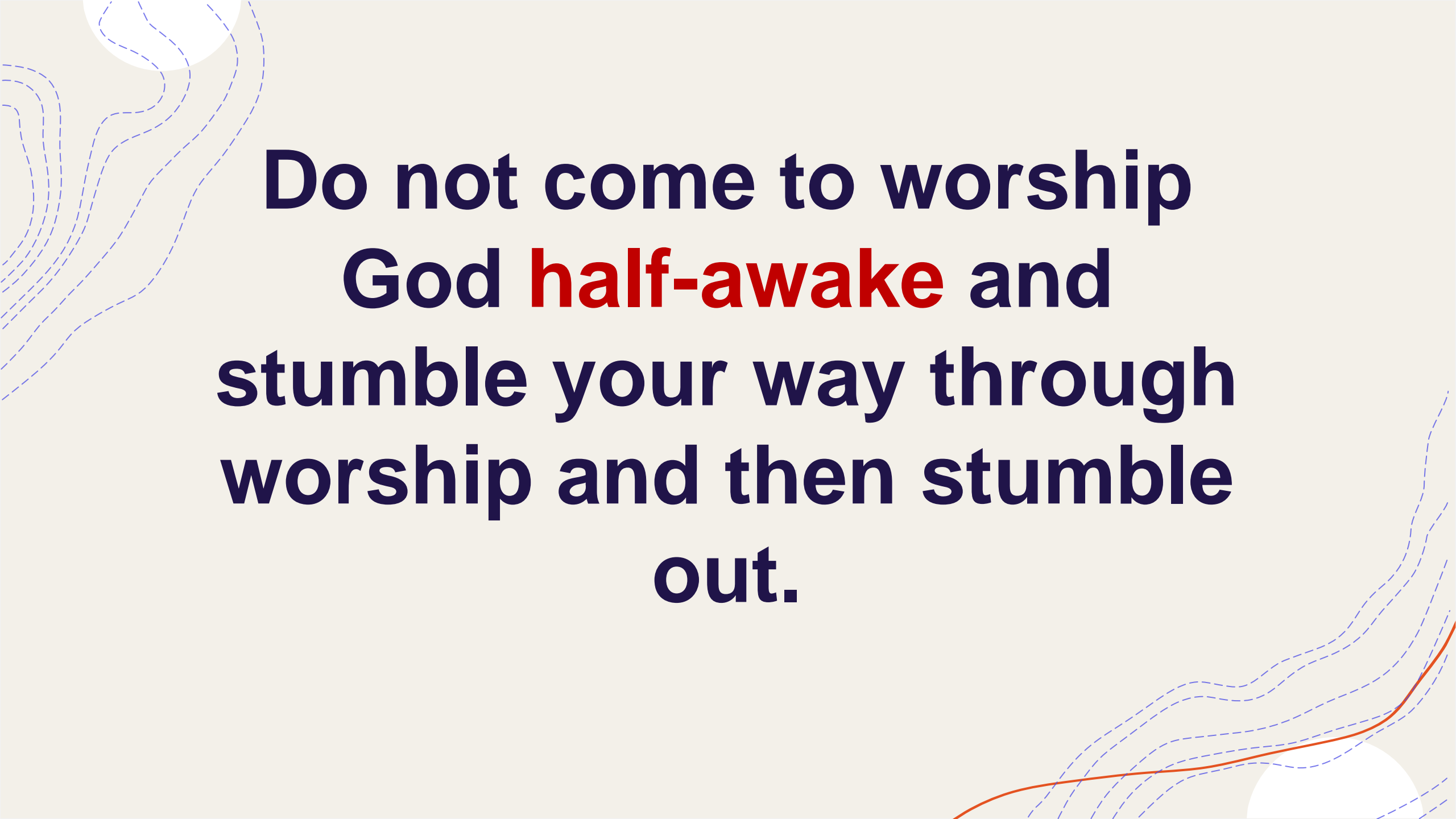


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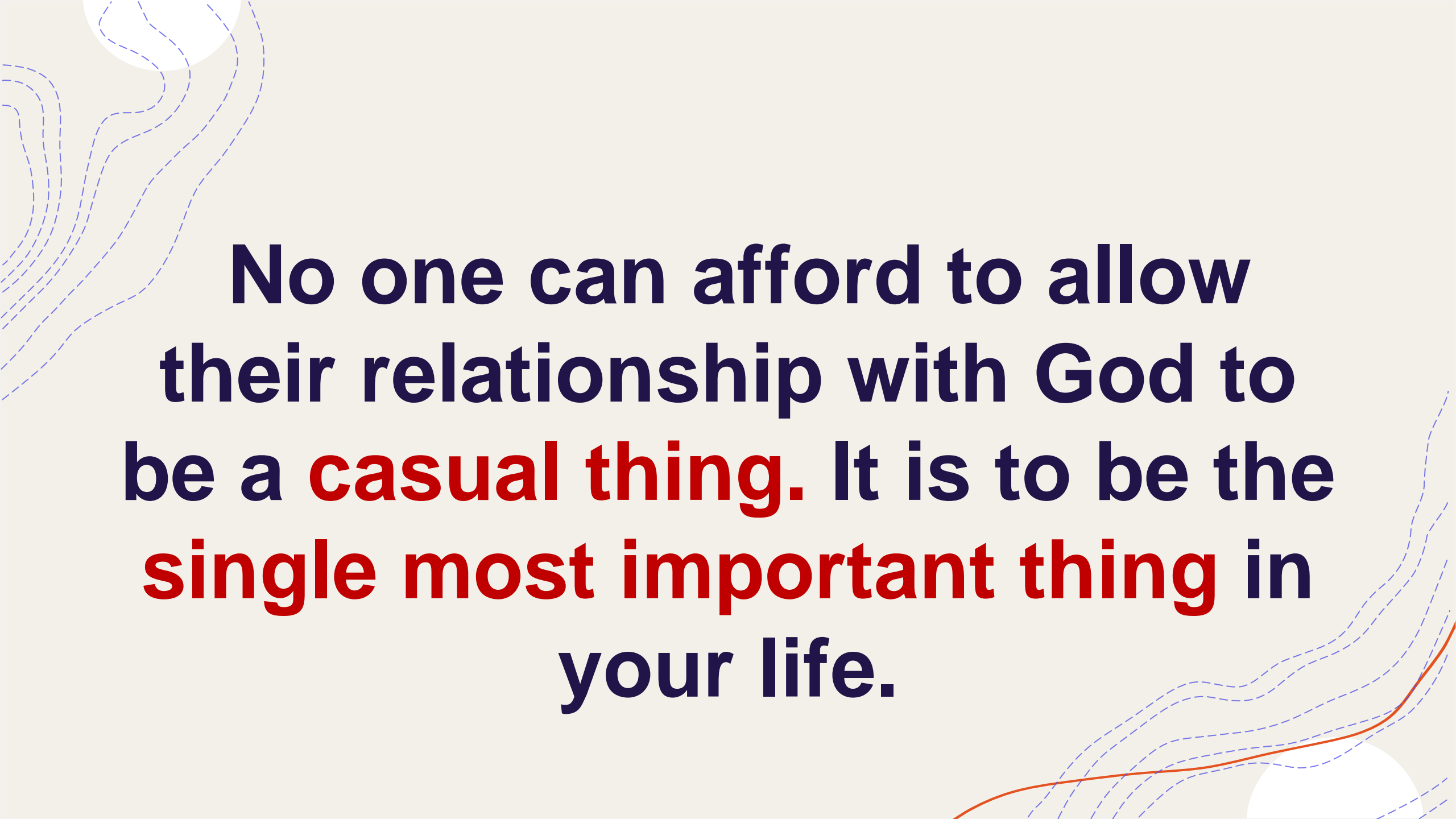
**Exodus 3:5, Remove the  
sandals from your feet, for the  
place on which you are  
standing is holy ground.**

# **I. Preparation for Worship Requires Watching Your Step.**



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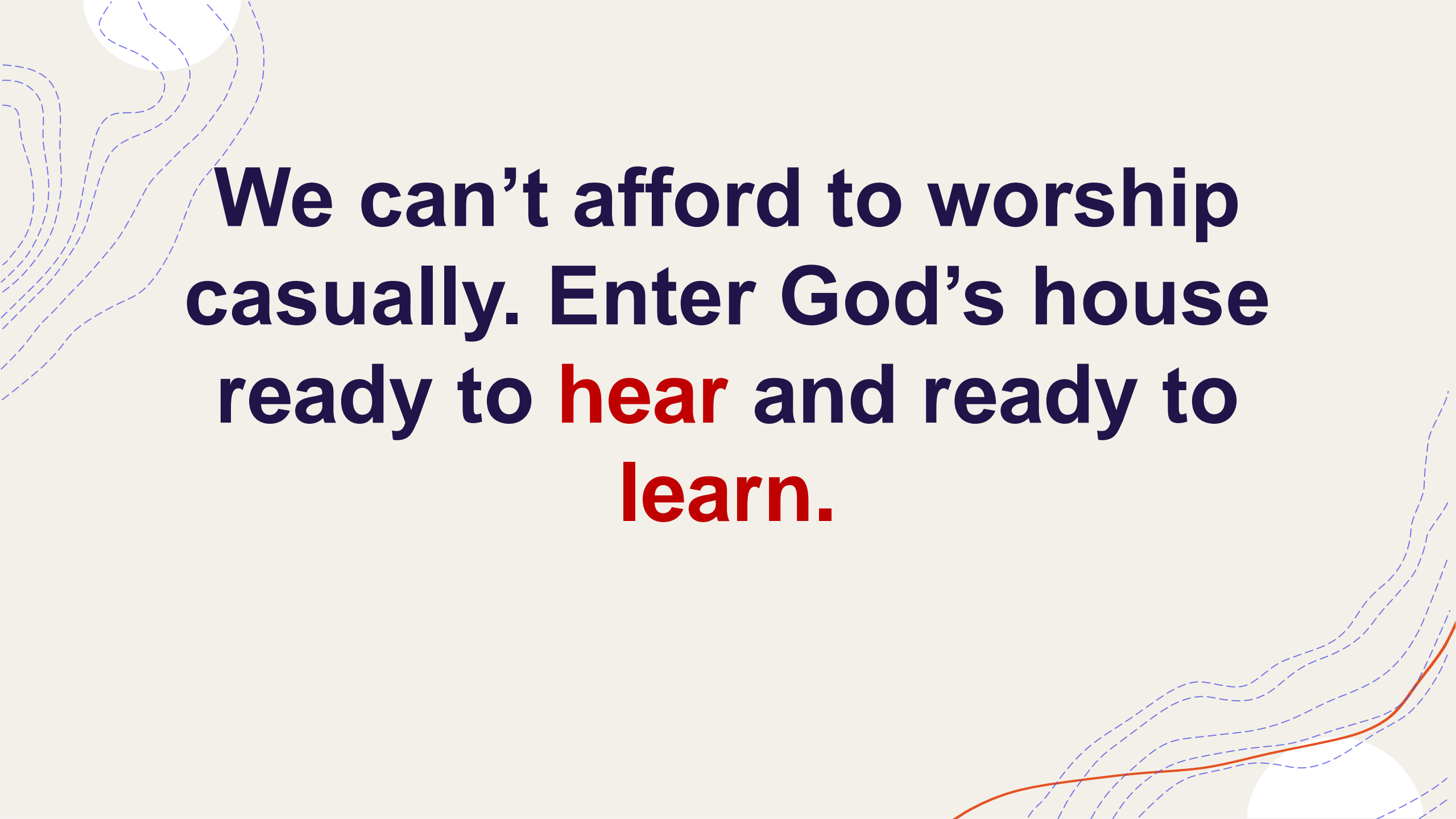
**Do not come to worship  
God **half-awake** and  
stumble your way through  
worship and then stumble  
out.**



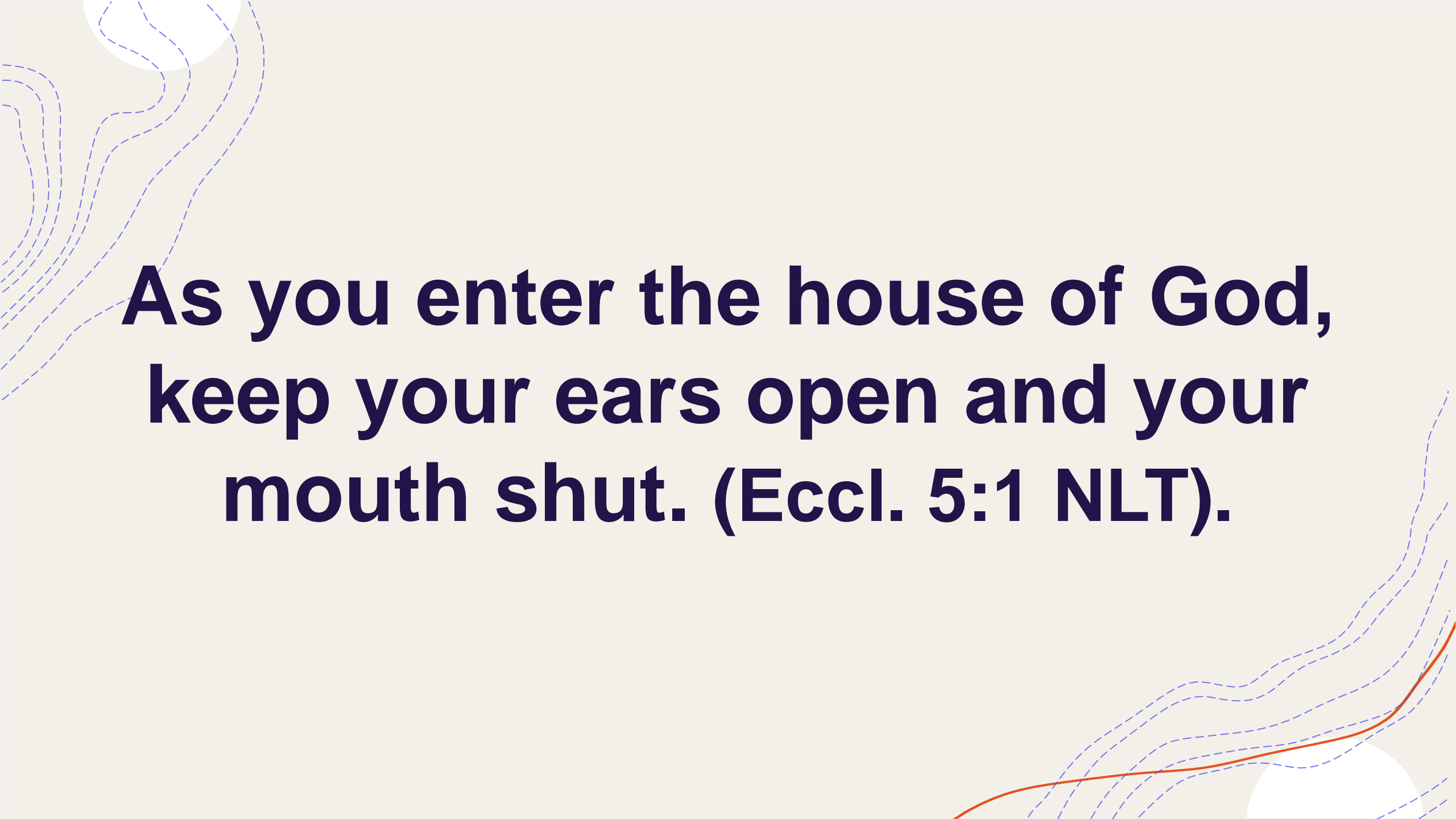
**No one can afford to allow  
their relationship with God to  
be a **casual thing**. It is to be the  
**single most important thing** in  
your life.**



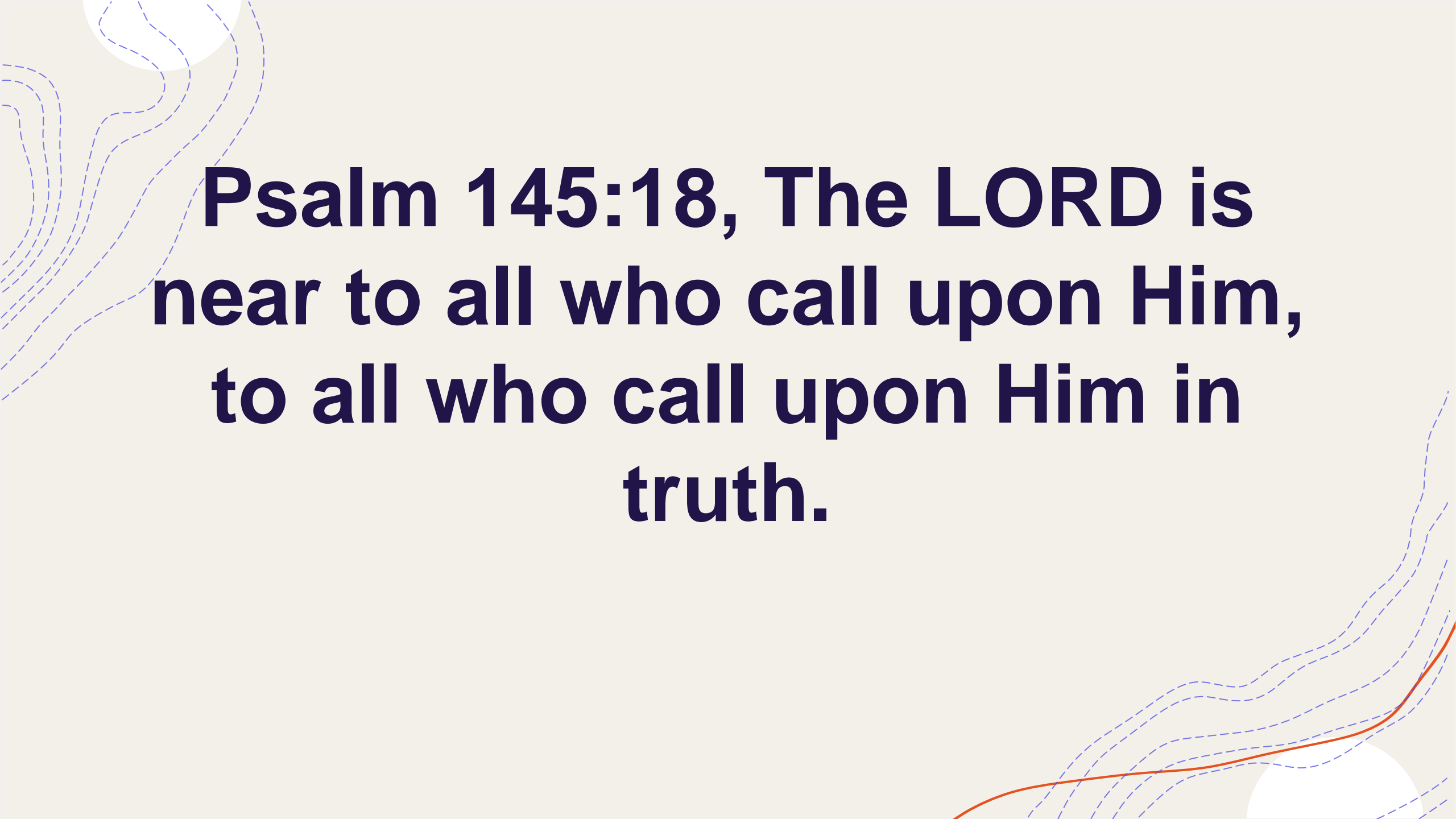
**God must be treated as **holy**  
by all who draw near to Him.**

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**We can't afford to worship  
casually. Enter God's house  
ready to **hear** and ready to  
**learn.****



**As you enter the house of God,  
keep your ears open and your  
mouth shut. (Eccl. 5:1 NLT).**

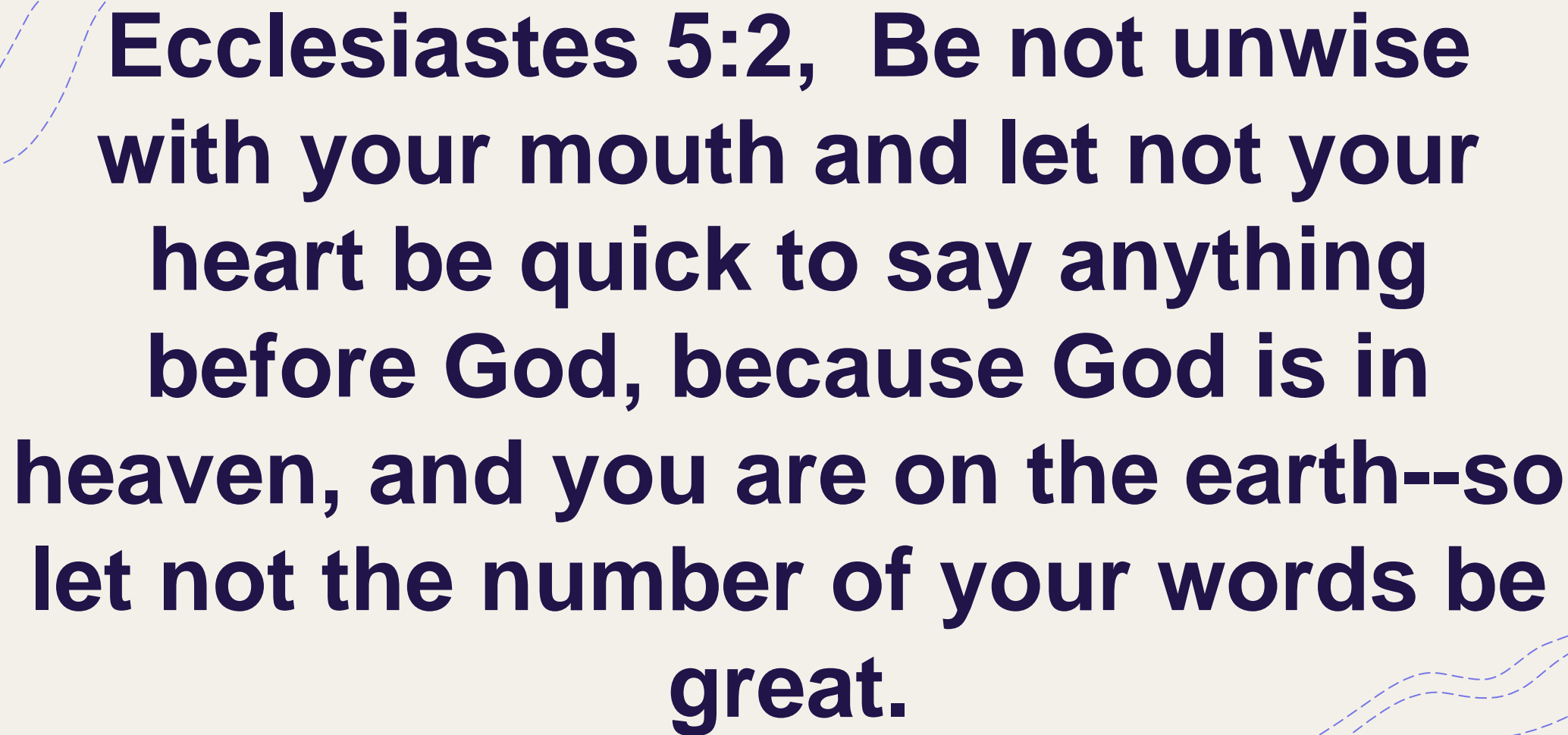
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**Psalm 145:18, The LORD is  
near to all who call upon Him,  
to all who call upon Him in  
truth.**

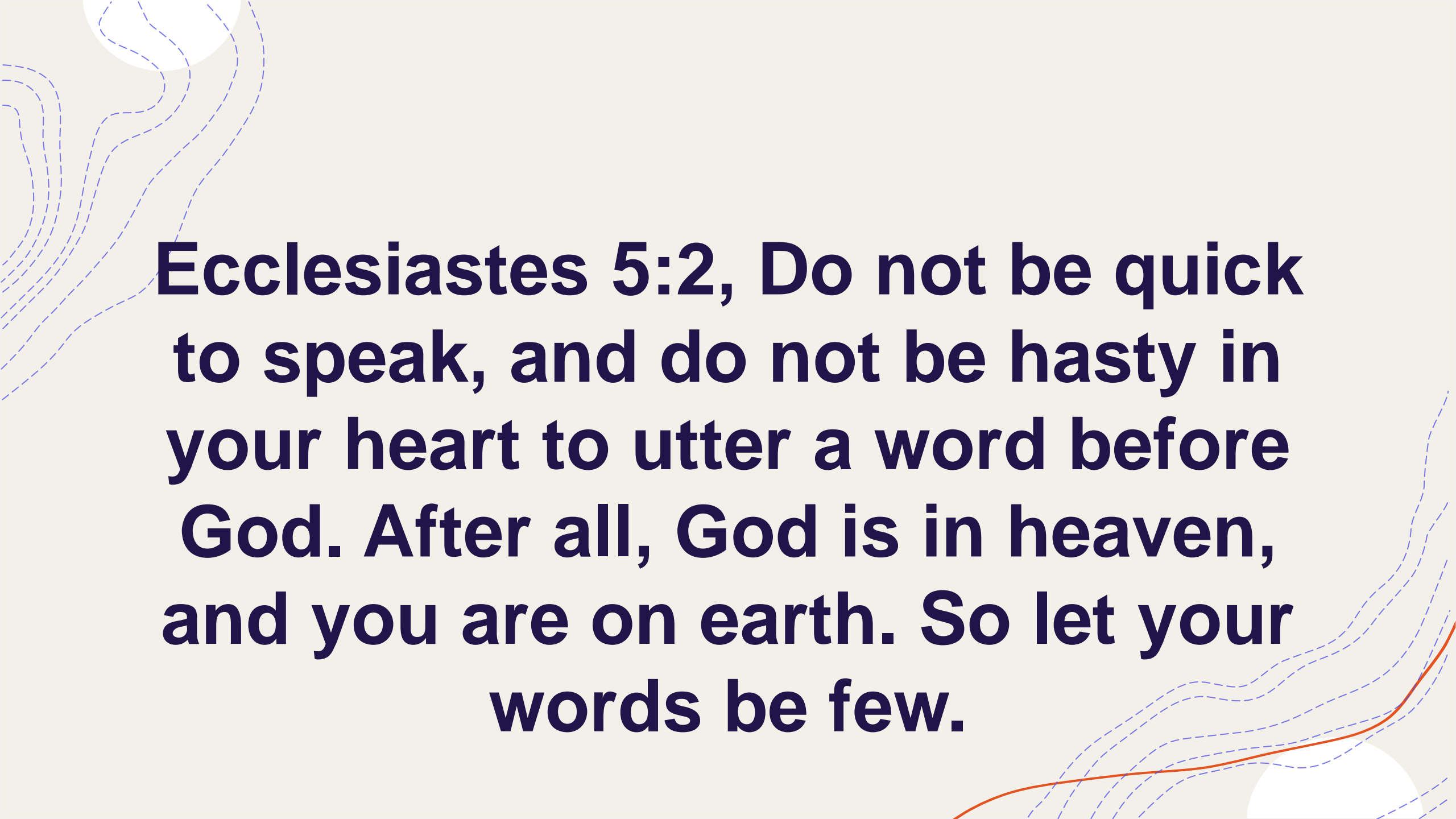


# **II. Preparation for Worship Requires Watching Your Mouth.**

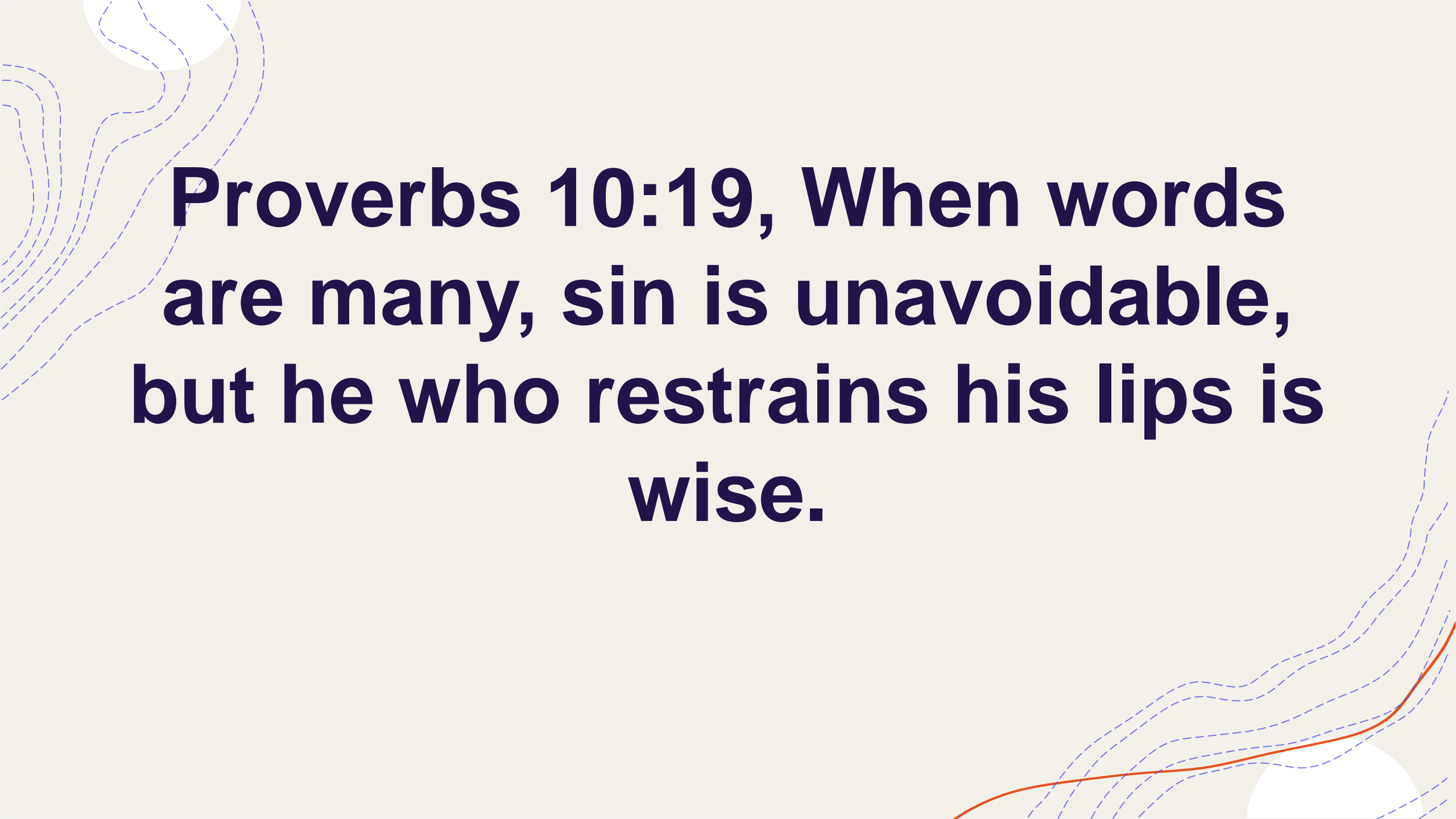


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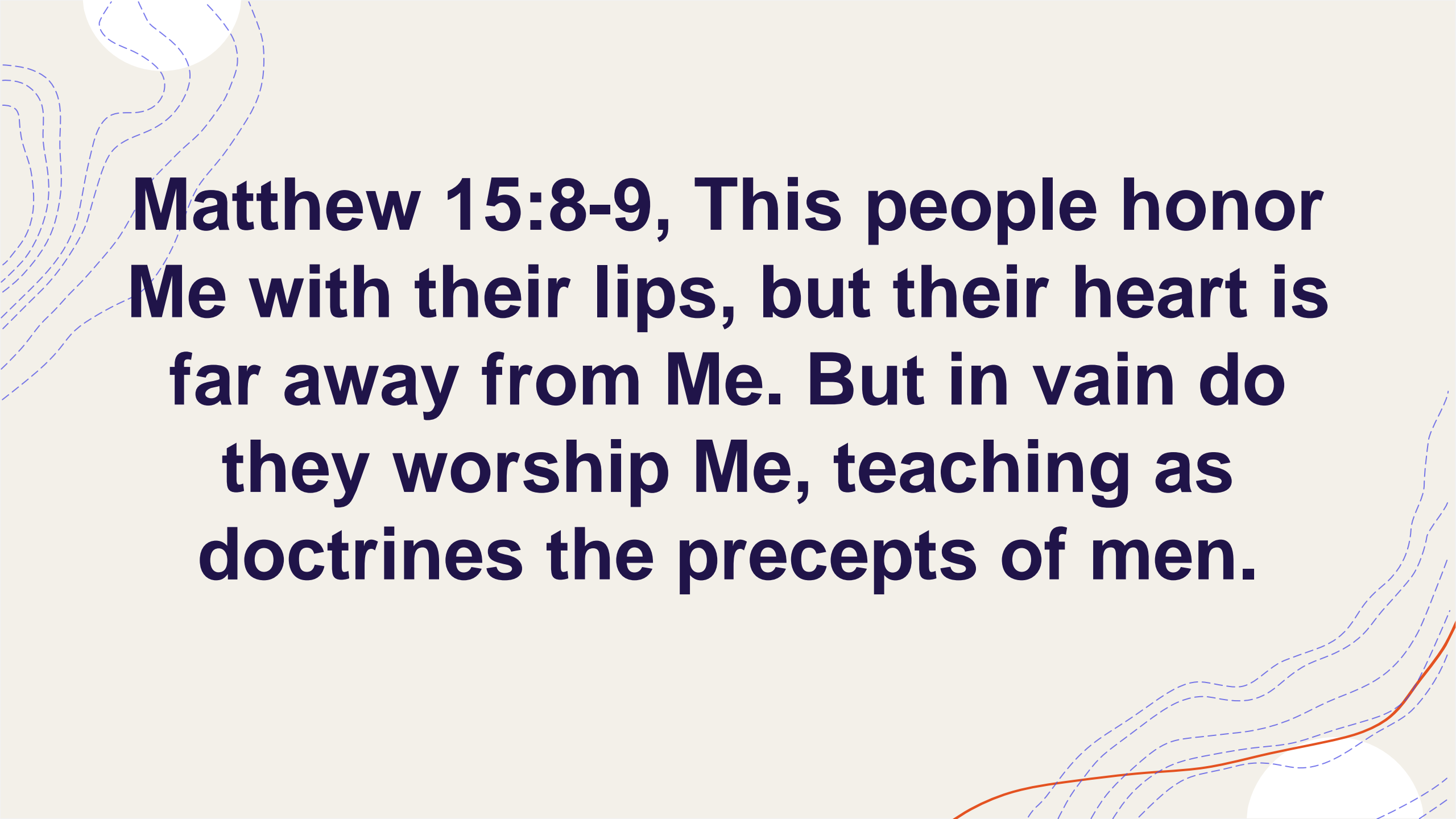
**Ecclesiastes 5:2, Be not unwise  
with your mouth and let not your  
heart be quick to say anything  
before God, because God is in  
heaven, and you are on the earth--so  
let not the number of your words be  
great.**

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**Ecclesiastes 5:2, Do not be quick to speak, and do not be hasty in your heart to utter a word before God. After all, God is in heaven, and you are on earth. So let your words be few.**



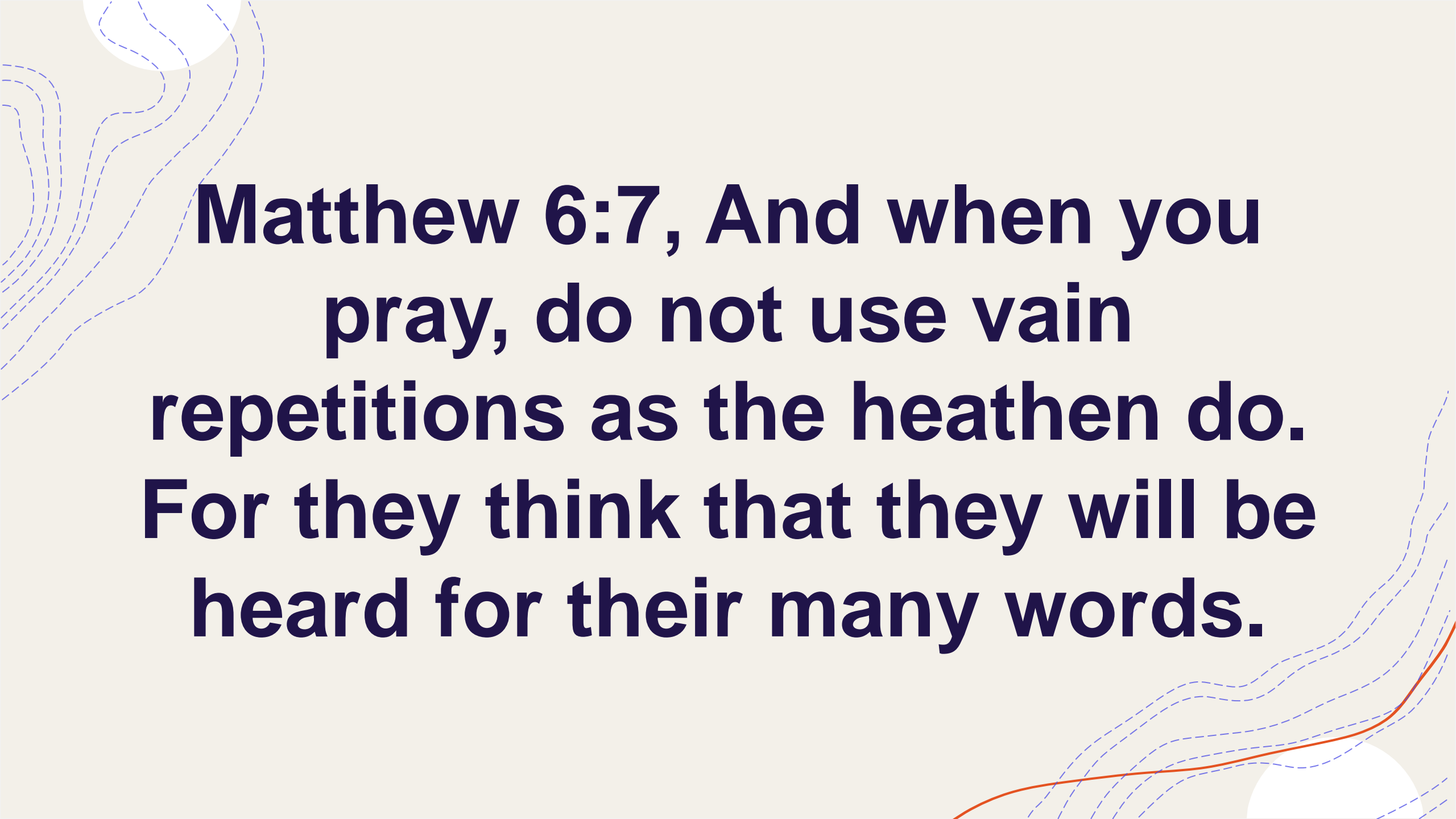
**Proverbs 10:19, When words  
are many, sin is unavoidable,  
but he who restrains his lips is  
wise.**

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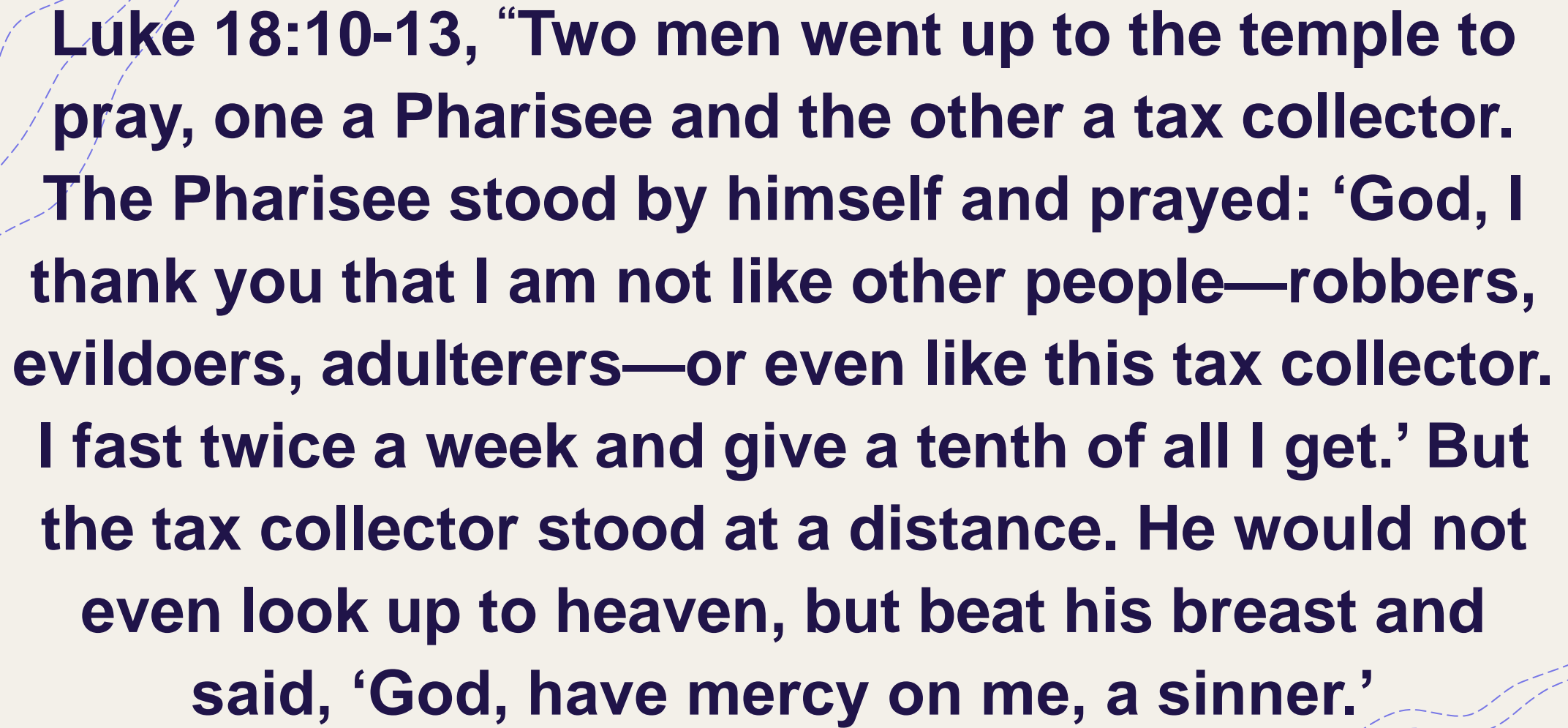
**Matthew 15:8-9, This people honor  
Me with their lips, but their heart is  
far away from Me. But in vain do  
they worship Me, teaching as  
doctrines the precepts of men.**

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**We Must Learn to Avoid  
Careless Praying.**



**Matthew 6:7, And when you  
pray, do not use vain  
repetitions as the heathen do.  
For they think that they will be  
heard for their many words.**

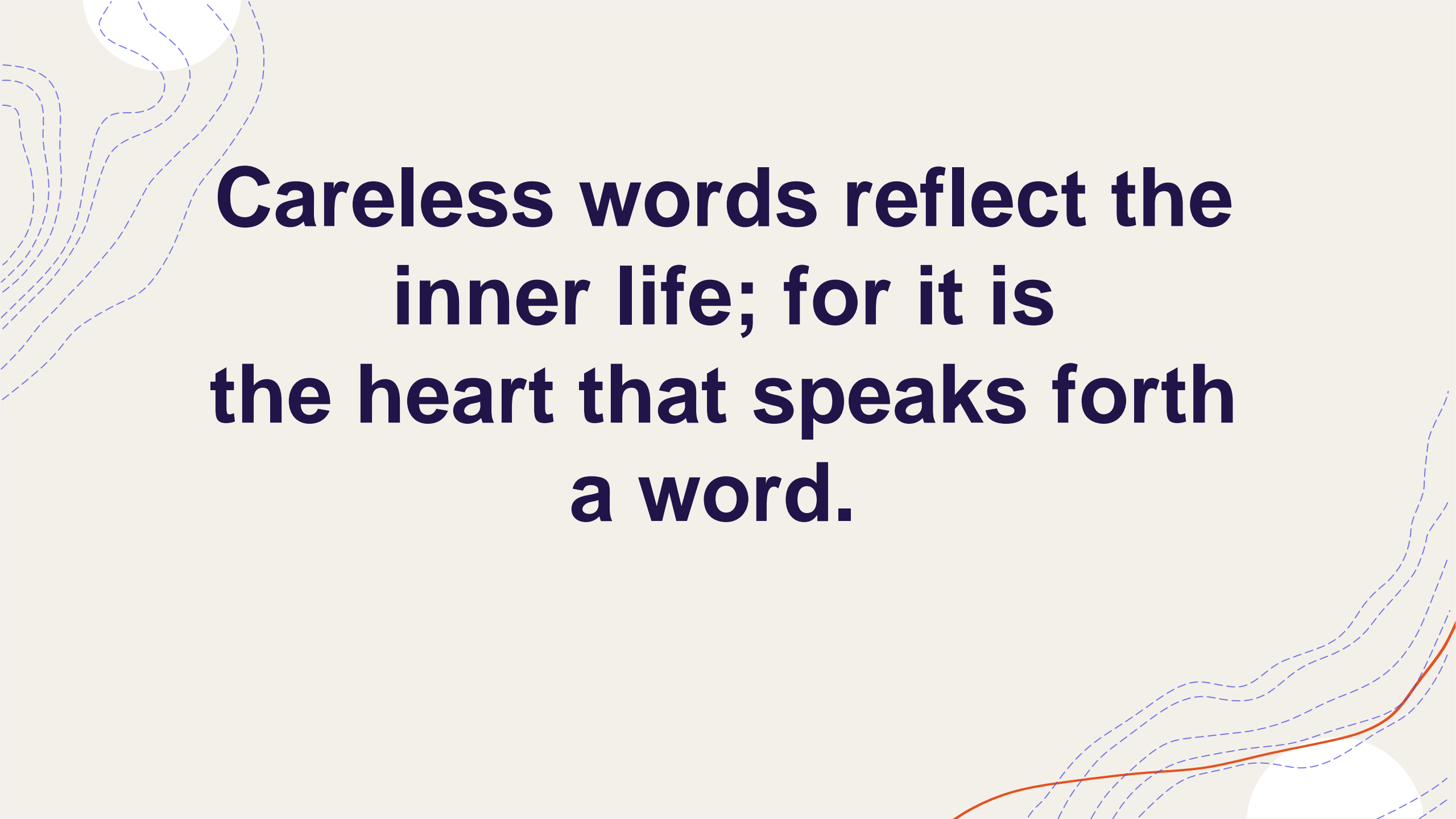


**Luke 18:10-13, “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”**

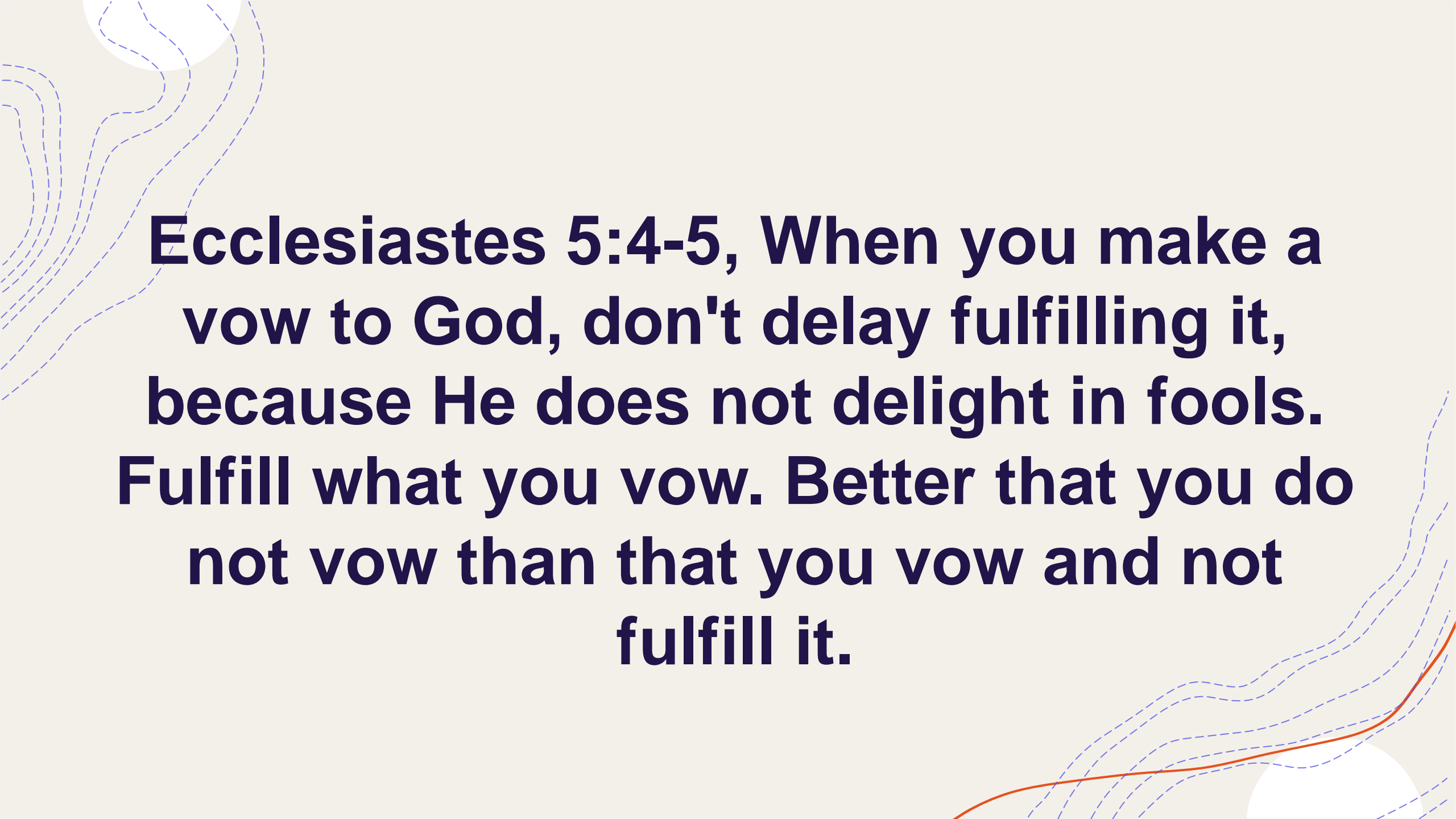


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**When You Approach God,  
Mean What You Say to Him.**

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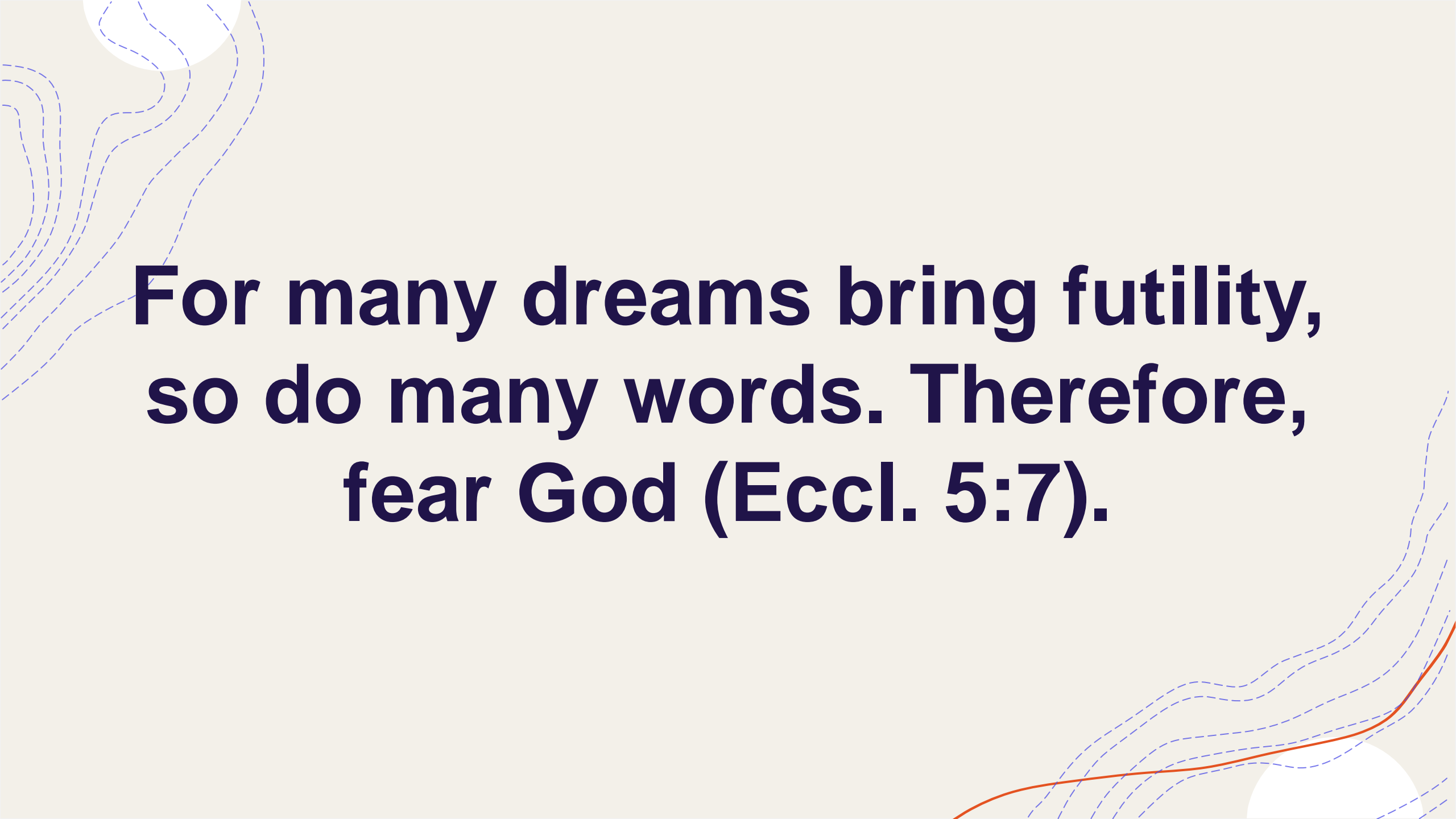
**Careless words reflect the  
inner life; for it is  
the heart that speaks forth  
a word.**



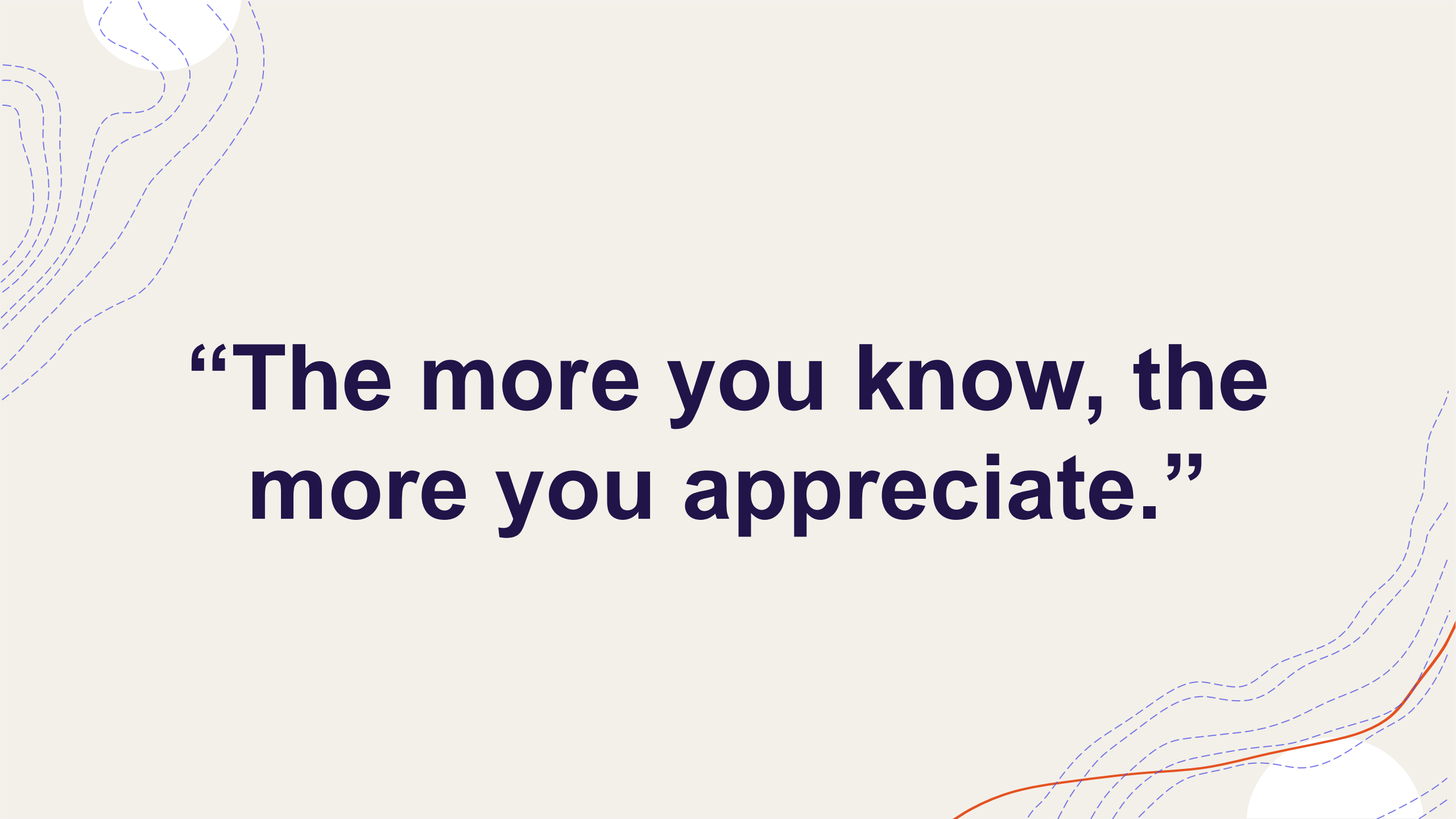
**Ecclesiastes 5:4-5, When you make a  
vow to God, don't delay fulfilling it,  
because He does not delight in fools.  
Fulfill what you vow. Better that you do  
not vow than that you vow and not  
fulfill it.**

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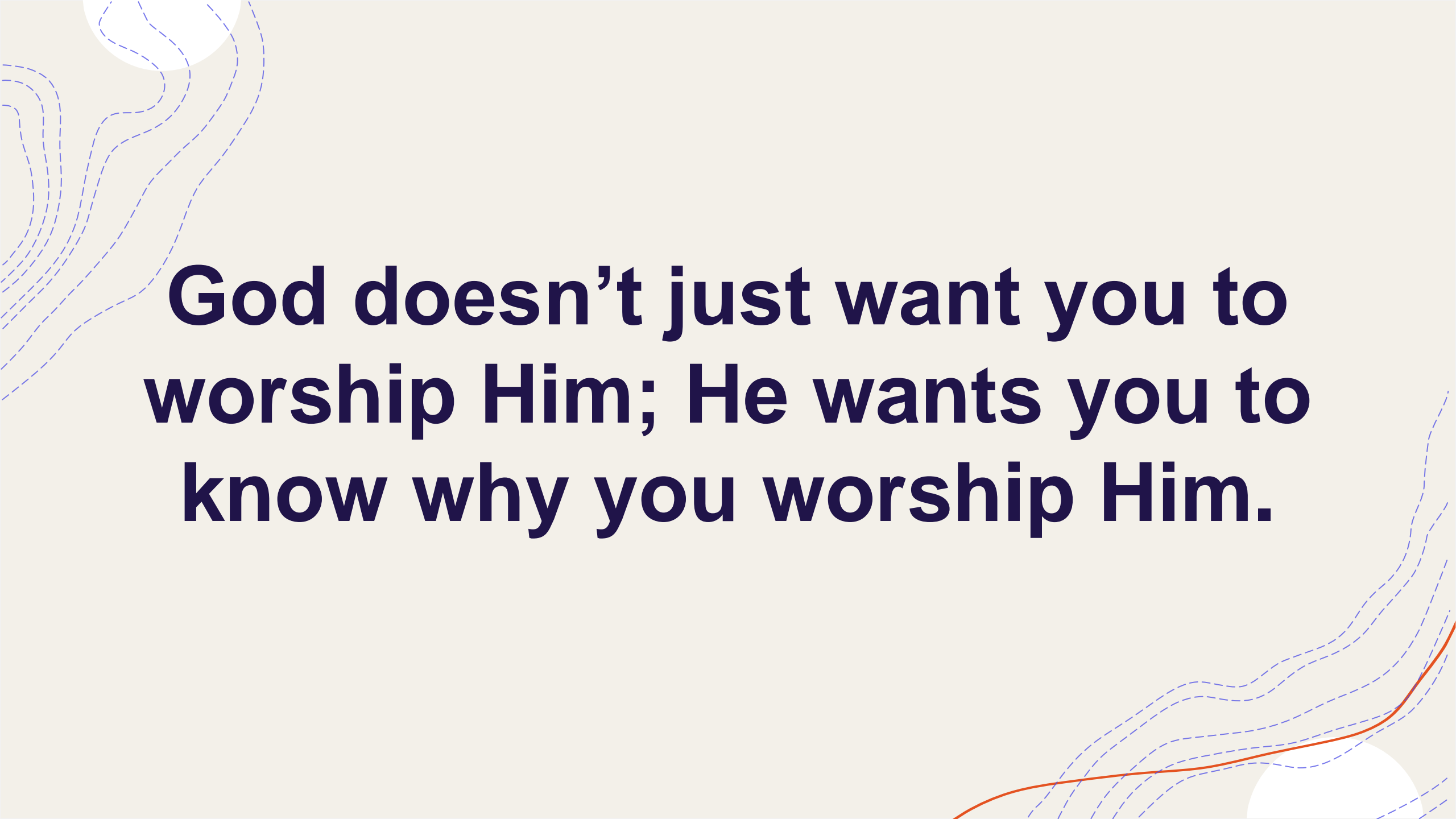
**Learn to take God Seriously.**



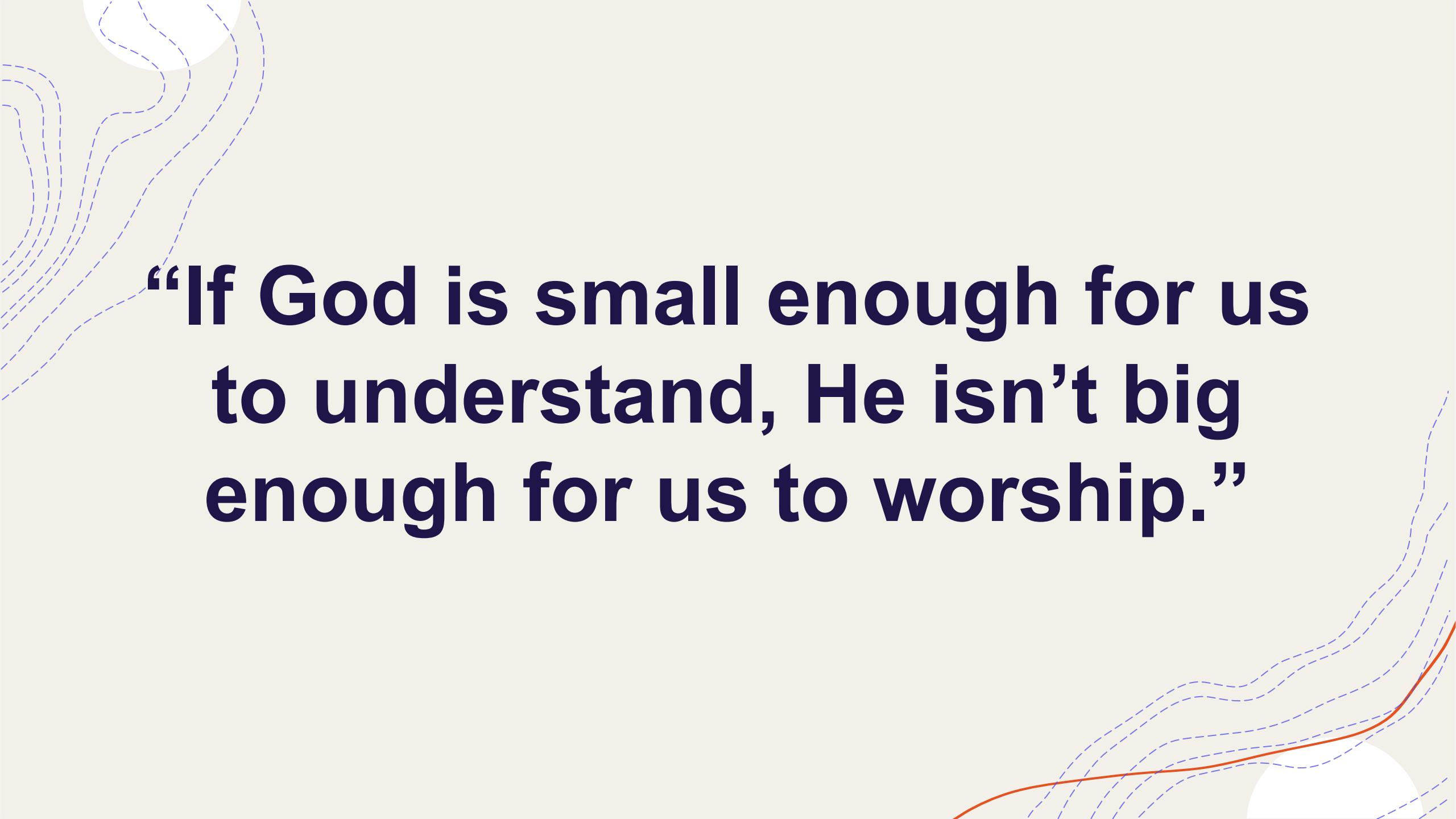
**For many dreams bring futility,  
so do many words. Therefore,  
fear God (Eccl. 5:7).**

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**“The more you know, the  
more you appreciate.”**

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**God doesn't just want you to  
worship Him; He wants you to  
know why you worship Him.**

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**“If God is small enough for us  
to understand, He isn’t big  
enough for us to worship.”**