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Thanksgiving

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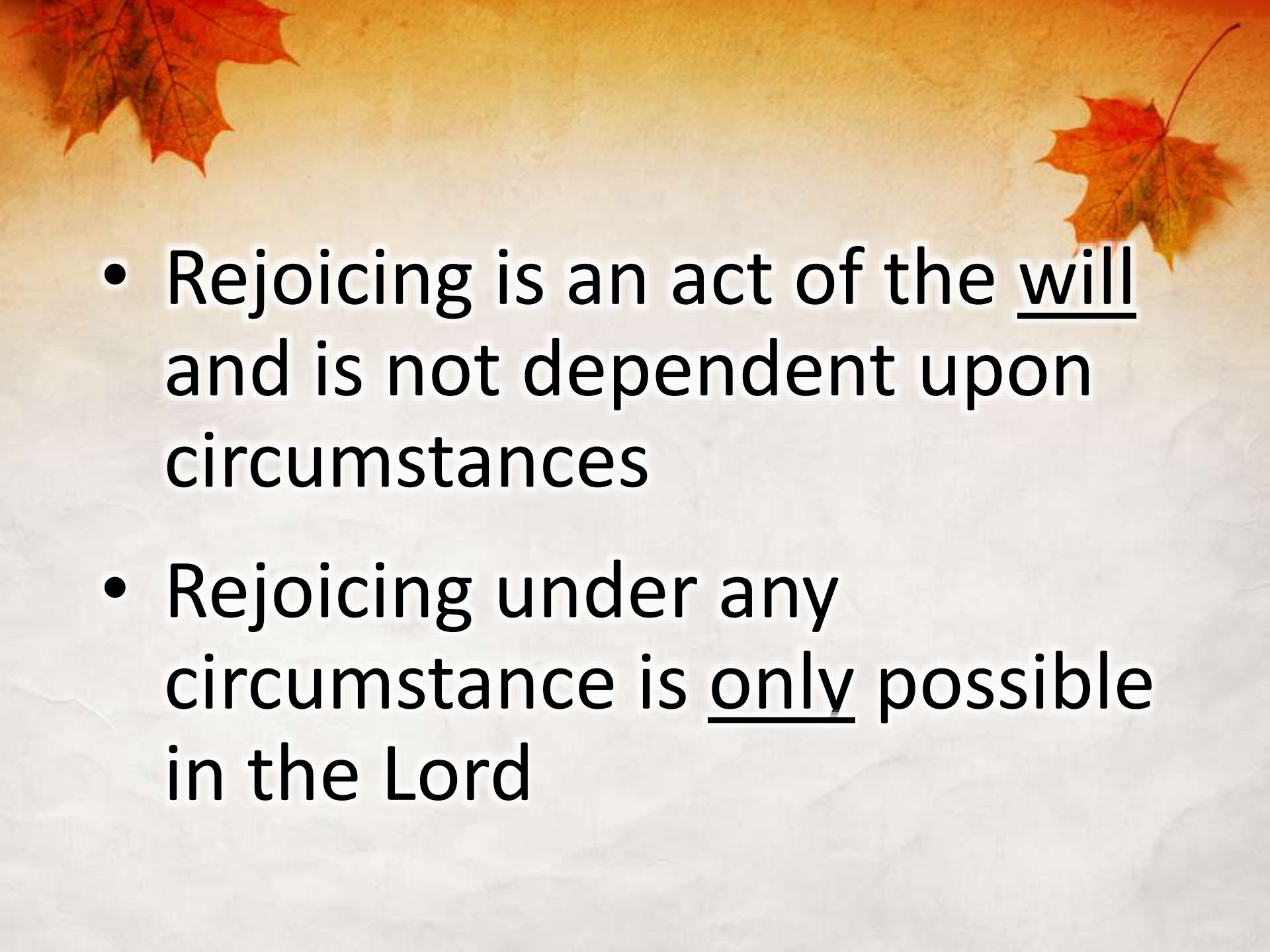
Main Idea

Since we are the people of God, the willful giving of thanks must flow from hearts that are immersed in God's presence regardless of circumstances!




1. The Required Command (v. 4)



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- Rejoicing is an act of the will and is not dependent upon circumstances
 - Rejoicing under any circumstance is only possible in the Lord

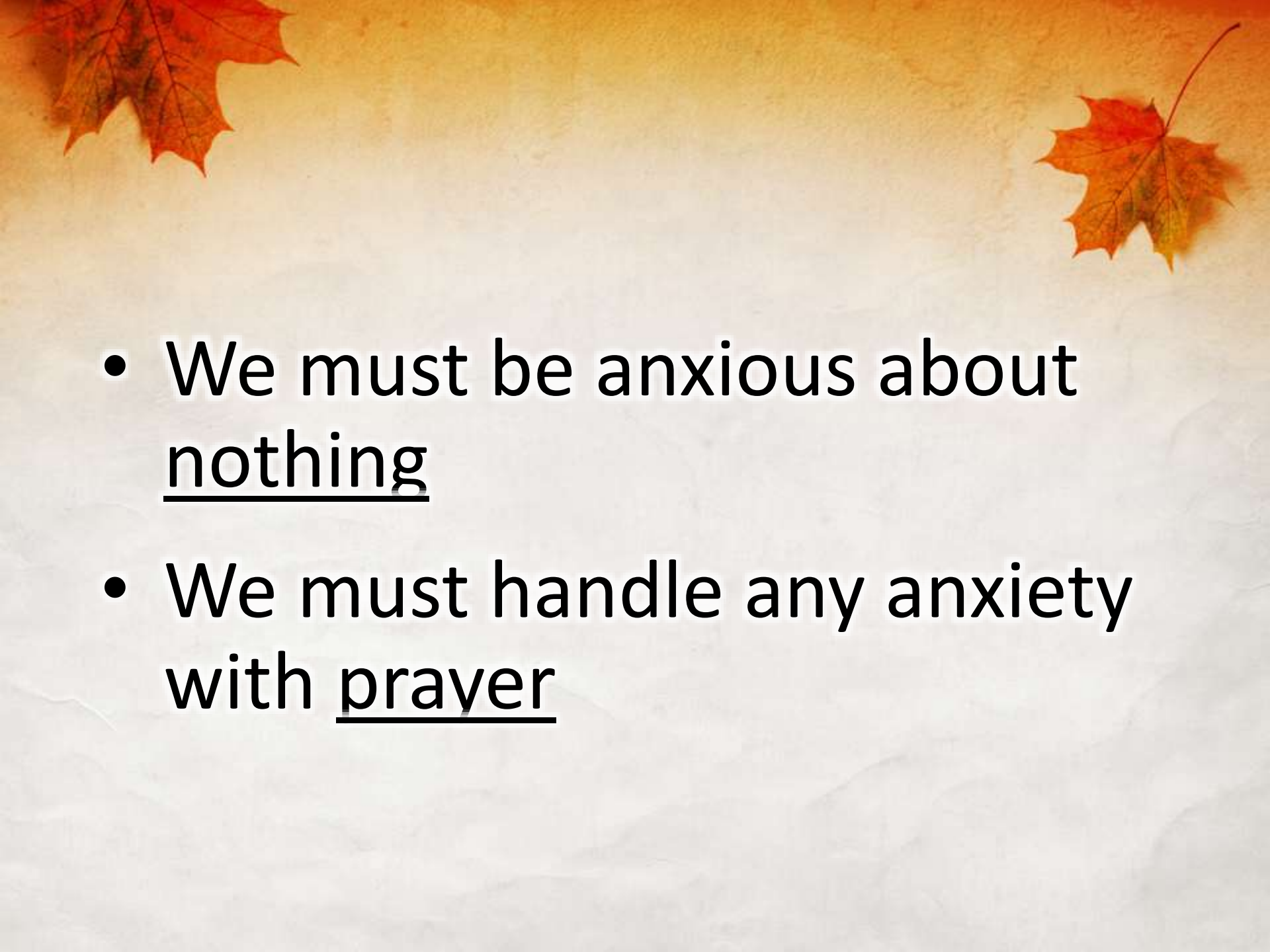
2. The Reasonable Display (v. 5)



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- We are to be seasoned displays of God's faithfulness
 - We are to be motivated by the Lord's presence, and soon return

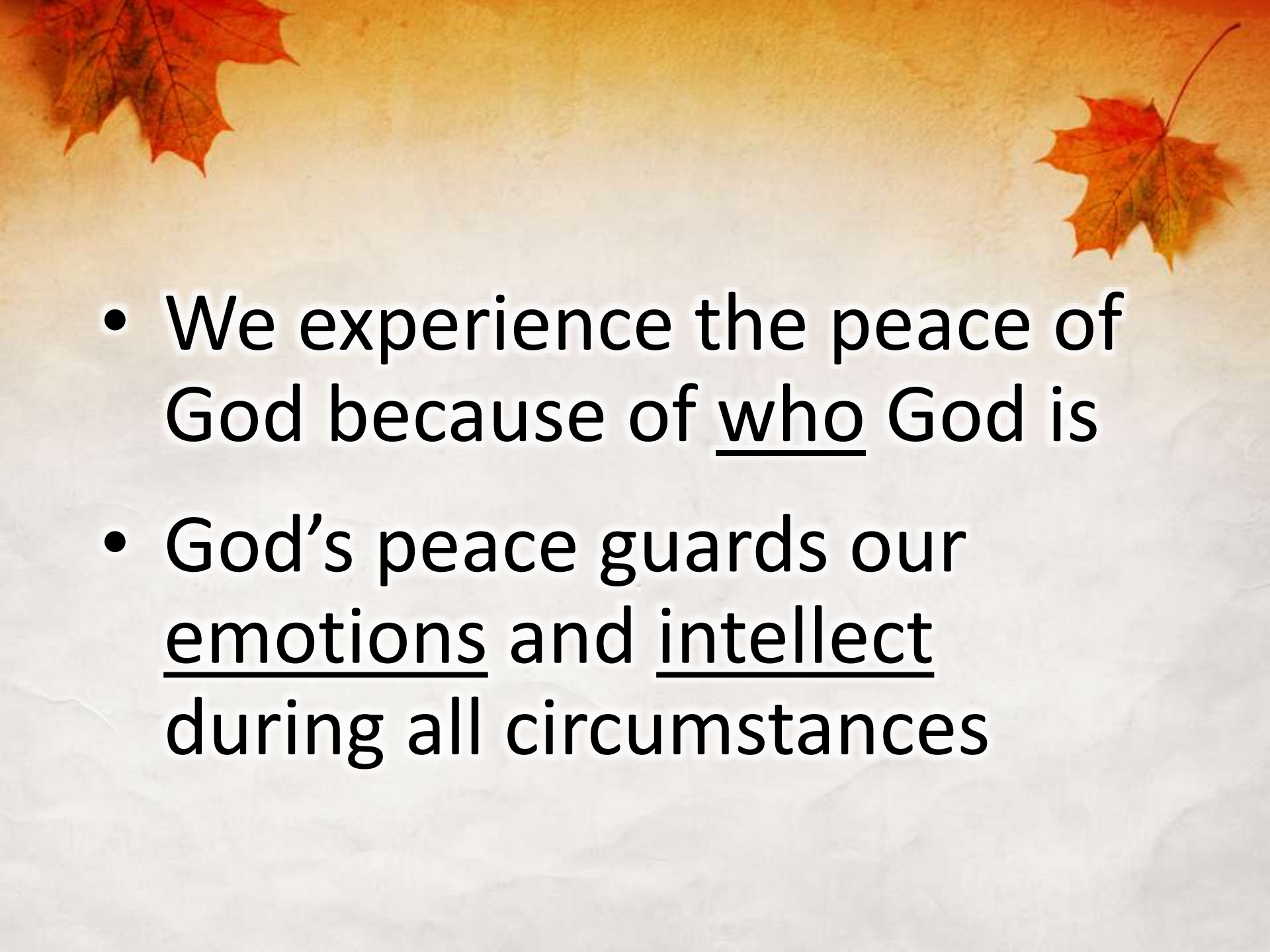
3. The Request Needed (v. 6)



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- We must be anxious about nothing
 - We must handle any anxiety with prayer

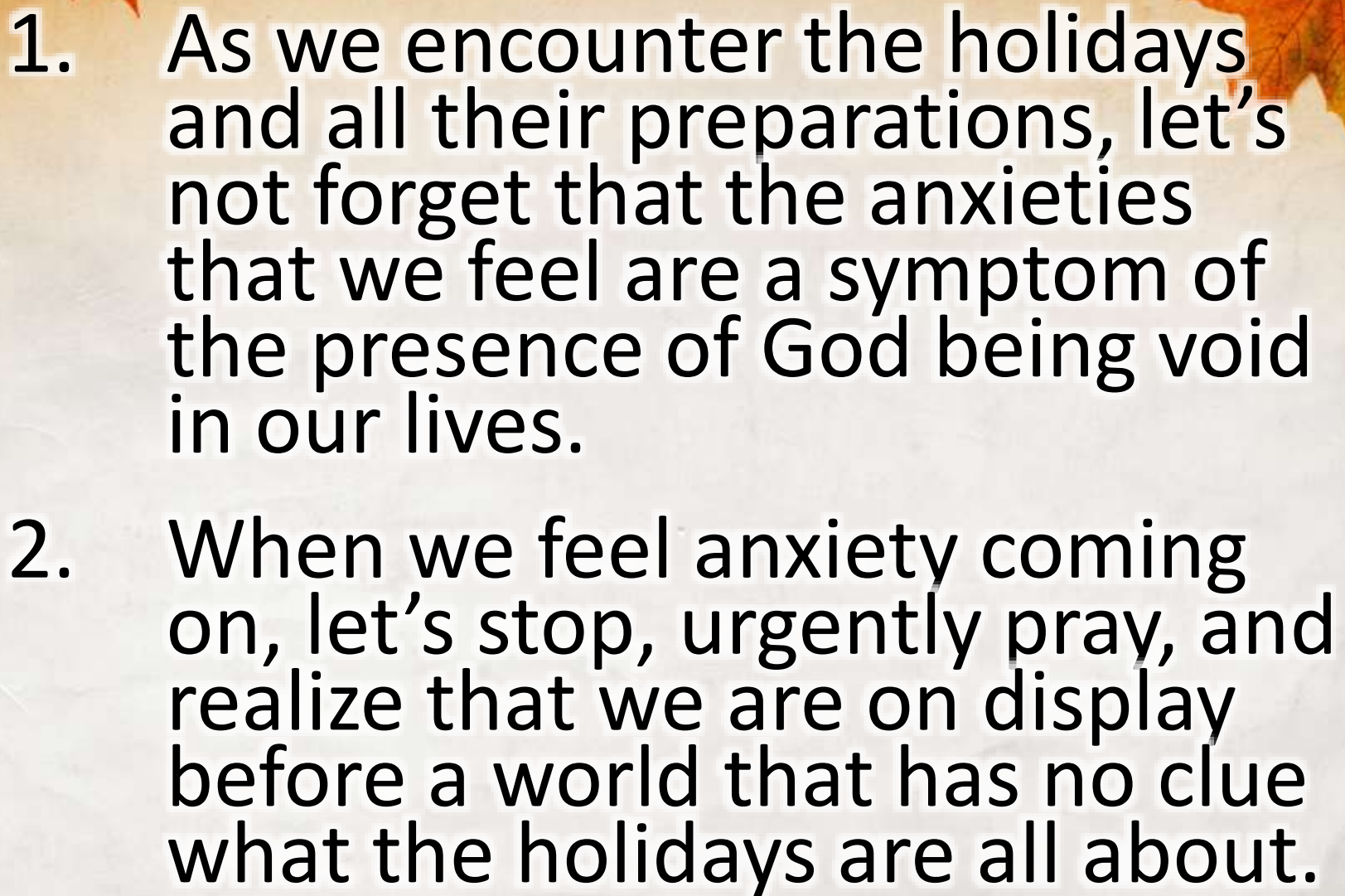
4. The Result Realized (v. 7)



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- We experience the peace of God because of who God is
 - God's peace guards our emotions and intellect during all circumstances

So What?



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1. As we encounter the holidays and all their preparations, let's not forget that the anxieties that we feel are a symptom of the presence of God being void in our lives.
 2. When we feel anxiety coming on, let's stop, urgently pray, and realize that we are on display before a world that has no clue what the holidays are all about.

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