

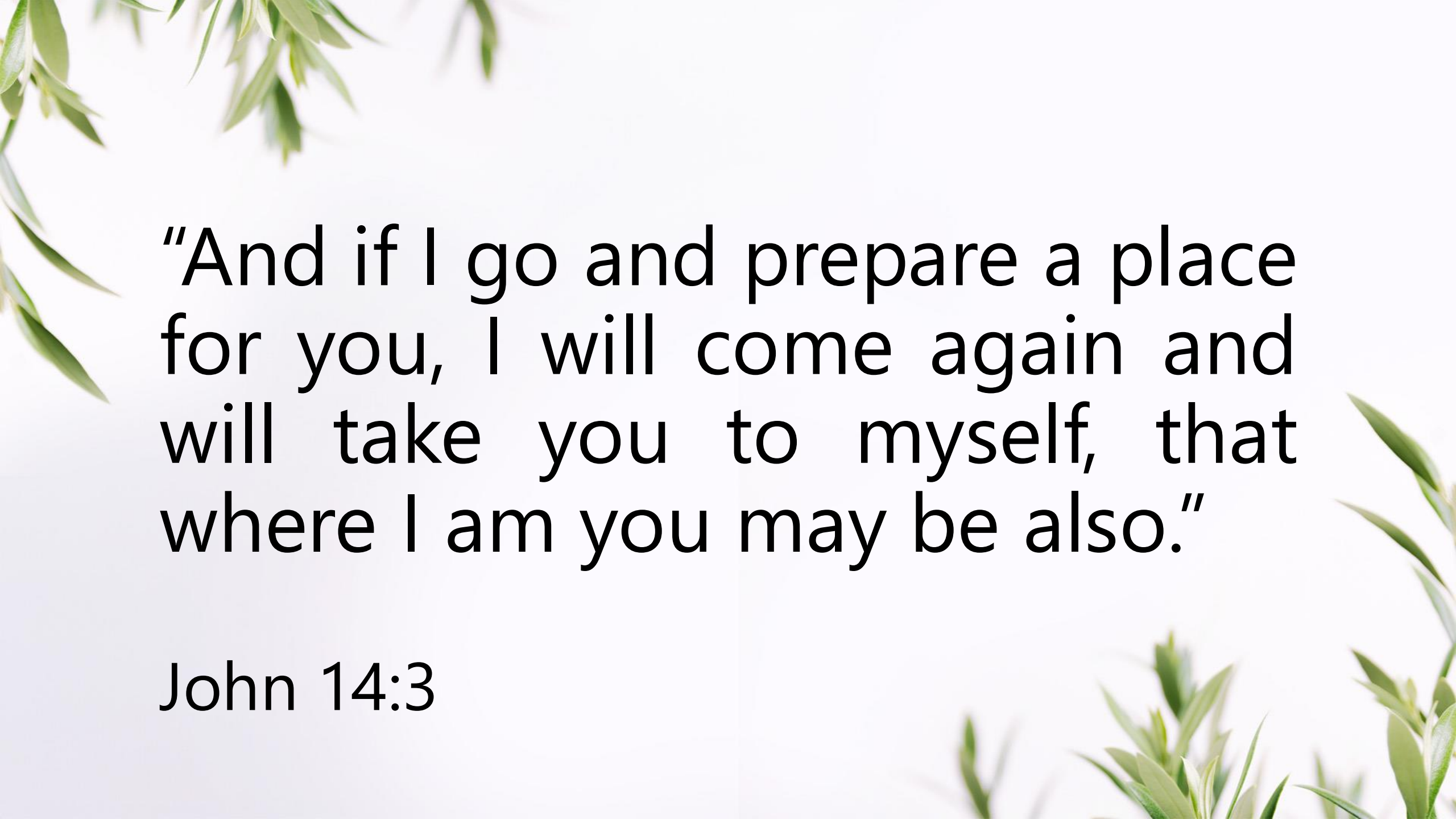
The image features a white background with several olive branches and green leaves framing the text. The word "Hope" is written in a large, black, cursive script. Below it, the words "for the" are in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, followed by "Christmas Blues" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text "Titus 2:11-15" is written in a black, italicized, sans-serif font.

Hope

for the

**Christmas Blues**

*Titus 2:11-15*

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“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

John 14:3




# rapture

*"harpazo"*

*caught up; snatch away; seize*

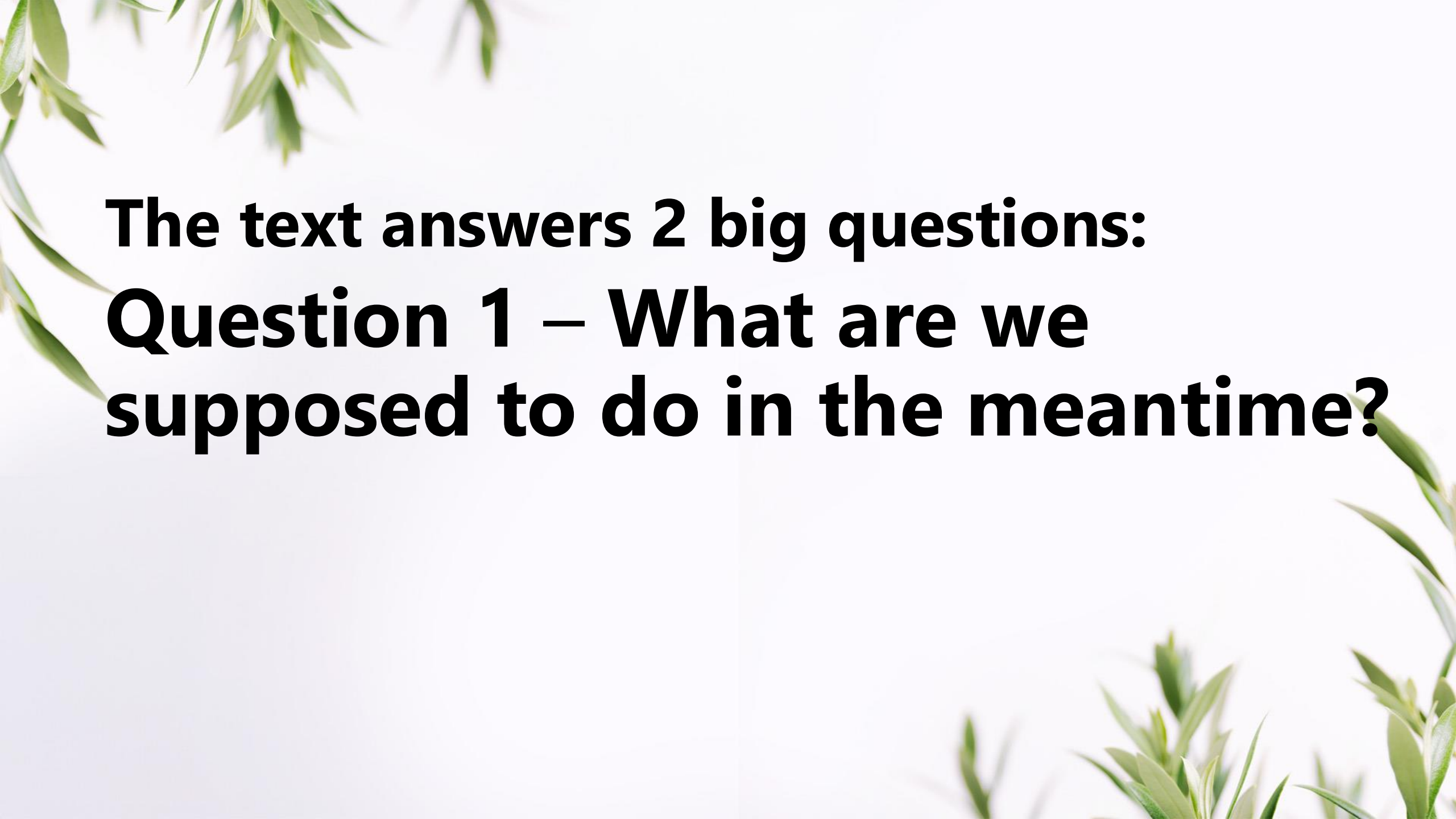
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (\*17)

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“looking for that blessed  
hope and the glorious  
appearing...”

Titus 2:13



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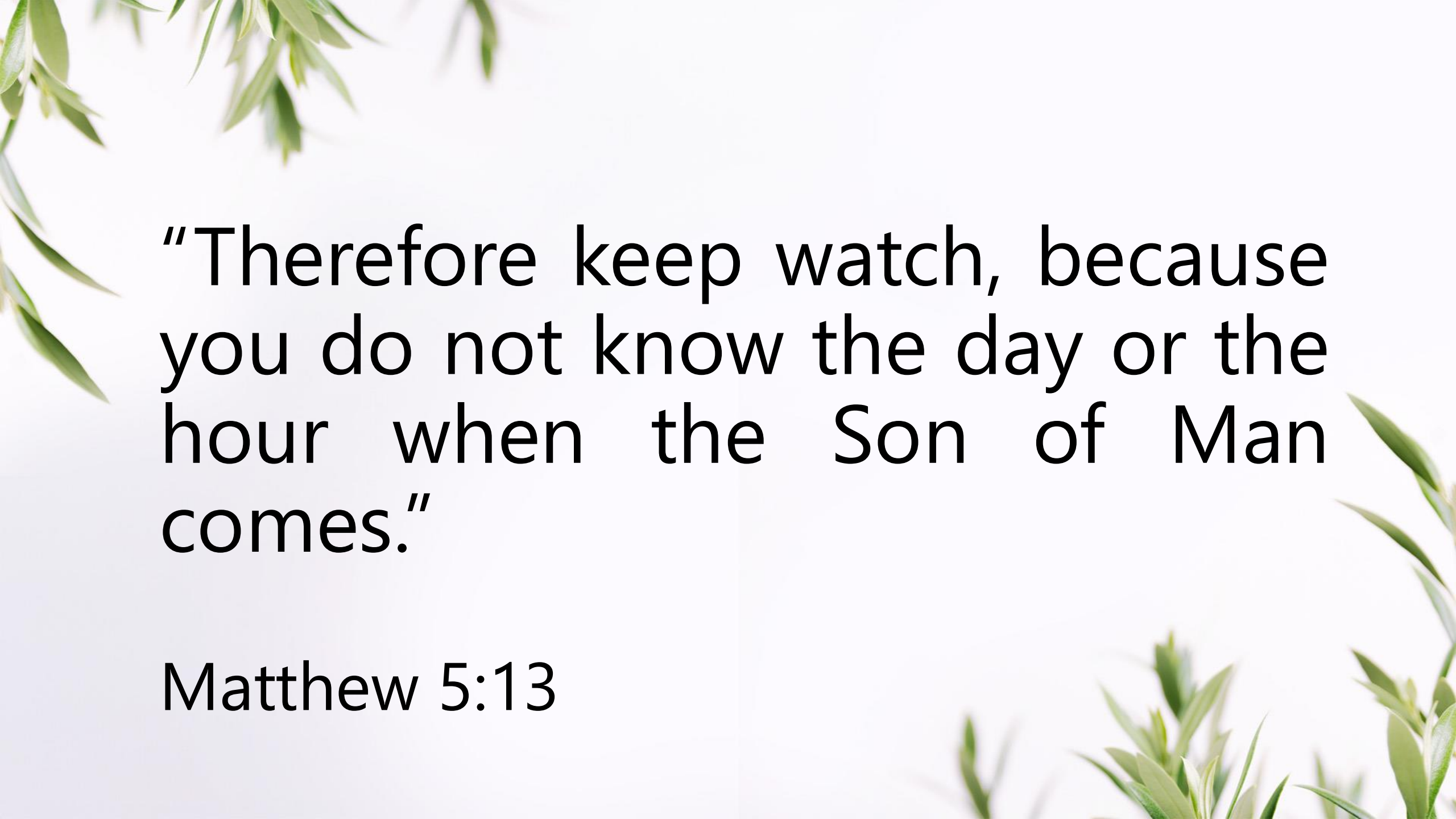
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“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man comes.”

Matthew 5:13



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1. God wants everybody to have a new life, free from the burdens and the weight and the guilt of your sin.

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2. God wants His church and His people to live with a purity that represents His holiness and a life that stands out from the crowd because of it.

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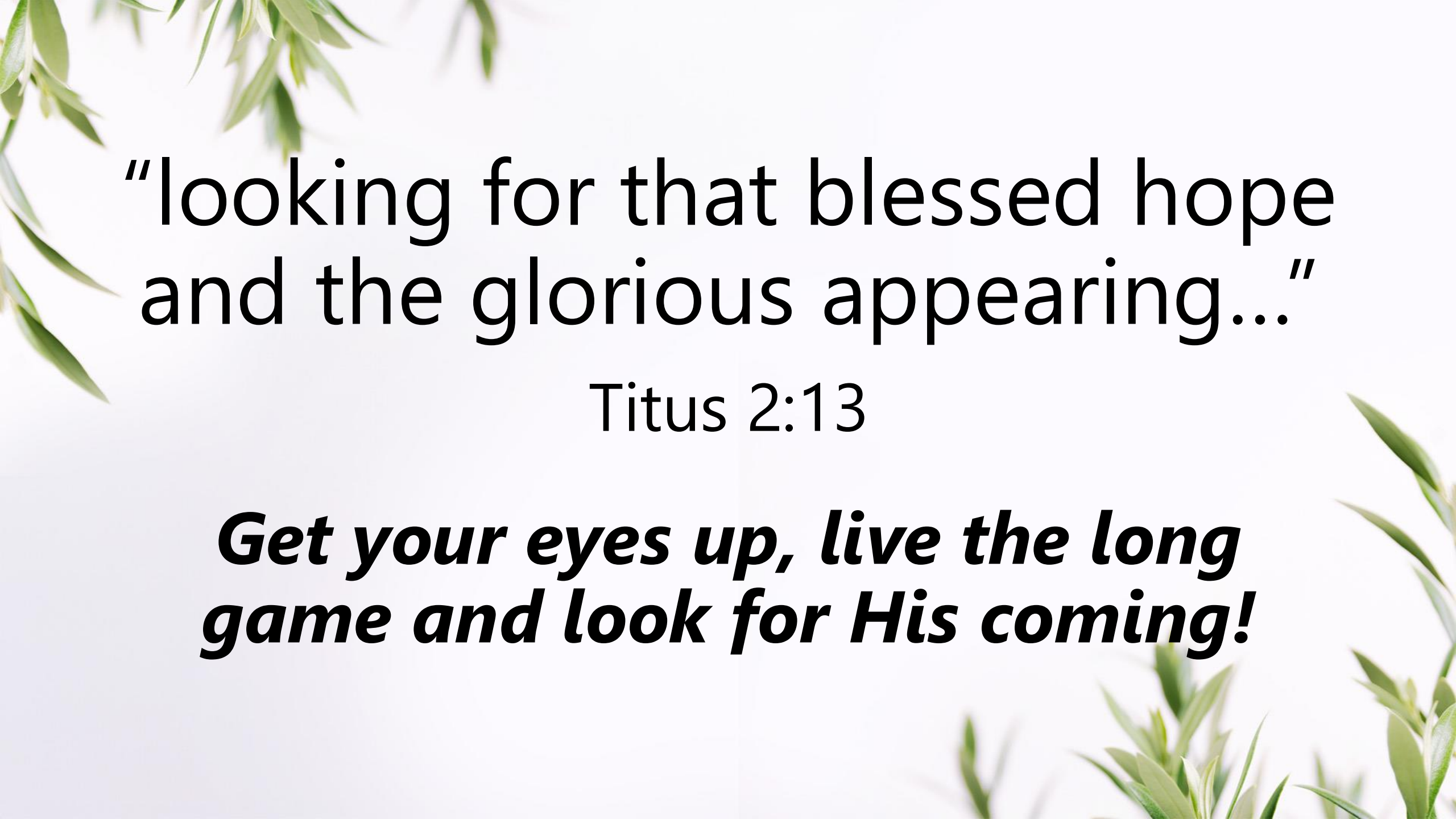
3. God wants His people to passionately pursue compassionate care for our neighbors.



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# *Rootlessness*



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***Get your eyes up, live the long  
game and look for His coming!***