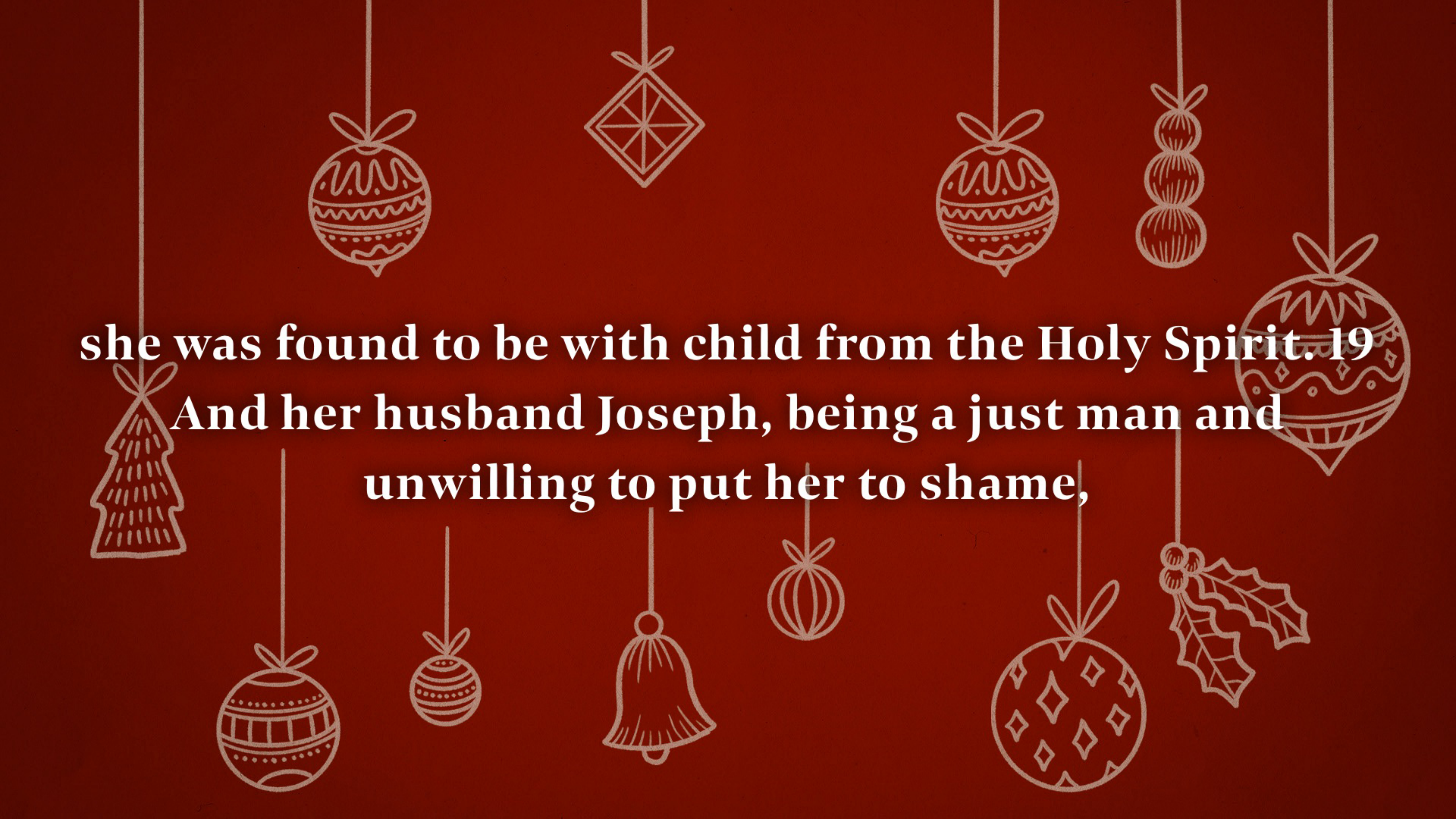
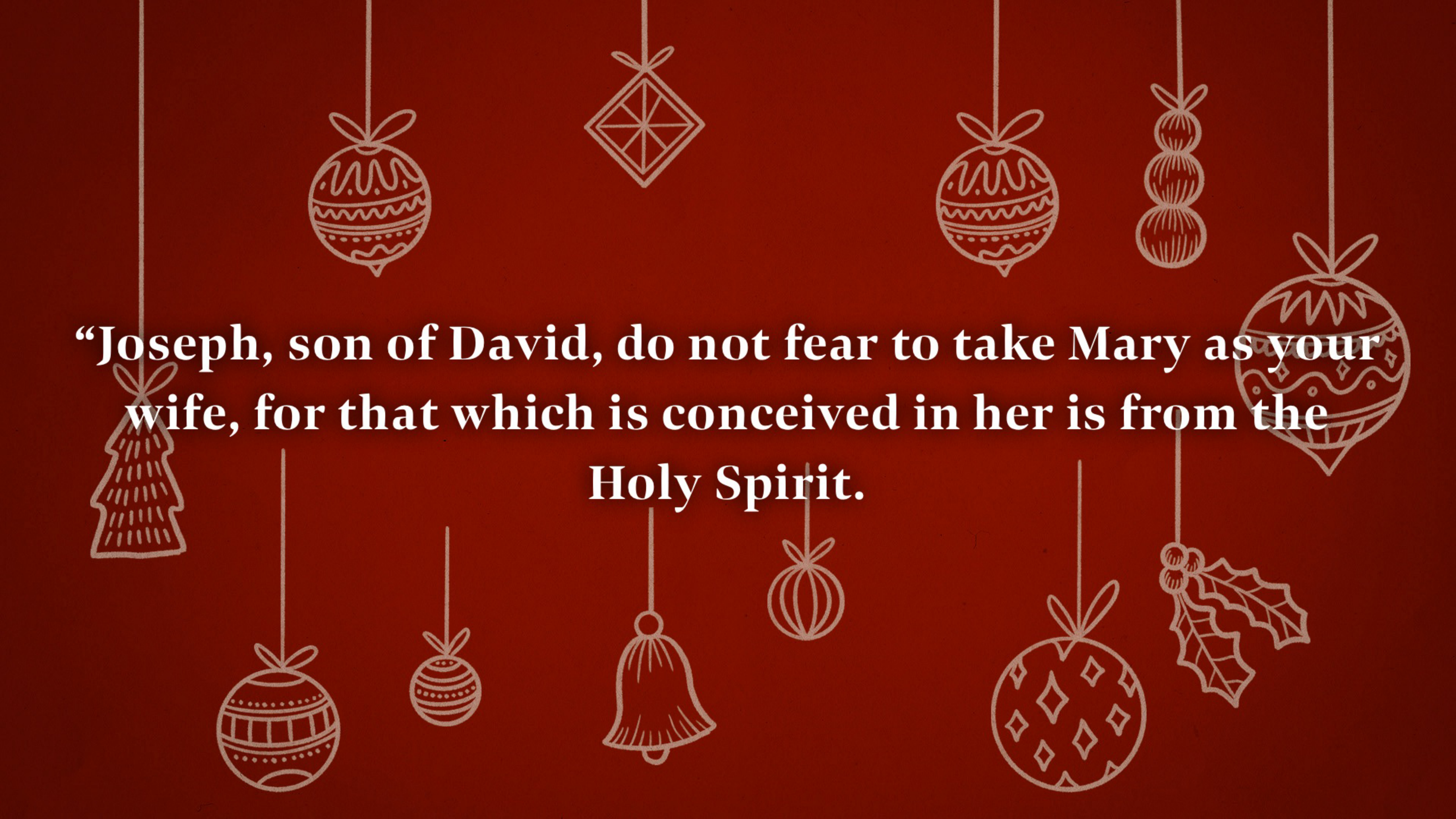


**Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.
When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together**

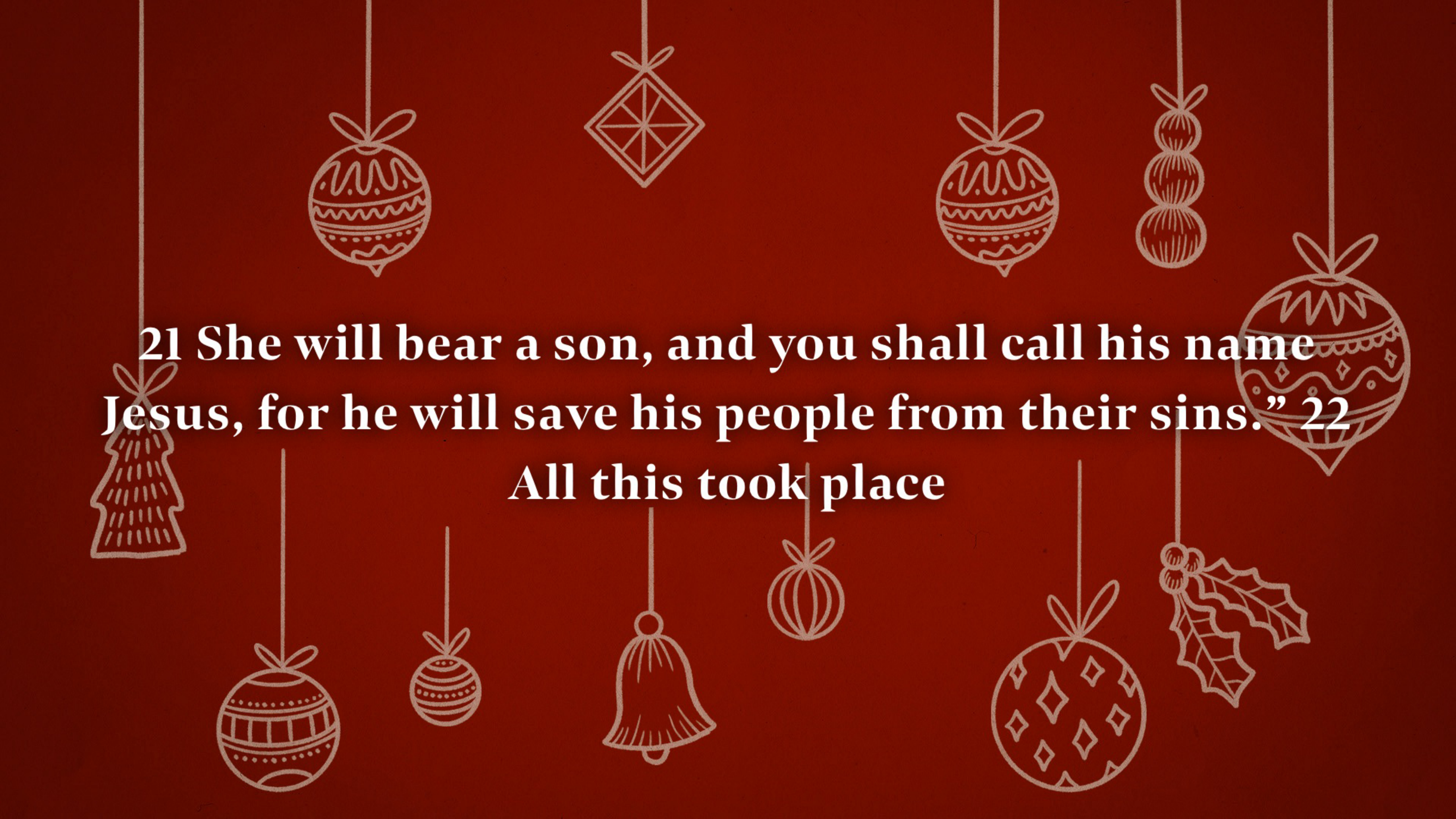


she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19
And her husband Joseph, being a just man and
unwilling to put her to shame,

**resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he
considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream, saying,**

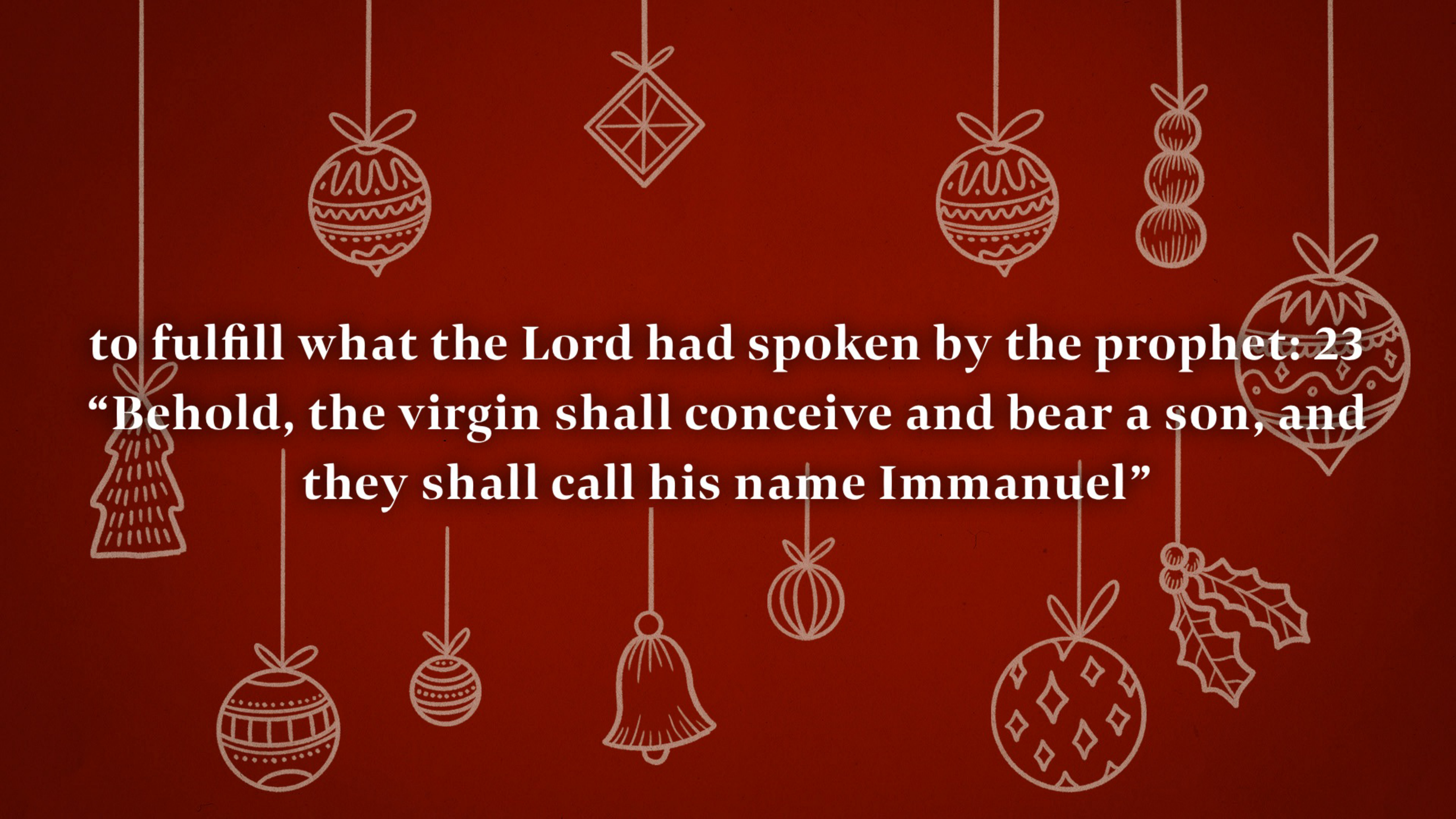


**“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your
wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the
Holy Spirit.”**



**21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22**

All this took place



to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23
“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
they shall call his name Immanuel”

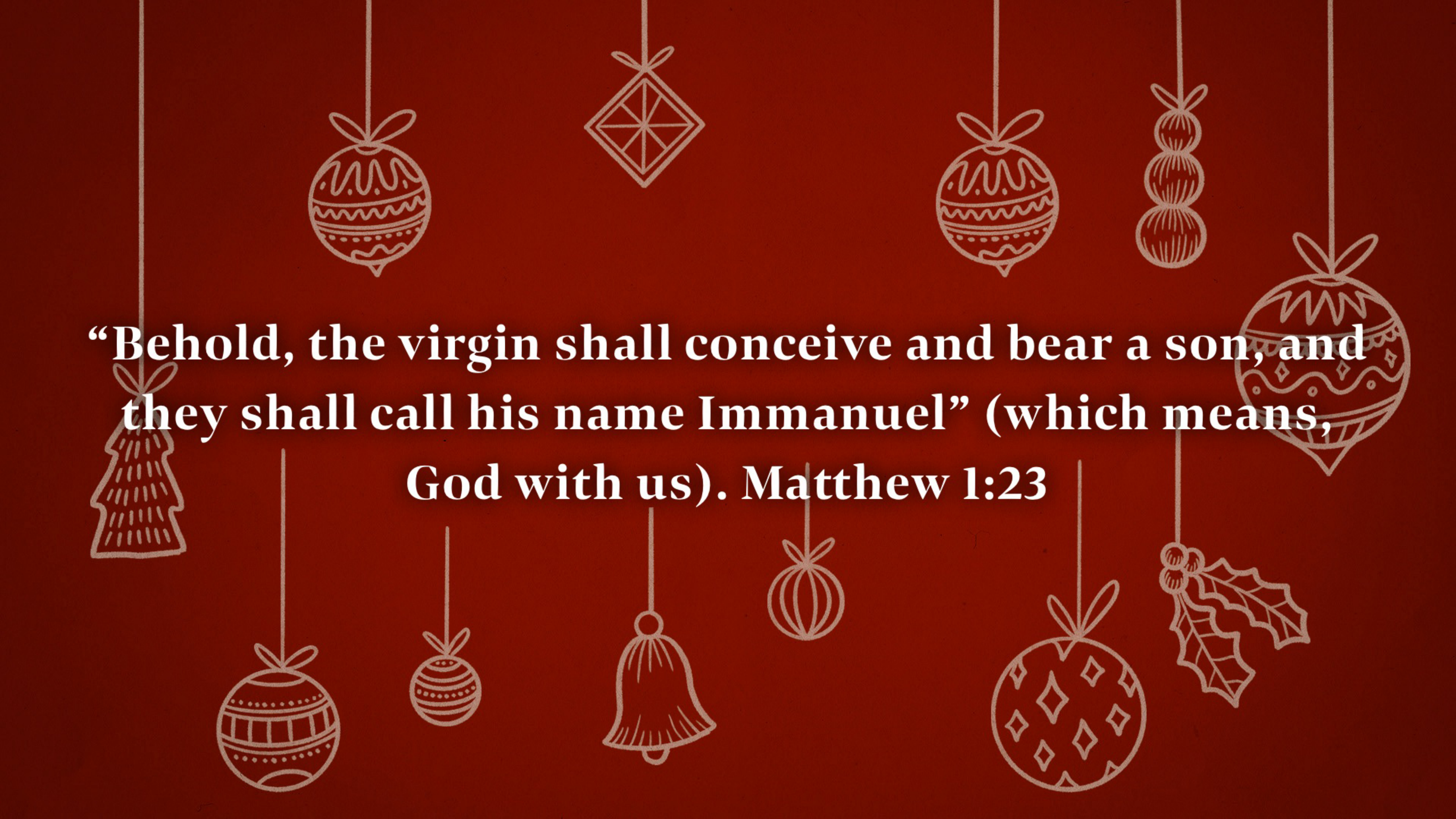
**(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke
from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded
him: he took his wife,**



25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son.

And he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25



**“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means,
God with us). Matthew 1:23**



1) Jesus relates to everything we experience.



**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses,**



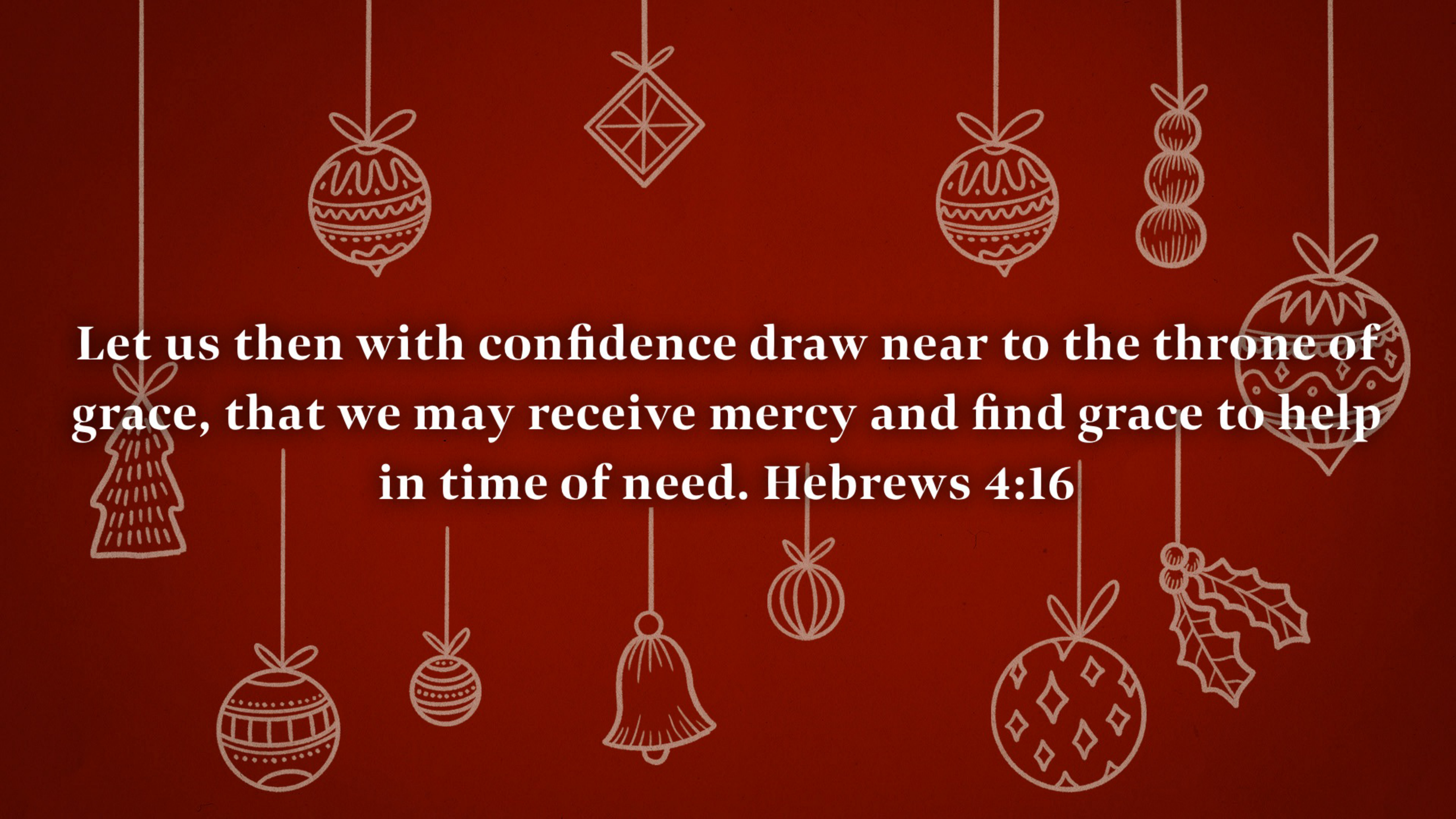
**but one who in every respect has been tempted as we
are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15**



Jesus has felt everything you feel.




2) Jesus intercedes for us.



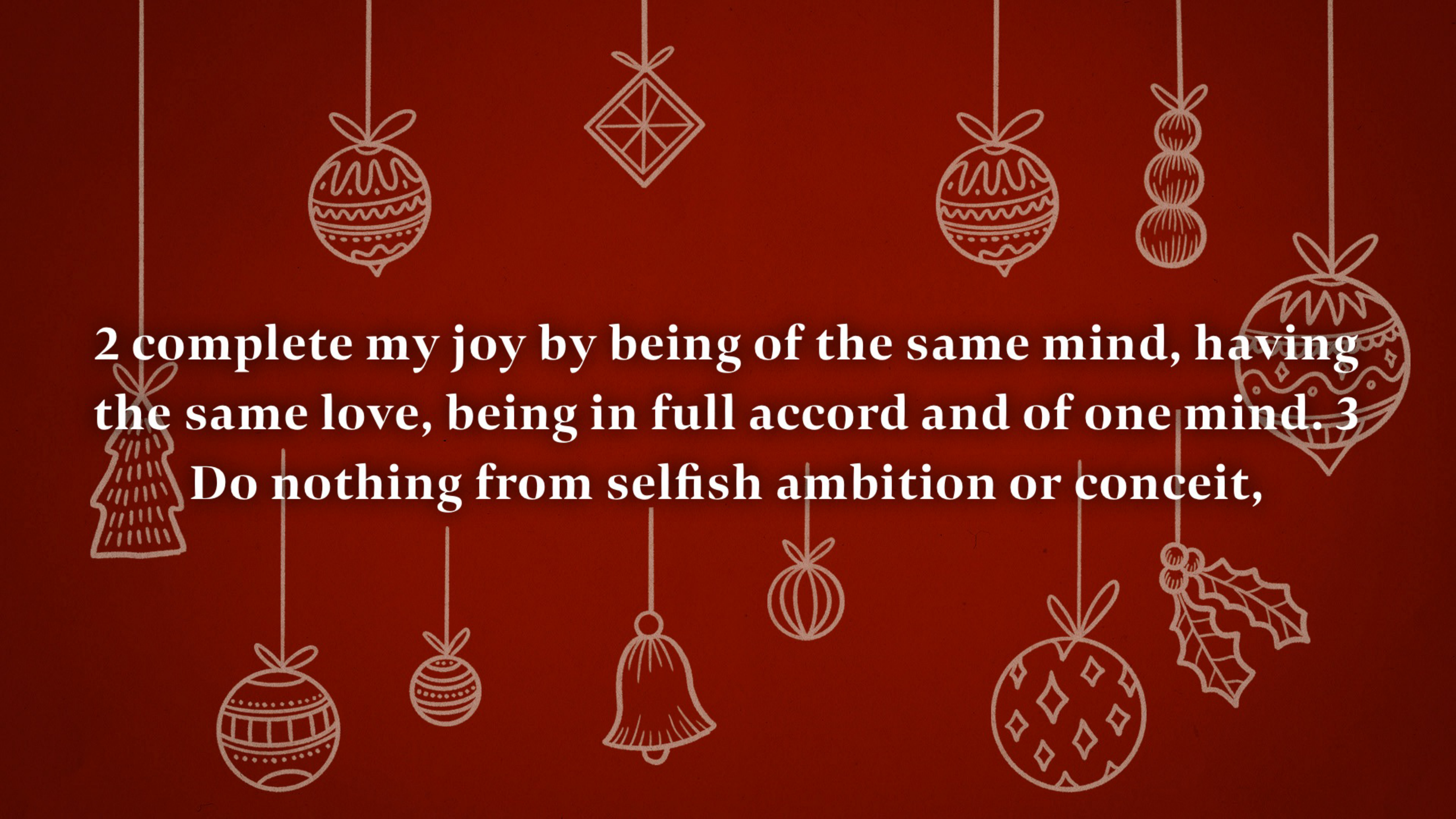
**Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of
grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. Hebrews 4:16**



3) Jesus is our role model.



**So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any
comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any
affection and sympathy,**



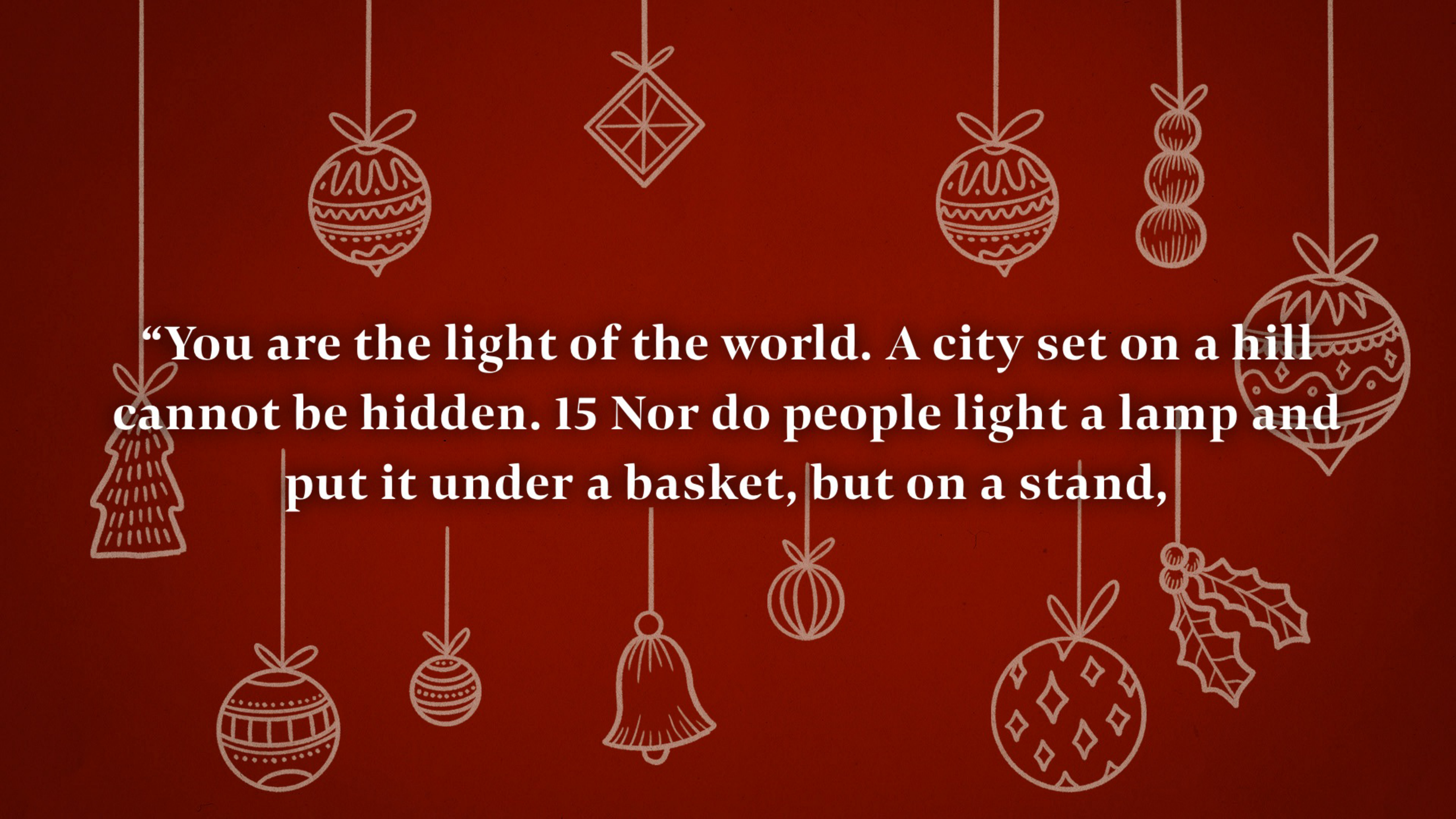
**2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having
the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,**

**but in humility count others more significant than
yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own
interests,**



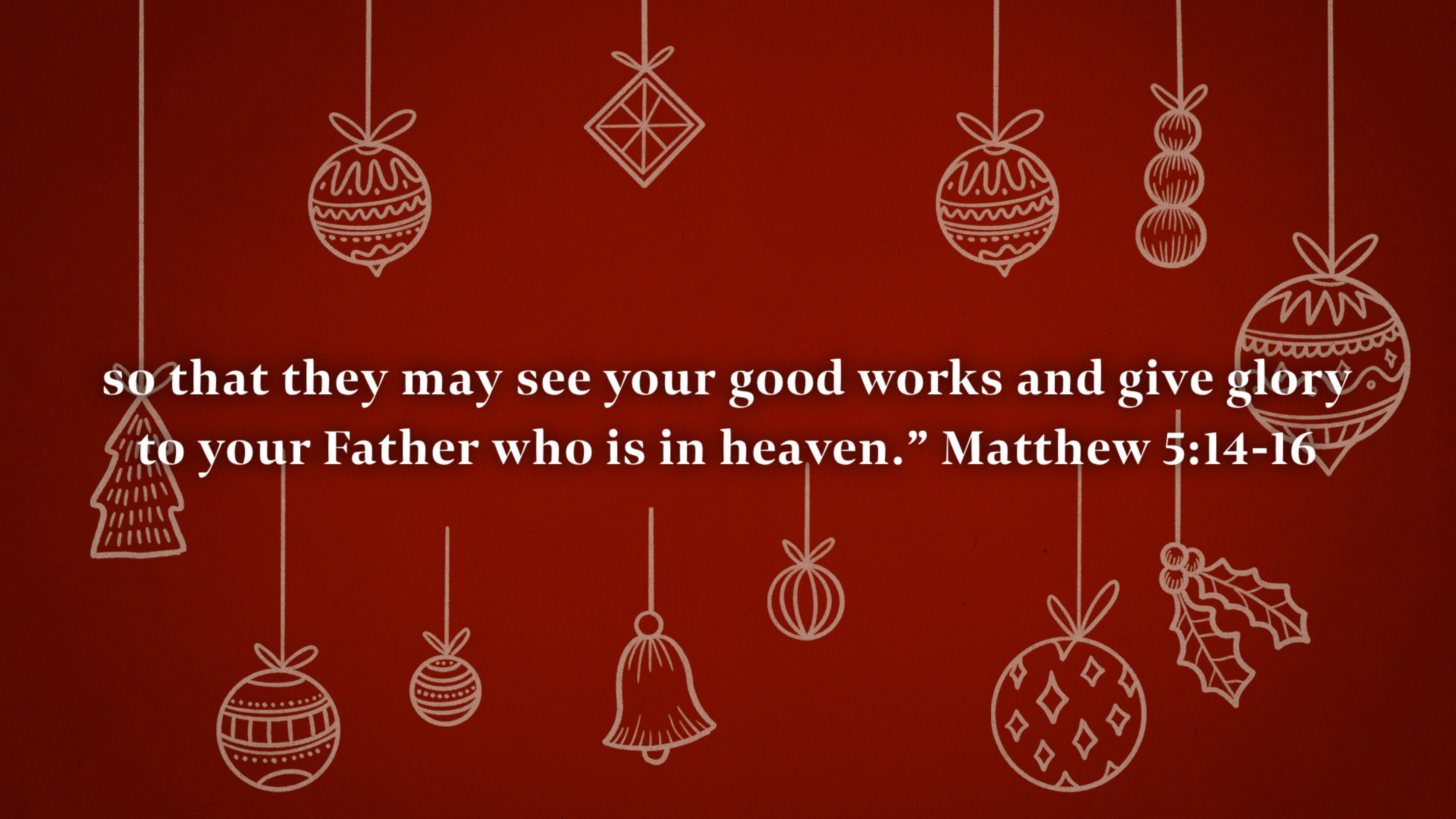
**but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind
among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...**

Philippians 2:1-5



**“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill
cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and
put it under a basket, but on a stand,**

and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others,



**so that they may see your good works and give glory
to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16**