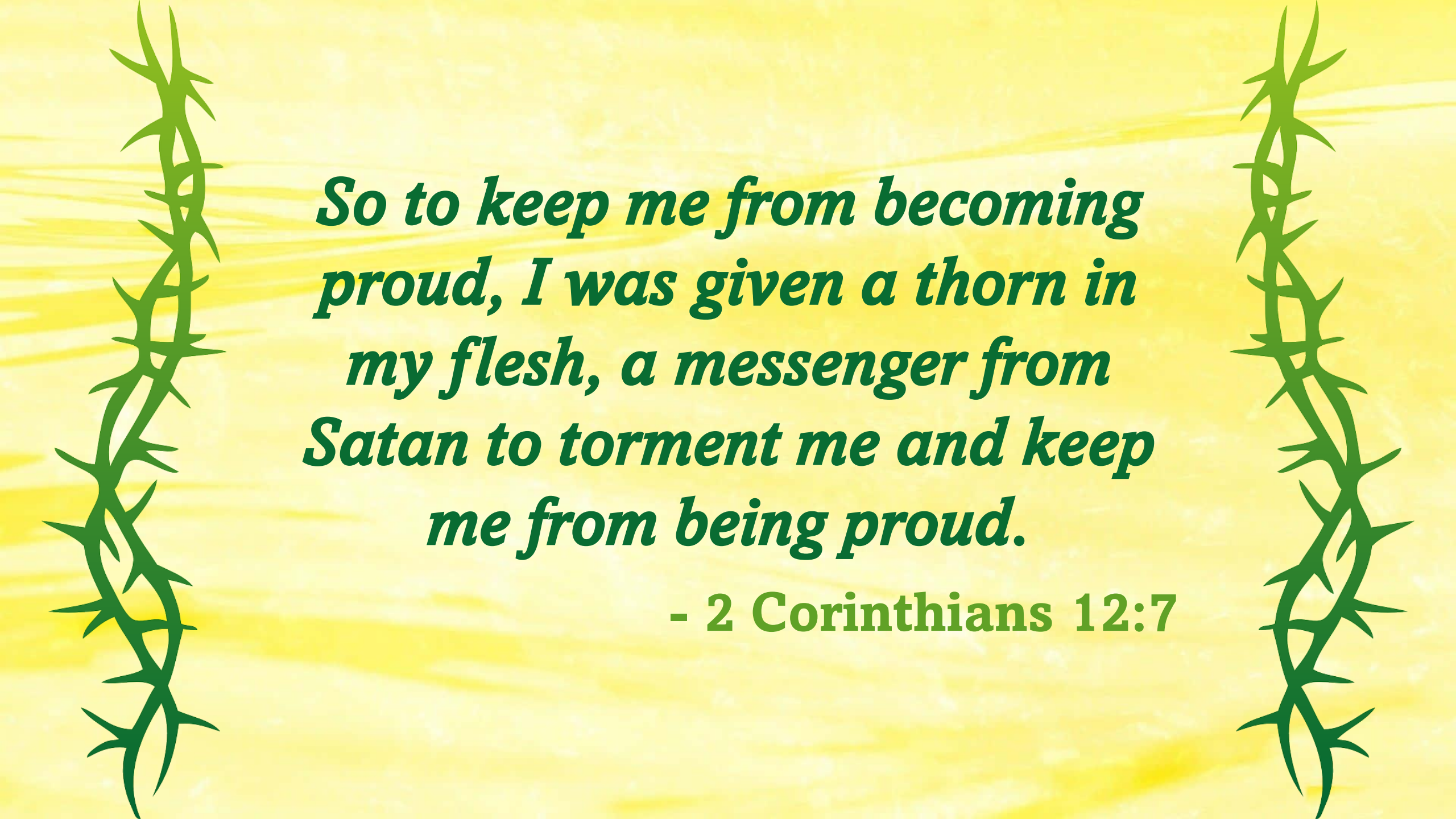


A Thorn In My Side

2 Corinthians 12:1-10



***So to keep me from becoming
proud, I was given a thorn in
my flesh, a messenger from
Satan to torment me and keep
me from being proud.***

- 2 Corinthians 12:7

PRIDE vs HUMILITY

***Pride ends in humiliation,
while humility brings honor.***

- Proverbs 29:23



PRIDE vs HUMILITY

Paul recognized that the answer to the potential of pride in his life was this thorn in his side.



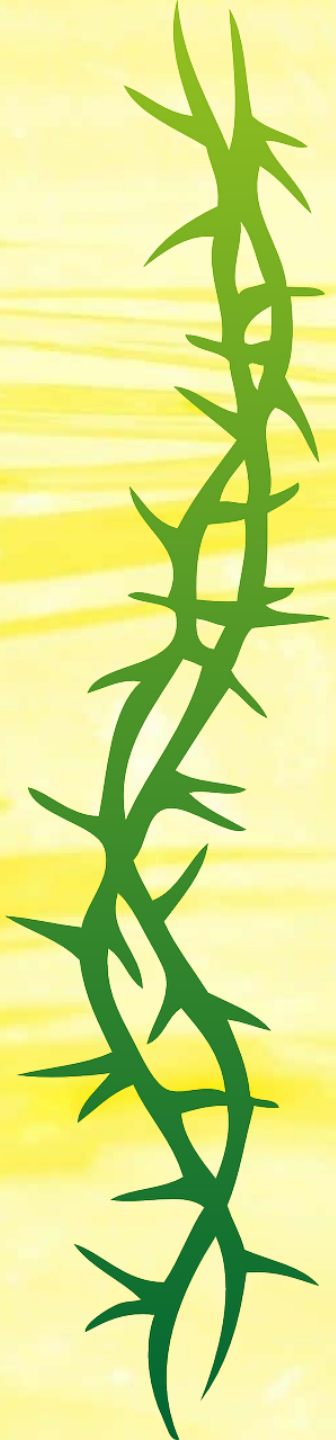
What was this thorn?


Ailment

Temptation

Enemy

**What is
the thorn in
your side?**





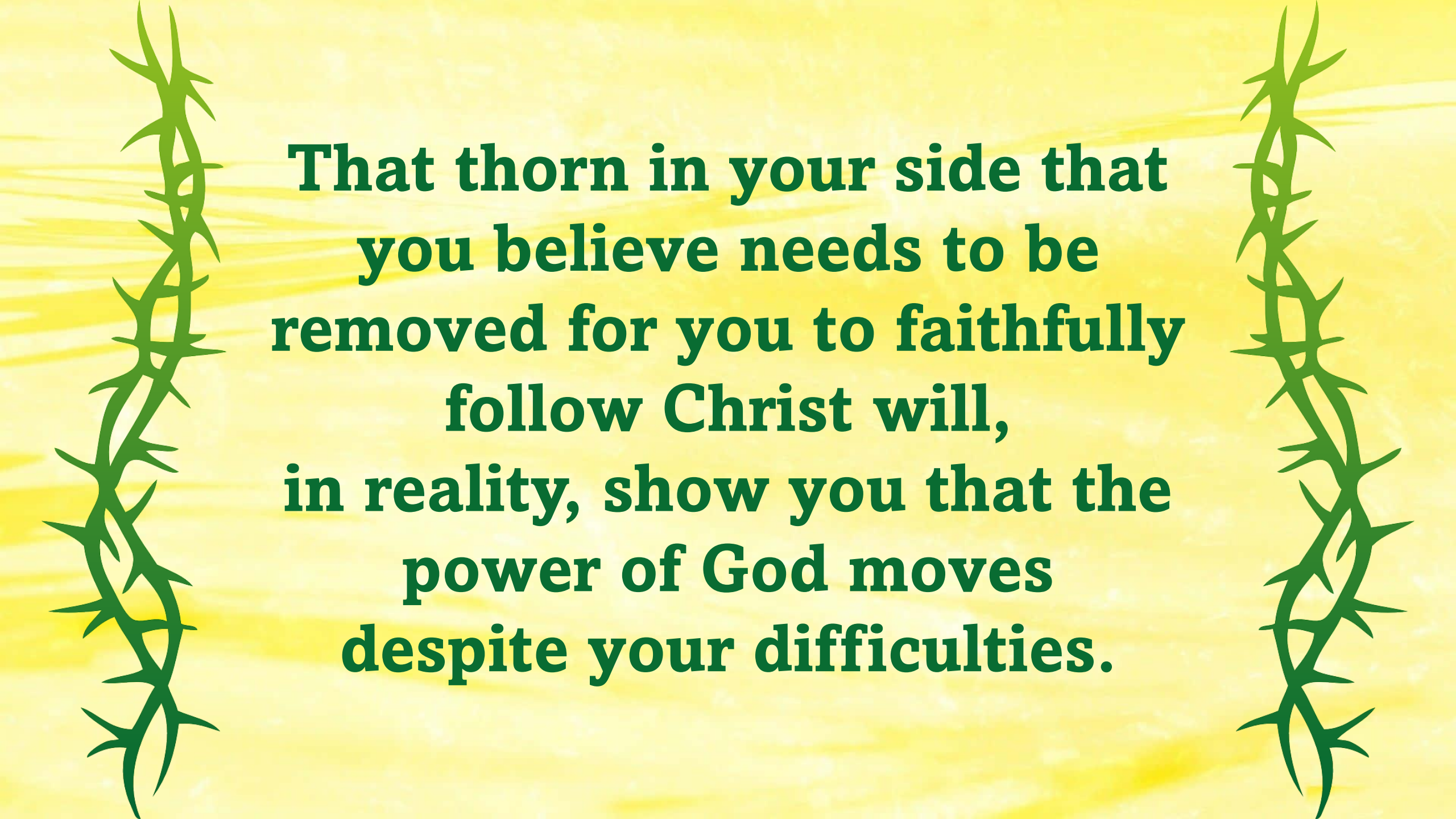
***Three different times I begged
the Lord to take it away.
Each time he said, “My grace
is all you need. My power
works best in weakness.”***

- 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

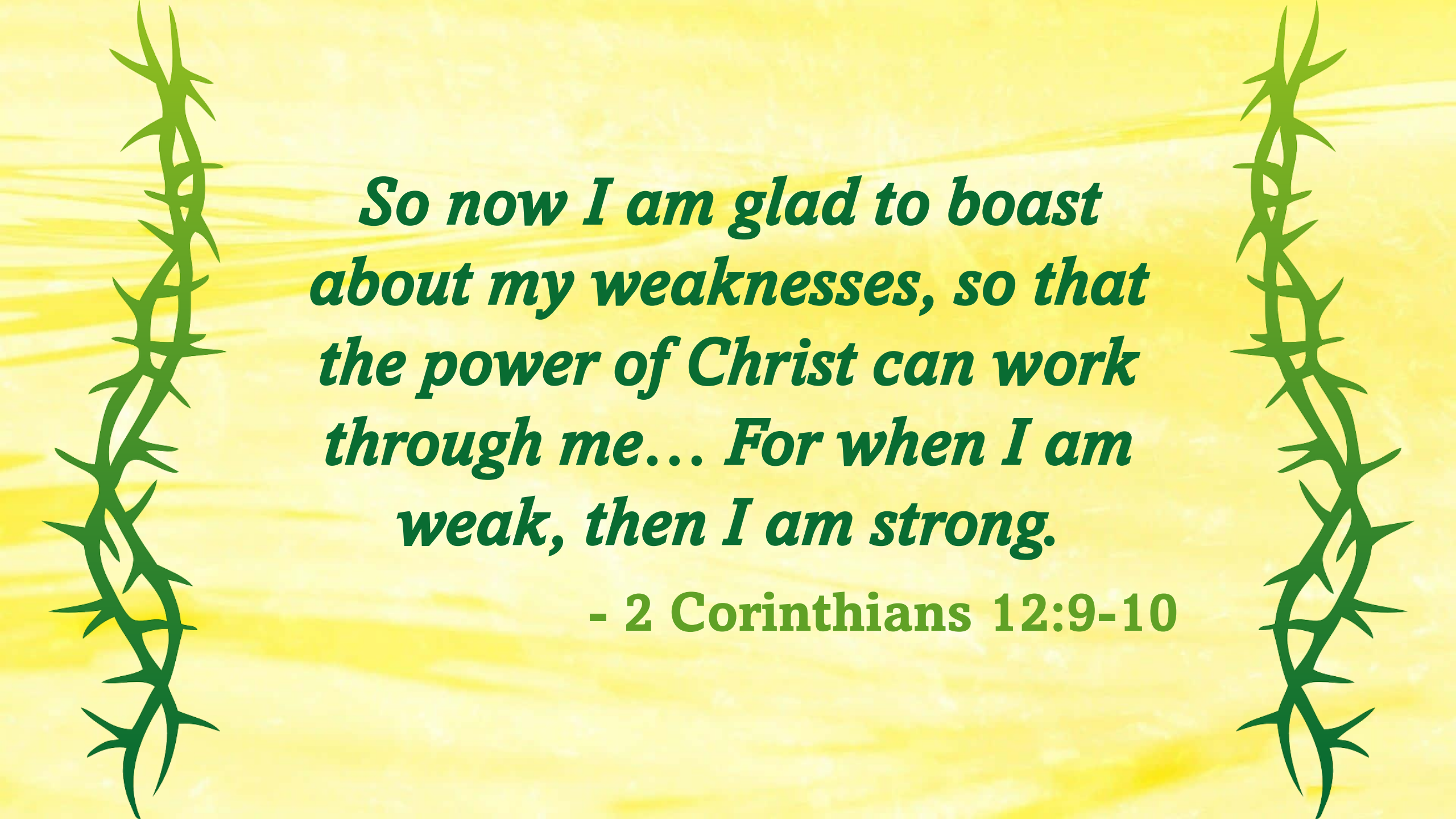


**1. Satan gave
it to him.**

**2. God did not
remove it.**

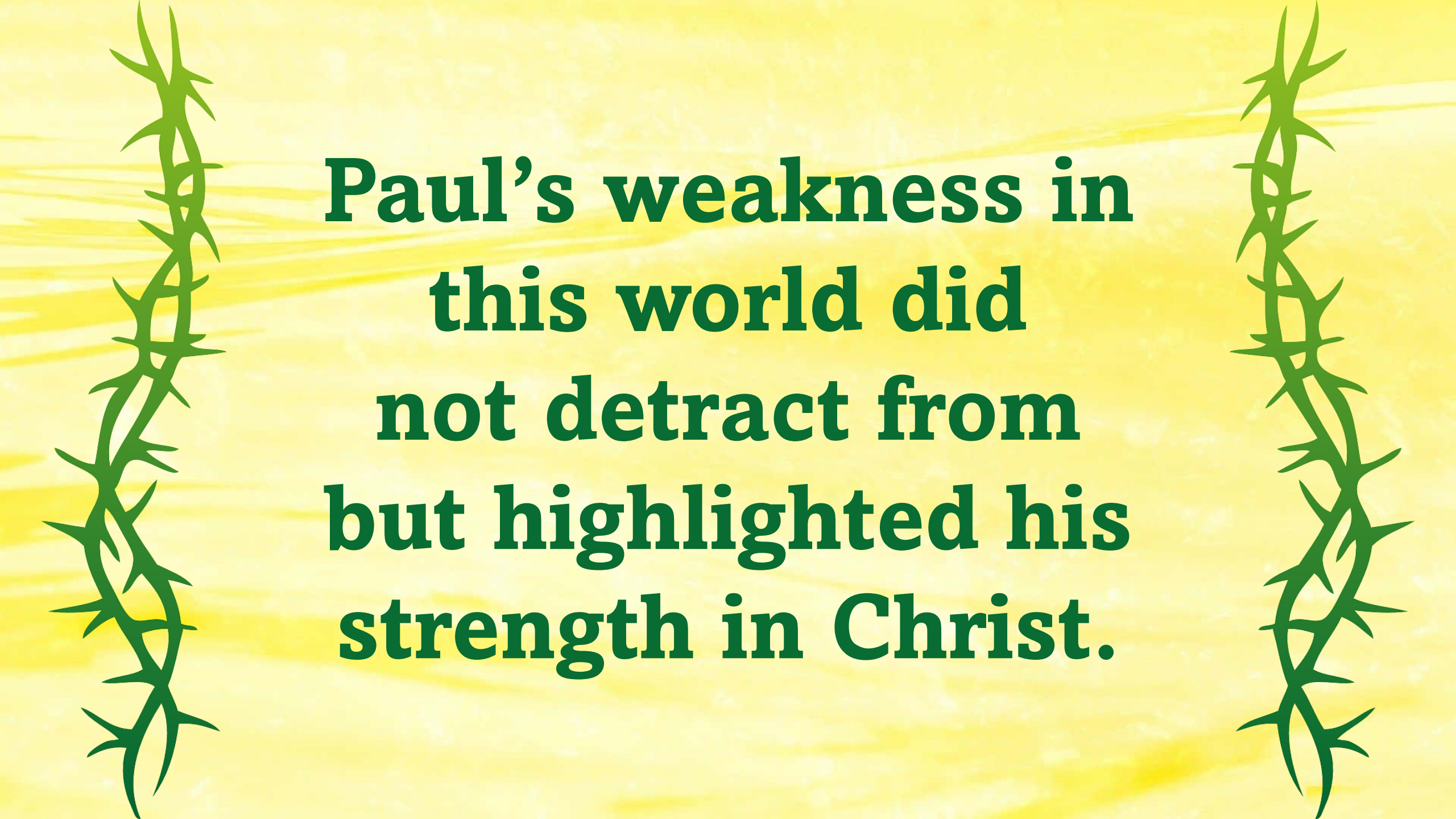


**That thorn in your side that
you believe needs to be
removed for you to faithfully
follow Christ will,
in reality, show you that the
power of God moves
despite your difficulties.**

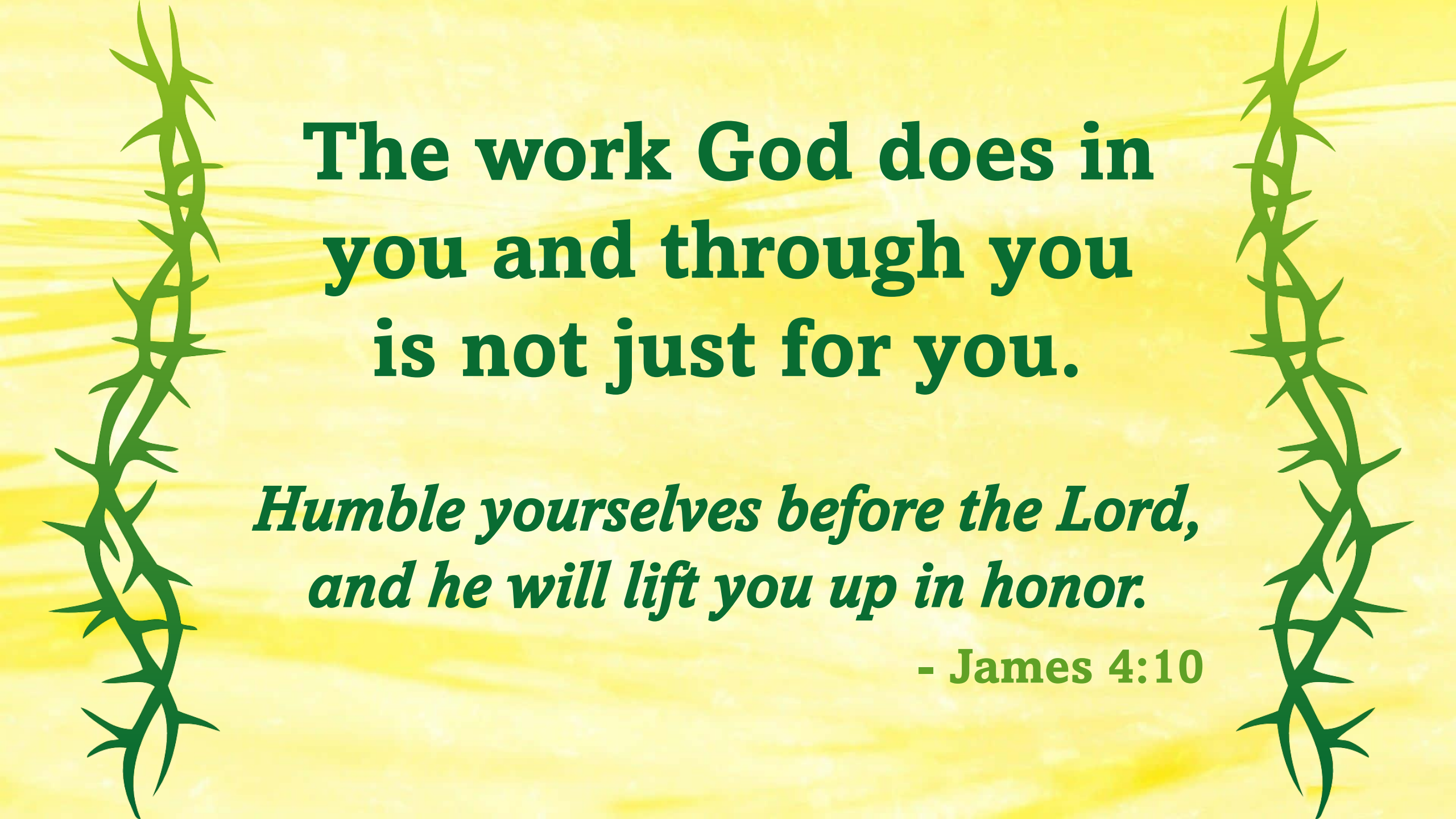


***So now I am glad to boast
about my weaknesses, so that
the power of Christ can work
through me... For when I am
weak, then I am strong.***

- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10



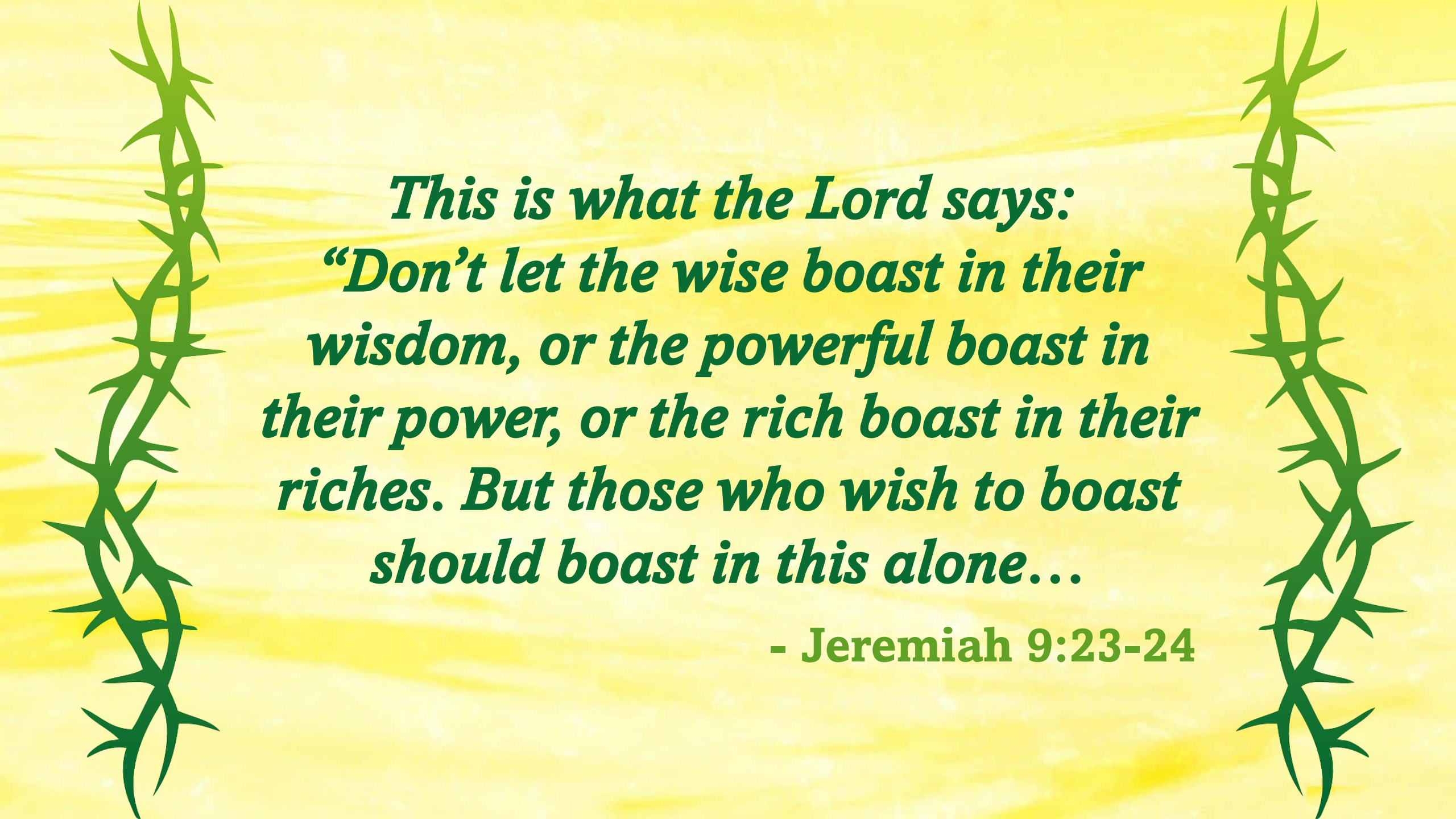
**Paul's weakness in
this world did
not detract from
but highlighted his
strength in Christ.**



**The work God does in
you and through you
is not just for you.**

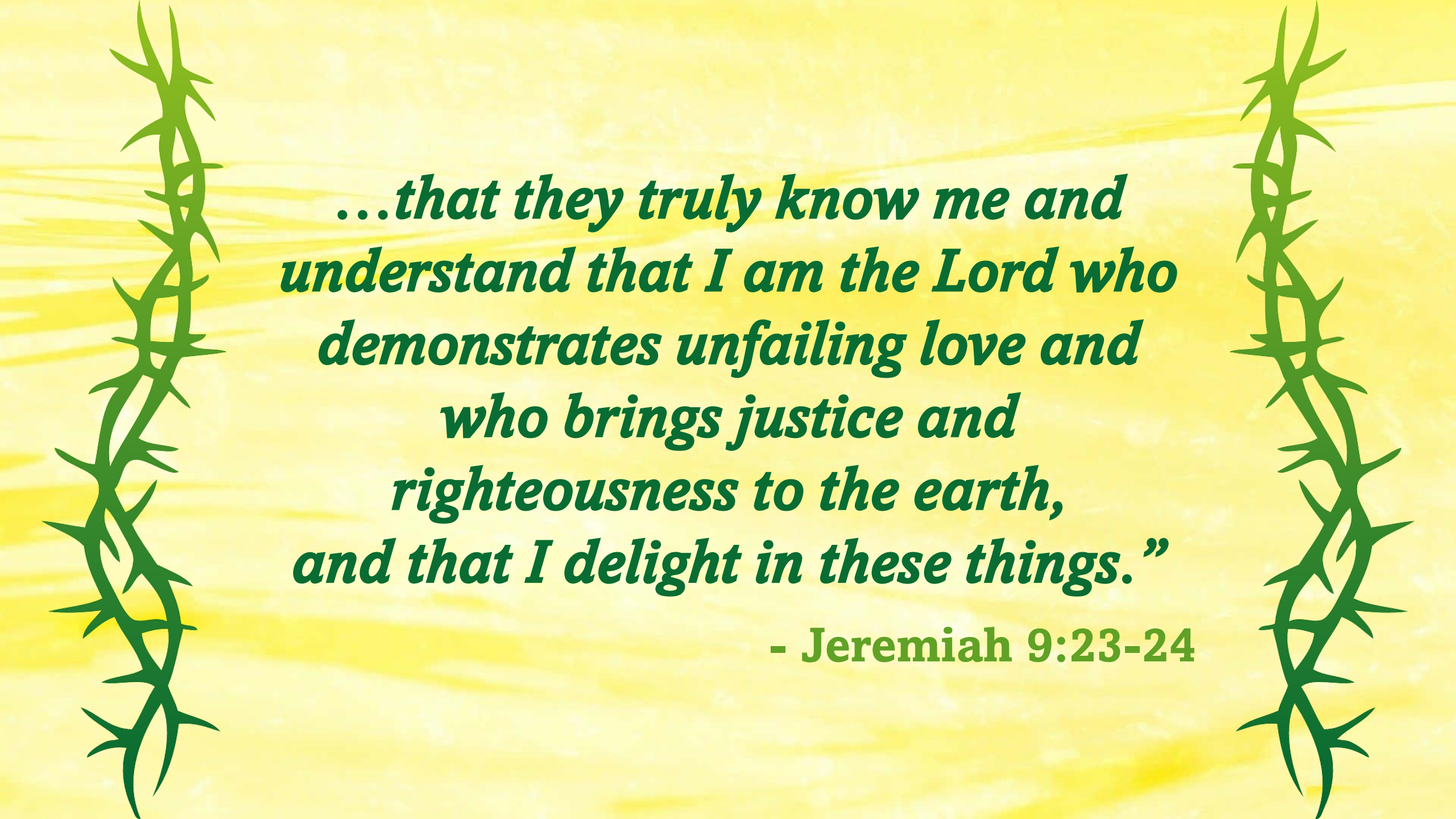
***Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will lift you up in honor.***

- James 4:10



***This is what the Lord says:
“Don’t let the wise boast in their
wisdom, or the powerful boast in
their power, or the rich boast in their
riches. But those who wish to boast
should boast in this alone...***

- Jeremiah 9:23-24



...that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things.”

- Jeremiah 9:23-24

