

A misty forest scene with several trees. The trees are mostly bare, but there are some branches with bright orange autumn leaves. The background is a soft, hazy white, suggesting a foggy or misty day. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

What is Advent?

In the liturgical calendar, the season of Advent is the last four Sundays before Christmas, celebrating the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. The Second Advent is our anticipation of the second coming of Christ.



Remembrance Gratitude & Peace

A Holiday Homily

“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”

Revelation 12:10-11

A misty forest scene with a tree trunk in the foreground and a branch with orange leaves. The background is a soft, hazy white, suggesting a foggy or misty day. The tree trunk is dark brown and textured, while the branch with orange leaves is positioned in the middle ground, adding a touch of color to the otherwise monochromatic scene.

“For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.”

Revelation 19:10



Testimony:

...is the power to remember.

...is to know those who labor among you.

**...is to prophesy that what Jesus did for you/us, He will
do again.**



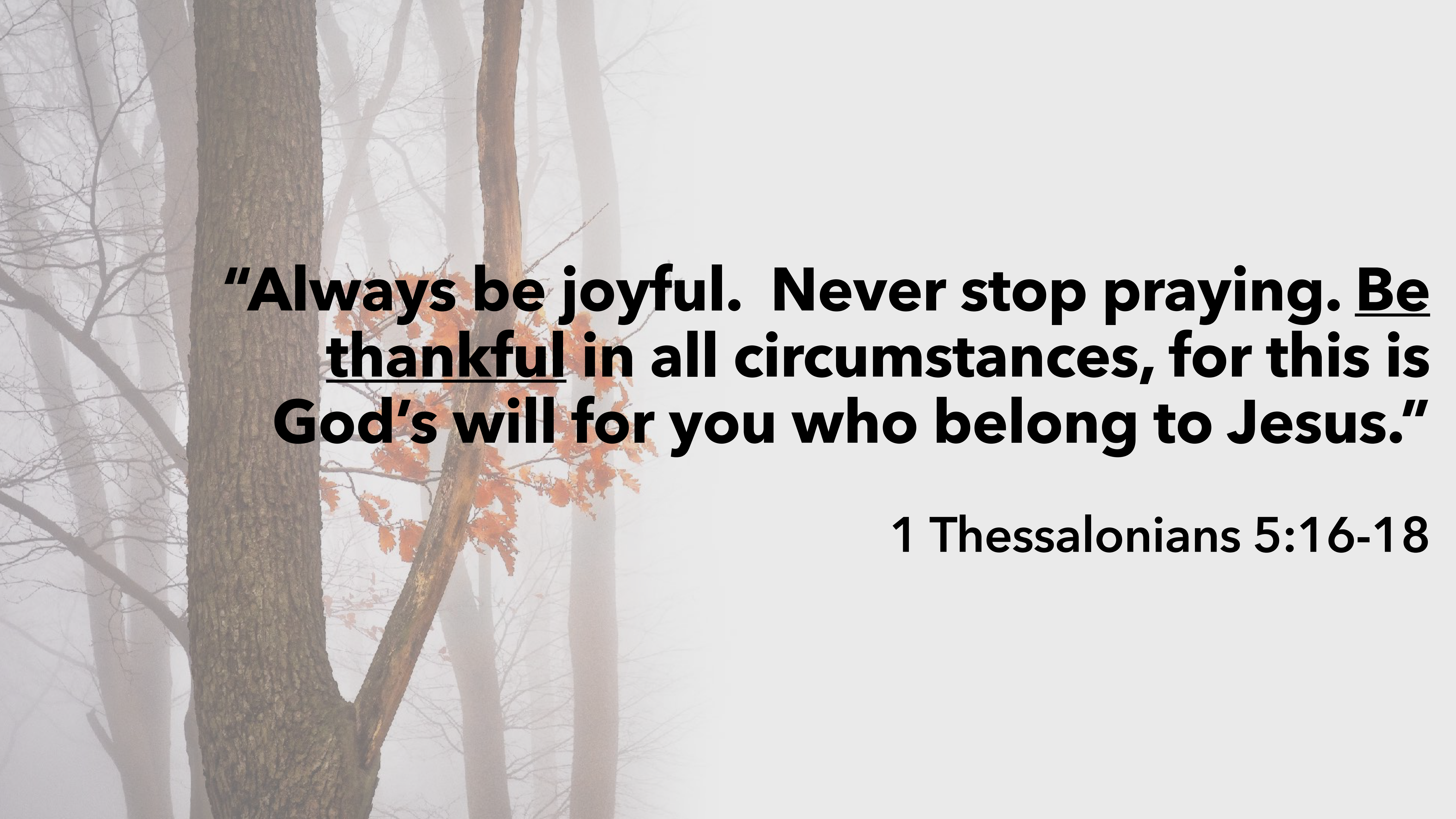
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A misty forest scene with tall, thin trees. Some trees have sparse orange and yellow autumn leaves, while others are bare. The background is a soft, hazy white, suggesting fog or mist. The overall mood is serene and quiet.

"Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping him with holy fear and awe."

Hebrews 12:28



“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

A misty forest scene with several tree trunks visible. In the center, a branch with bright orange autumn leaves stands out against the grey, foggy background. The overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.

Gratitude:

...helps us become more aware of the gifts around us.

... opposes the 'Idolatry of More'.

**...silences the monsters of comparison, criticism, complaint,
and covetousness.**

**...reminds us of who God is, what He has done, and what He
can do.**

GOD MADE HIM WHO
MIGHT BECOME

WORSHIP

PRIDE
LUST
MALICE
DECEIT
GOSSIP
DRUG USE
LONELINESS
GLUTTONY

GOD MADE HIM WHO HAD NO SIN TO BE SIN FOR US, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. -2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

WORSHIPING SELF OVER GOD

MURDER
APATHY
DIVORCE
RACISM
LYING
SLANDER
LAZINESS
FEAR OF MAN
DRUNKENNESS

SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE

CHURCHIANITY
LACK OF LOVE
COWARDICE

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HYPOCRISY

HATE

VULGARITY

ABORTION

IRREVERENCE

EMPTY RELIGION

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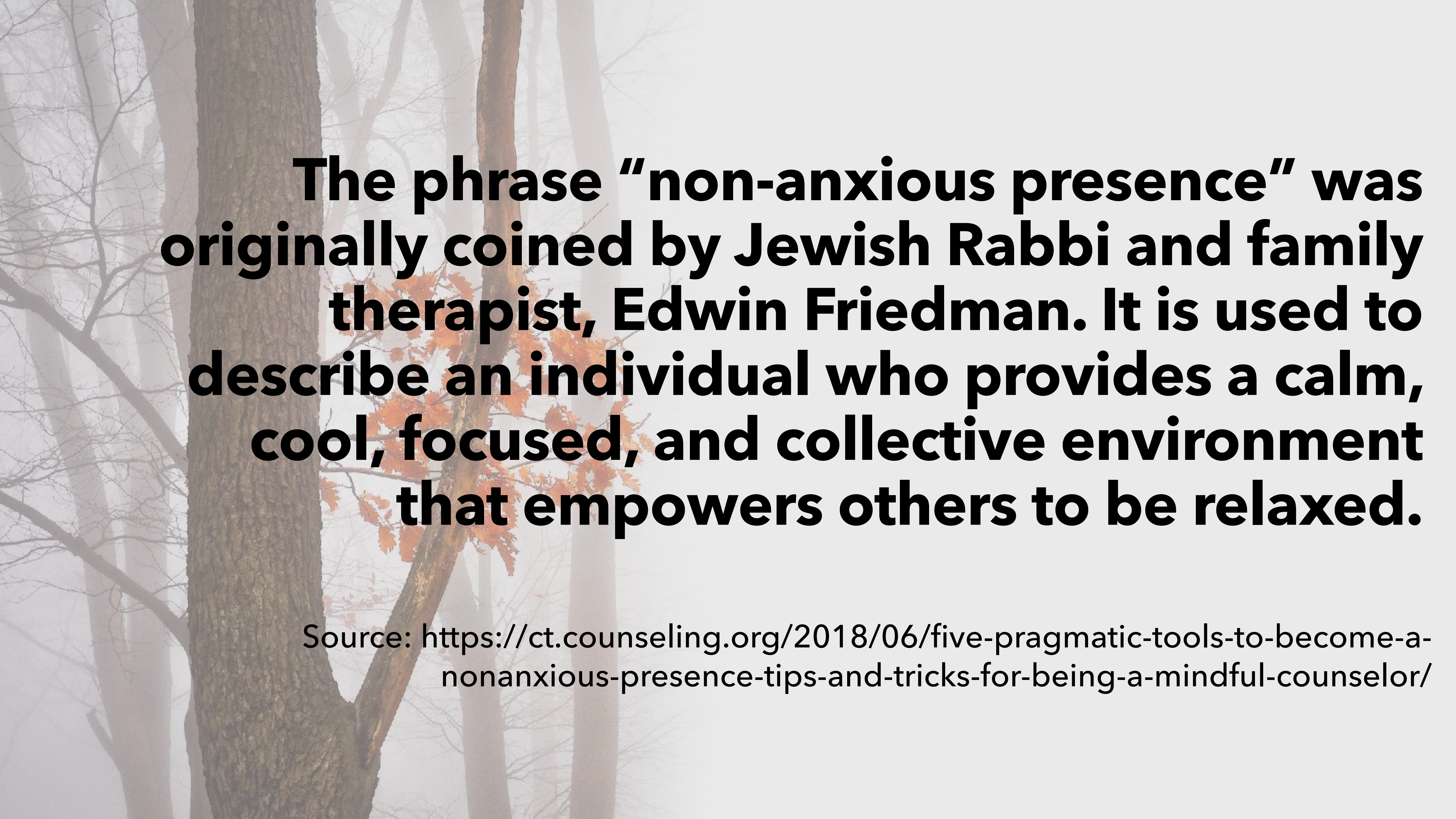
NEED FOR APPROVAL
COCKINESS

SO THAT IN HIM WE
CORINTHIANS 5:21

MARRIAGE



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The phrase “non-anxious presence” was originally coined by Jewish Rabbi and family therapist, Edwin Friedman. It is used to describe an individual who provides a calm, cool, focused, and collective environment that empowers others to be relaxed.

Source: <https://ct.counseling.org/2018/06/five-pragmatic-tools-to-become-a-nonanxious-presence-tips-and-tricks-for-being-a-mindful-counselor/>

Three Peaceful Reflections:

- 1. Thrust yourself upon the mercy of the Crucified, Messiah Jesus. (*Peace with God - Romans 5:1-2; Matthew 5:7*)**
- 2. Be a non-anxious presence. (*Peace within - Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 5:9*)**
- 3. Communicate to others what you love and admire about them. (*Peace with others - Colossians 3:12-15; Hebrews 12:14*)**