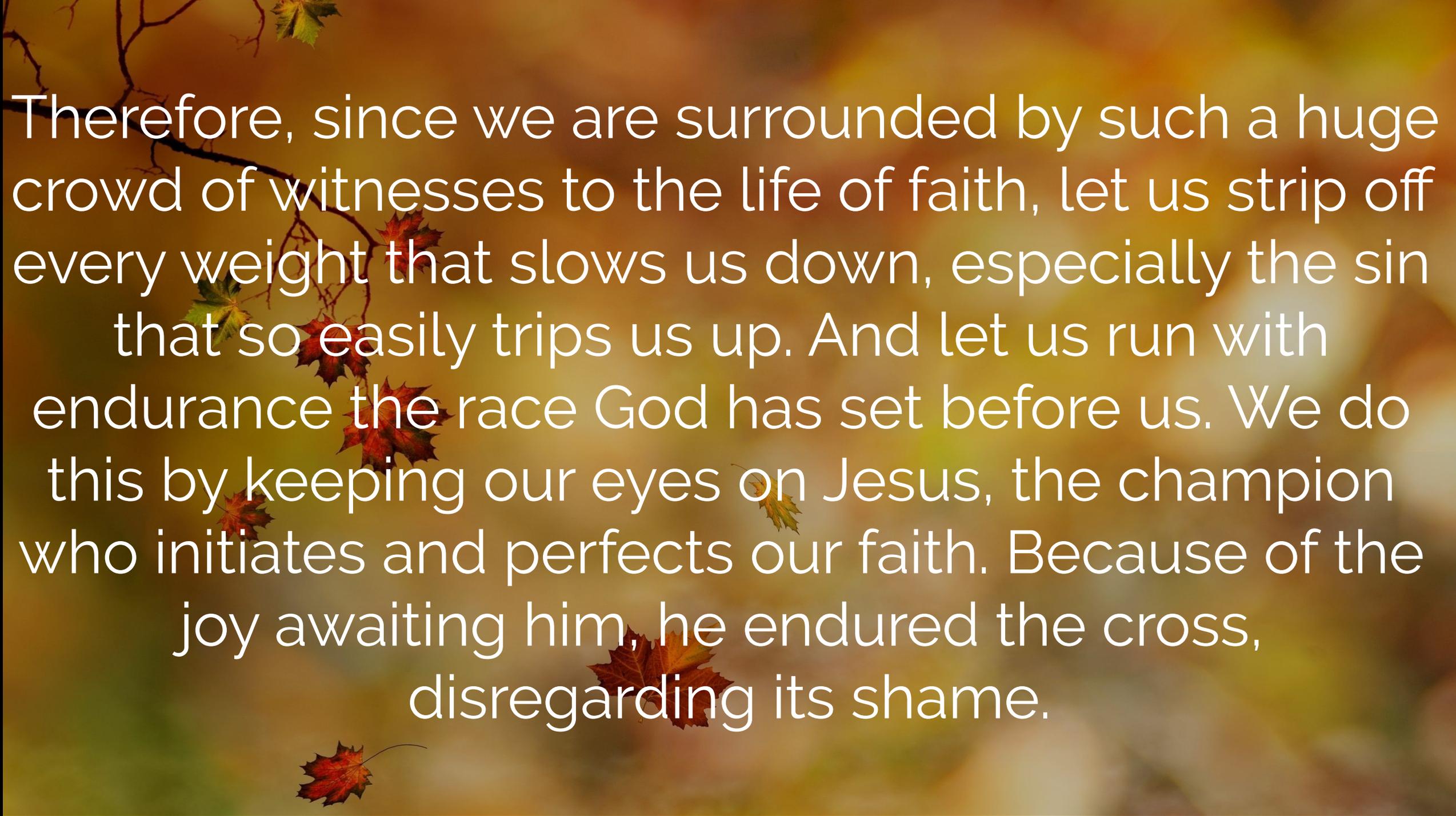


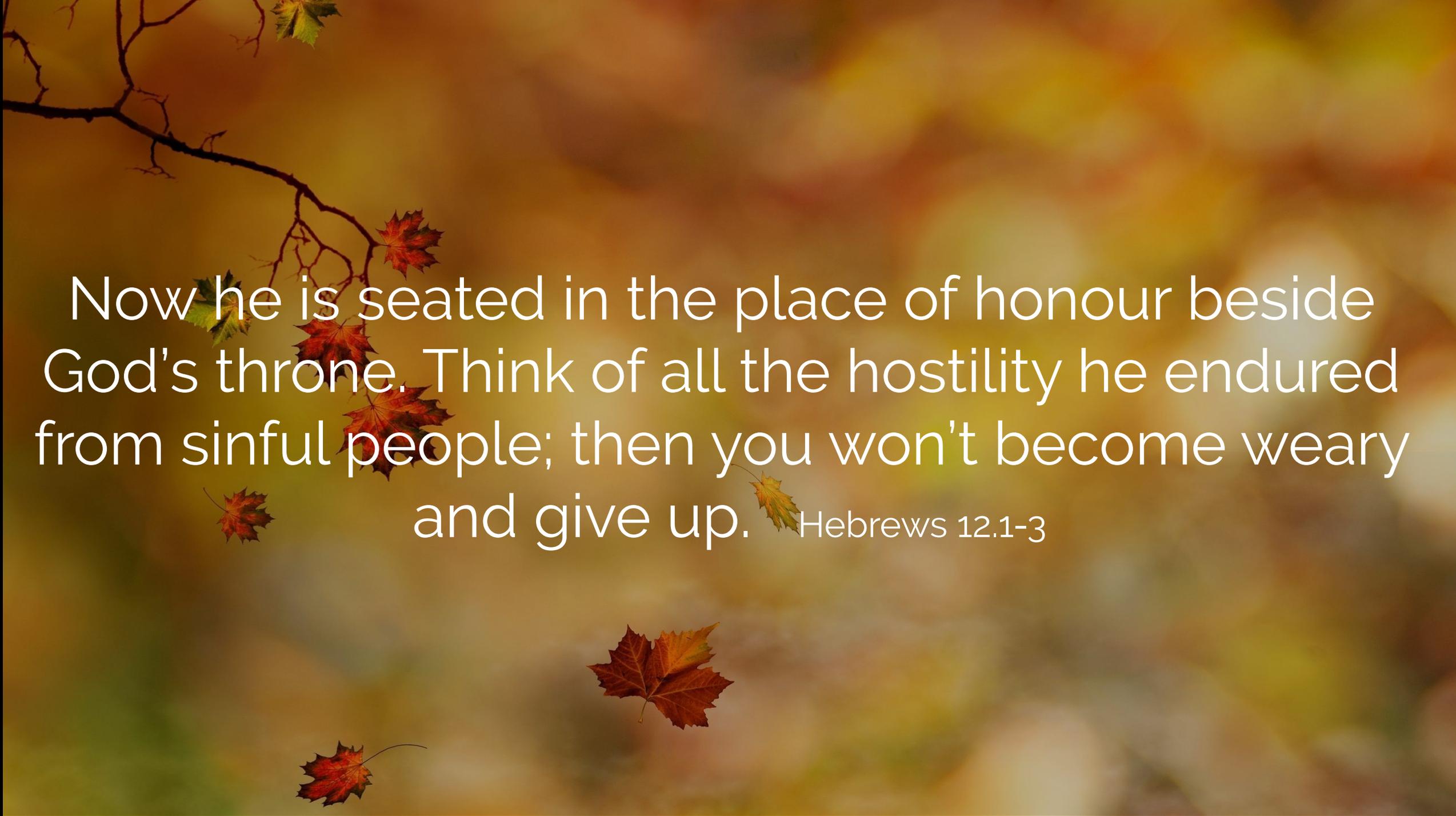


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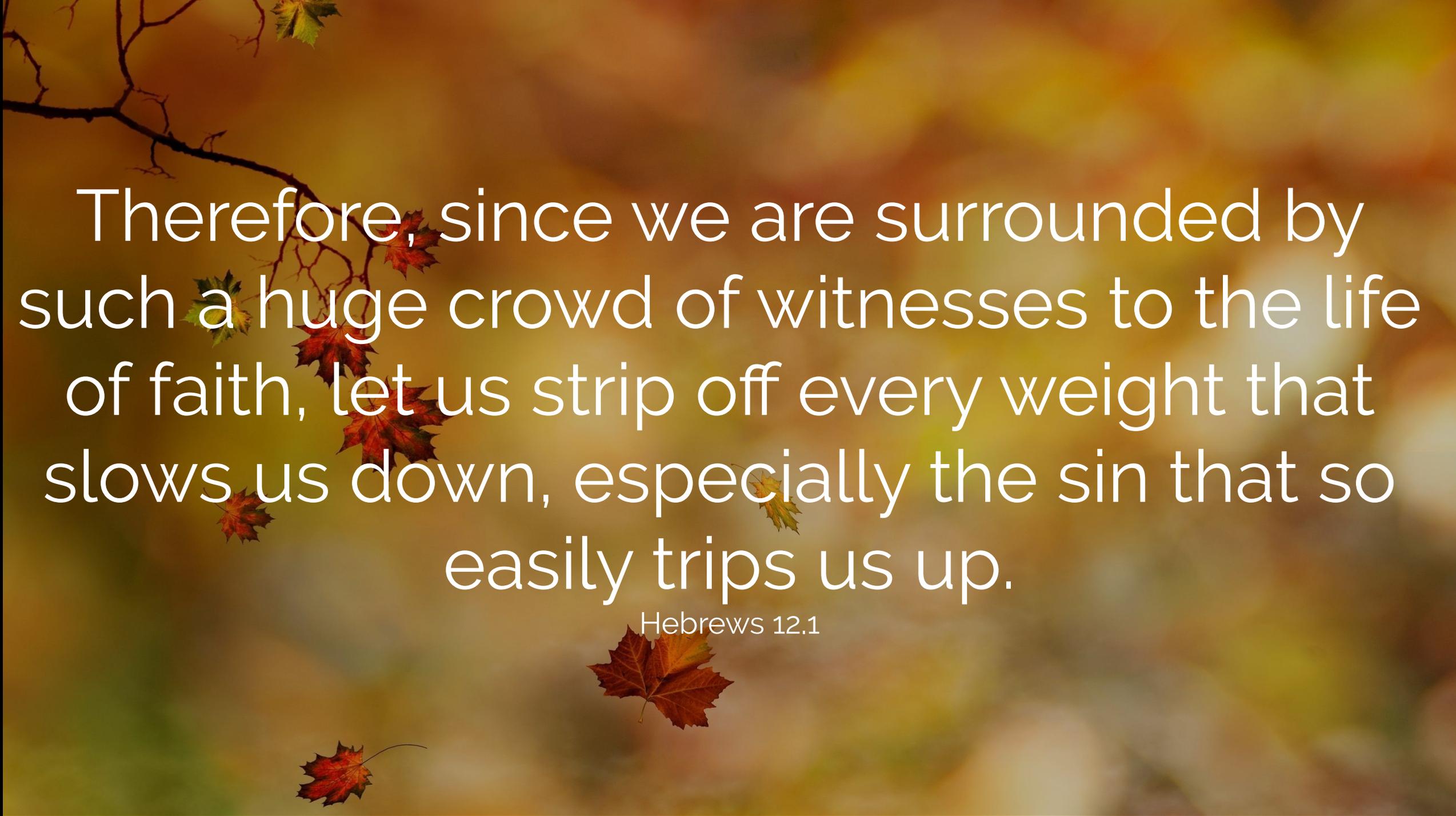
What needs to
happen in autumn?



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.



Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. Hebrews 12.1-3



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Living God, as we come as we are, it isn't long until we see ourselves as we are.

We confess, O Lord, we seek to enthrone gods of our own making.

We are too easily satisfied by the things around us, and we lean upon and trust in these empty gods. We set them before us as worthy of all our attention and effort thinking they can grant us security, peace, comfort and happiness.

we, therefore, set our course each day to pursue these empty gods.

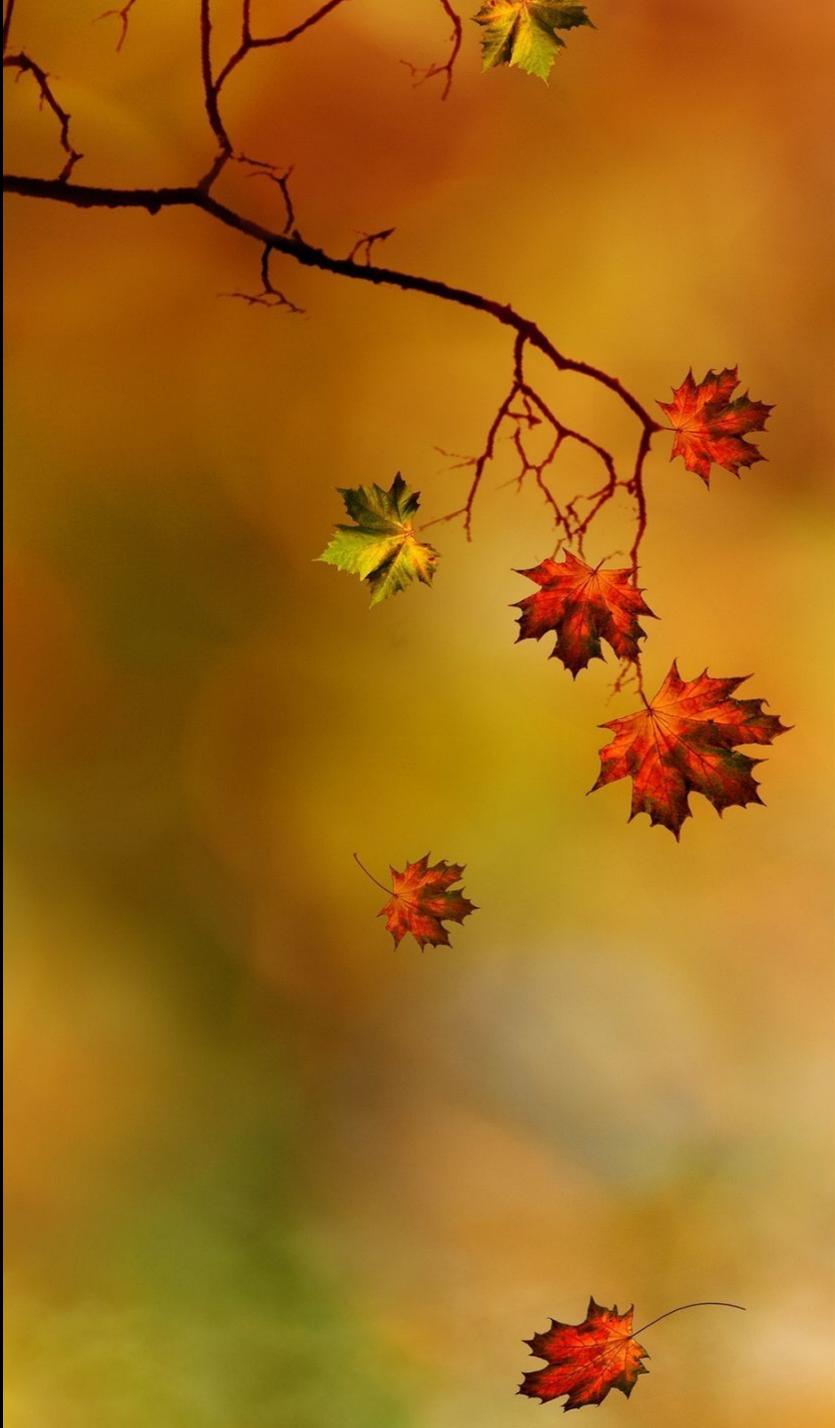


We are busy each day frantically propping
up our gods by our own strength and
with our own abilities.

**We forget we are in a faith race.
What we bring are only unnecessary
weights and sins.**

Lord, cause us to look to Jesus this morning.
For He alone is our goal
and aim and treasure.





Lord, hear our prayer; open your eyes and see and save us from the sin which clings so closely and the weights which slow us down.

Grant your Spirit to come that we might with great hope and expectant joy look to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith and in so doing run this race set before us with endurance.

Amen.

