





When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

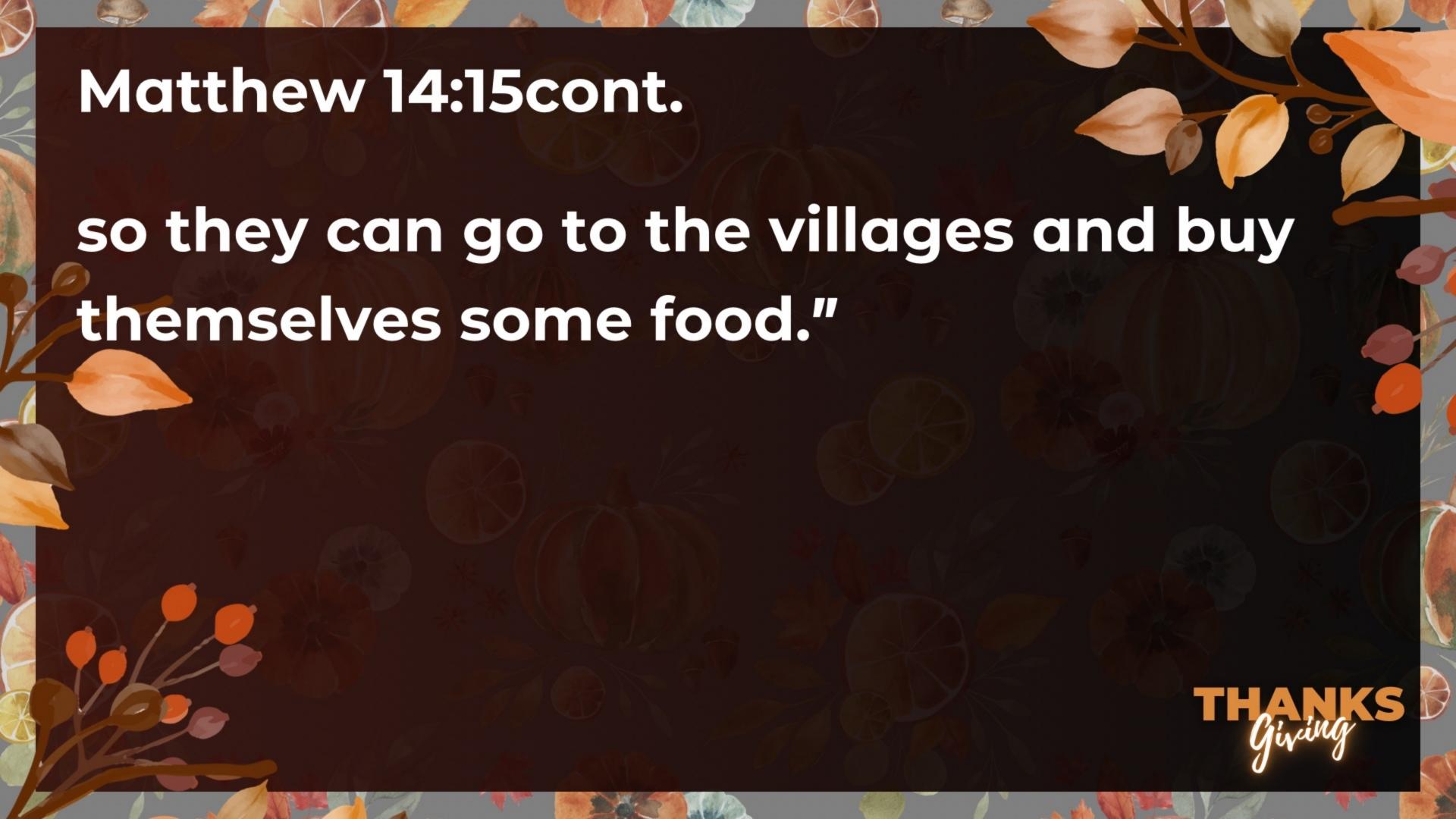


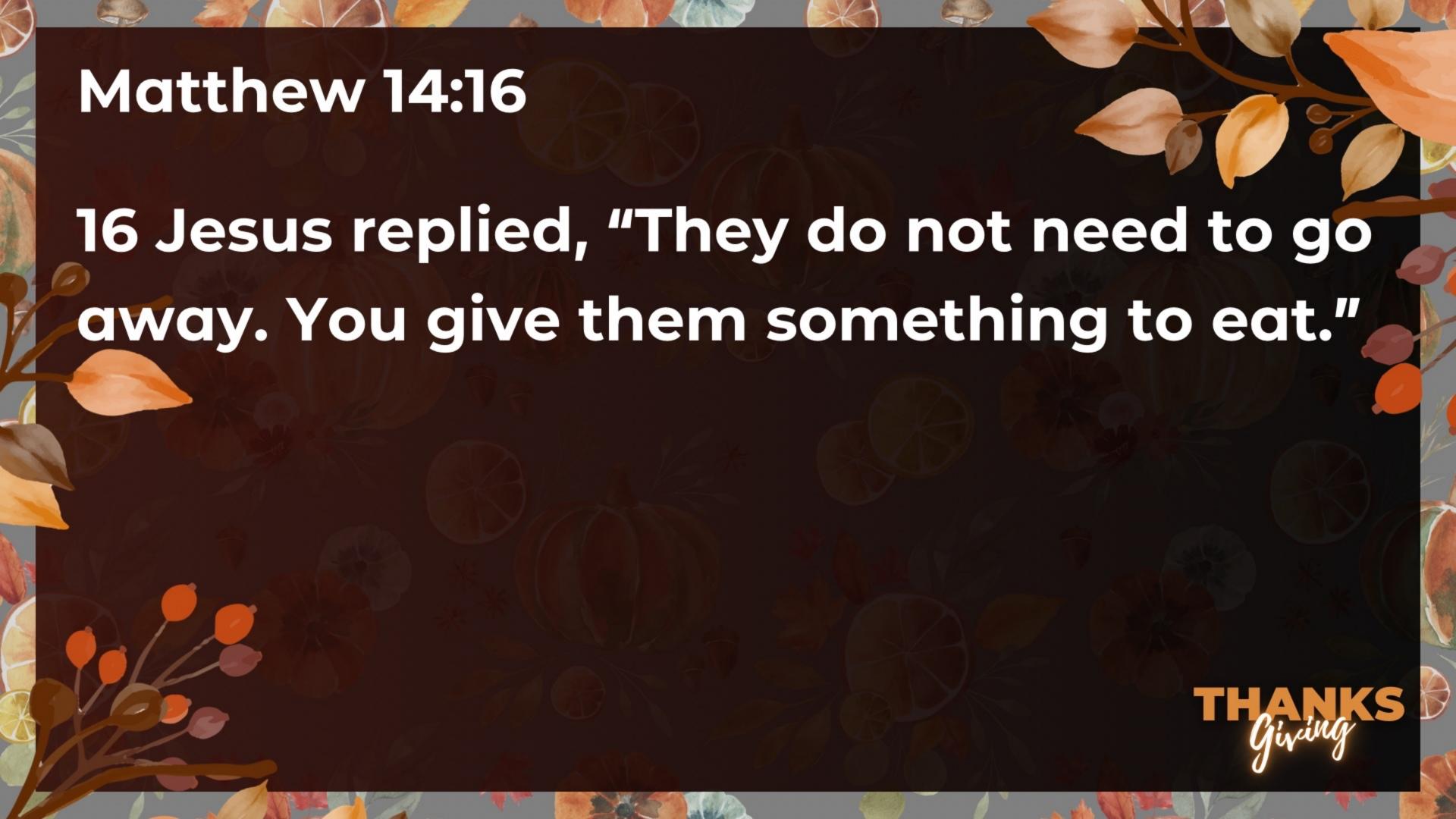
When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.



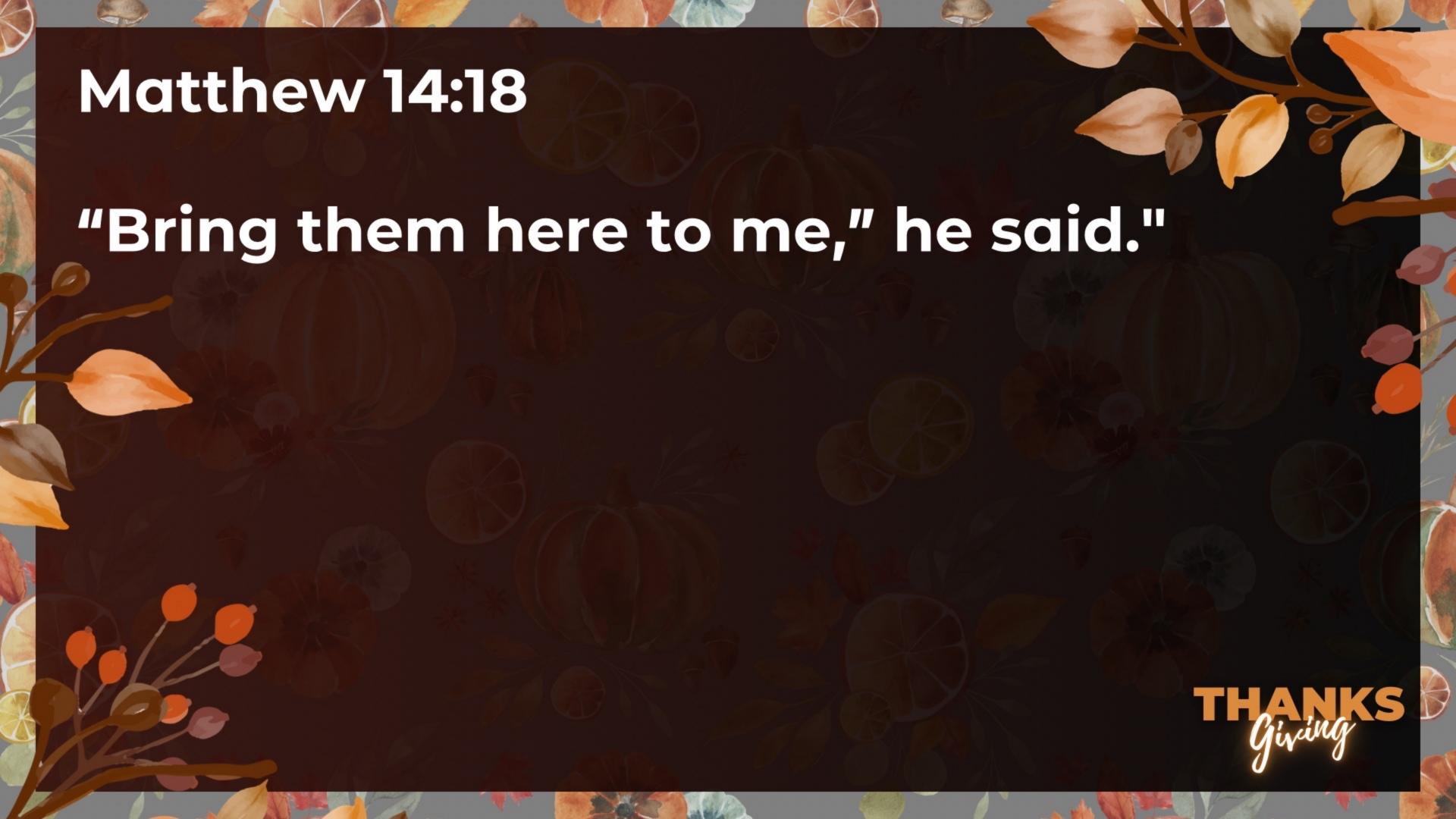
As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away,







Matthew 14:17 We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.



And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven,

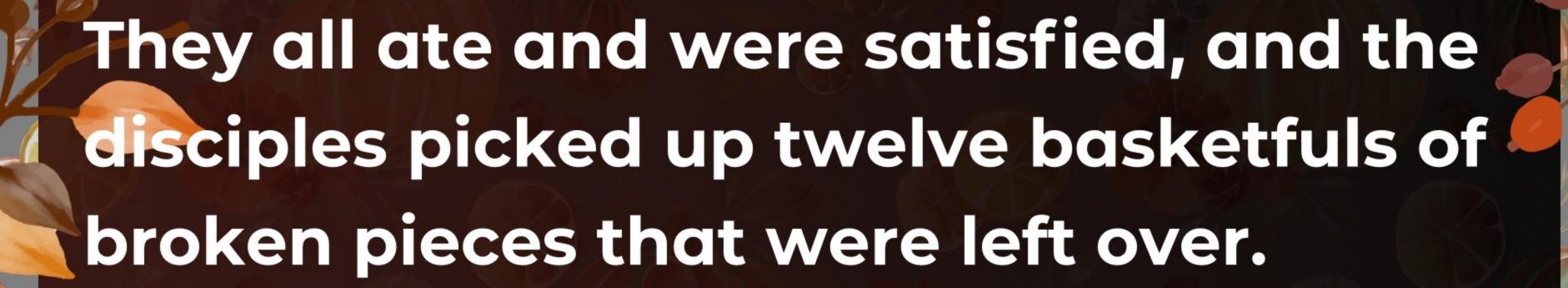


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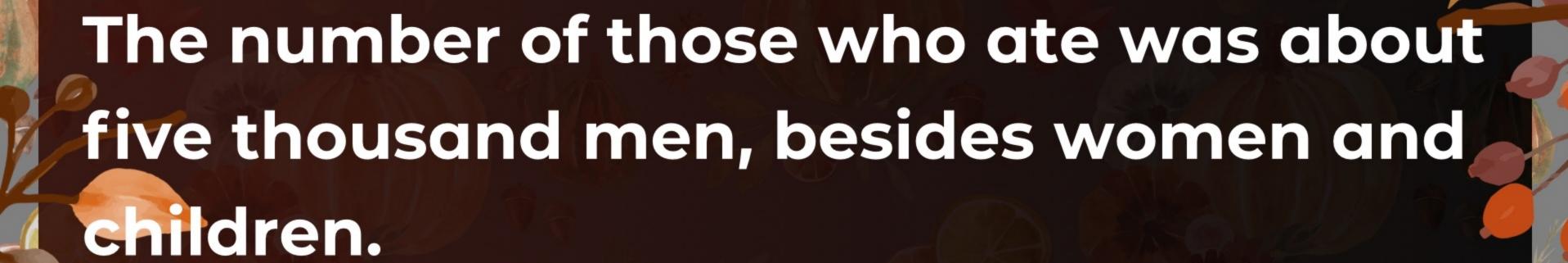
he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.











Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down.



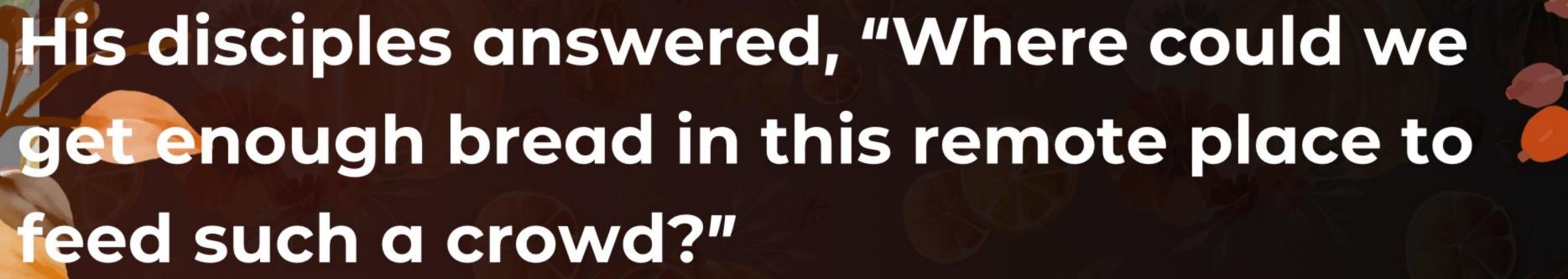
Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.



The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing.



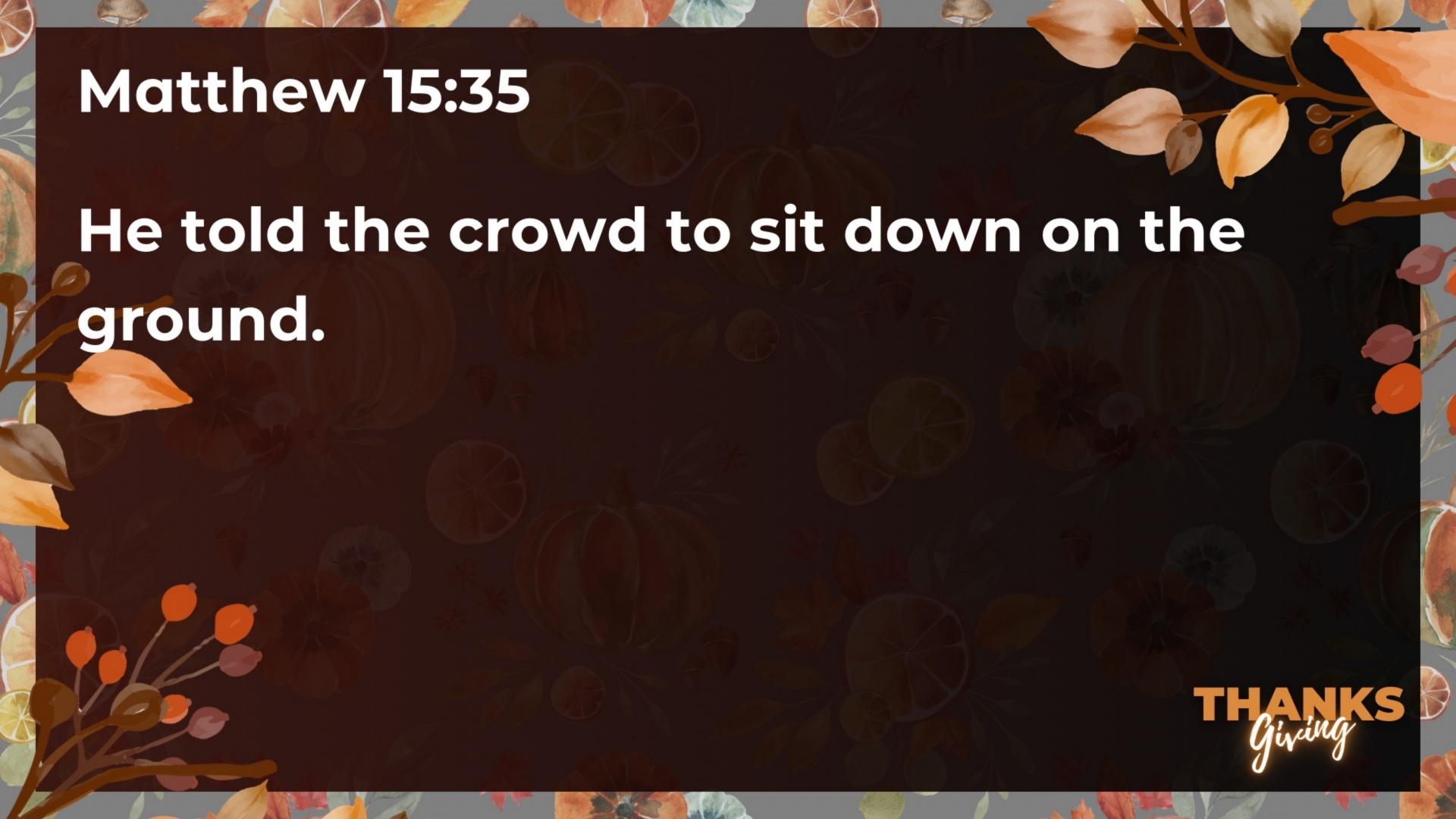
Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat.





"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."





Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.



They all ate and were satisfied.

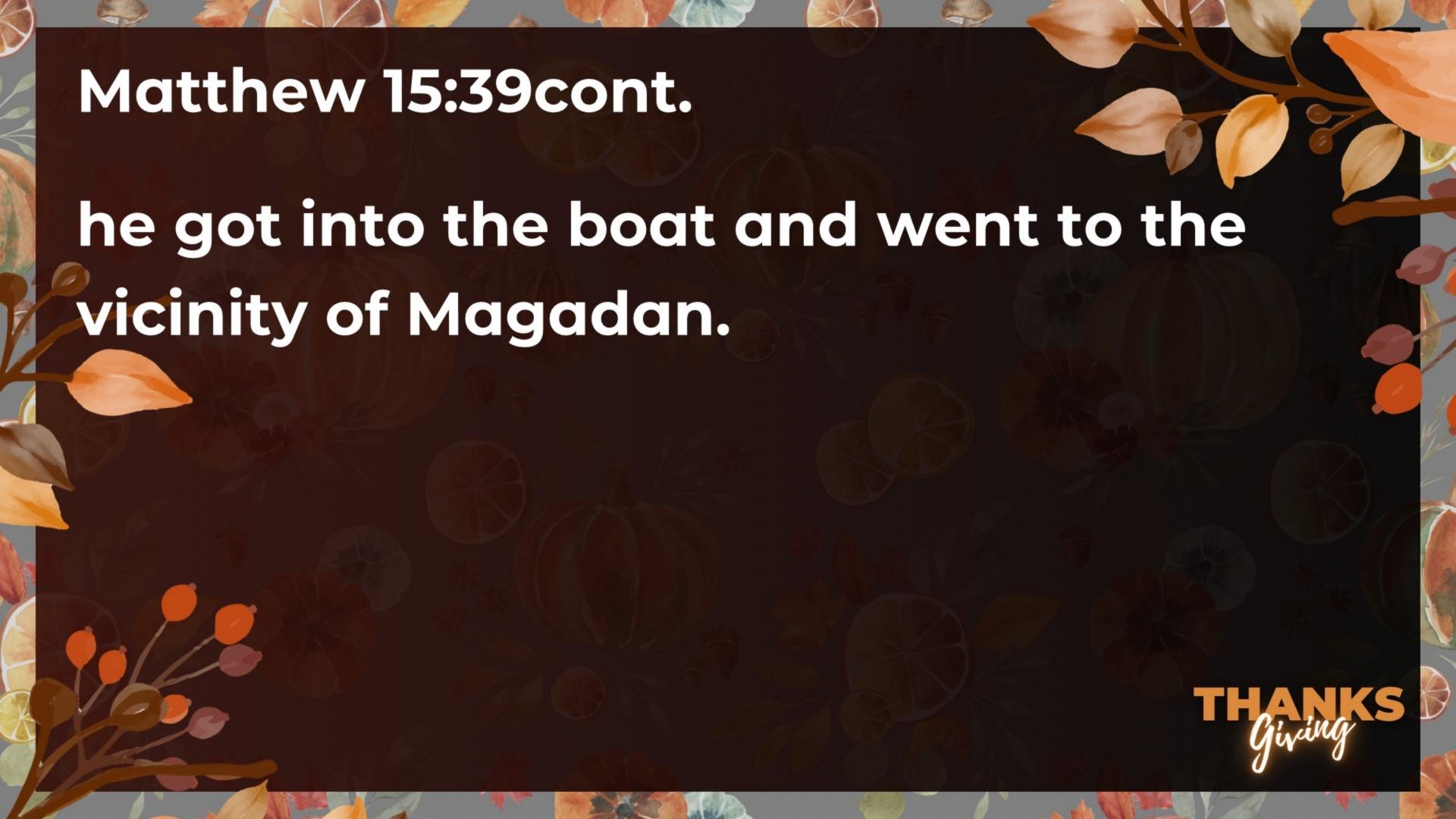
Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.



Matthew 15:38-39

38 The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.39 After Jesus had sent the crowd away,





Matthew 15:10-11

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand.11 What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them



