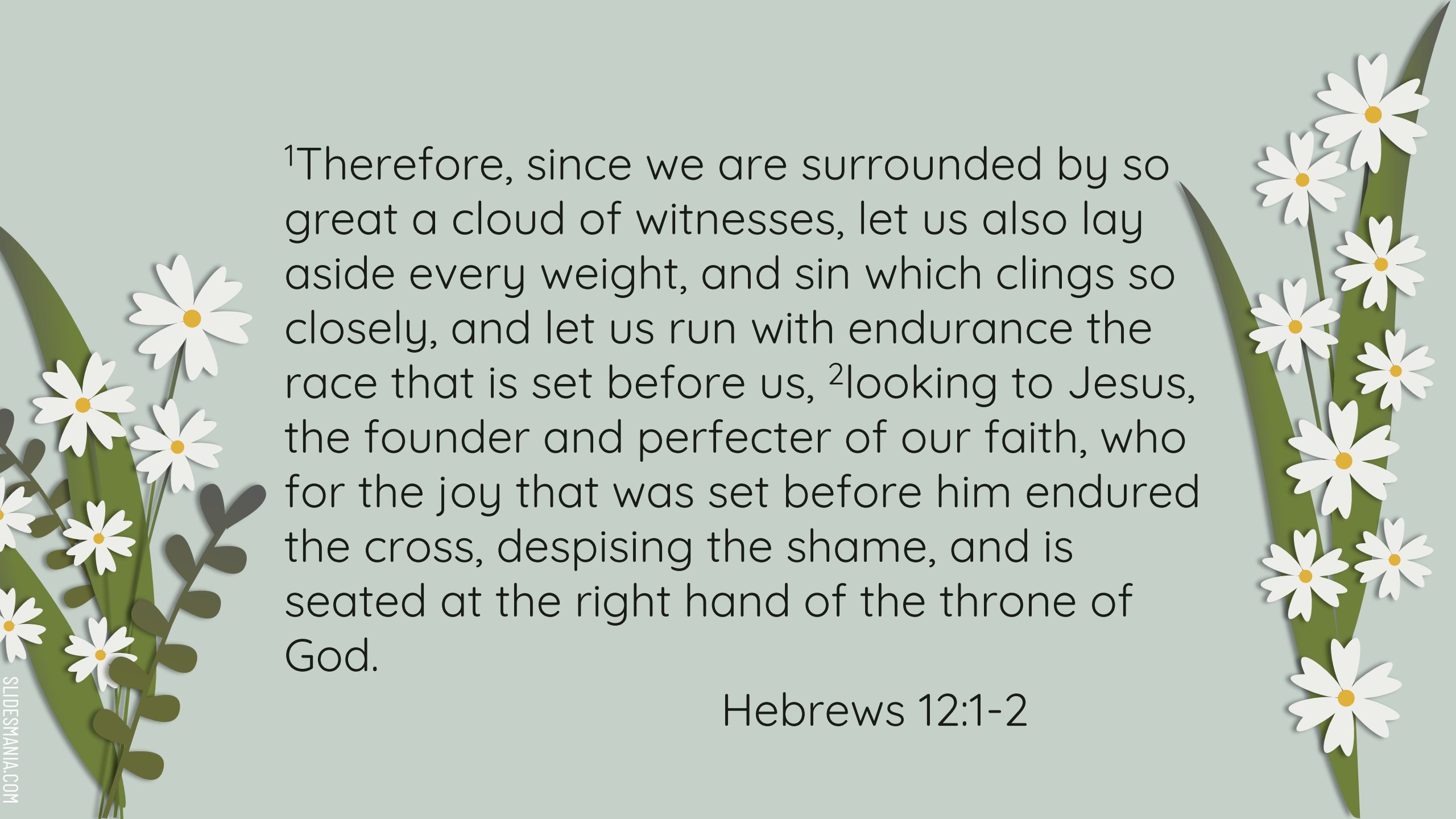


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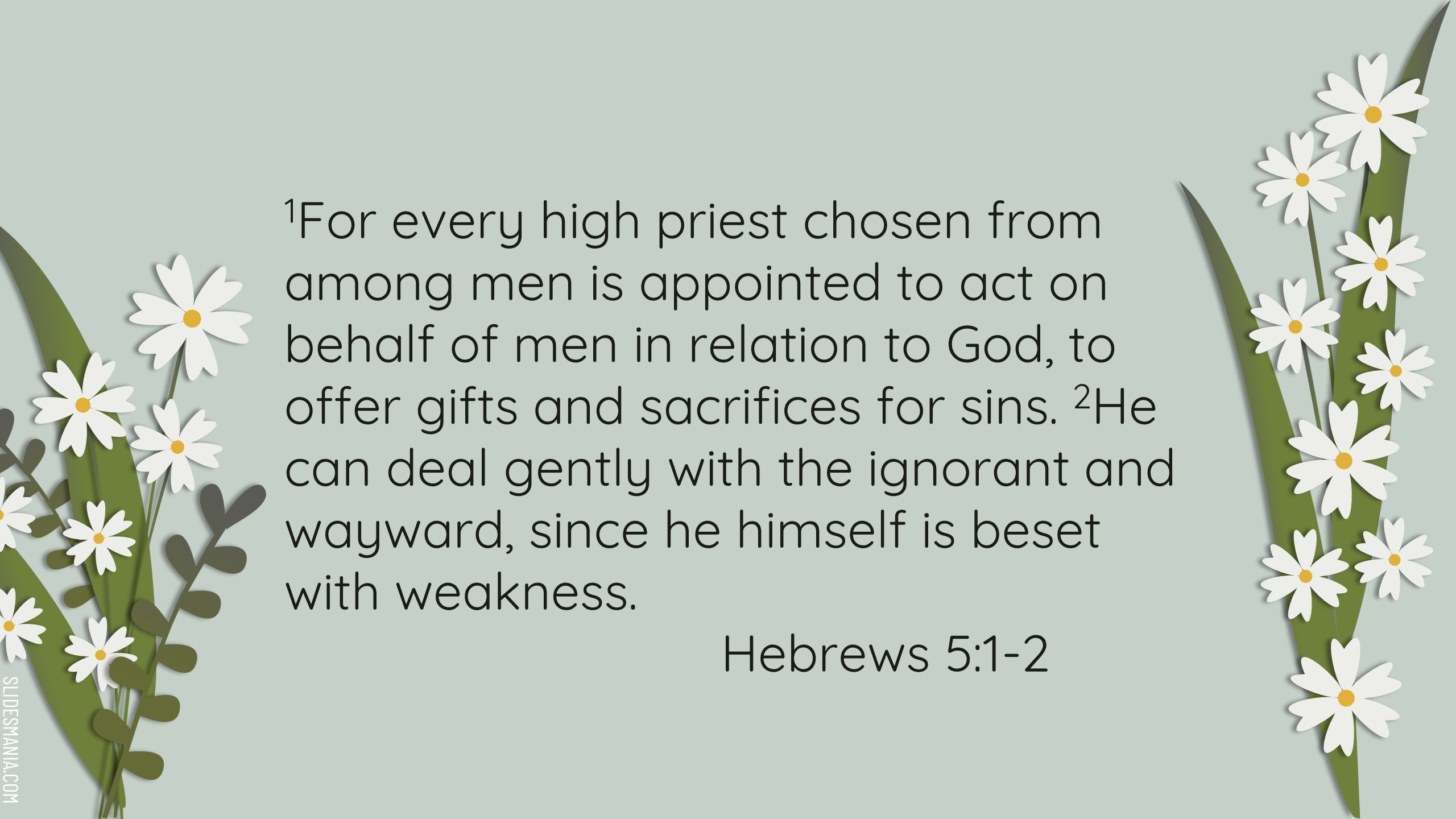
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Hebrews 4:14-16





¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

Hebrews 5:1-2

Discussion Questions

1. On the road to Damascus, Saul heard, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” (Acts 9:1-5) Have you experienced persecution for Christ’s sake? Do you know anyone who has? What does it mean that **Jesus** is persecuted when His children are persecuted?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. How does this encourage us and expand our appreciation of Christ’s ability to understand our sins & failure to stand up to temptation?

