

Good Morning!

**Faithful Stewards
of God's Grace**

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Goodbye to Grover Jackson

A Special Servant



Our Plan

- **Background**
- **Homily**
- **Using Our Gift**

Background of 1 Peter

Nero and Rome



1 Peter 4:1–11 (NIV)

Living for God

4 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.

⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

6 For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but
live according to God
in regard to the spirit.

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

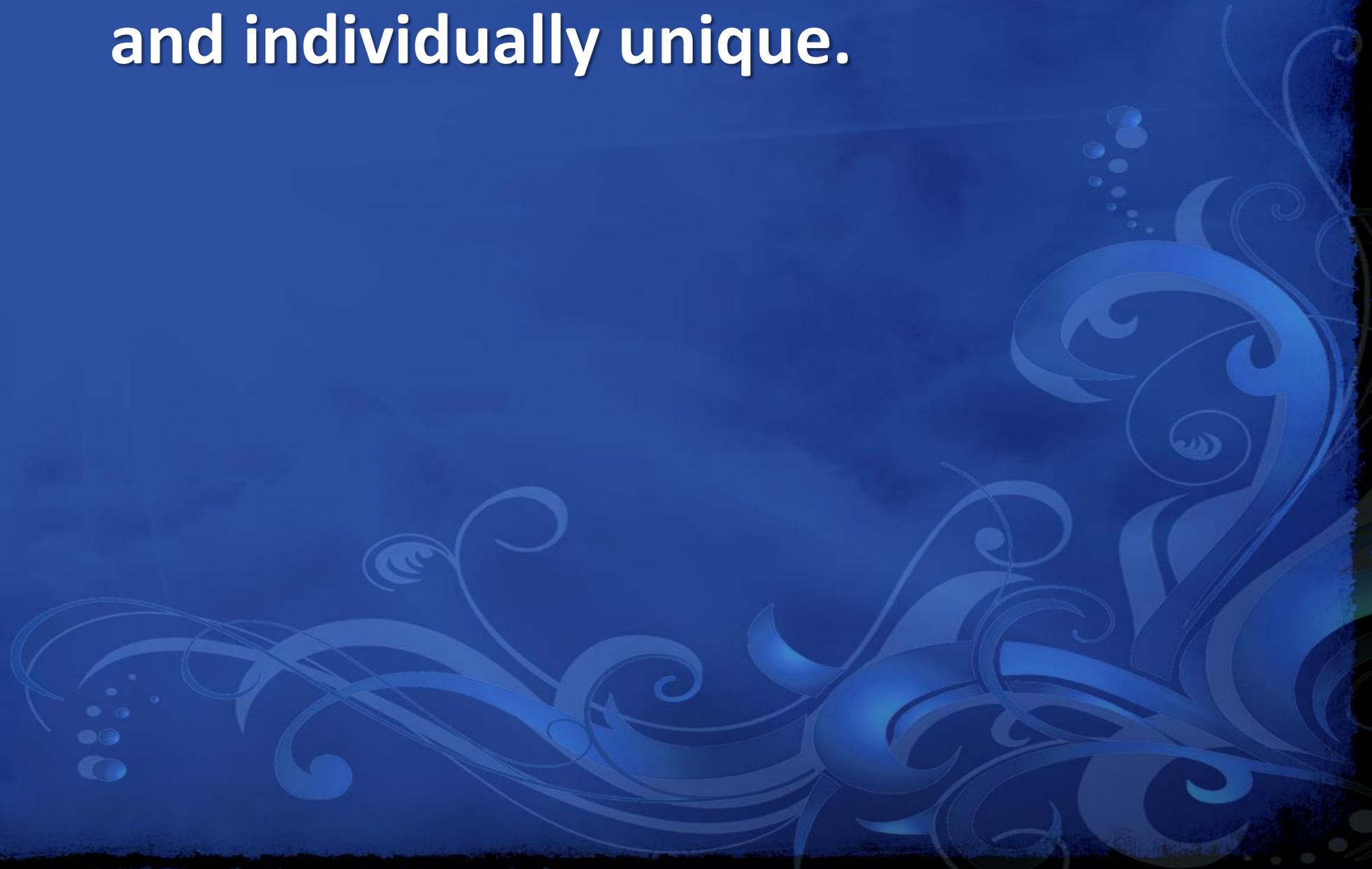
¹⁰ Each of you should use **whatever gift you have received** to serve others, **as faithful stewards of God's grace** in its various forms.

“Various Forms”

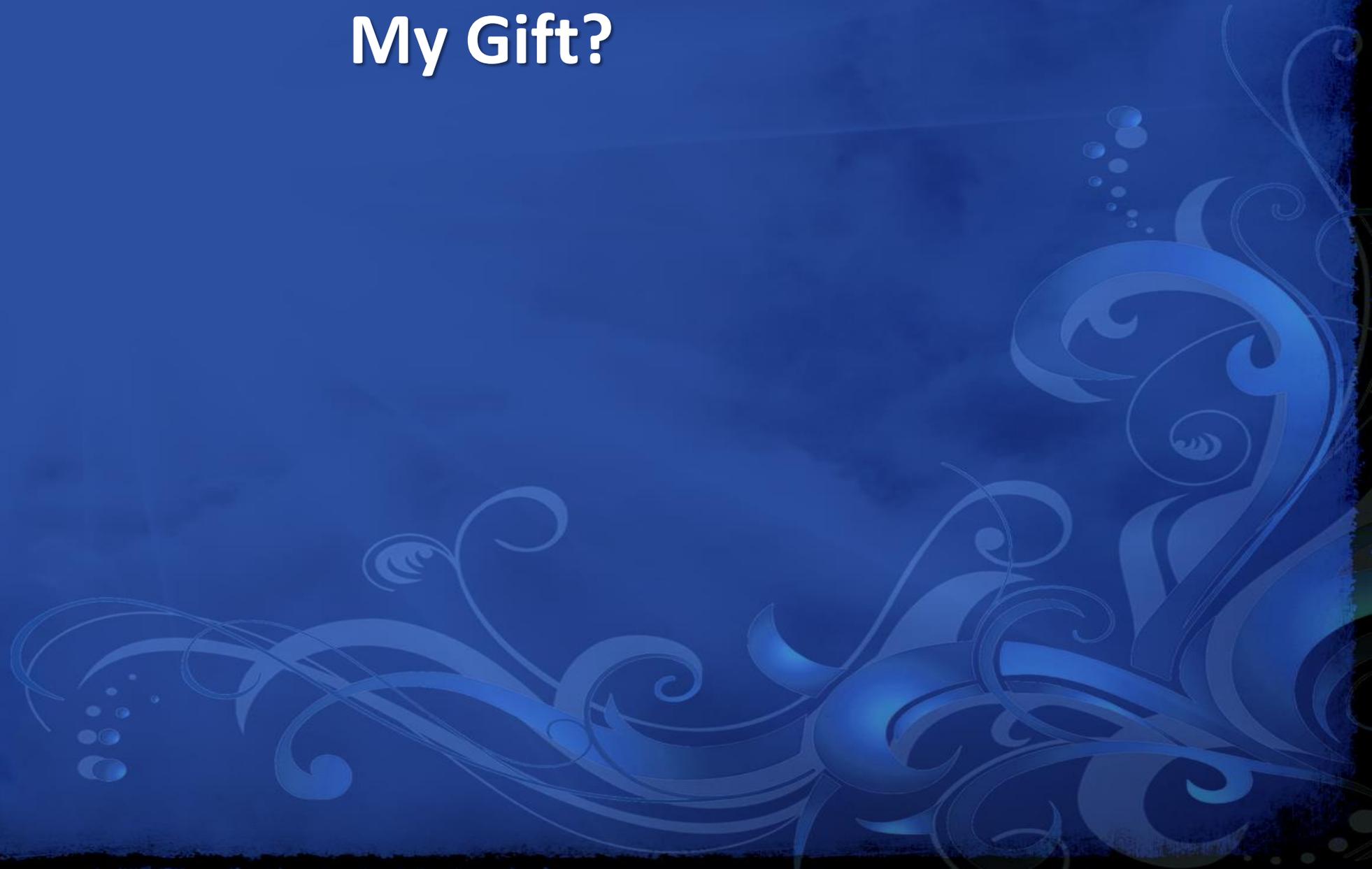
- ποικίλος *adj. Variegated, many-colored.*
- *Used of sicknesses, meaning various, diverse, manifold (Matt. 4:24; Mark 1:34; Luke 4:40); desires (2 Tim. 3:6; Titus 3:3); of miracles (Heb. 2:4); doctrines (Heb. 13:9); temptations (James 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:6); the grace of God, referring to the various gifts derived from that grace (1 Pet. 4:10).*



**God's gifts are varied
and individually unique.**



Serving Others My Gift?





¹¹ **If anyone speaks**, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. **If anyone serves**, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

Amen.