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Zach Neese, How to Worship a King

"...If even the leaders don't fully understand worship, how can they expect to teach people about it? And if they do not teach people about worship, how can they expect to participate in it? And if people don't engage in worship, how can we expect to invite the presence of God into our churches? And if we do not invite the presence of God into the Church, how can we expect His power to operate in people's lives? And if His power is not operating in people's lives, how can we expect to have anything other than a lifeless church? And if a church is lifeless, **how can it change the world?"**



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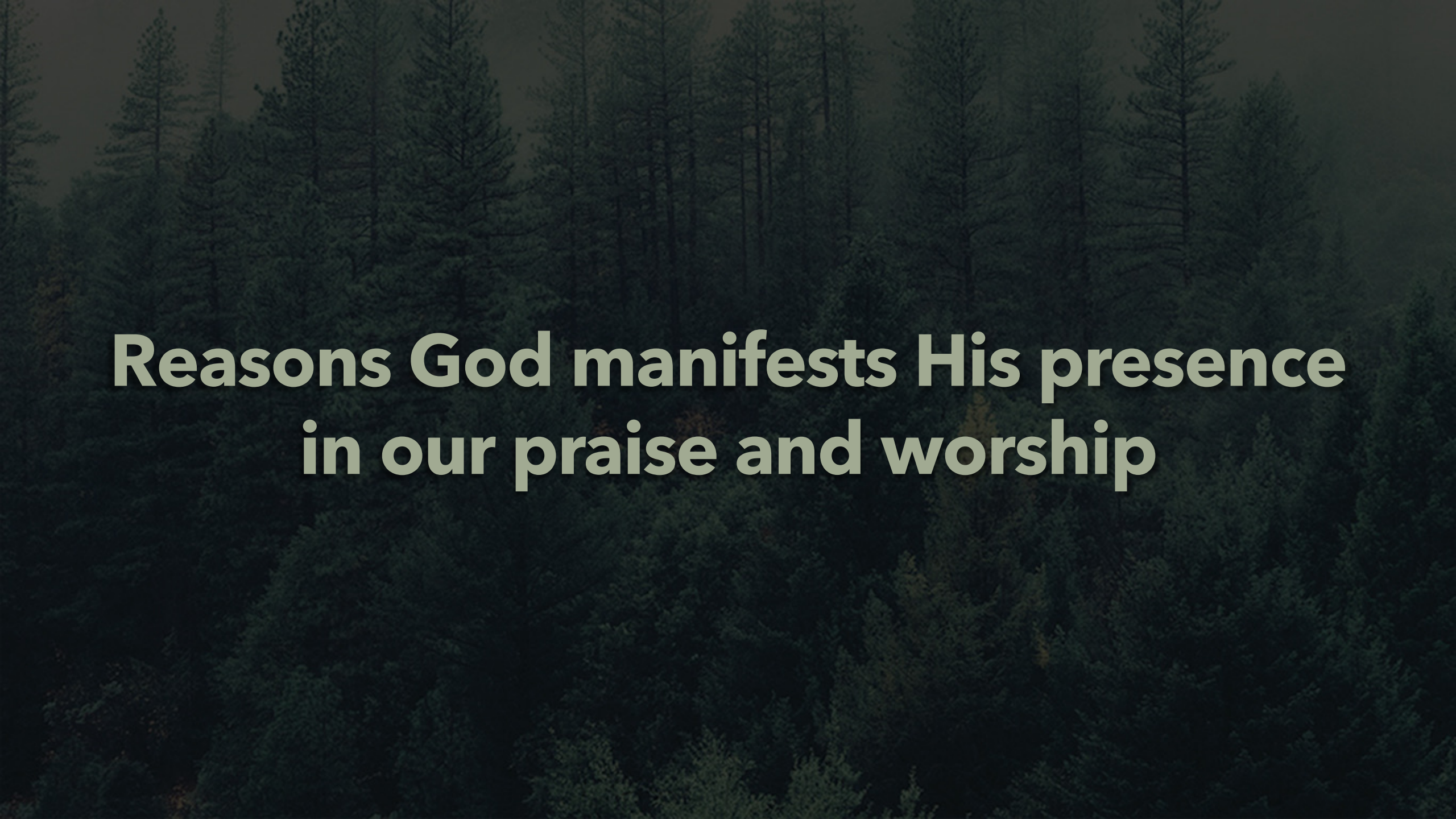
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- **The manifest presence of God** - when God shows Himself in a powerful and tangible way.



**We were created to worship the Mover,
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**Reasons God manifests His presence
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- As we worship, God pours out His presence to highlight areas He already paid the price to redeem.

**“Worship changes the worshiper
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- “Worship is an opportunity for man to invite God’s power & presence to move among those worshipping Him. Worship is the atmosphere where the saved & unsaved alike discover: their royal calling in Christ, their high destiny in life, and their fullest personal worth.” – **AW Tozer**

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- “Your thoughts for me... were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand (on a seashore).” - **Psalm 139:17-18**

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- “Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence (render completely useless) the foe and the avenger.” – **Psalm 8:2**

**Even if you are newly saved,
you are more than able to worship God,
and He is more than able to move in your
praises to nullify the enemy.**

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²² When they began singing and praising, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon, Moab, & Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, and they were destroyed.

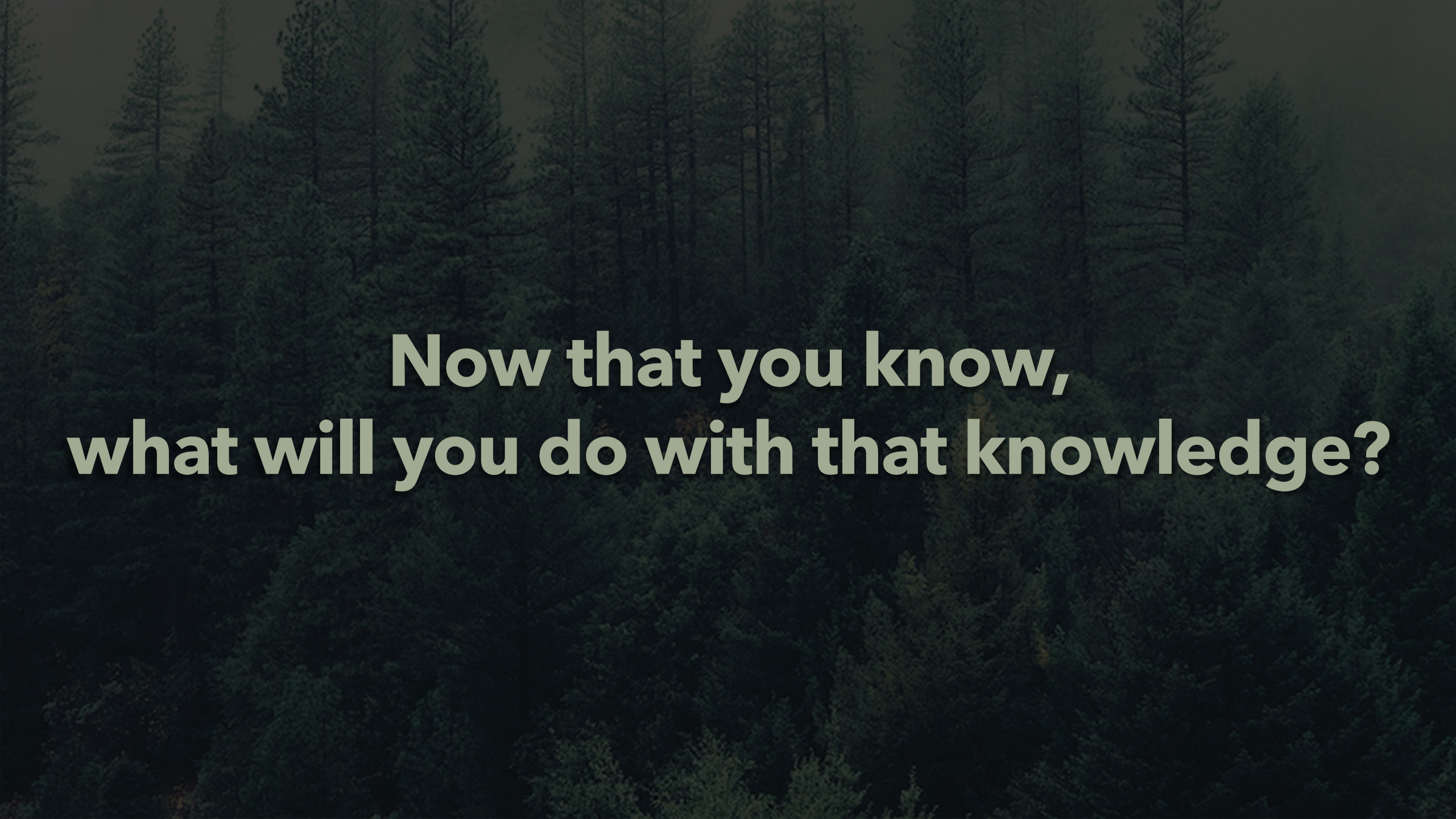
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²⁹ and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, ³⁰ and after he brought them out, he said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'



**Now that you know,
what will you do with that knowledge?**

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