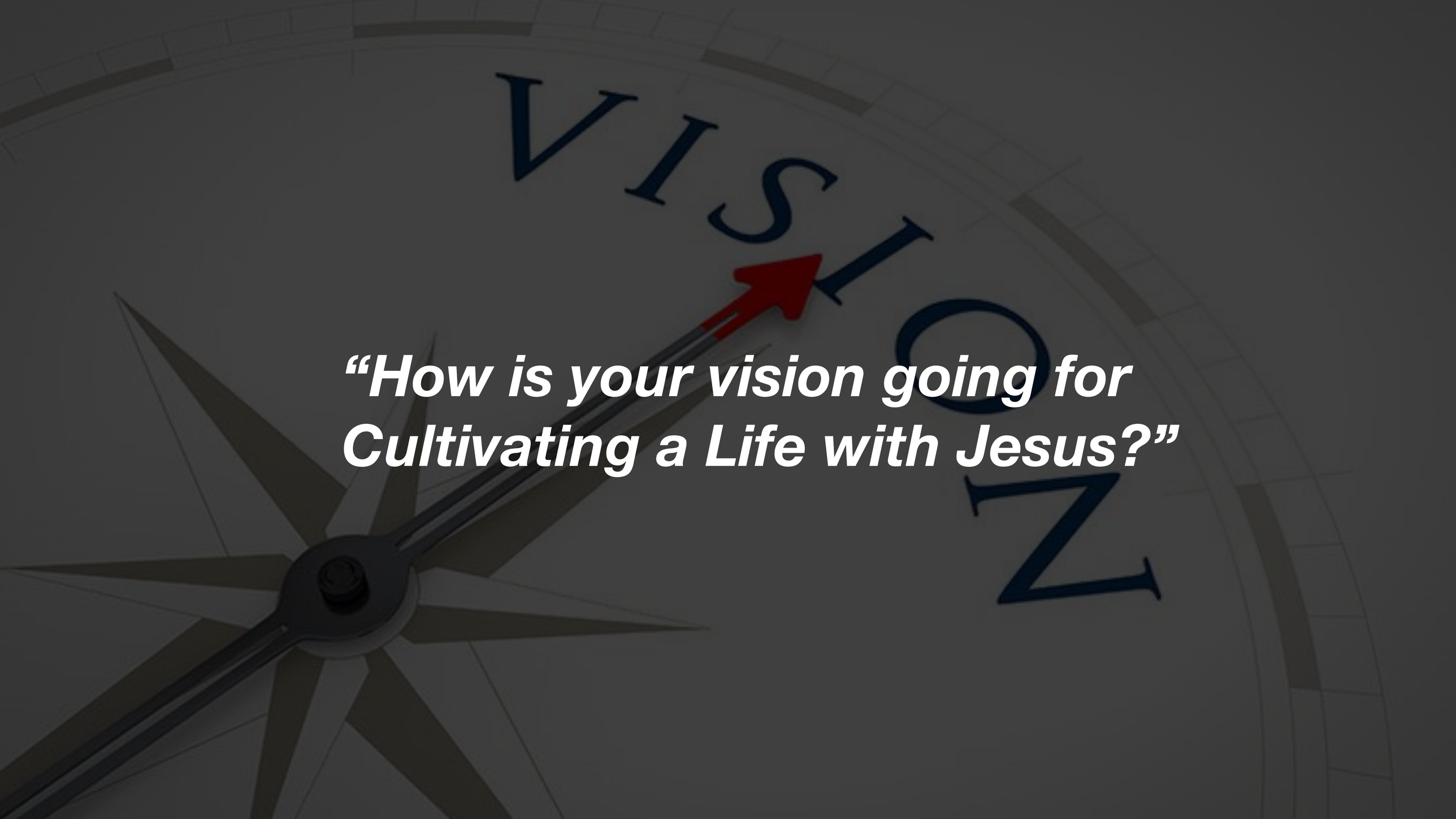
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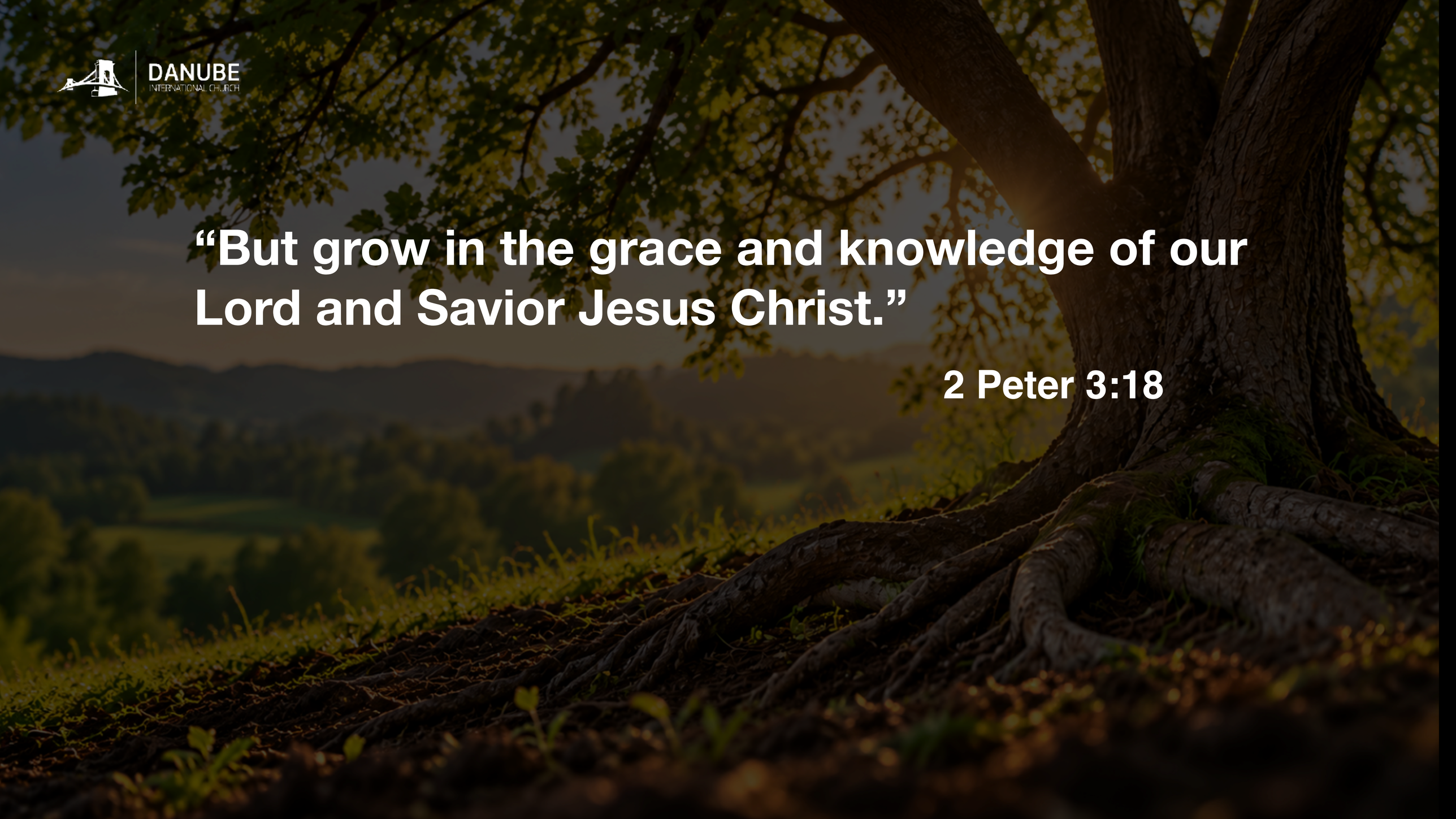
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2 Peter 3:18

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“Mere improvement is no redemption…God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind, but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better, but like turning a horse into a winged creature…it will soar over fences that could never have been jumped.”

(C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, p. 182)

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“Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted and they came to him.”

Mark 3:13

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Fiducia — trust. You personally entrust yourself to Christ.

Know it. Believe it. Trust Christ personally.

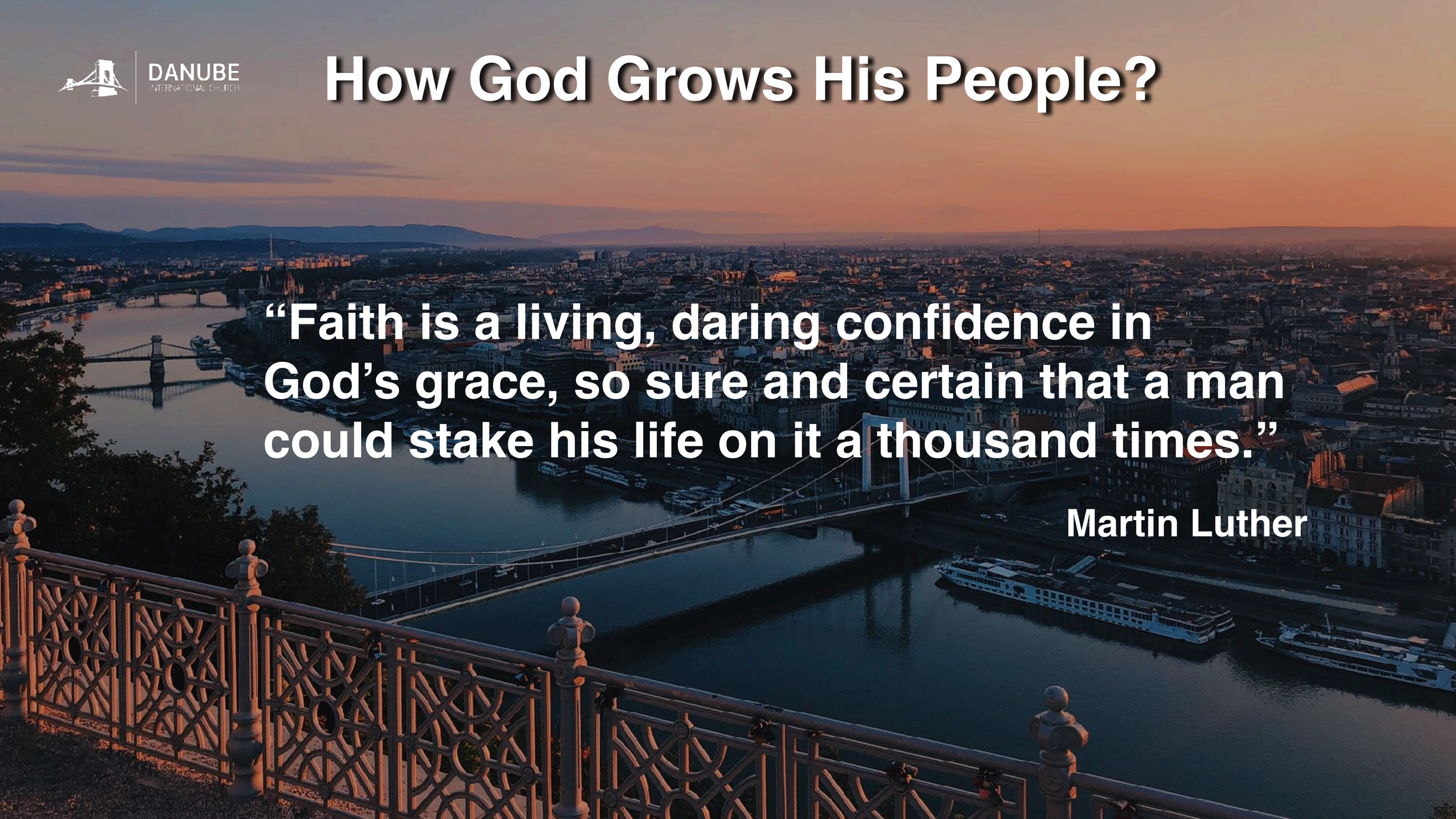
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“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.”

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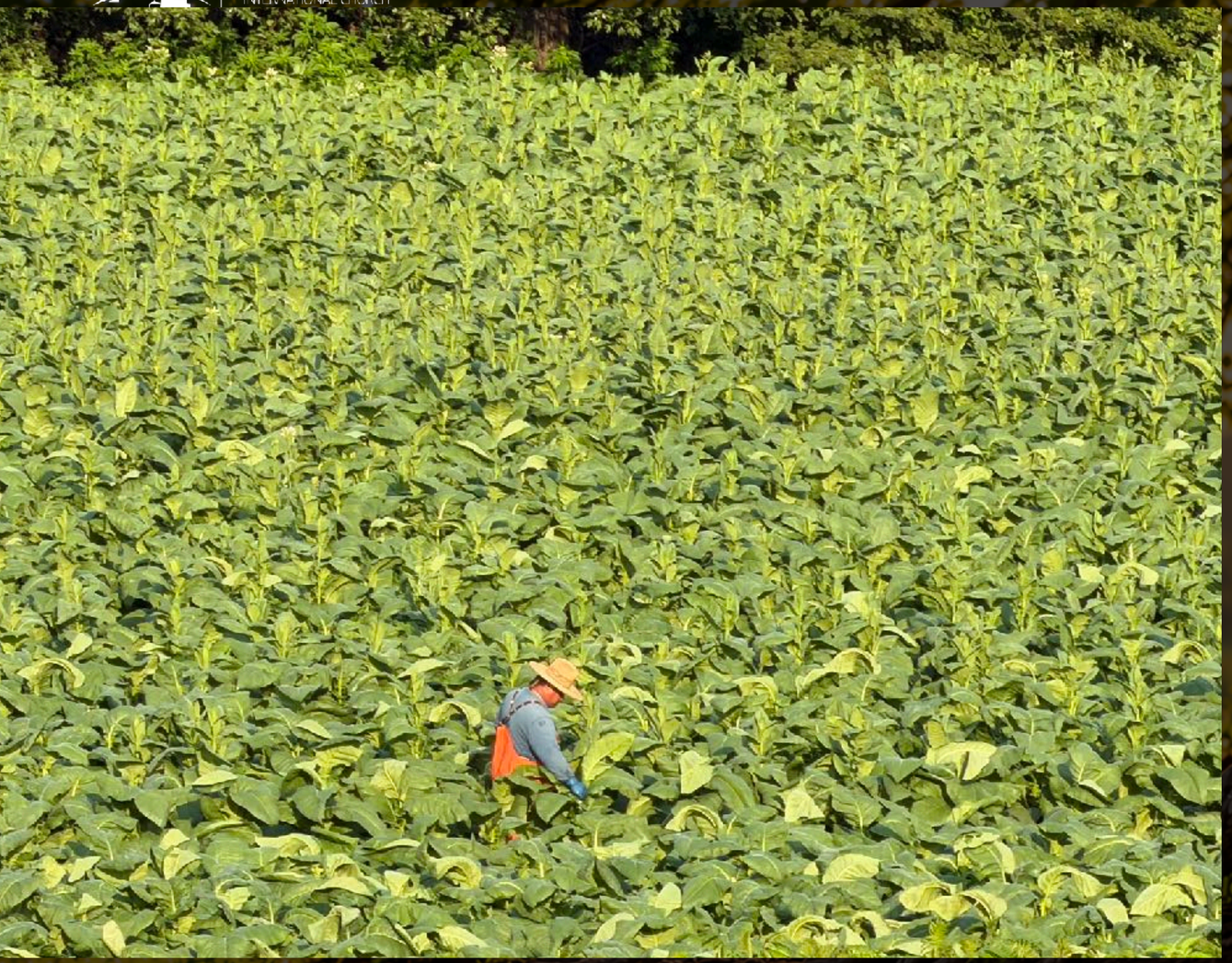


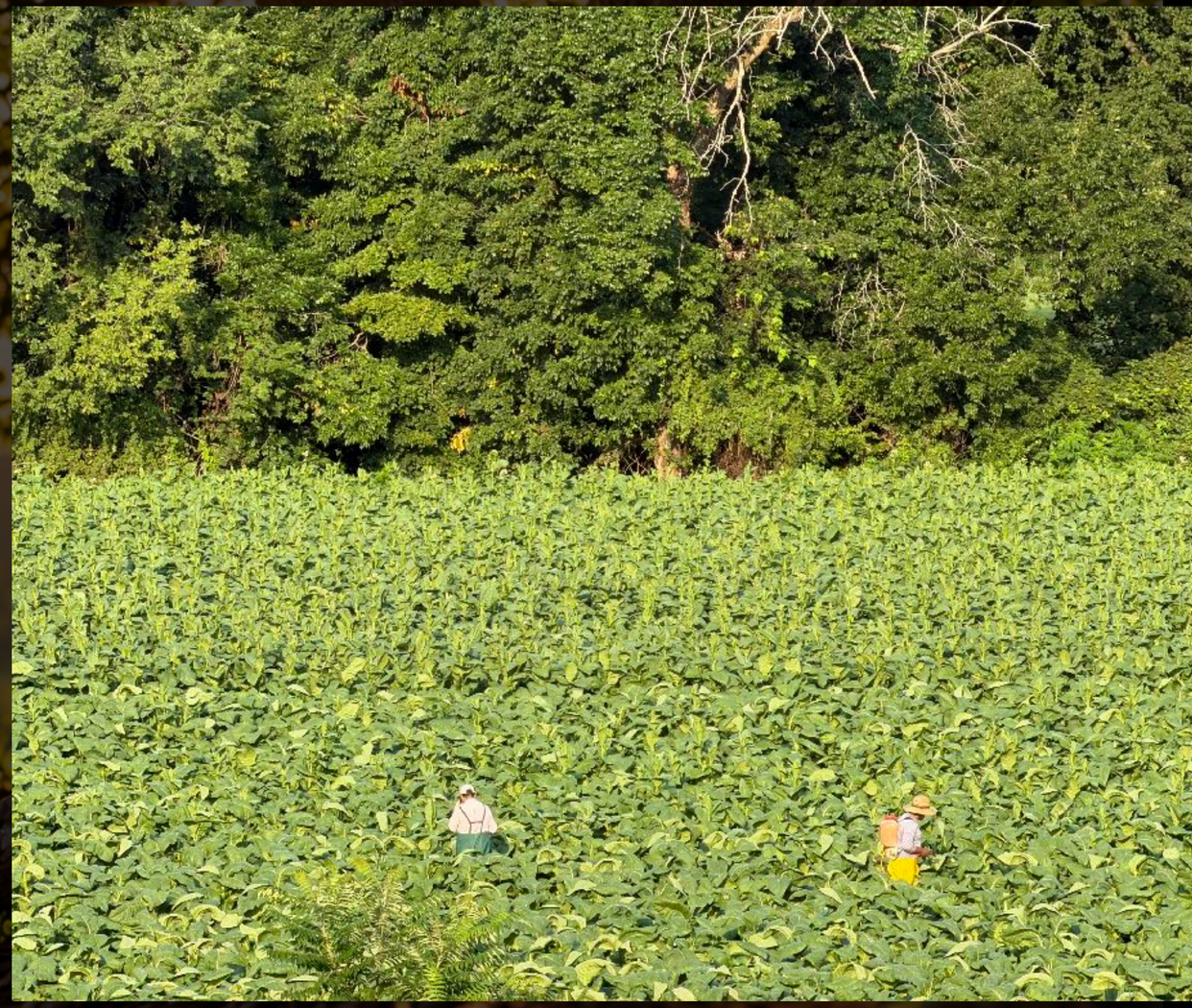






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