The background of the slide features a large, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots in the foreground. In the background, there is a sign for 'Kadena Air Base' under a covered structure. The text is overlaid on this scene.

Mark 1:1–15

The Roots of Mark's Gospel

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Themes revealing Mark's purpose:

- **Disciples called to follow Jesus — Mark 1:16–20; 2:14–28; 3:20–35; 8:27–38; 10:28–45**
- **Disciples called to follow by faith — Mark 1:23–26, 34, 42–44; 3:11–12; 4:40–41; 8:27–30**
- **Disciples called to ever increasing challenge — Mark 1:16–20; 2:15–17; 3:20–35; 8:34–38; 10:28–31, 35–44**

Mark 1:1–3

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Mark 1:4–8

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Mark 1:9–13

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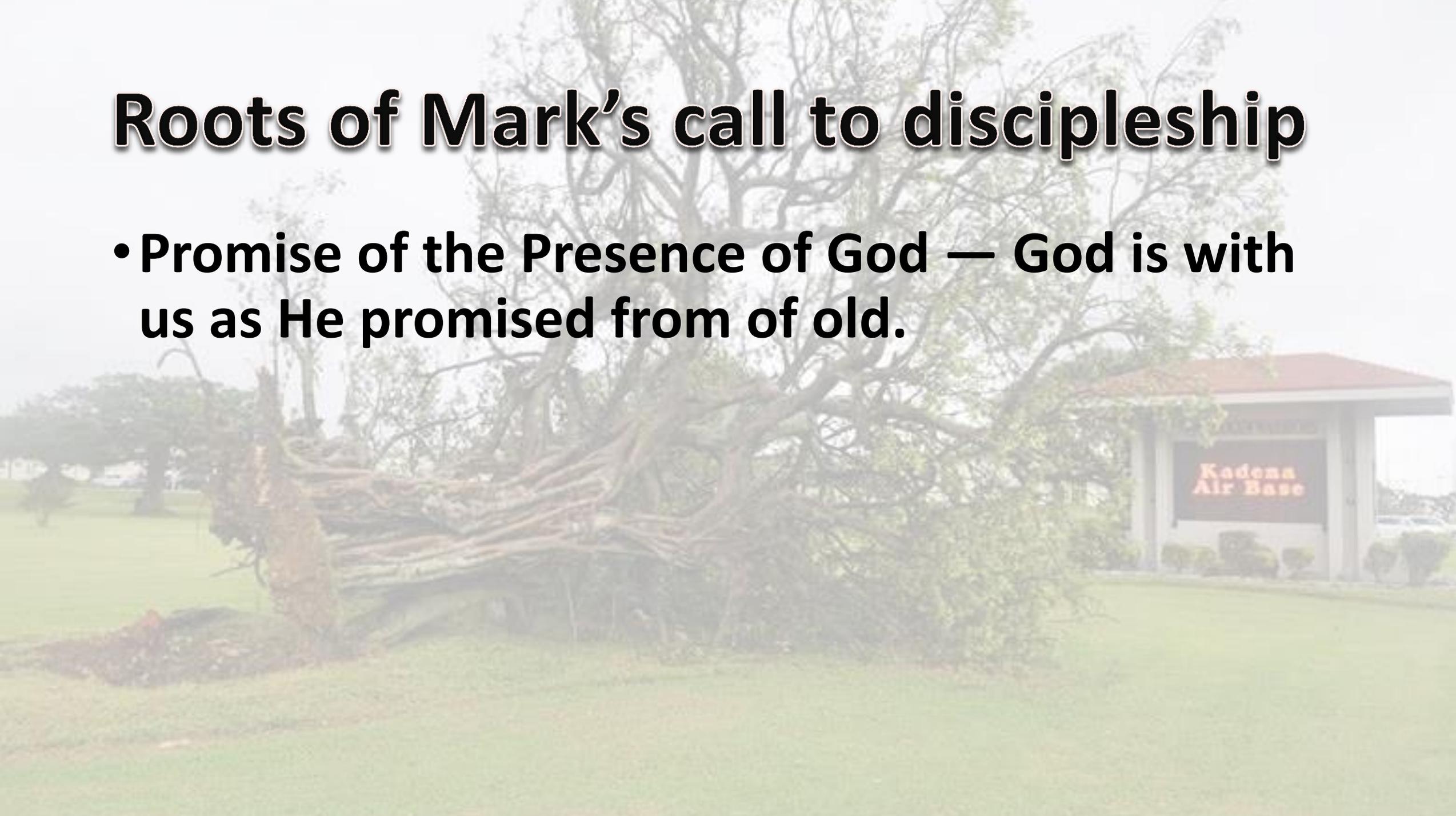
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