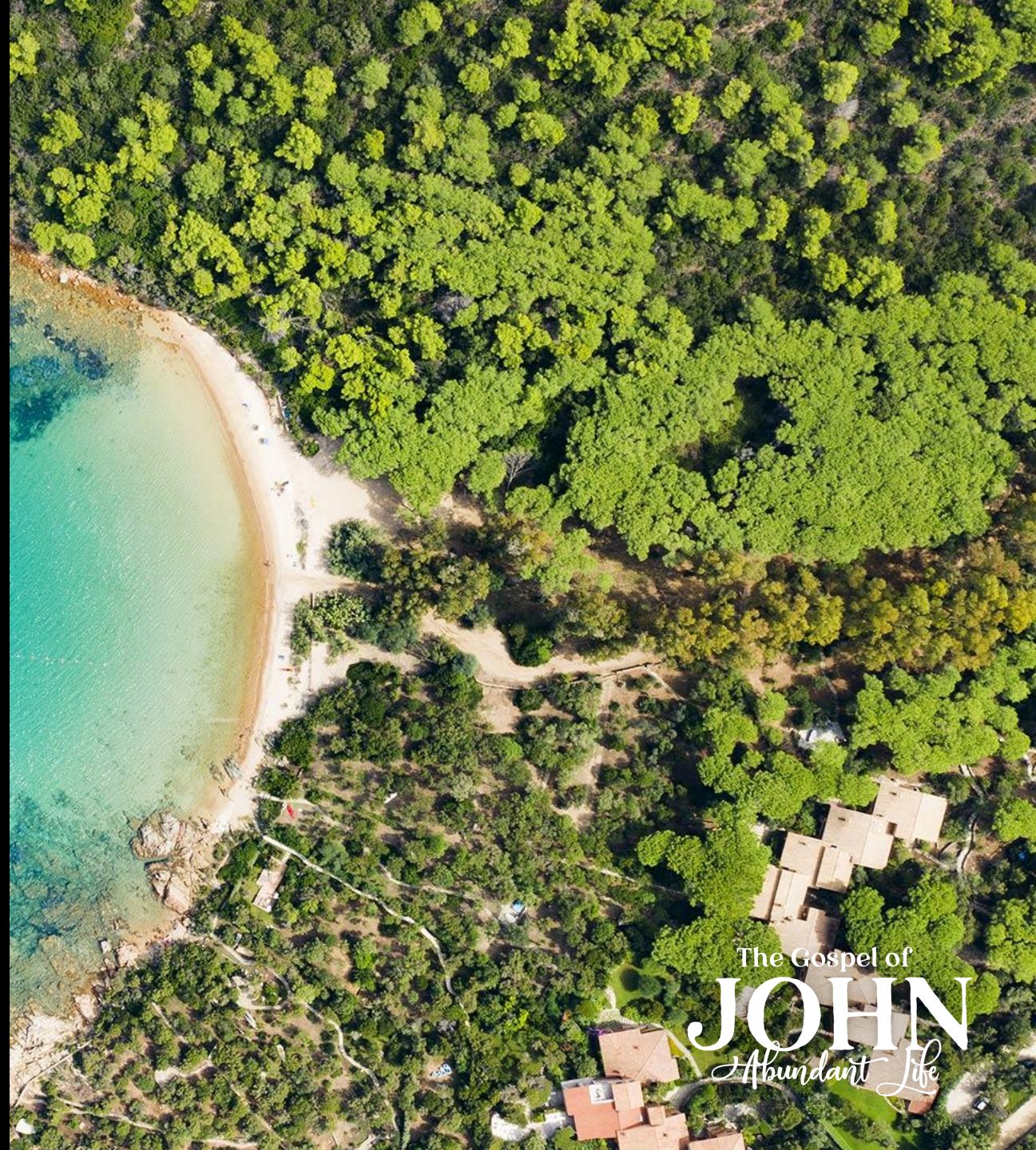


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1. The Danger

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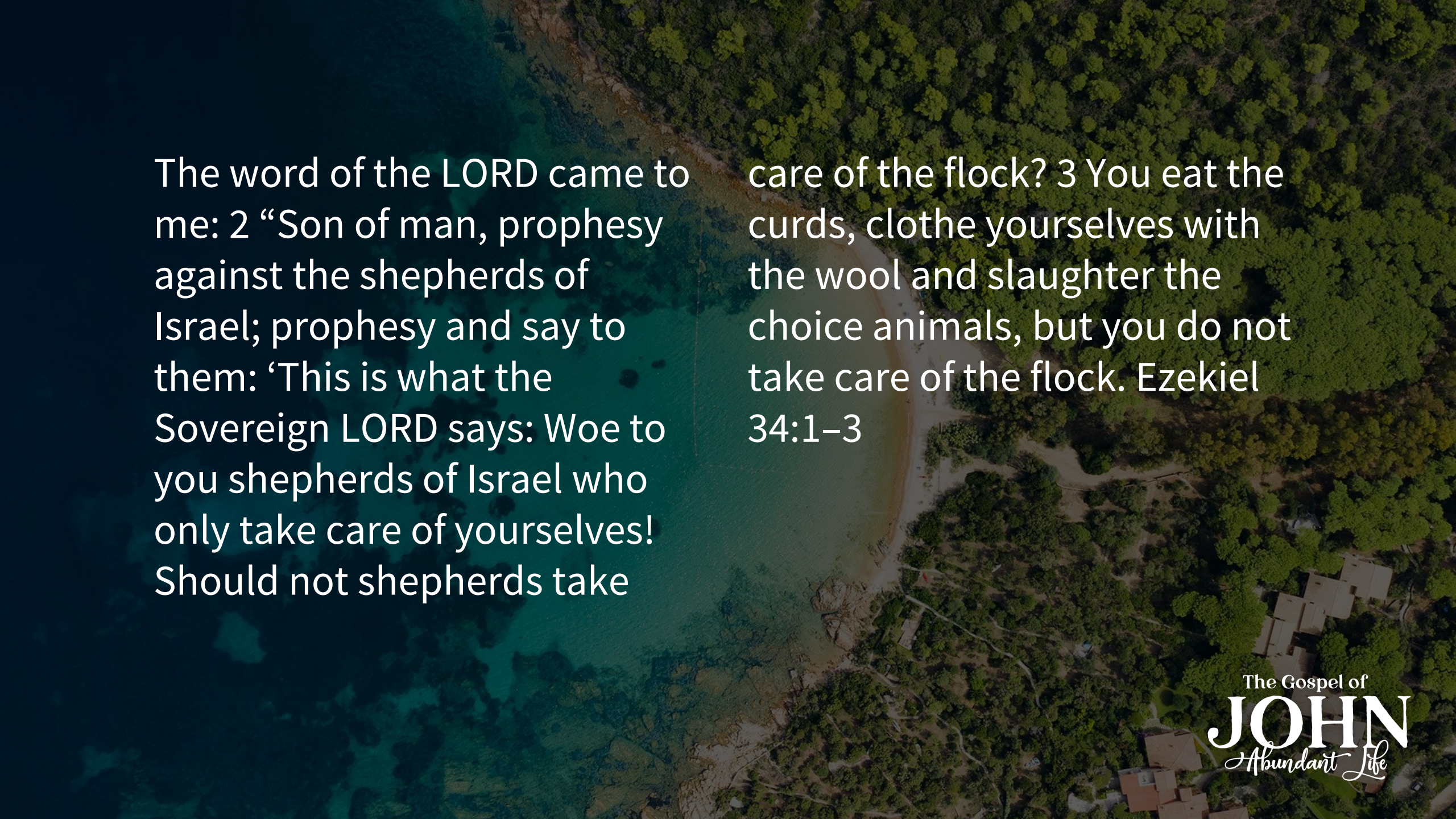


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Very truly I tell you Pharisees,
anyone who does not enter the
sheep pen by the gate, but
climbs in by some other way, is
a thief and a robber. John 10:1

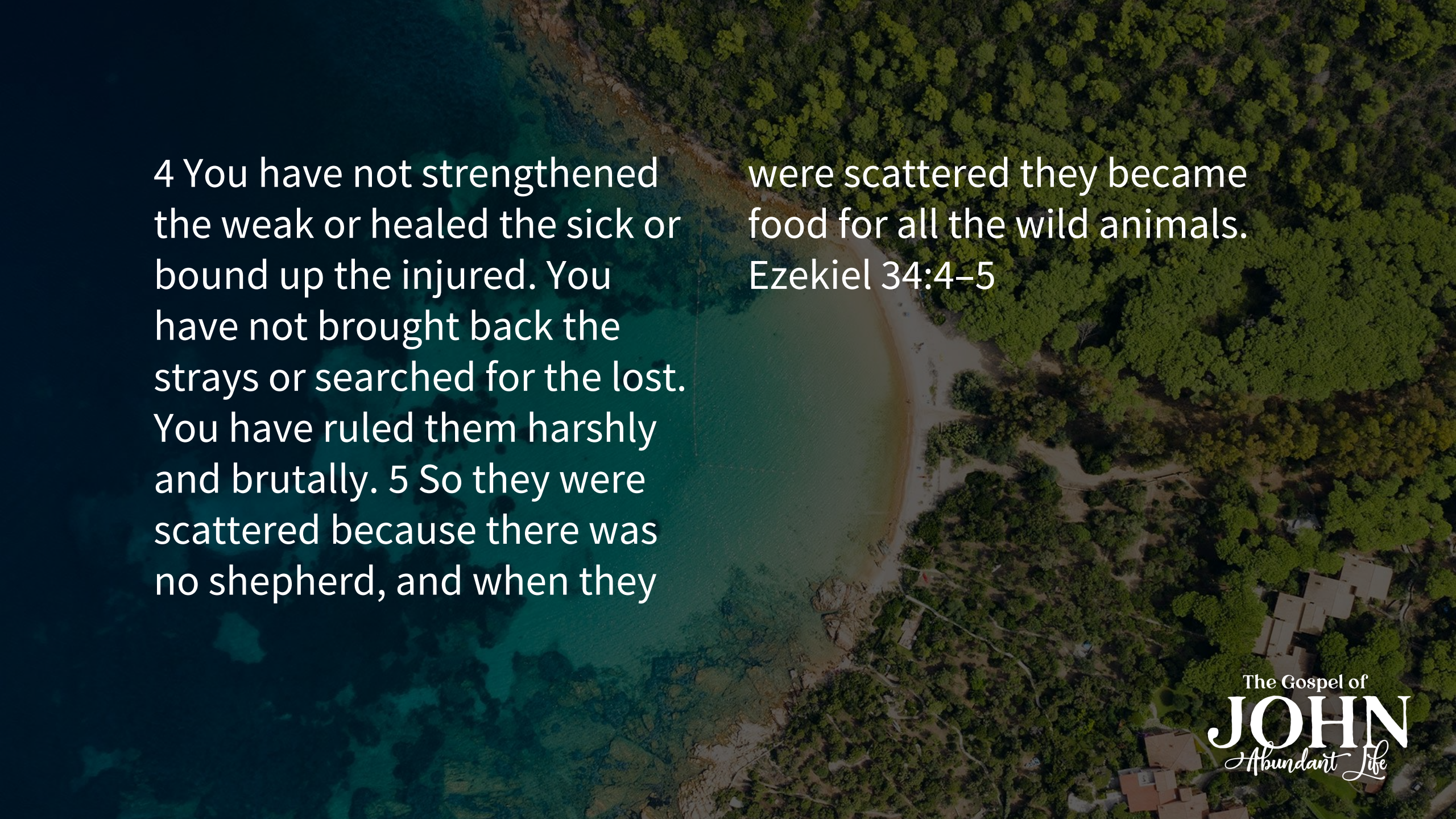
All who have come before me
are thieves and robbers, but
the sheep have not listened to
them. John 10:8

The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy; I have
come that they may have life,
and have it to the full. John
10:10



The word of the LORD came to me: 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take

care of the flock? 3 You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. Ezekiel 34:1–3



4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. 5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they

were scattered they became food for all the wild animals.
Ezekiel 34:4–5

6 My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. 7 “ ‘Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a

shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock ... Ezekiel 34:6–8



**Some church leaders don't feed the
sheep, they feed on the sheep.**

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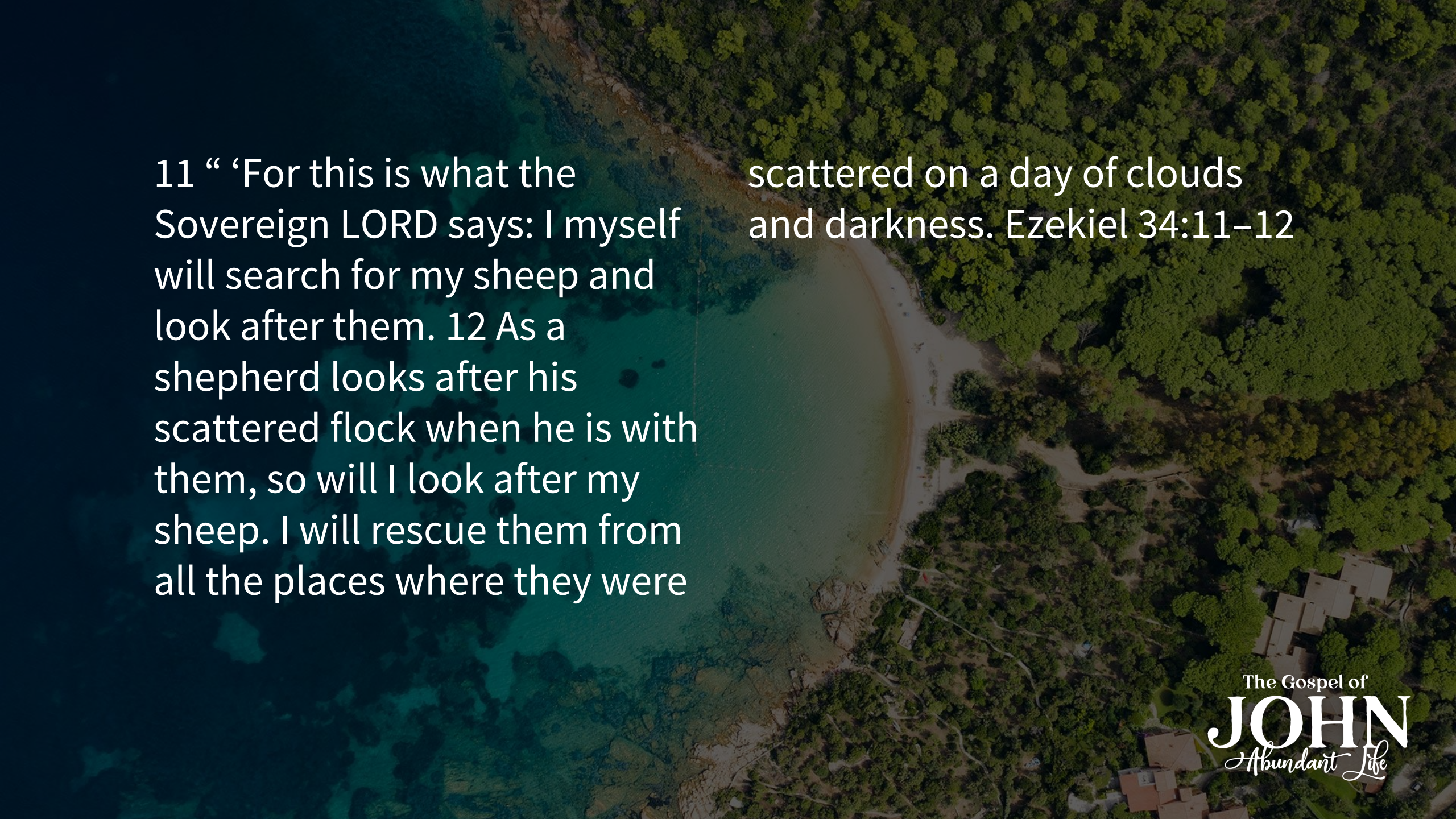
A lack of wisdom

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Thieving and robbing -
stealing, killing, destroying

... therefore, you shepherds,
hear the word of the LORD: 10
This is what the Sovereign
LORD says: I am against the
shepherds and will hold them
accountable for my flock. I will
remove them from tending the
flock so that the shepherds
can no longer feed themselves.

I will rescue my flock from
their mouths, and it will no
longer be food for them.
Ezekiel 34:9–10



11 “ ‘For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. 12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were

scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. Ezekiel 34:11–12

13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. 14 I will tend them in a good

pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. Ezekiel 34:13–14

15 I myself will tend my sheep
and have them lie down,
declares the Sovereign LORD.
16 I will search for the lost and
bring back the strays. I will
bind up the injured and
strengthen the weak, but the
sleek and the strong I will
destroy. I will shepherd the

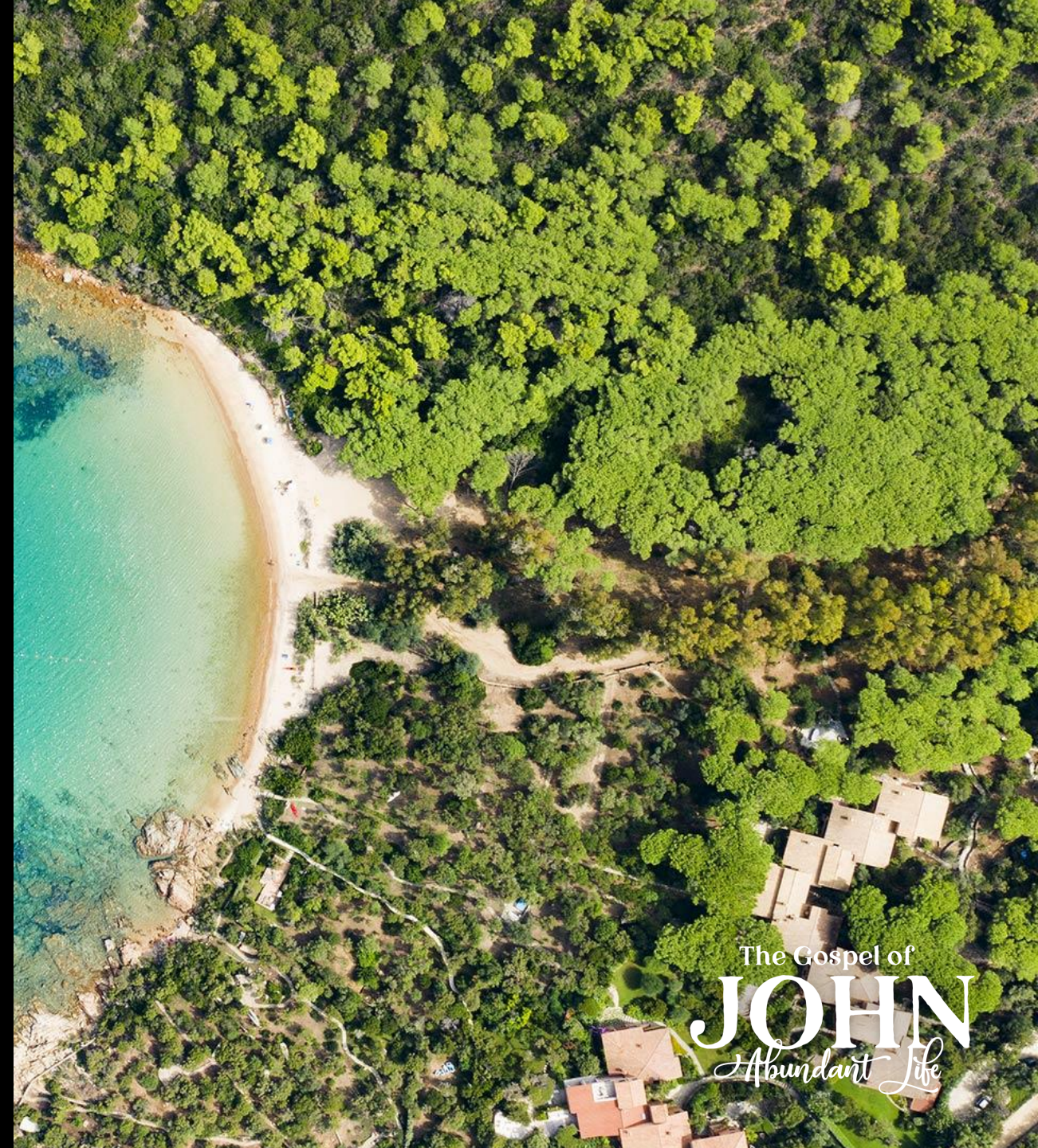
flock with justice. Ezekiel
34:15–16

I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. 23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. 24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince

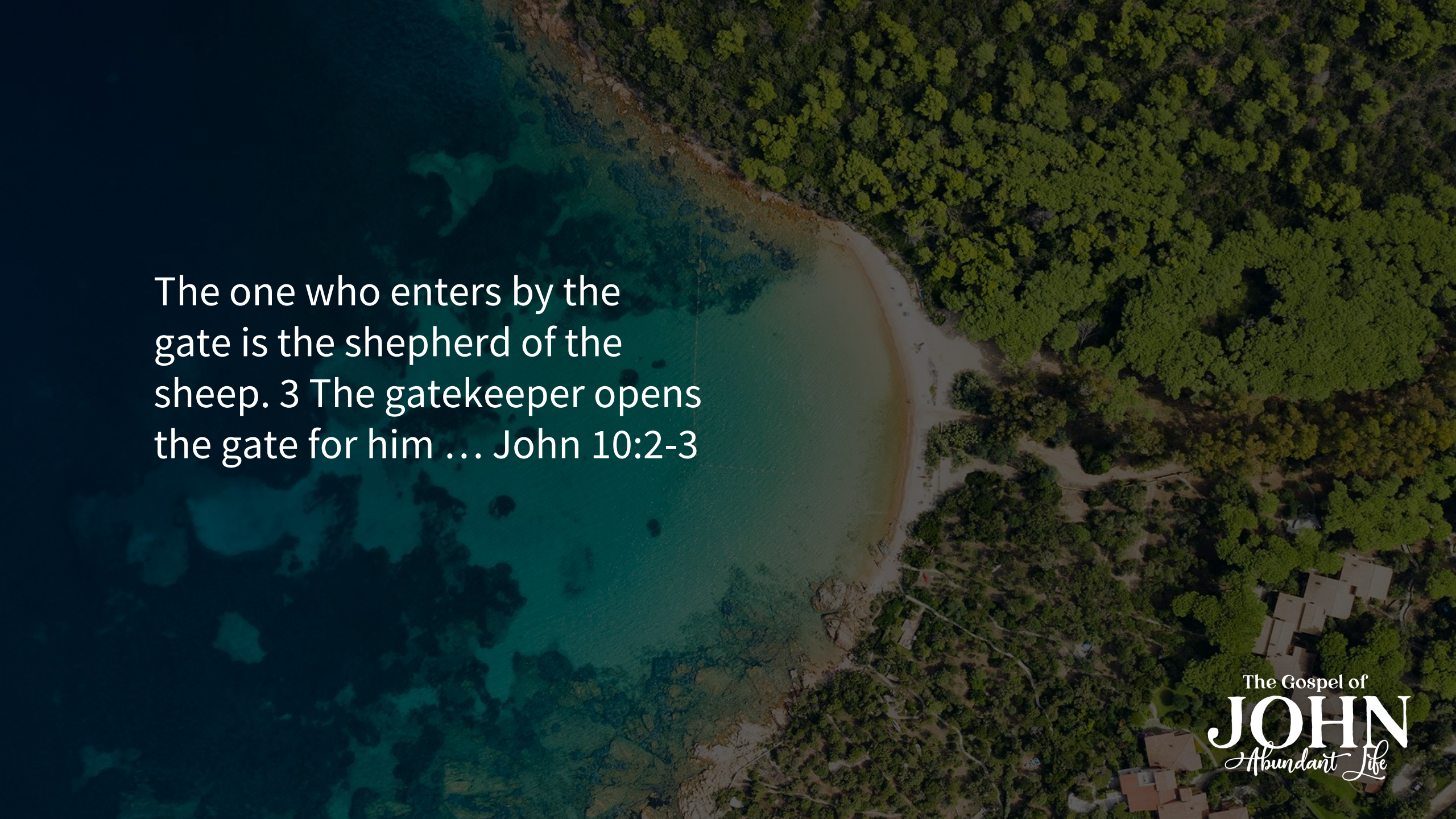
among them. I the LORD have spoken. 25 “ ‘I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of savage beasts so that they may live in the wilderness and sleep in the forests in safety. Ezekiel 34:22–25

2. The Safety

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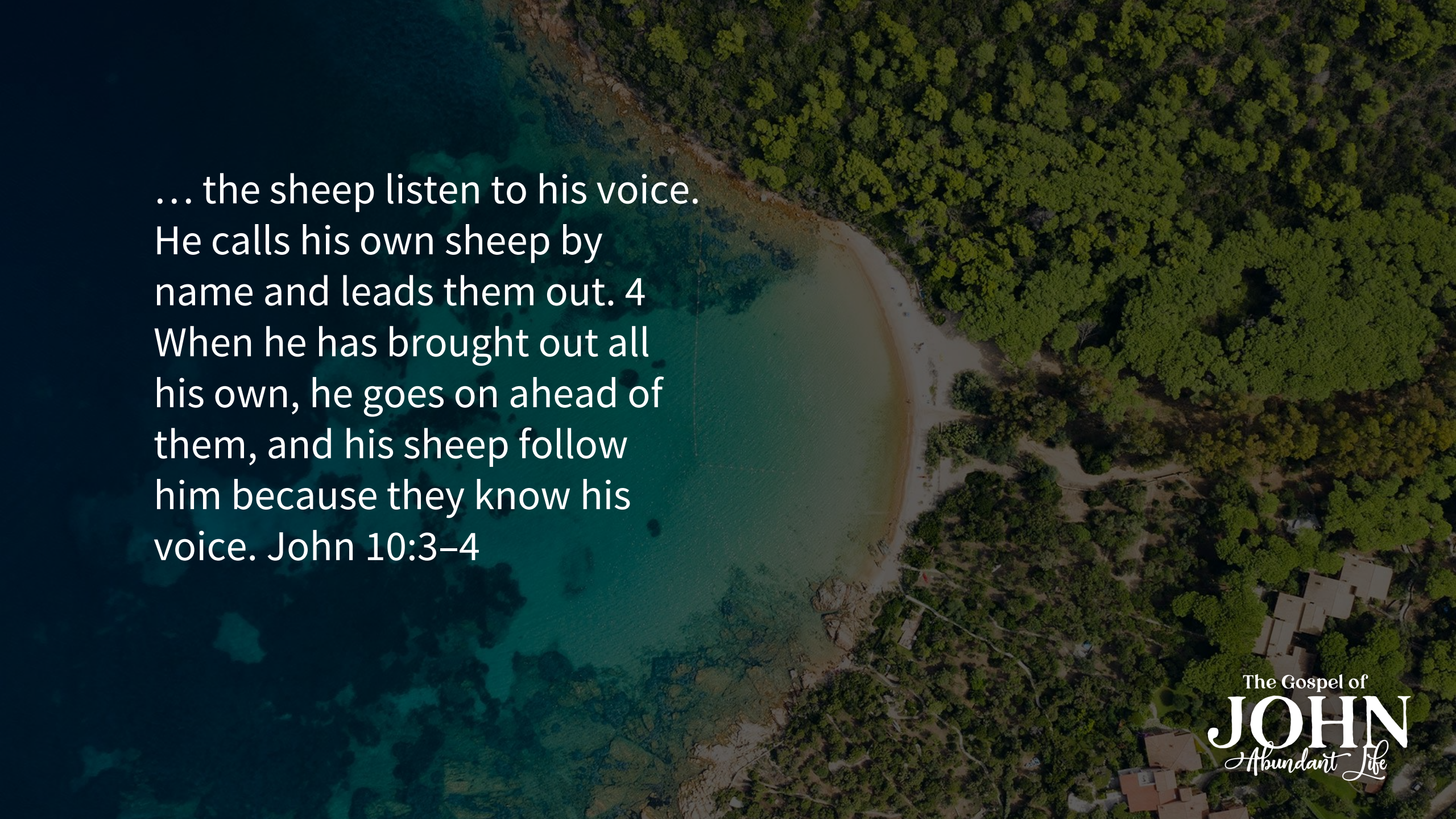


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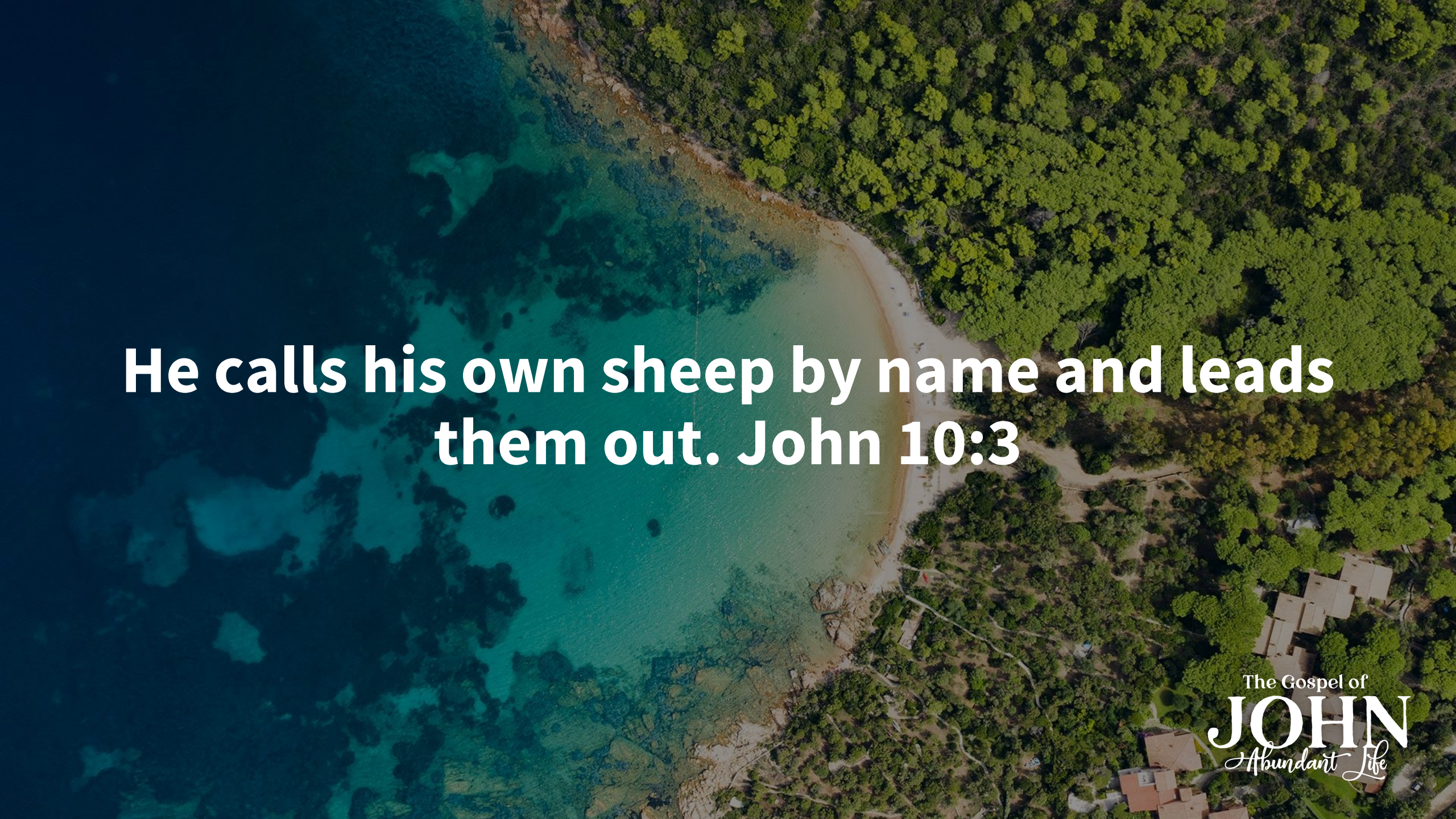


The one who enters by the
gate is the shepherd of the
sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens
the gate for him ... John 10:2-3

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... the sheep listen to his voice.
He calls his own sheep by
name and leads them out. 4
When he has brought out all
his own, he goes on ahead of
them, and his sheep follow
him because they know his
voice. John 10:3–4



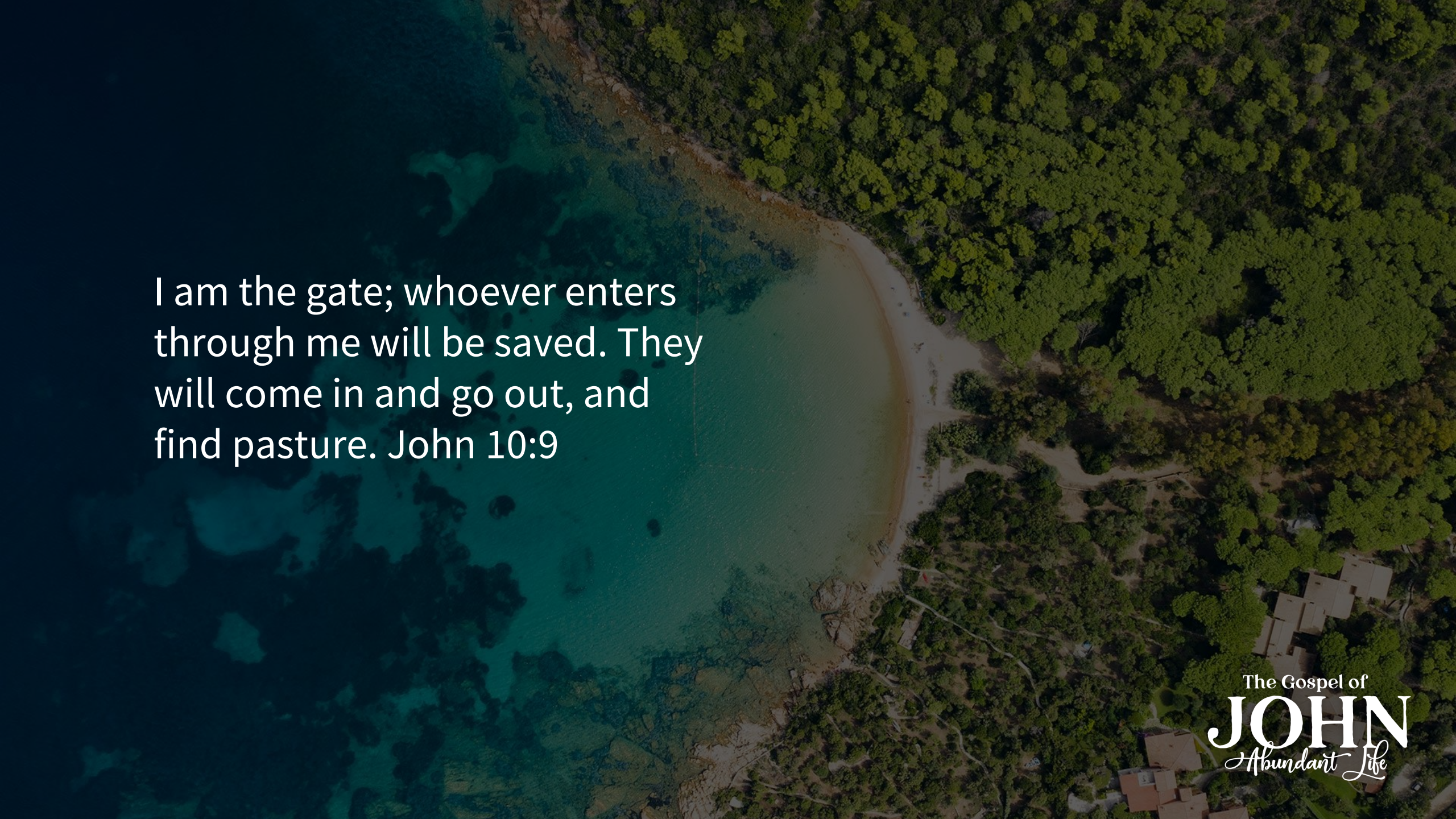
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You drive cattle and you lead sheep

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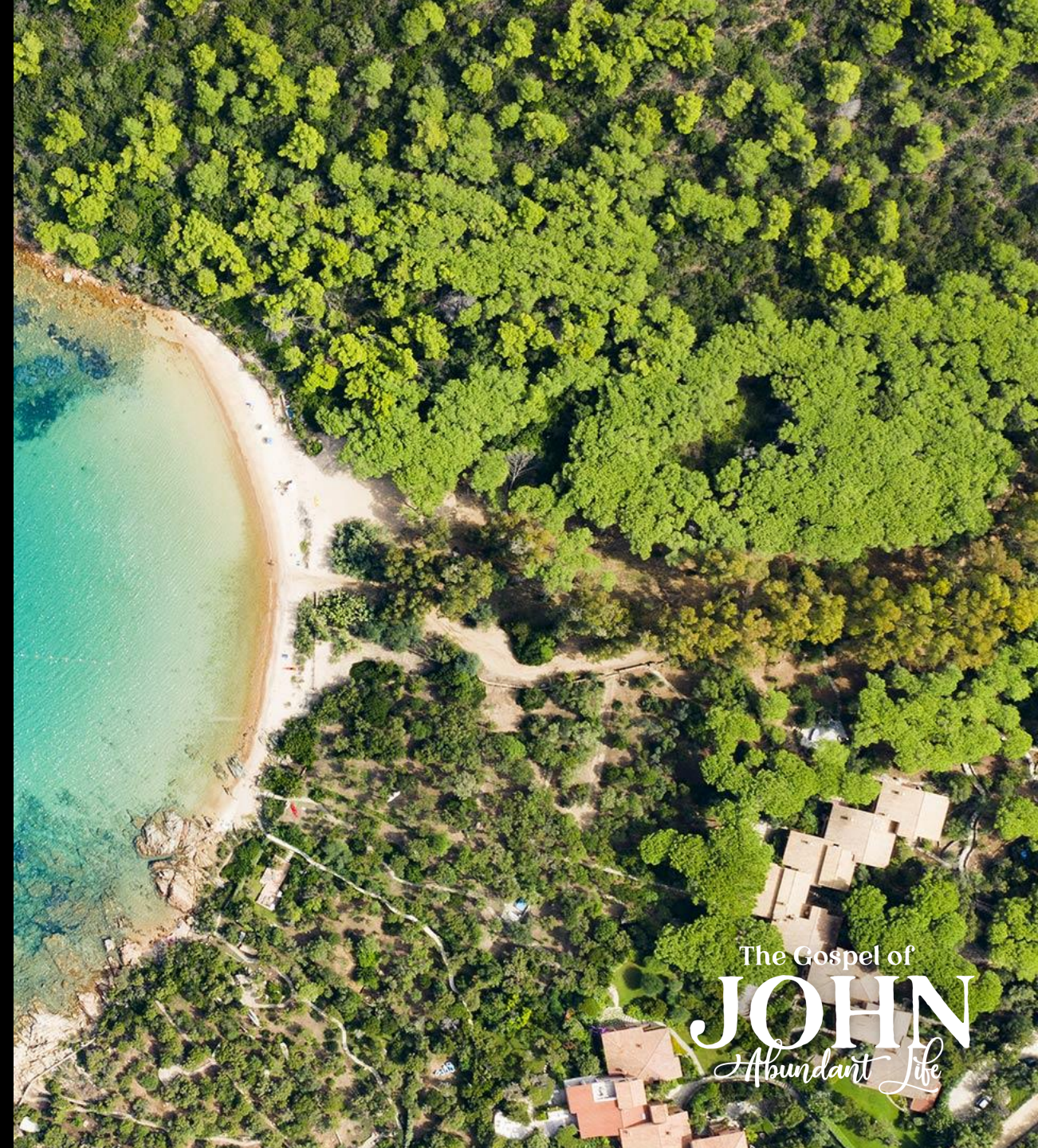


I am the gate; whoever enters
through me will be saved. They
will come in and go out, and
find pasture. John 10:9

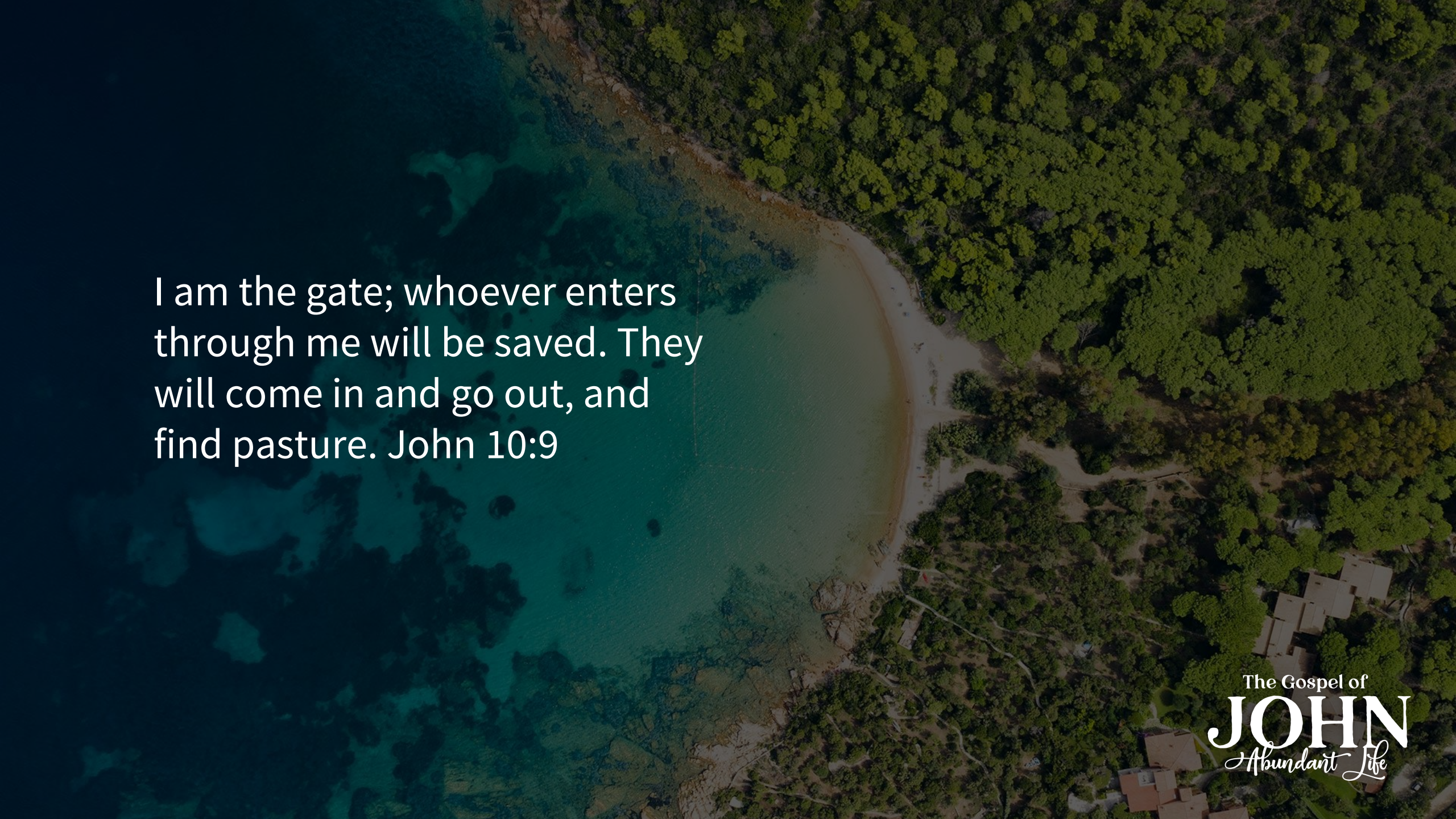
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3. The Effect

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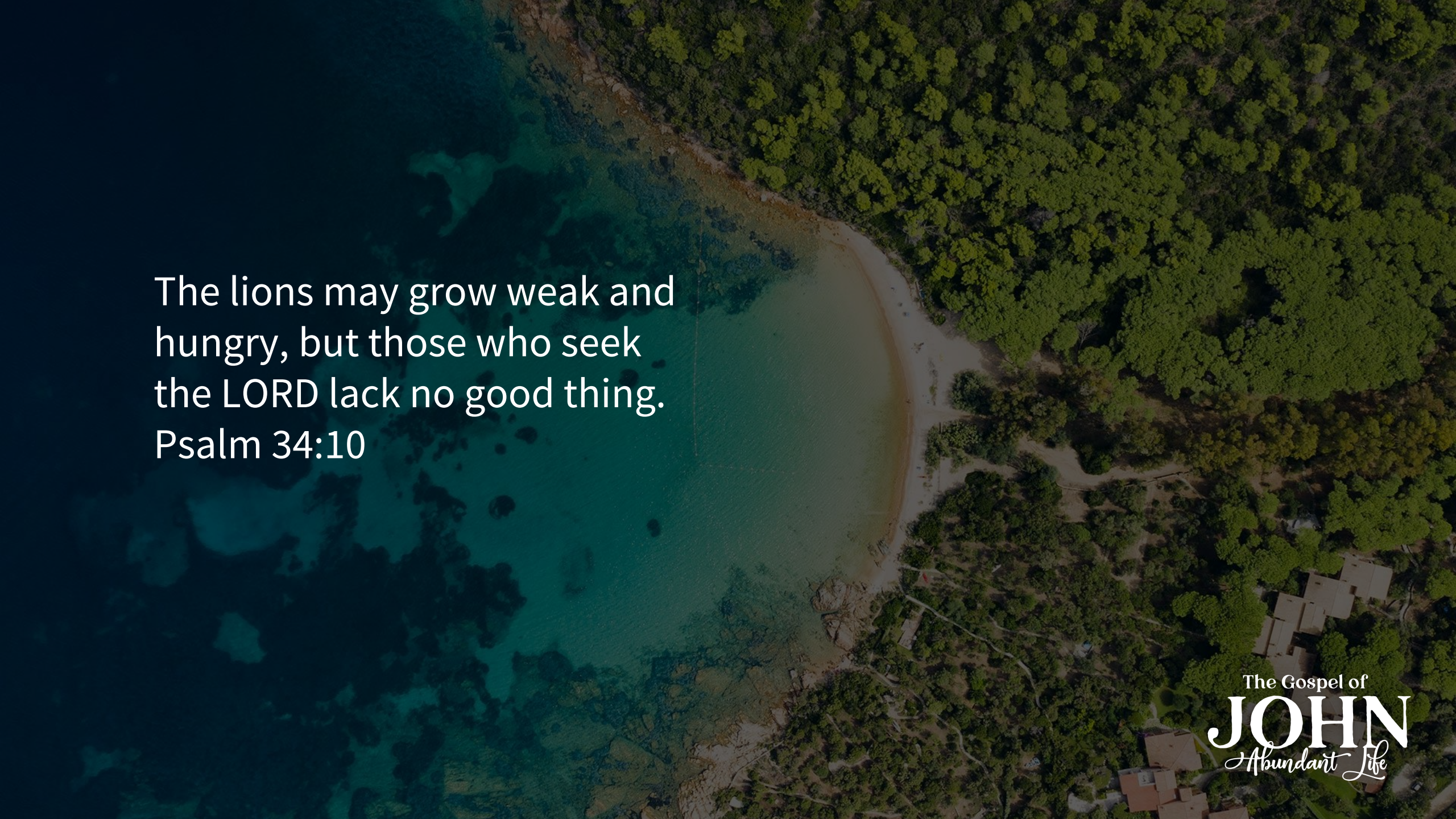


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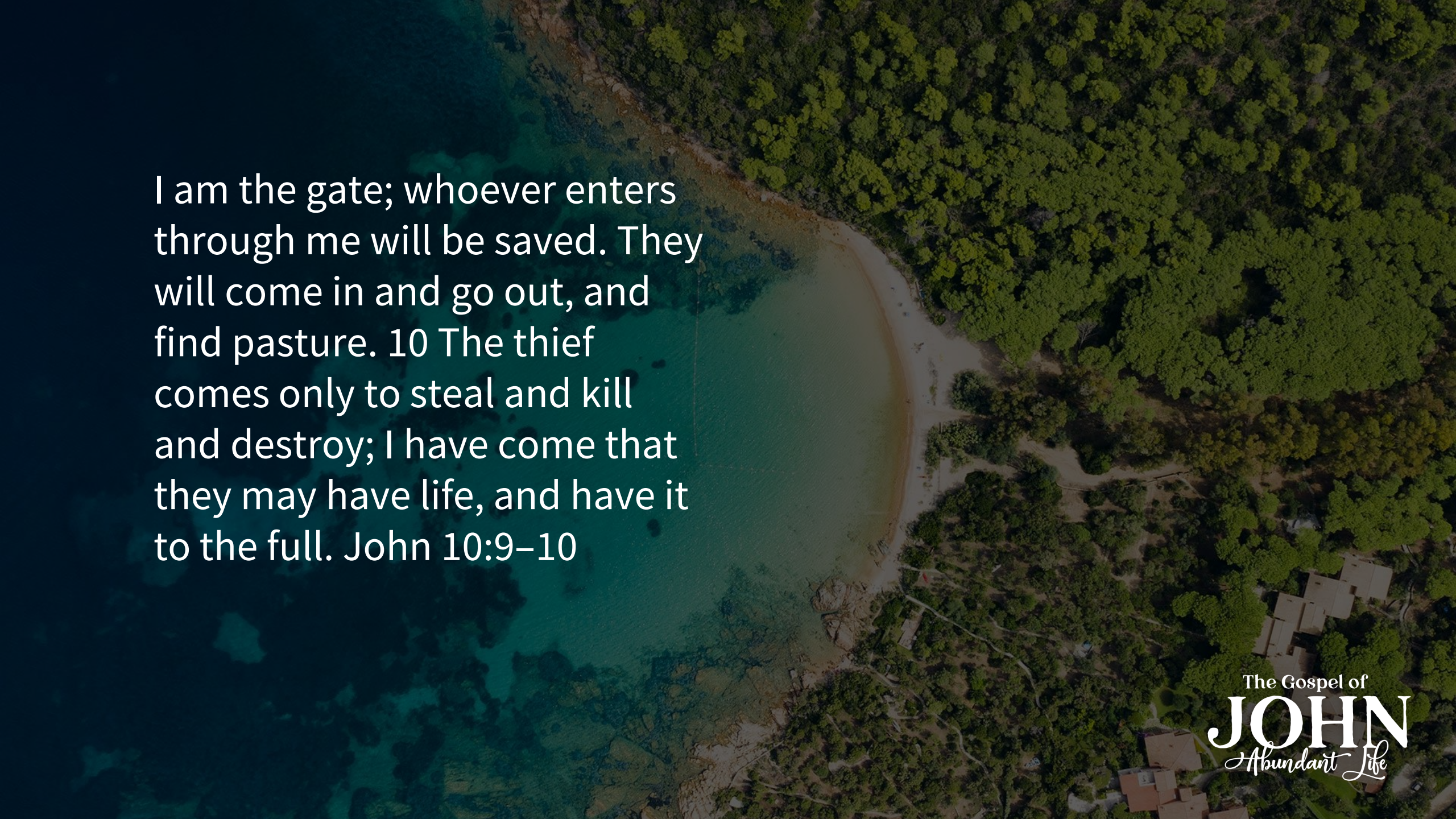
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The lions may grow weak and
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the LORD lack no good thing.
Psalm 34:10

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