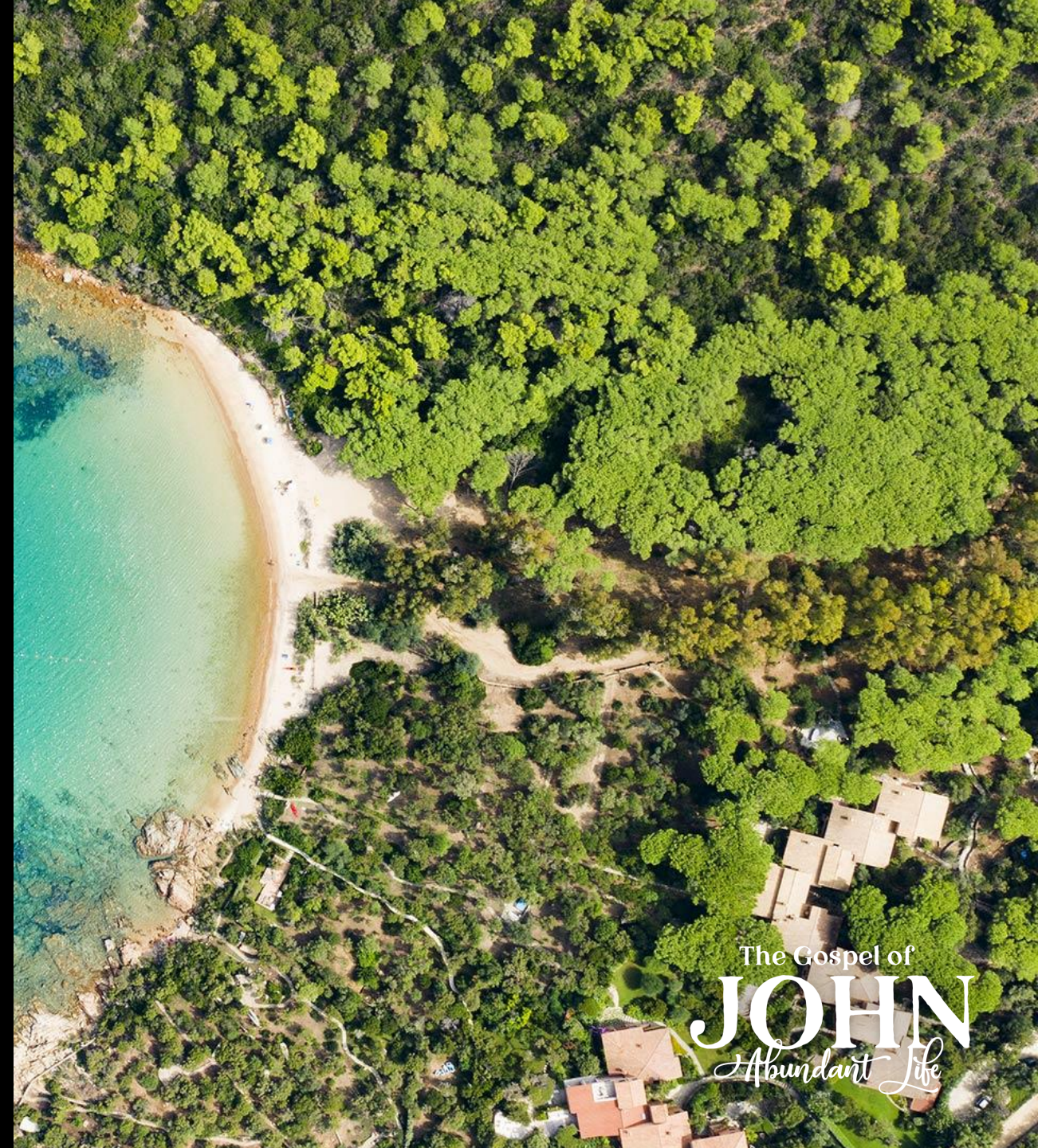


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**Ruining a Good
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1. An Honest Testimony

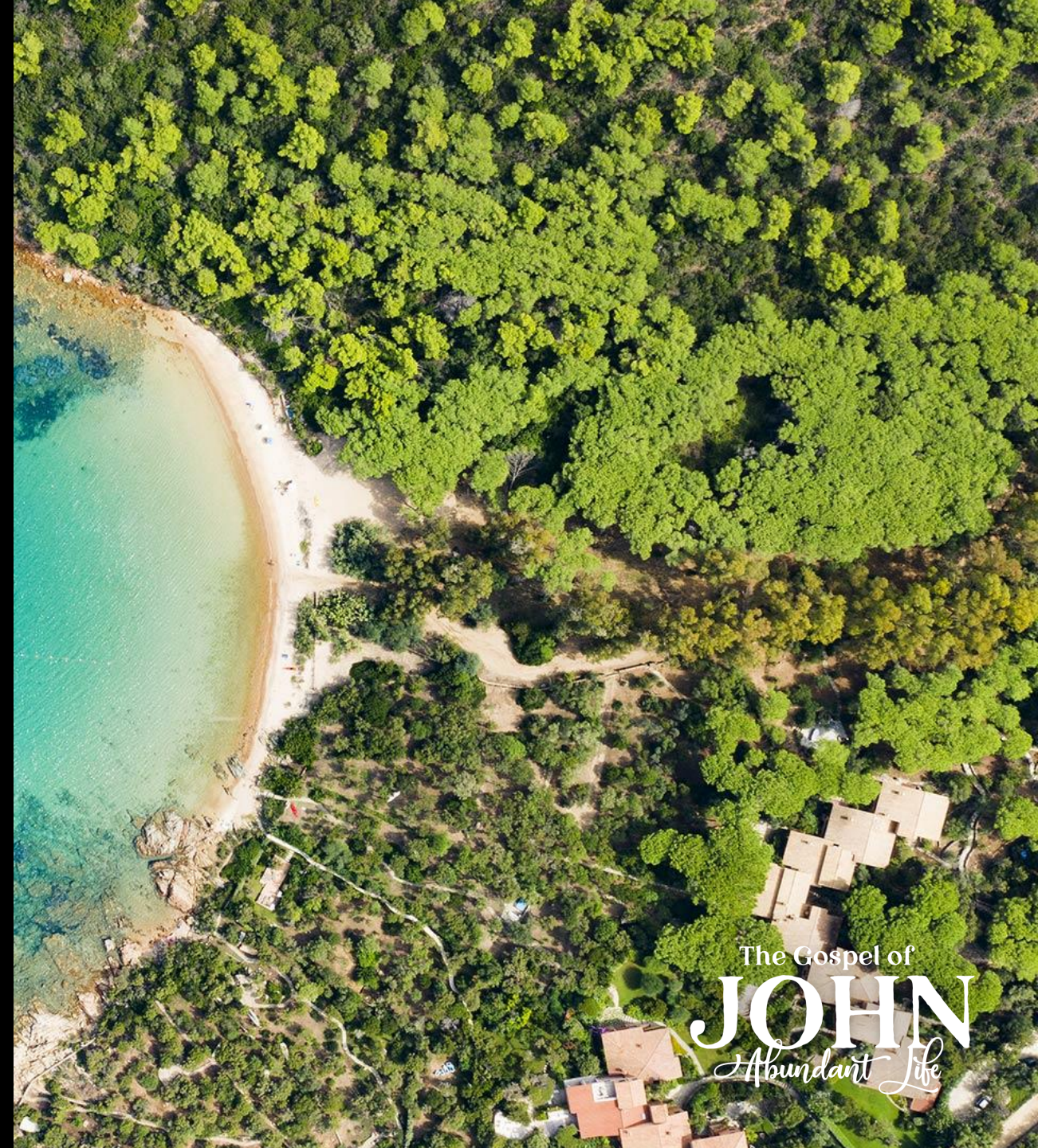
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2. Religion is a Wrecker

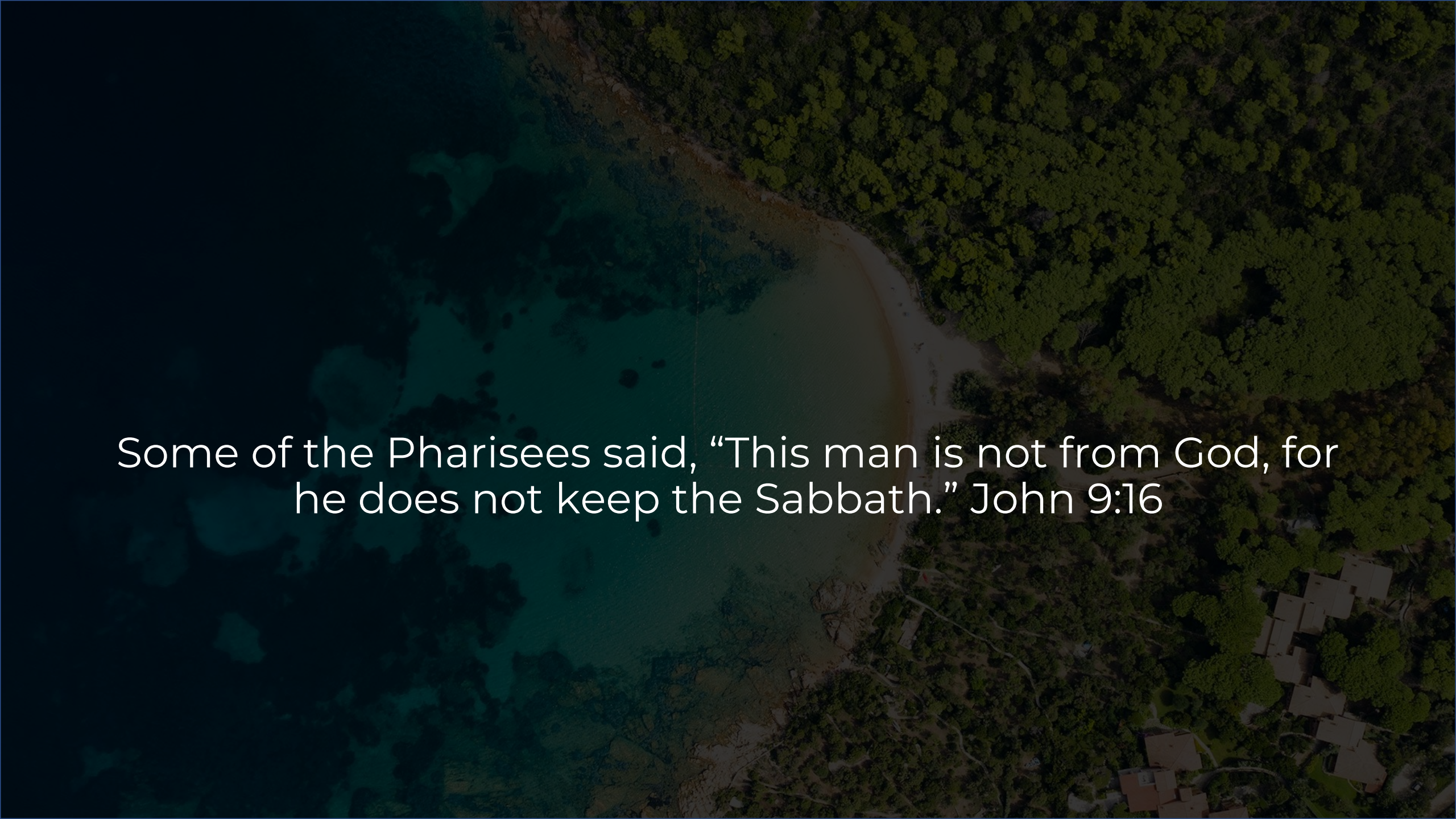
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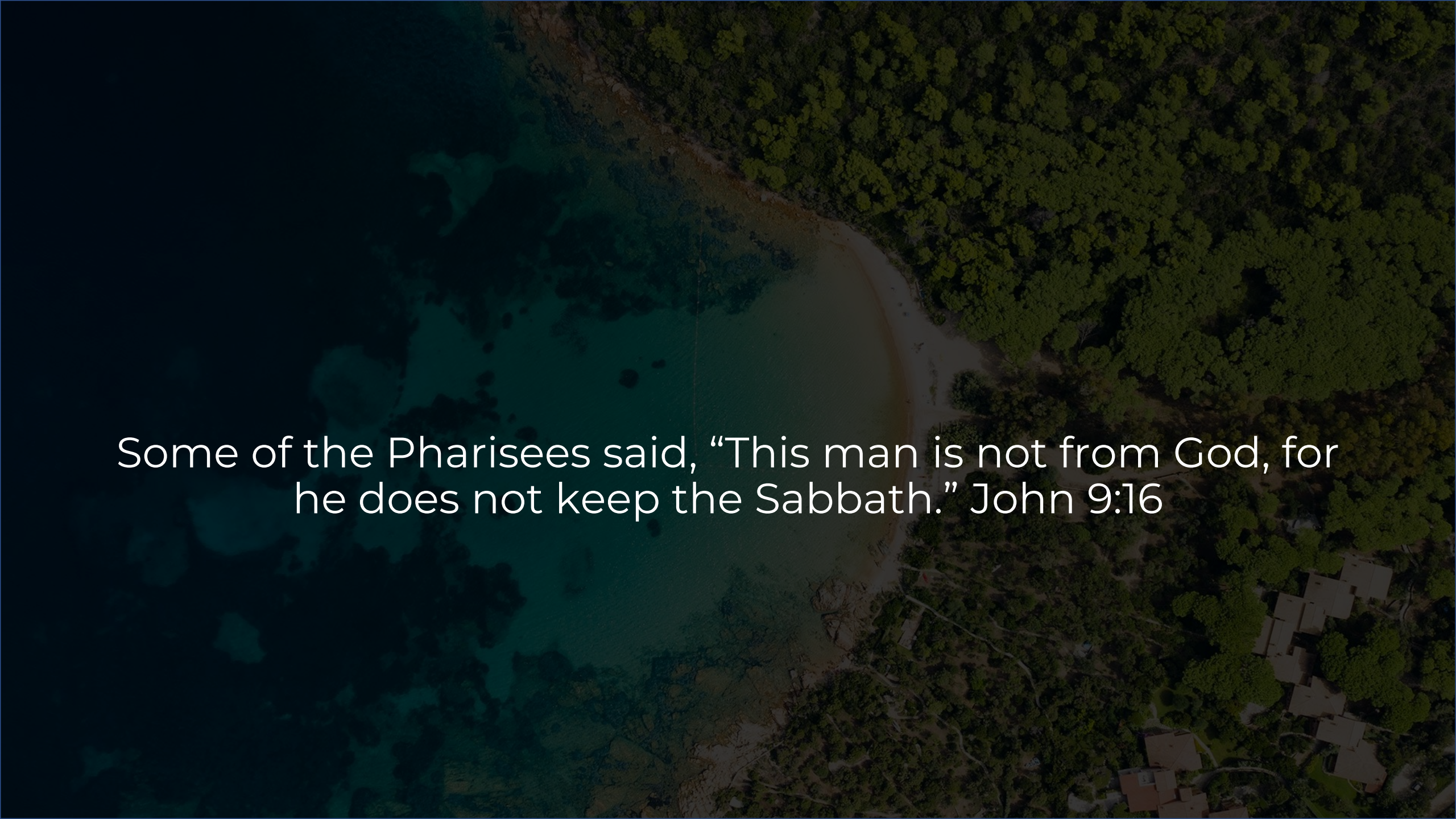
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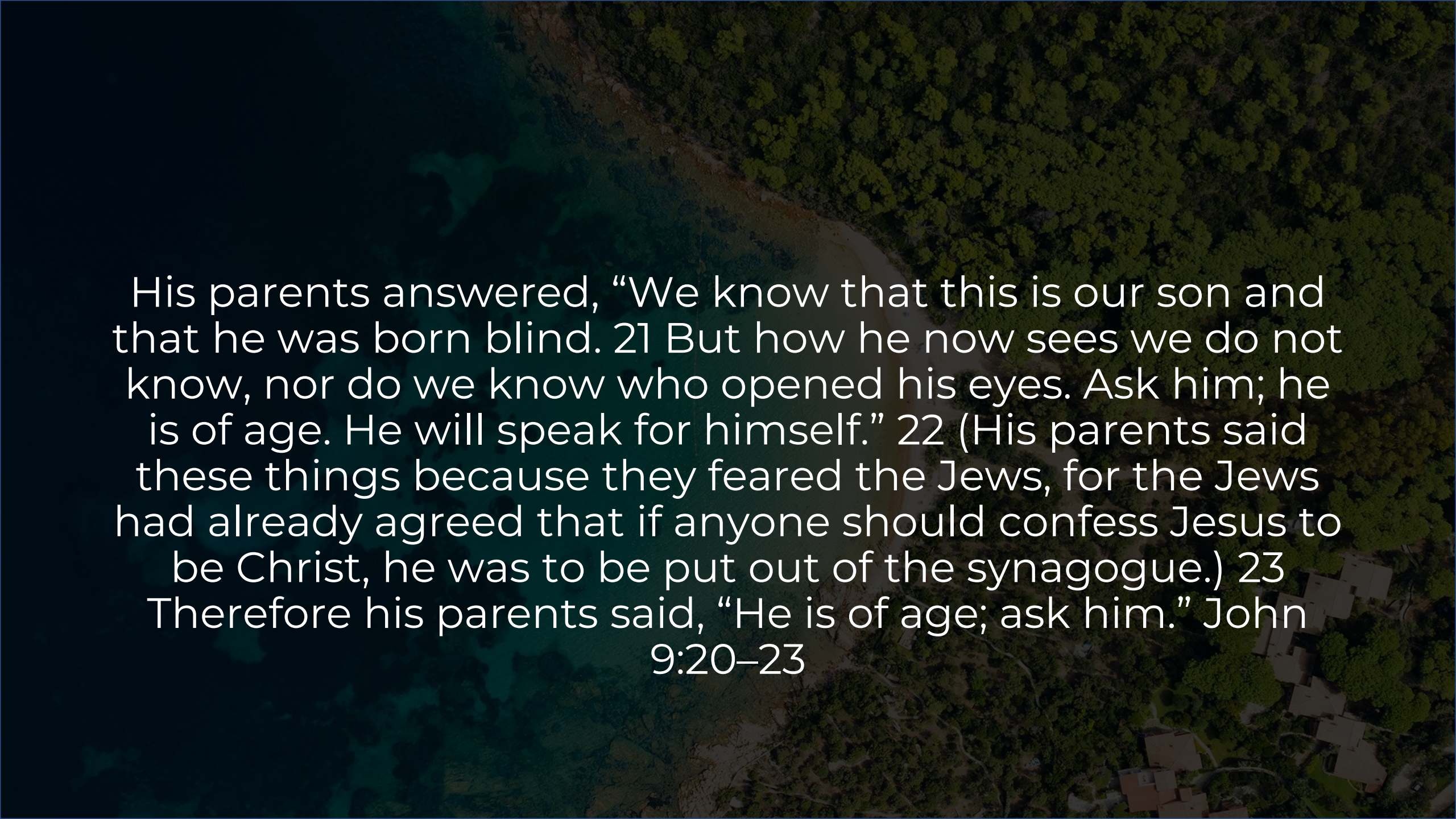
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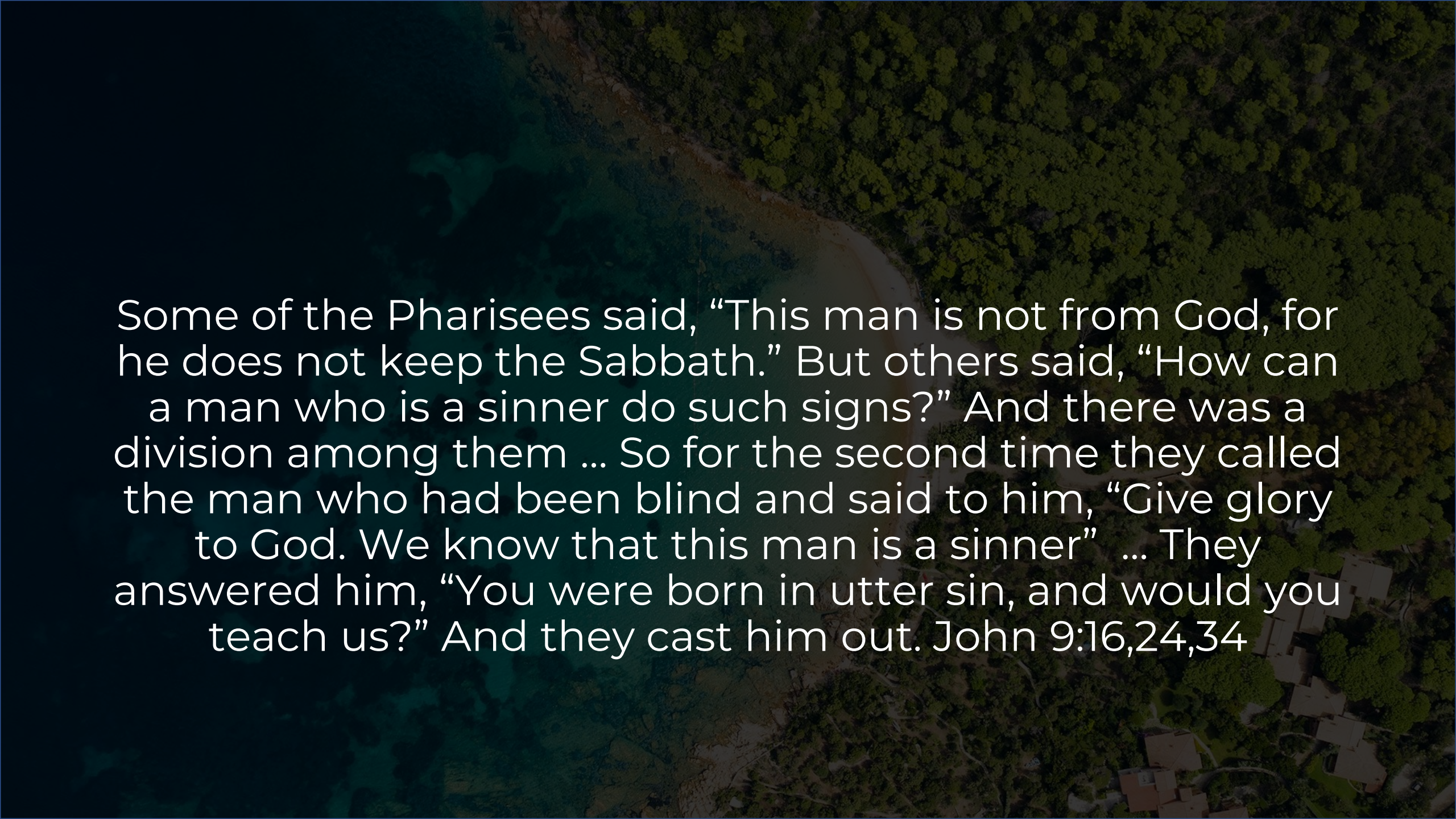
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Religion gives people power and control over others

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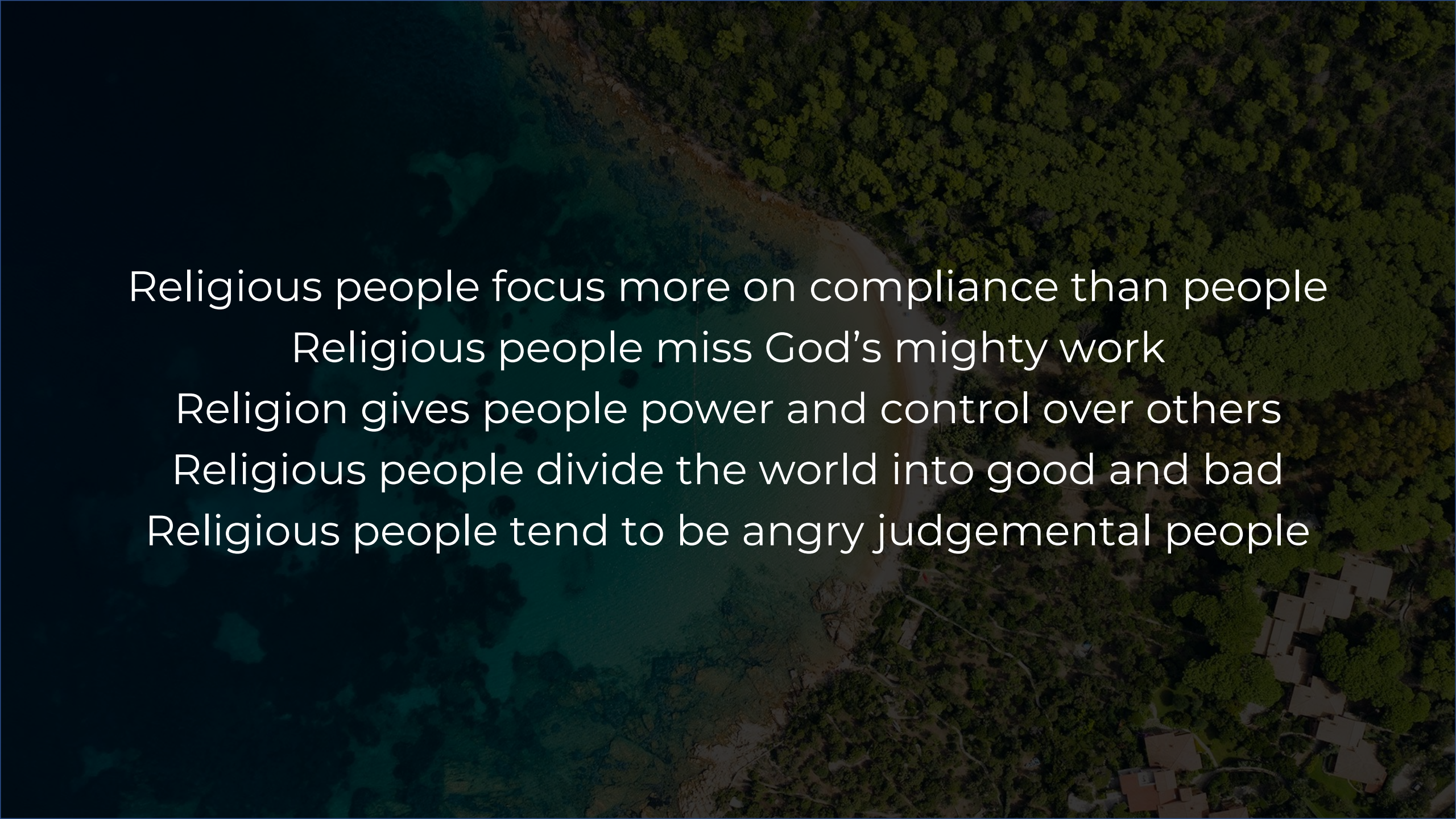
His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." John 9:20–23



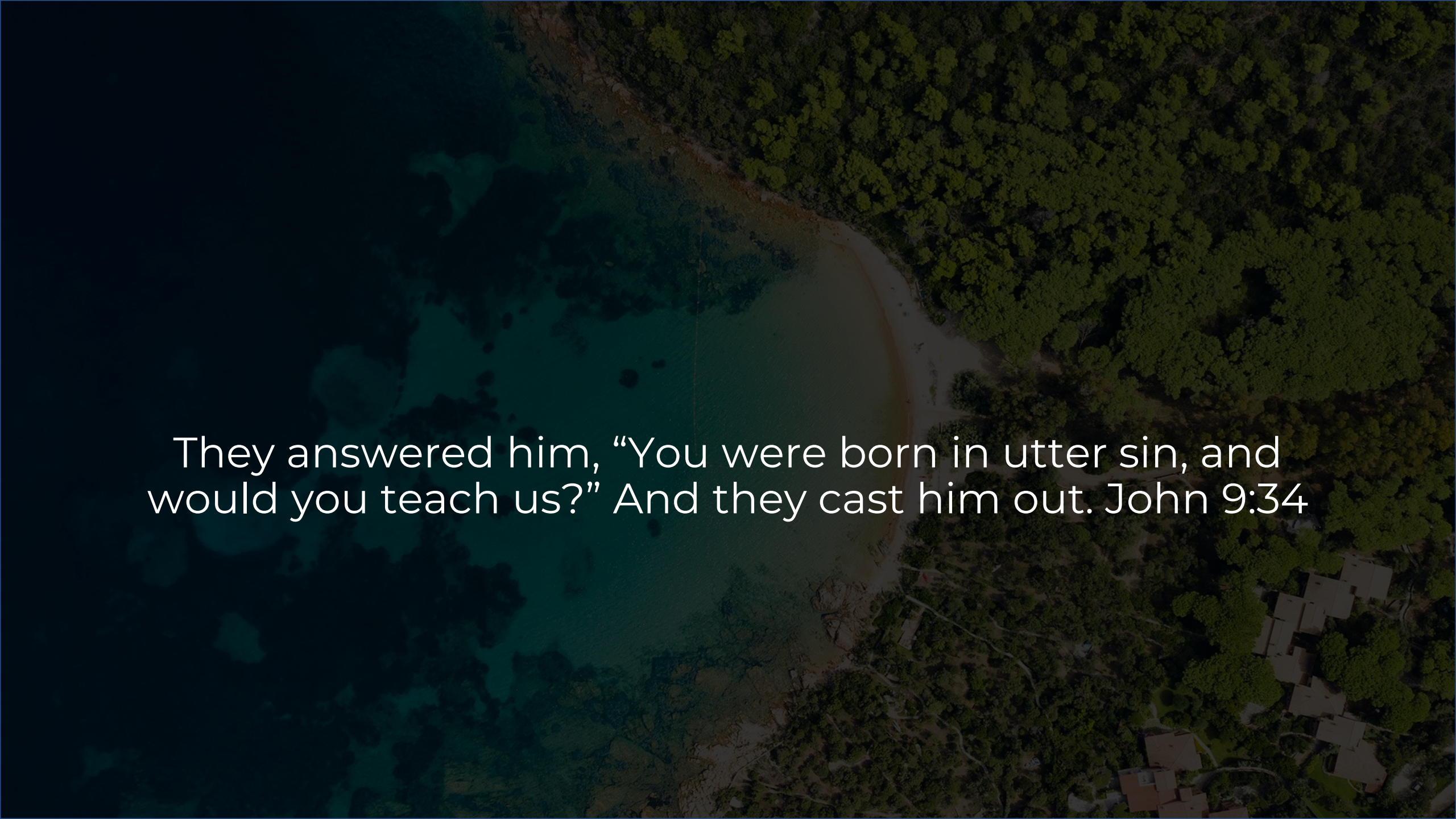
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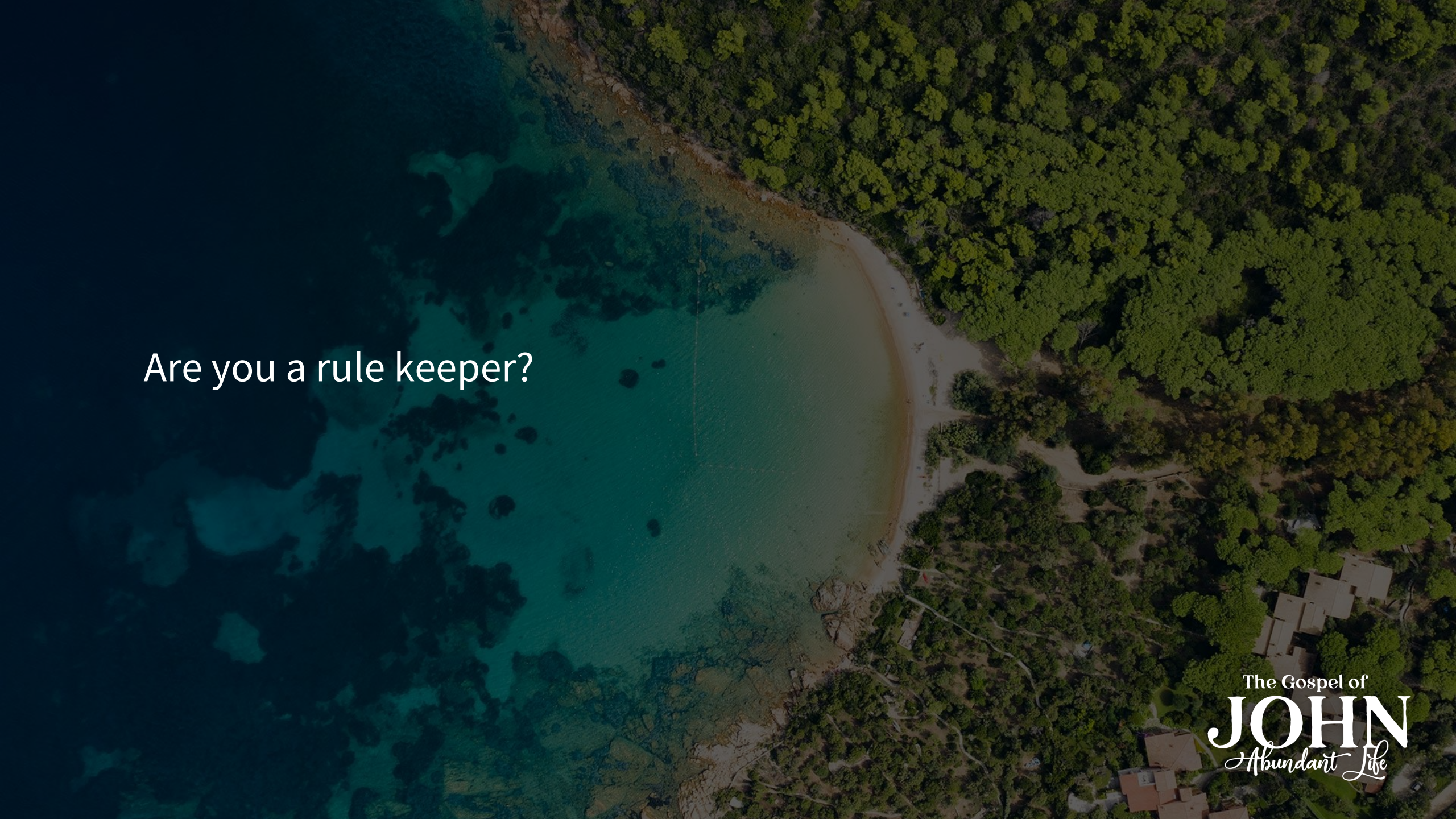
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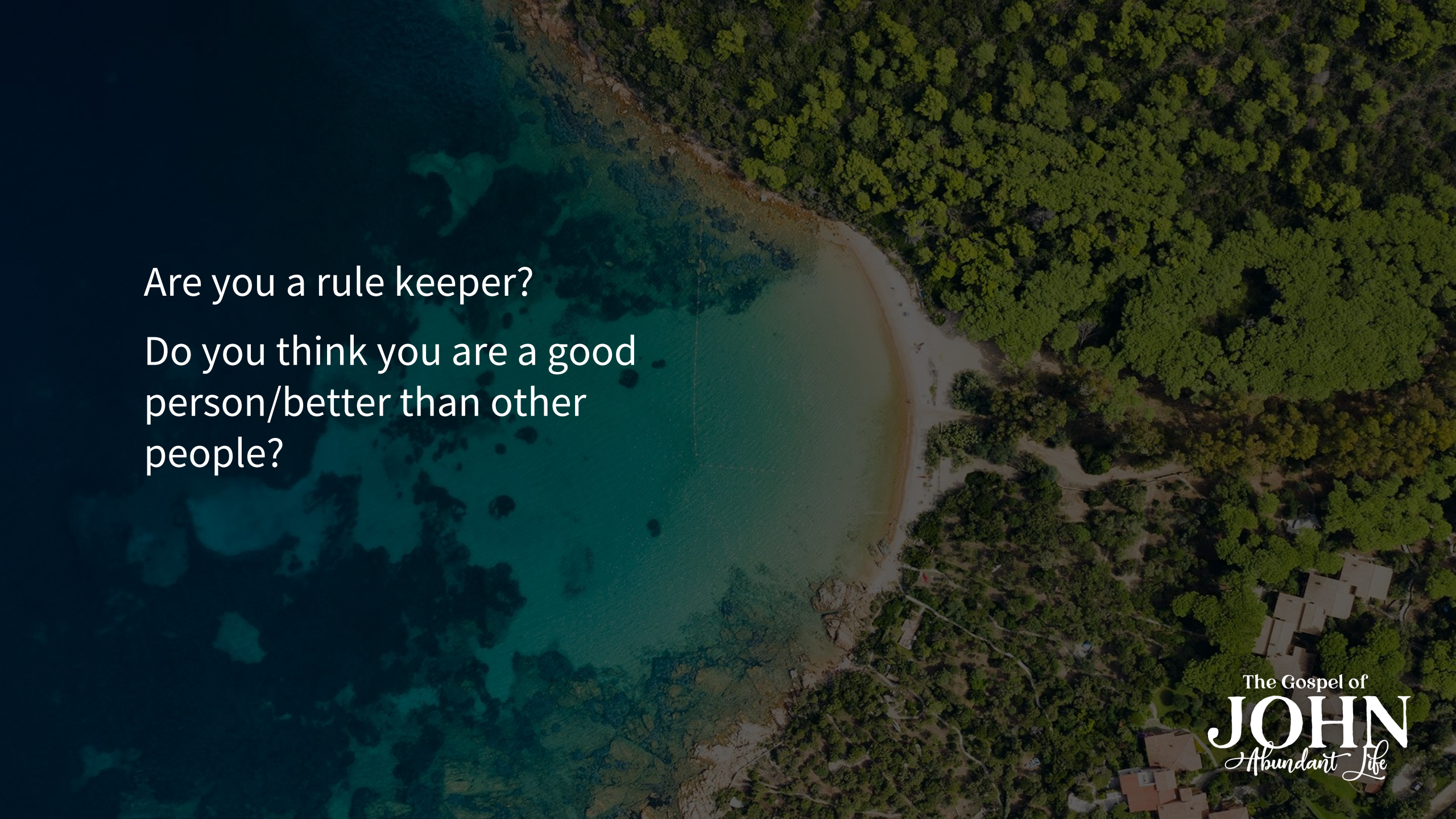
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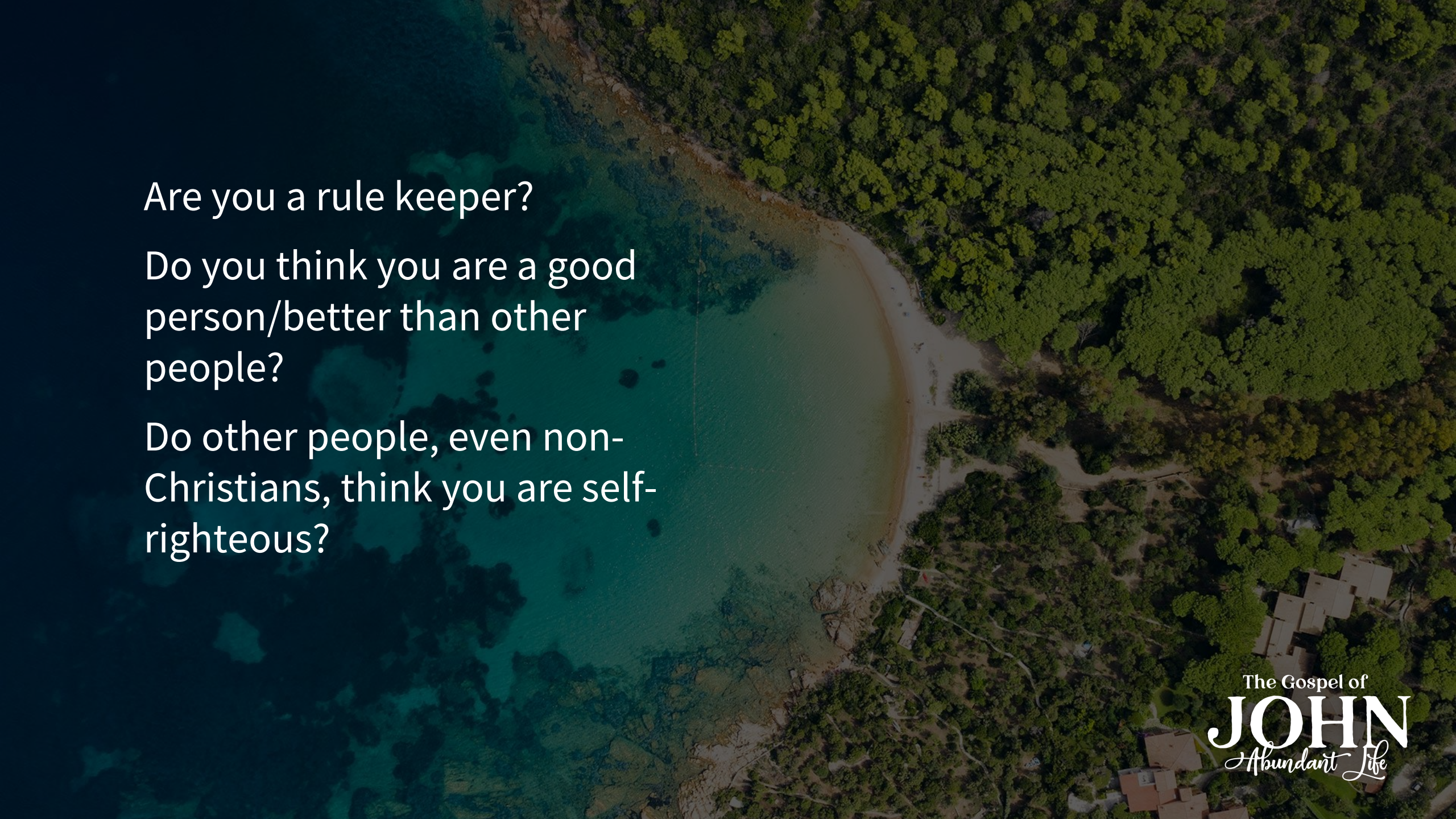
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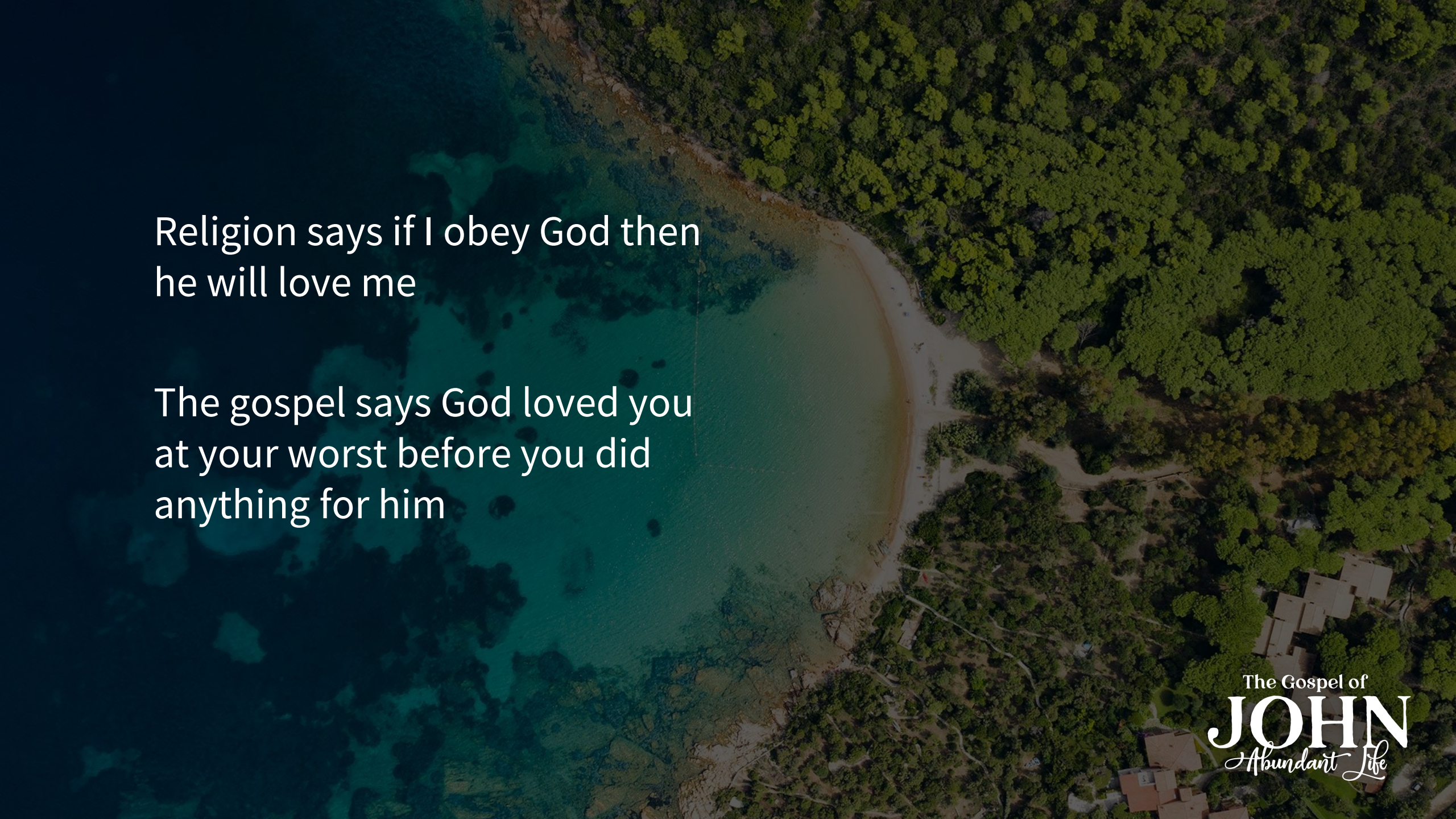
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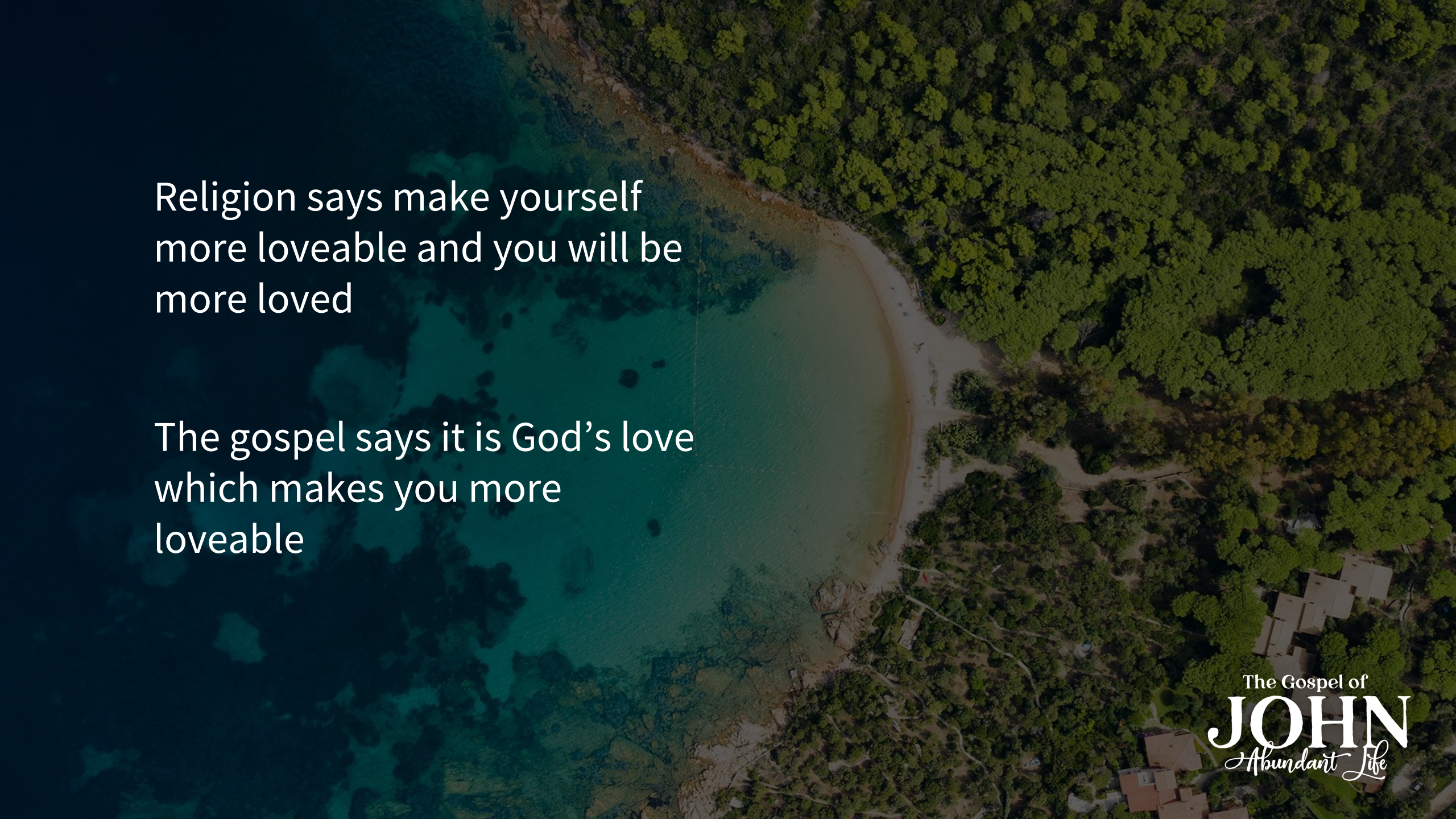
Do you ever try to impress God?



Religion says if I obey God then
he will love me

The gospel says God loved you
at your worst before you did
anything for him

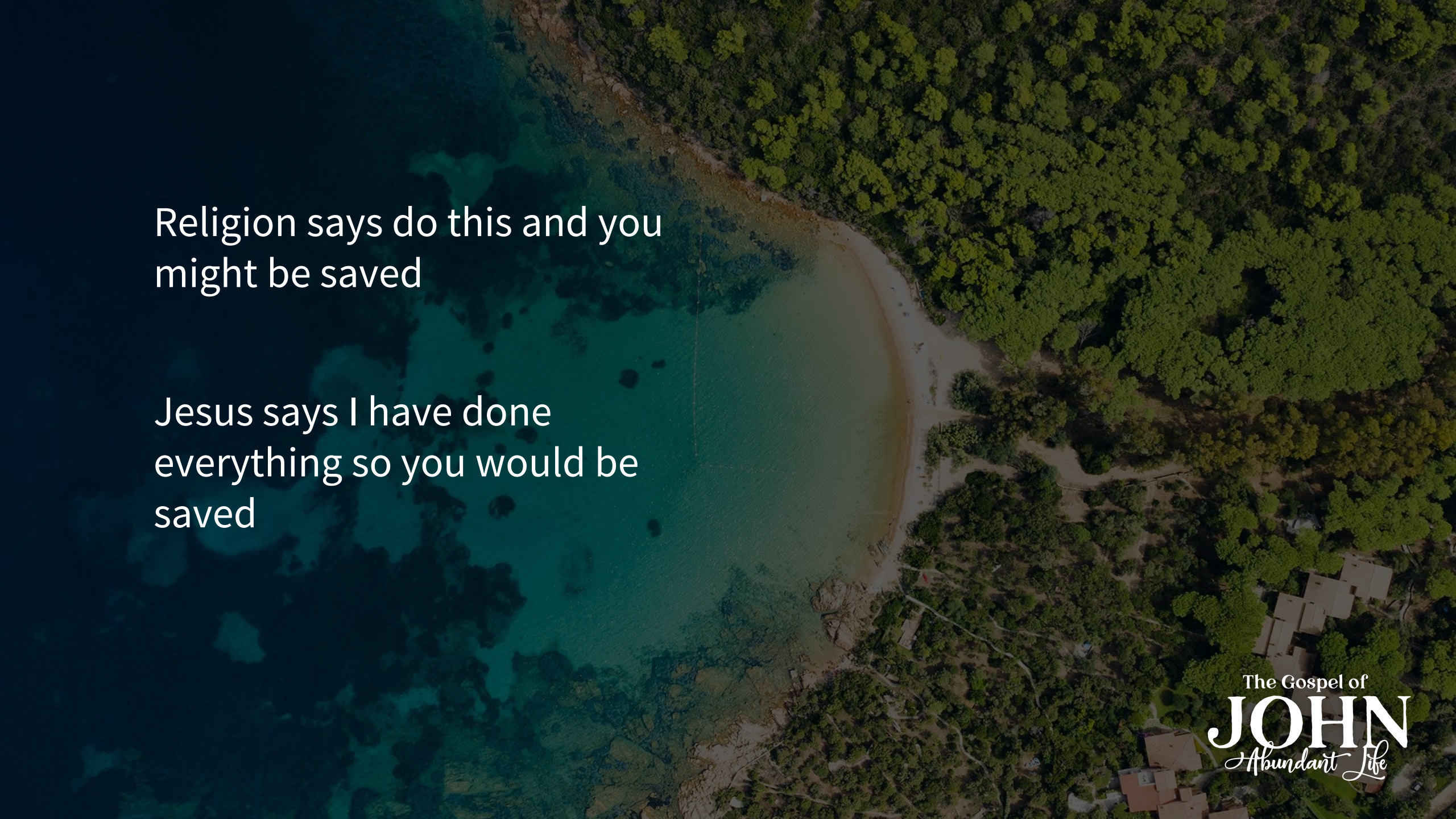
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Religion says make yourself
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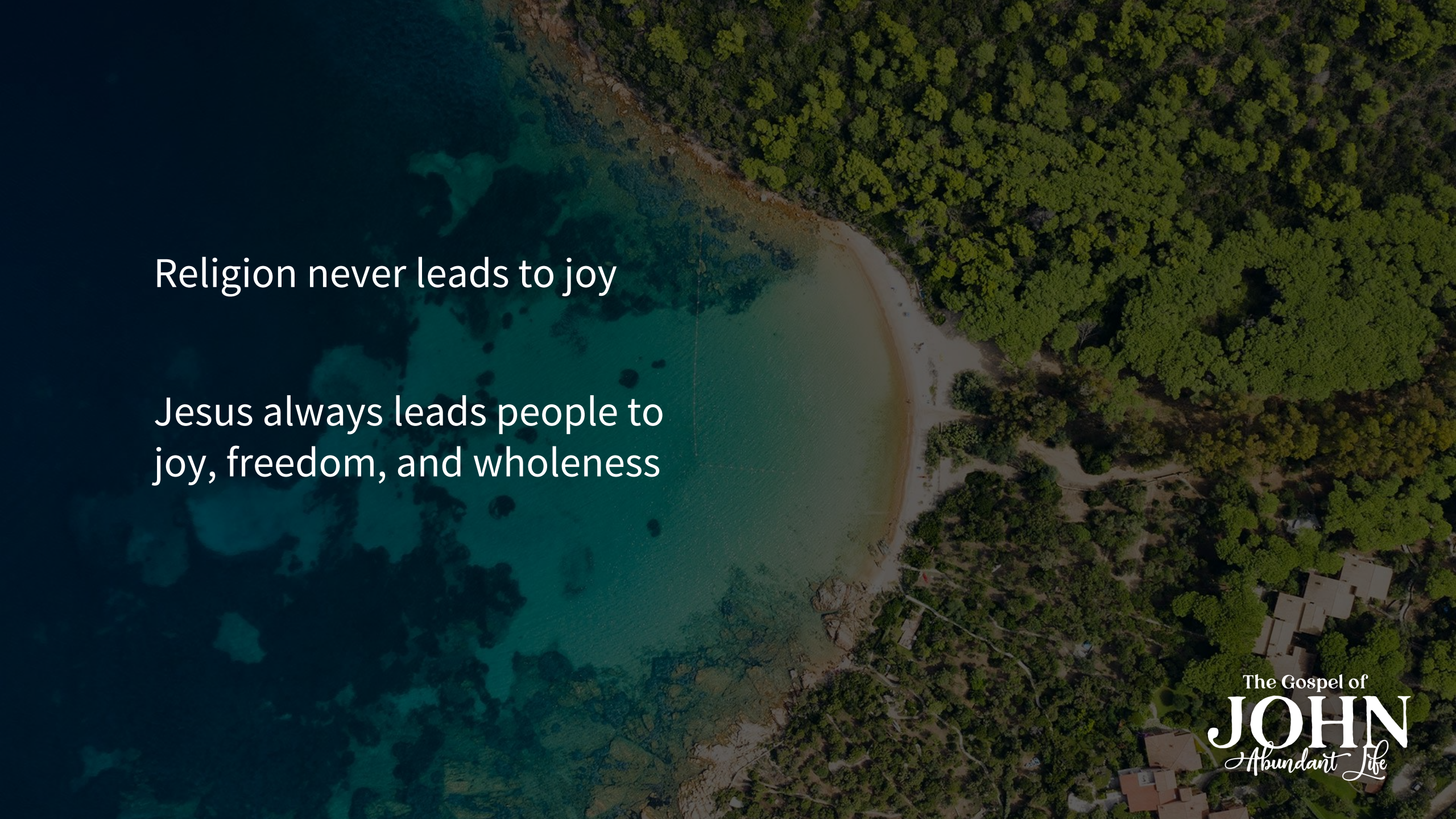
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Religion says do this and you
might be saved

Jesus says I have done
everything so you would be
saved

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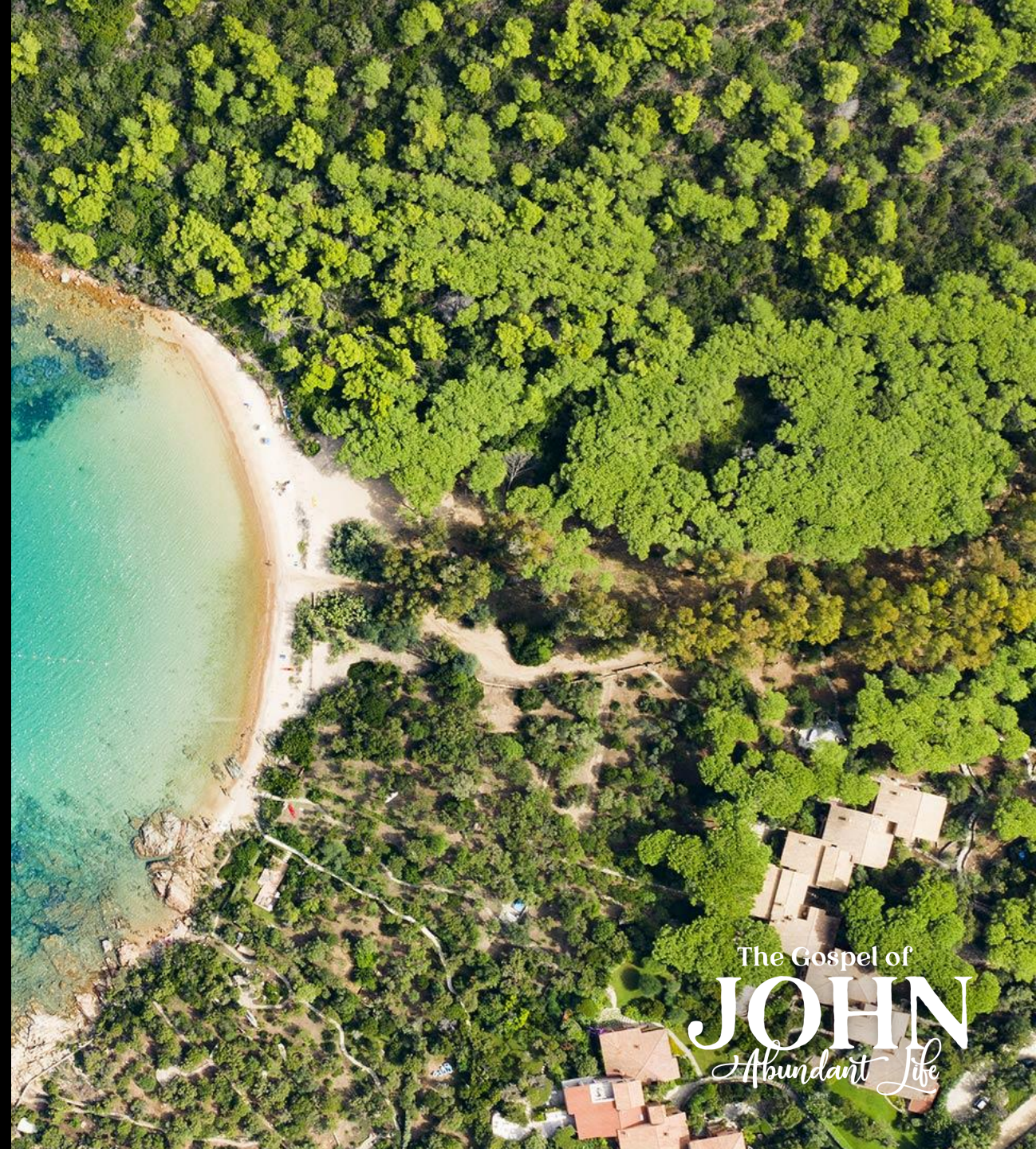
Religion never leads to joy

Jesus always leads people to
joy, freedom, and wholeness

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3. Passing the Test

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The man called Jesus ... John
9:11

“What do you say about him,
since he has opened your
eyes?” He said, “He is a
prophet.” John 9:17

Do you also want to become
his disciples?” And they reviled
him, saying, “You are his
disciple, but we are disciples of
Moses. John 9:27–28

If this man were not from God,
he could do nothing.” John
9:33

James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus

