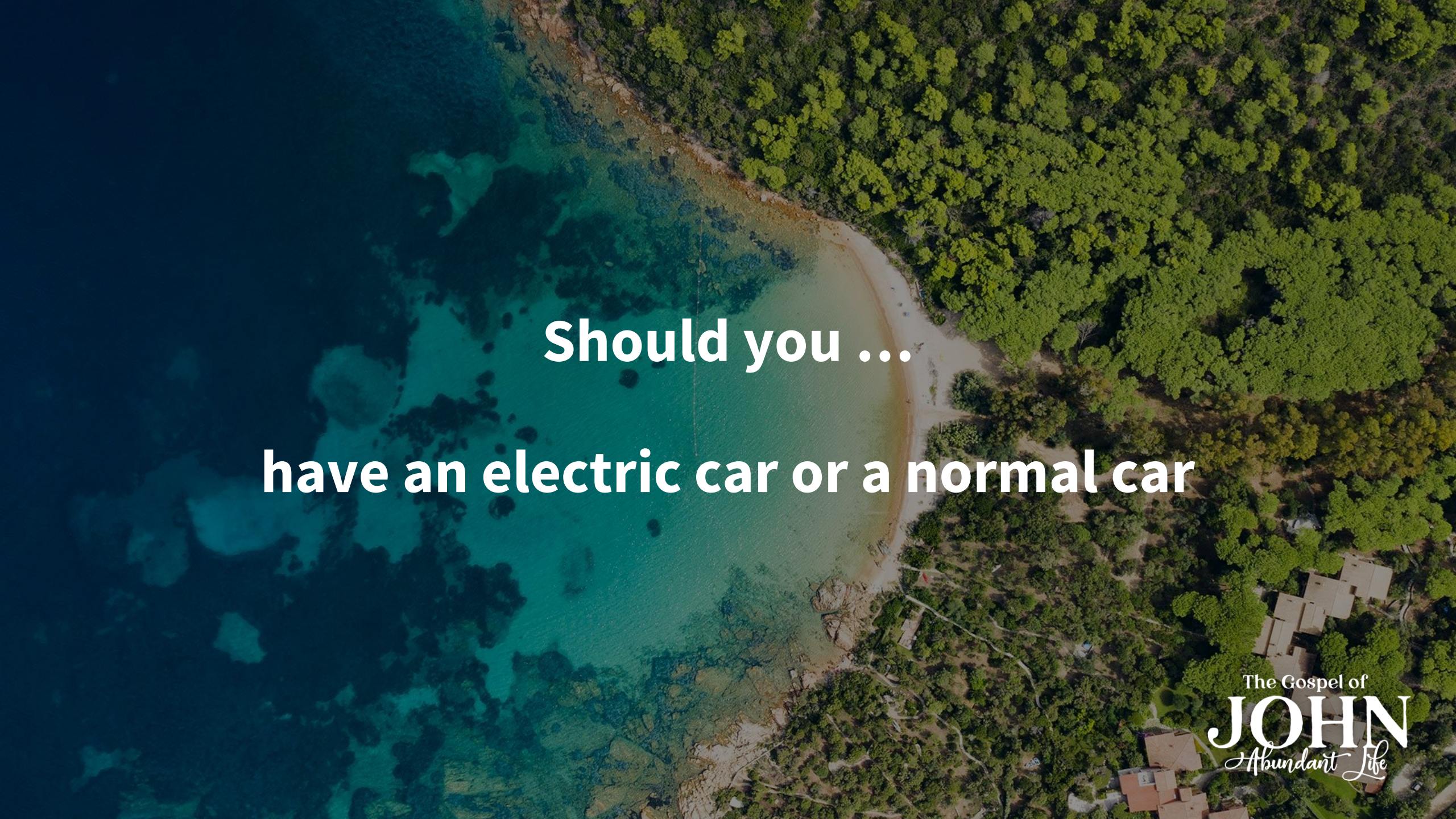




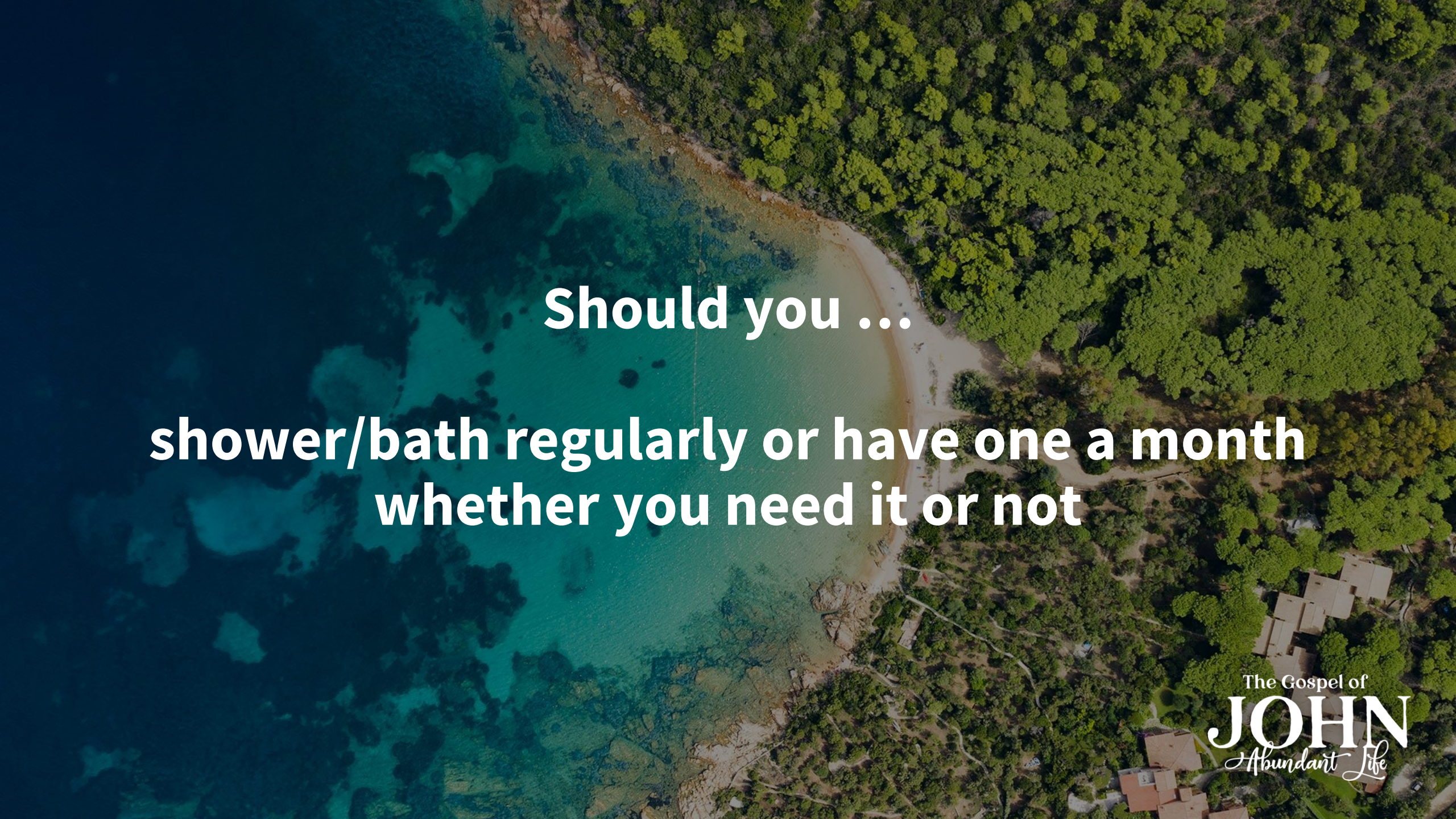
**Should you ...
have an electric car or a normal car**

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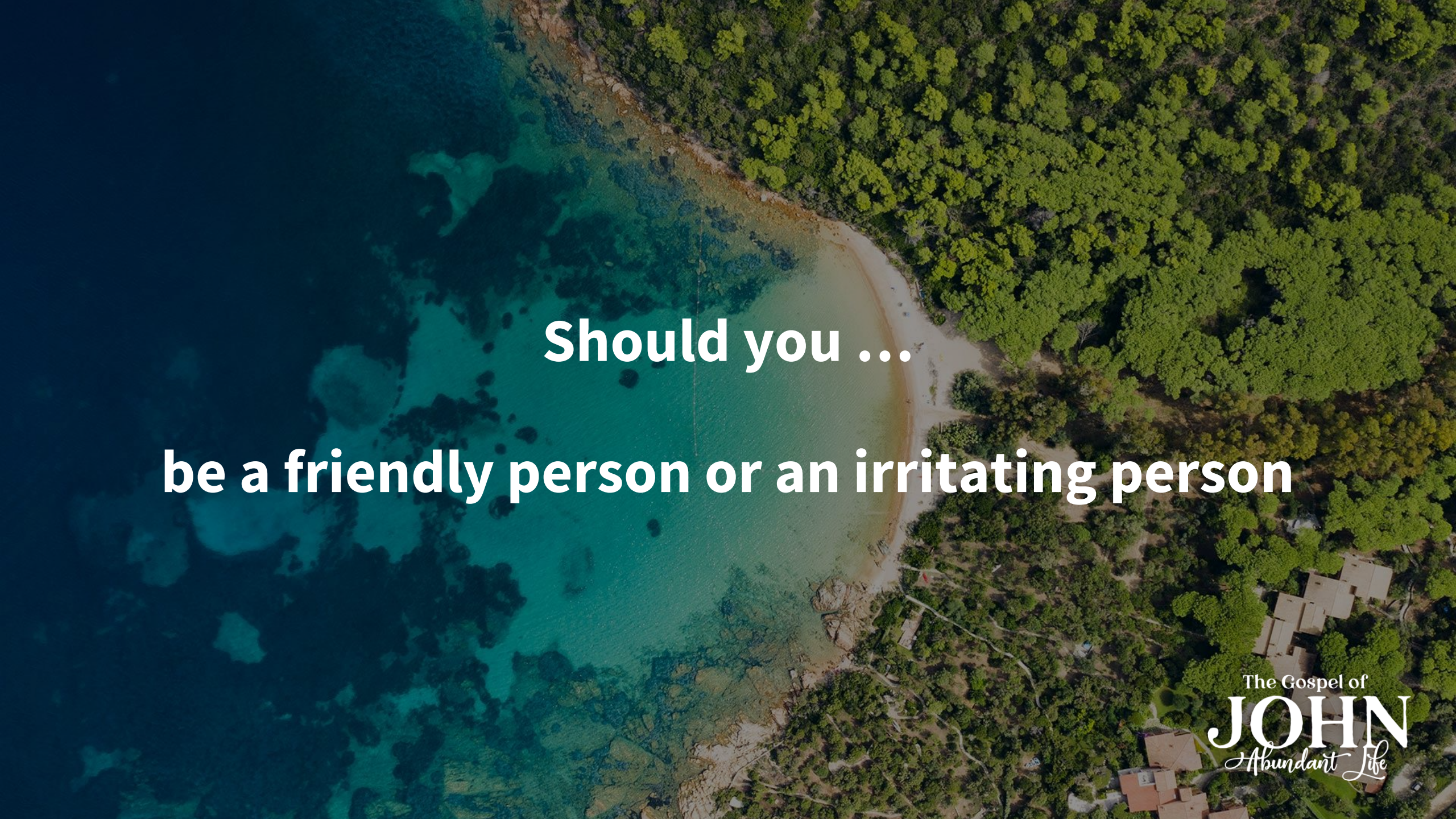
Should you ...
have a cat or a dog

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Should you ...
shower/bath regularly or have one a month
whether you need it or not

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**Should you ...
be a friendly person or an irritating person**

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Should you ...
buy a coffee or pay your mortgage payment

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**Should you ...
rest or go to work**

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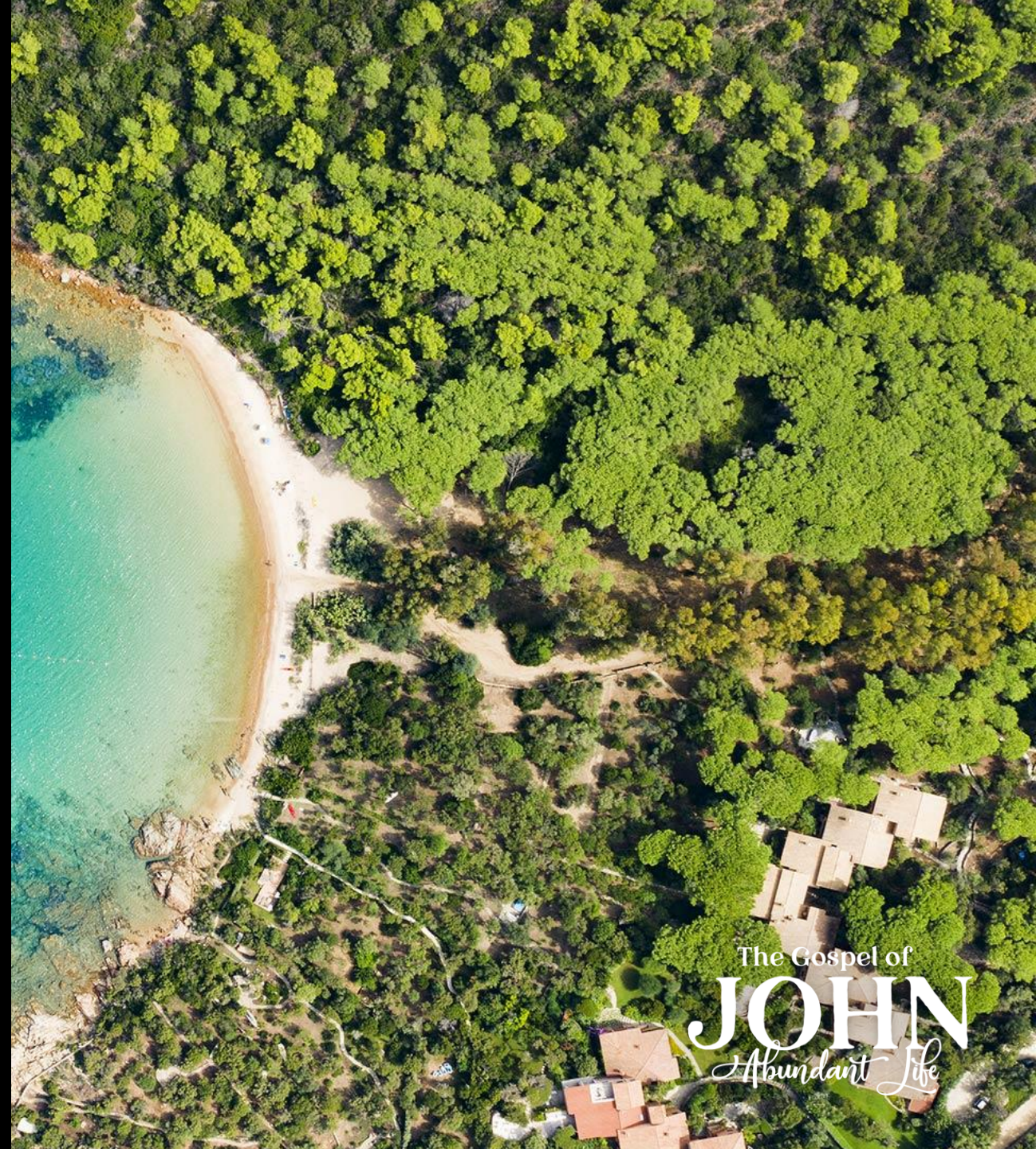
**Should you ...
love your wife or love your children**

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1. Together

v15,21,23-24



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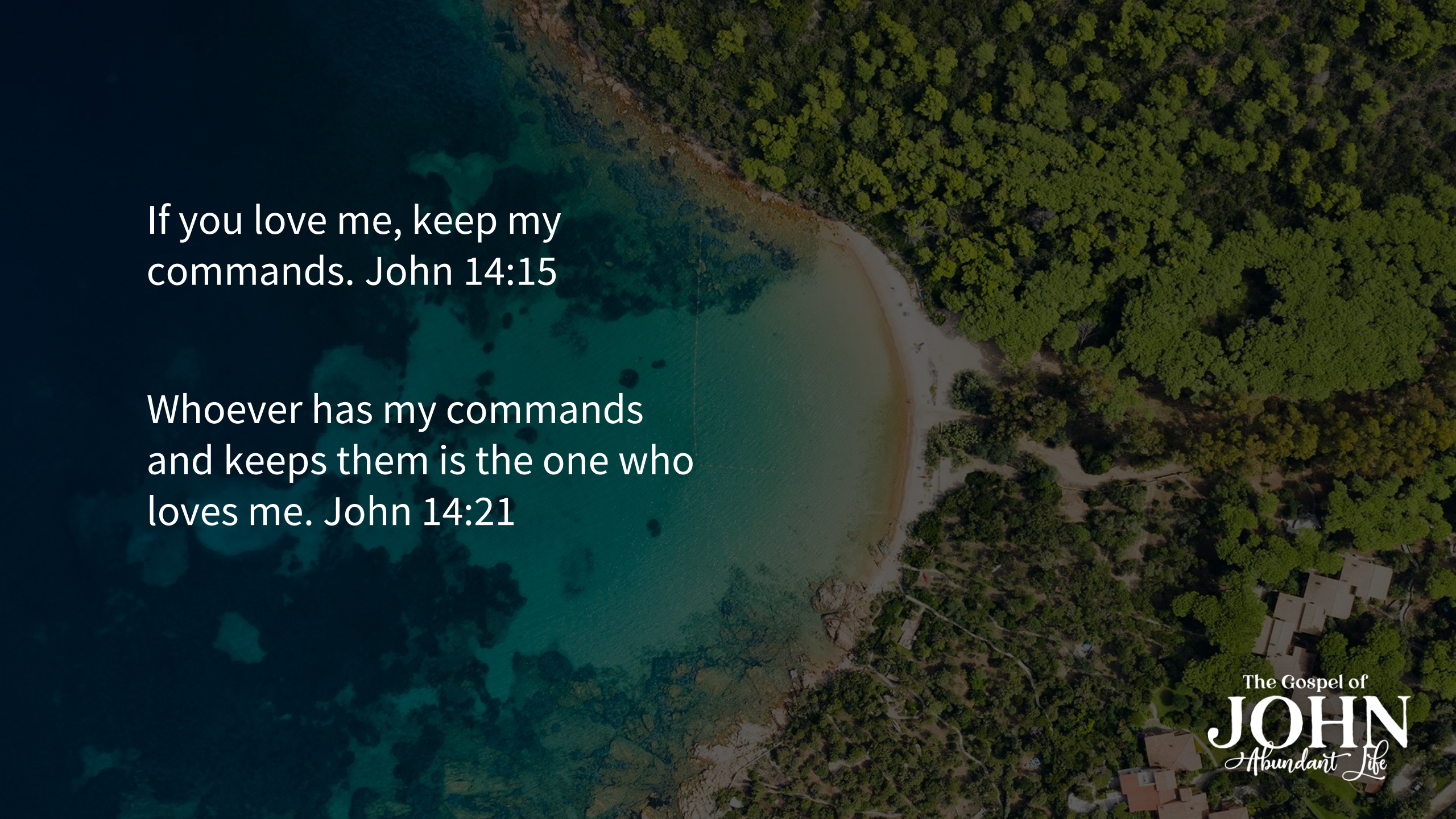
If you love me, keep my
commands. John 14:15

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It sounds like love first then obey.

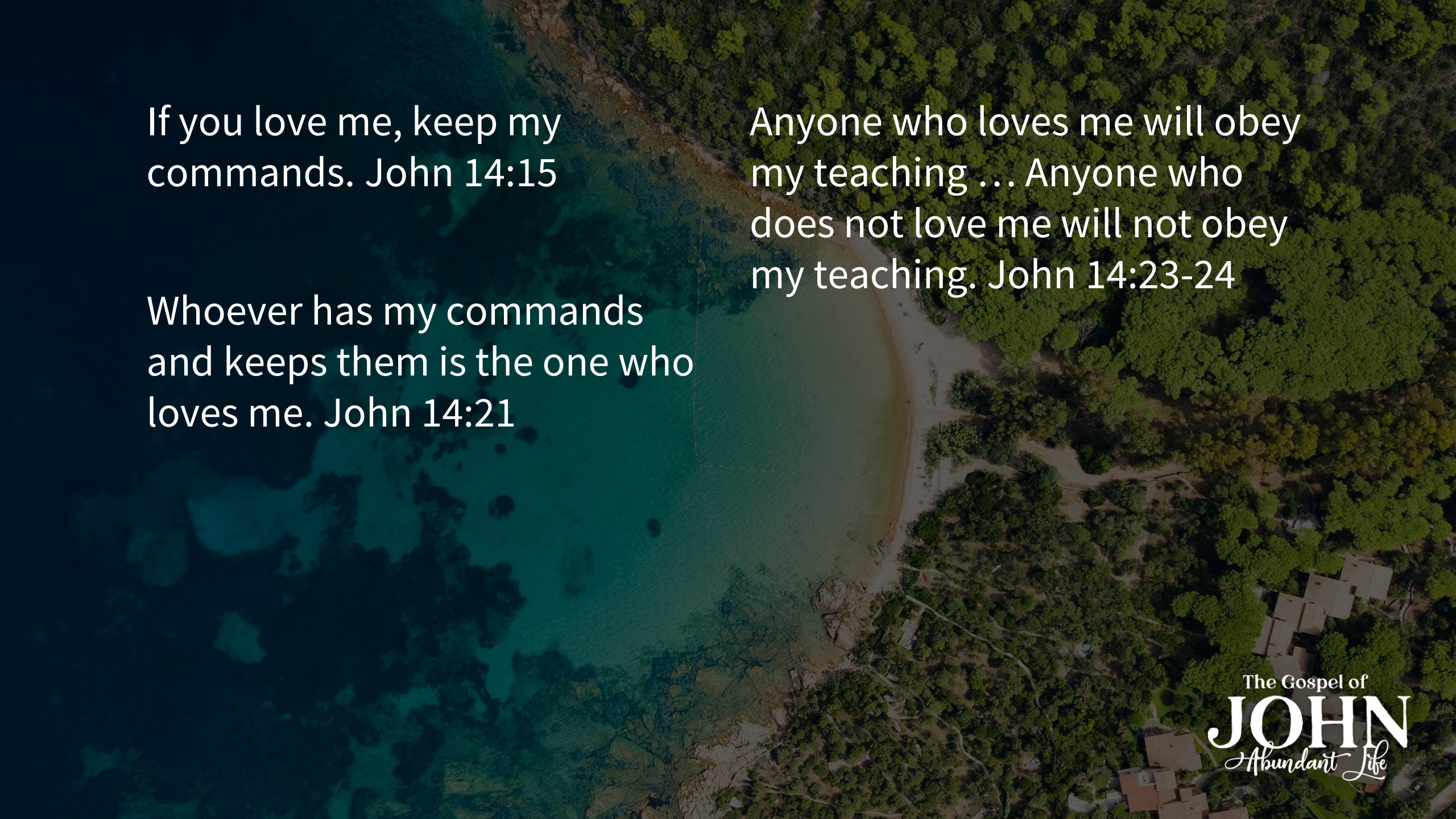
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commands. John 14:15

Whoever has my commands
and keeps them is the one who
loves me. John 14:21

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Anyone who loves me will obey
my teaching ... Anyone who
does not love me will not obey
my teaching. John 14:23-24



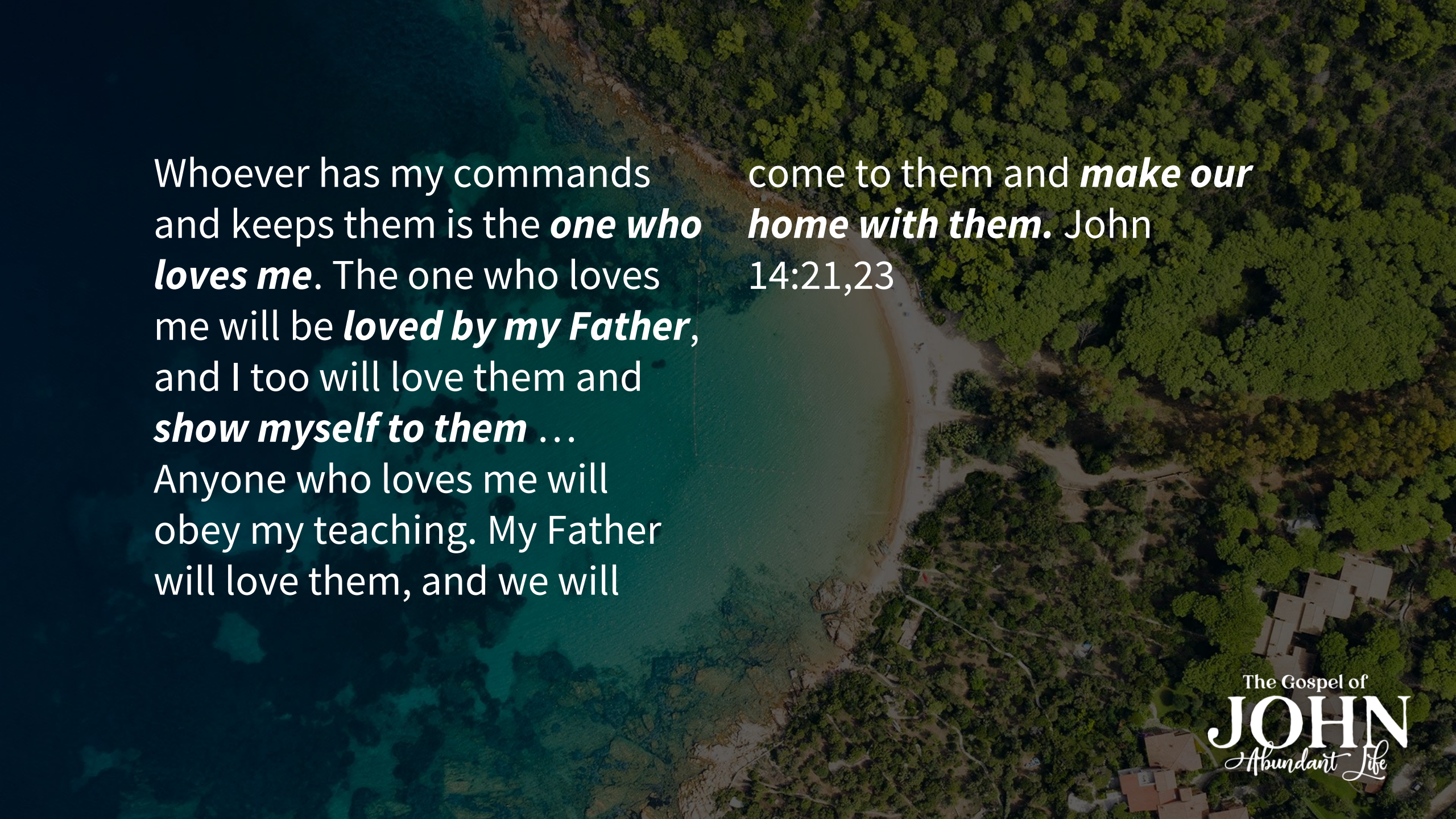
**What you do is directly connected to what
you truly love.**

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What kind of relationship is Jesus
describing?

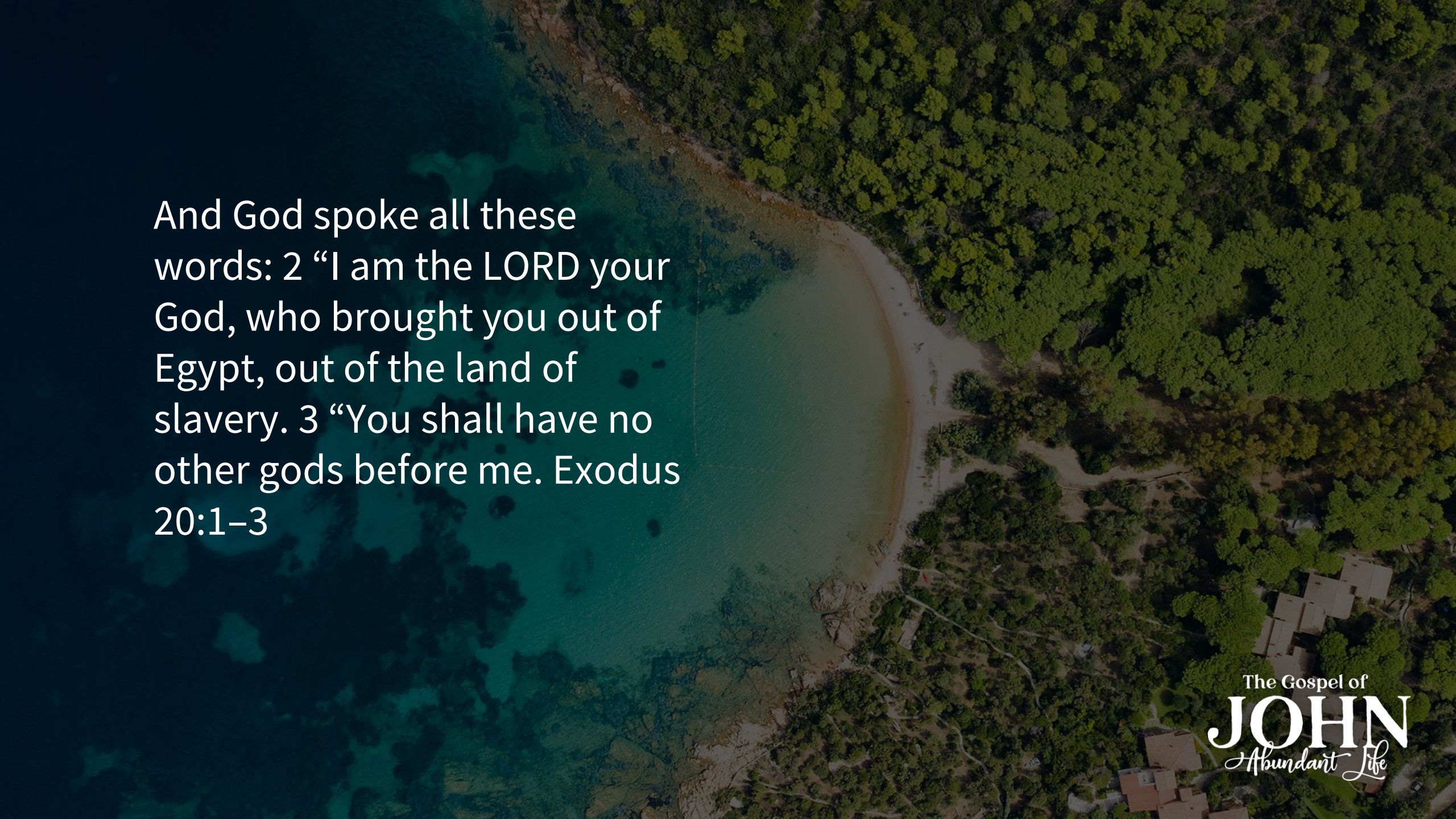
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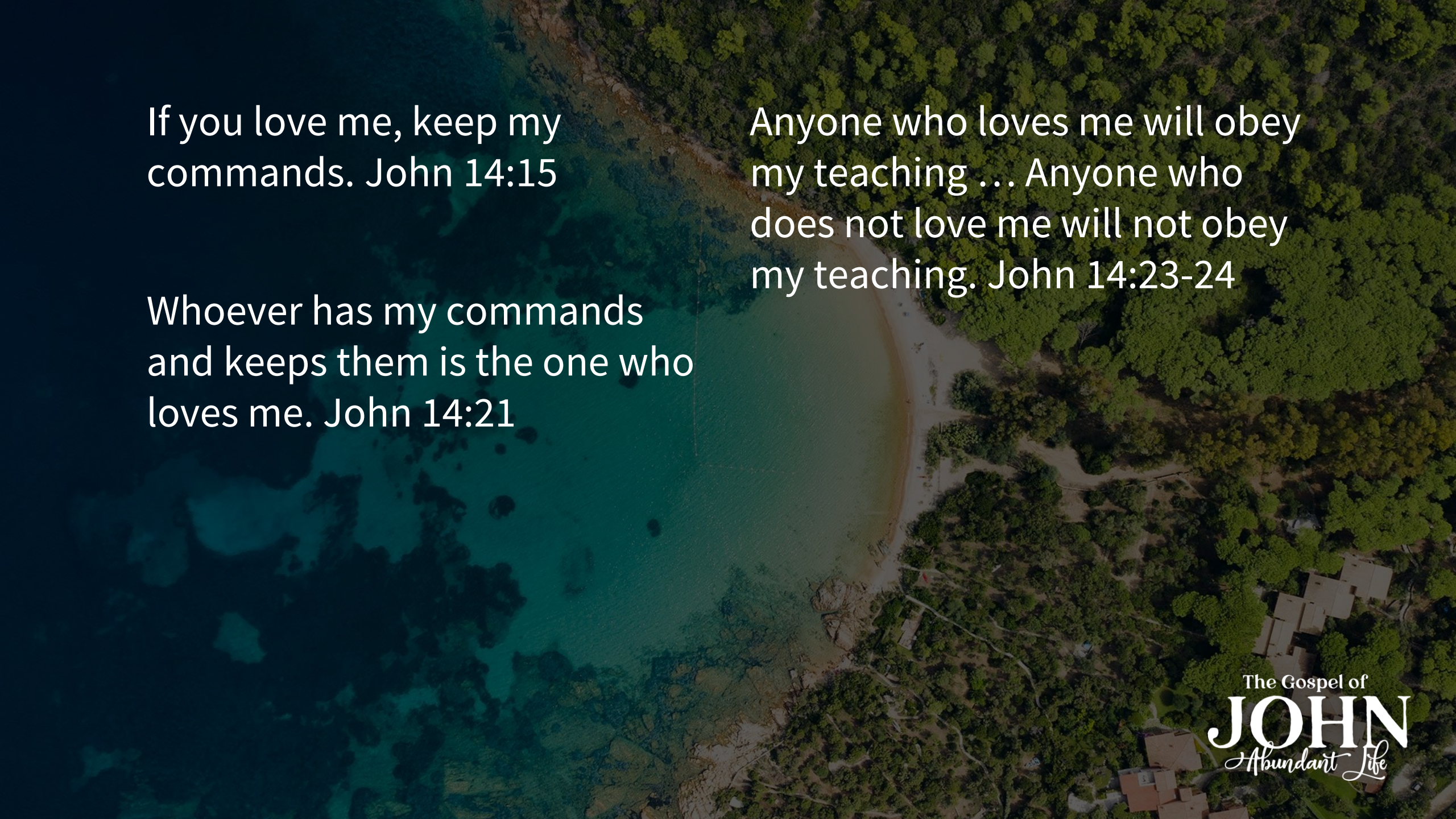
Whoever has my commands
and keeps them is the ***one who
loves me***. The one who loves
me will be ***loved by my Father***,
and I too will love them and
show myself to them ...

Anyone who loves me will
obey my teaching. My Father
will love them, and we will

come to them and ***make our
home with them***. John
14:21,23



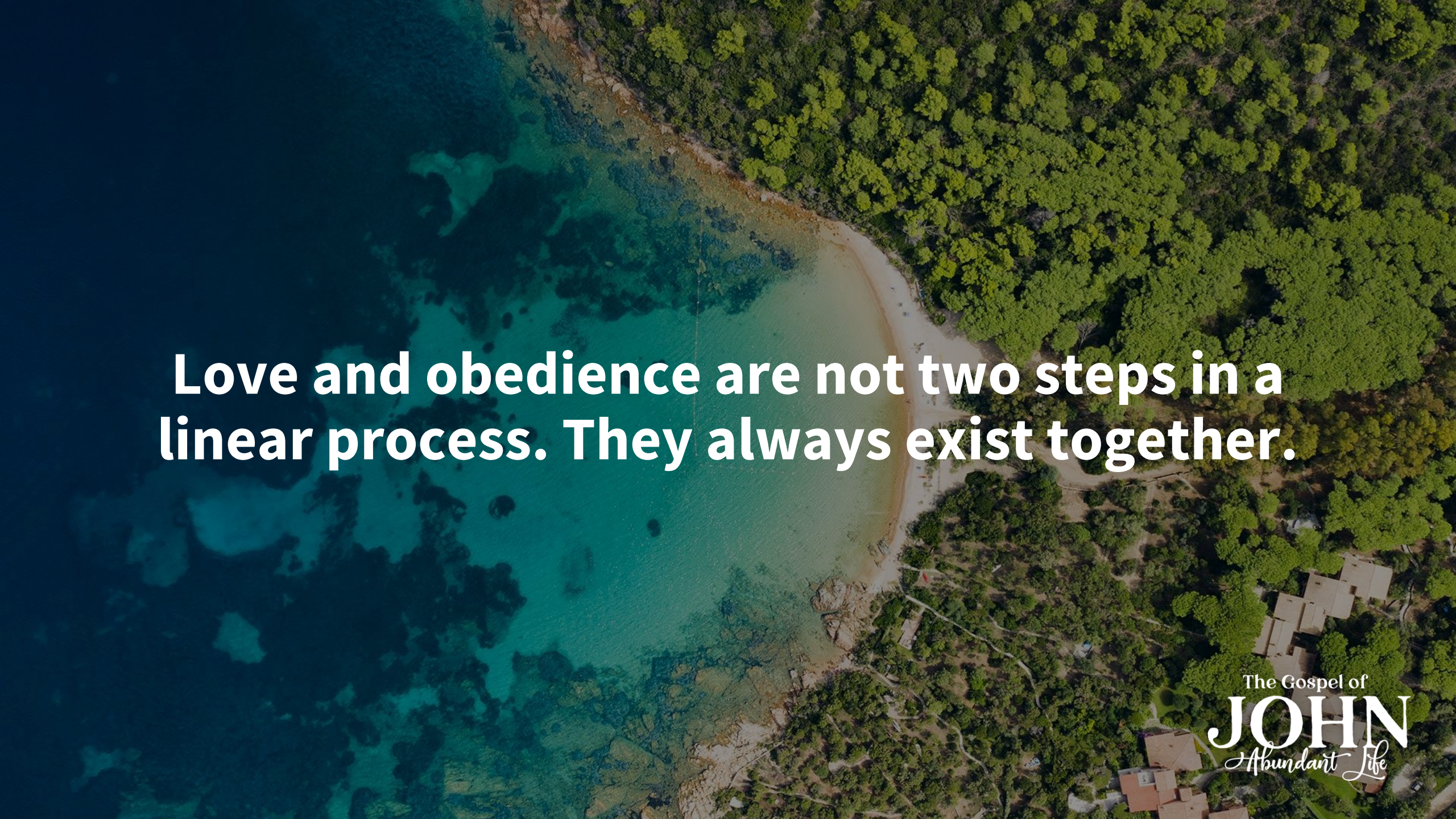
And God spoke all these words: 2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 “You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1–3



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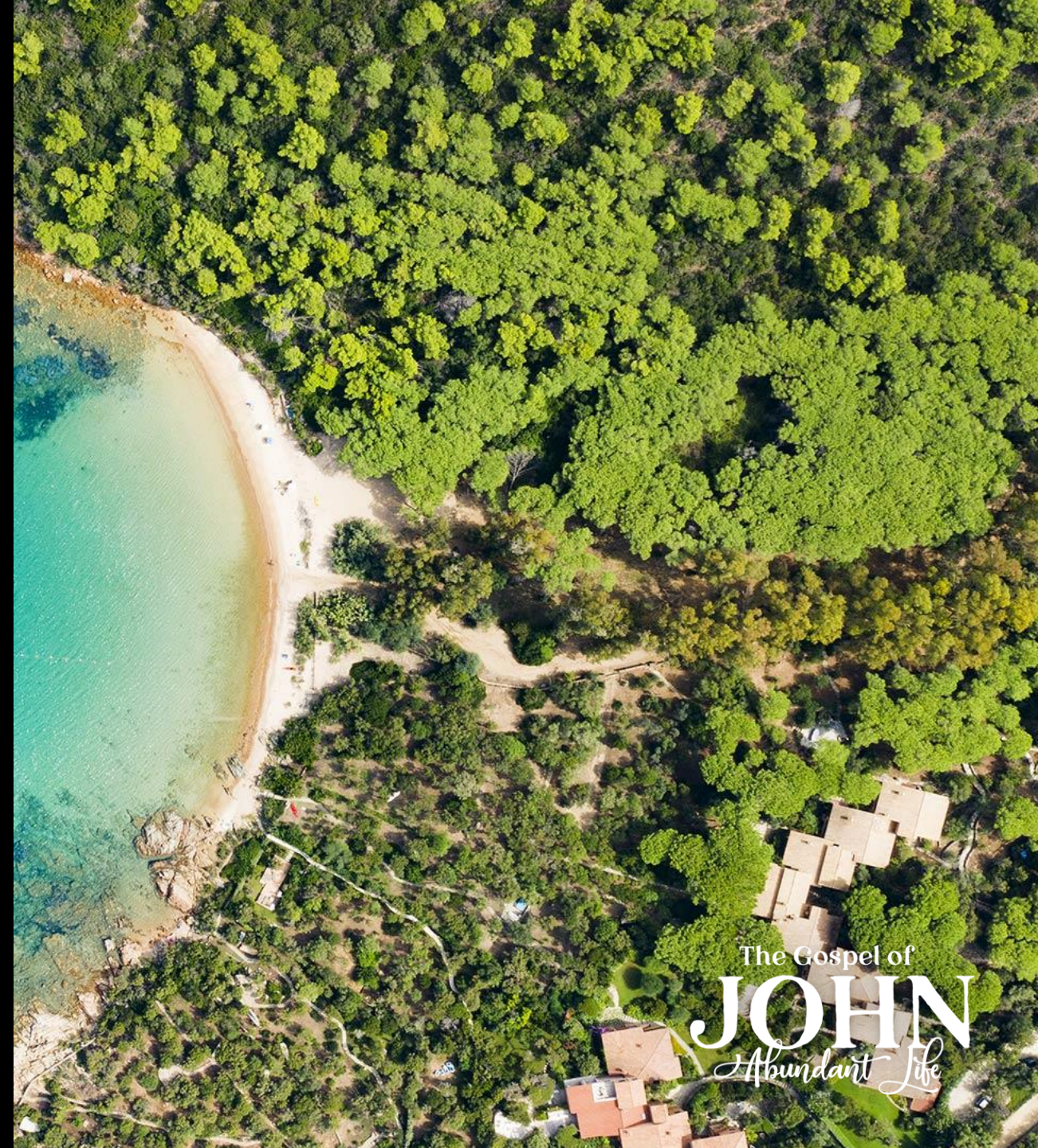


Love and obedience are not two steps in a linear process. They always exist together.

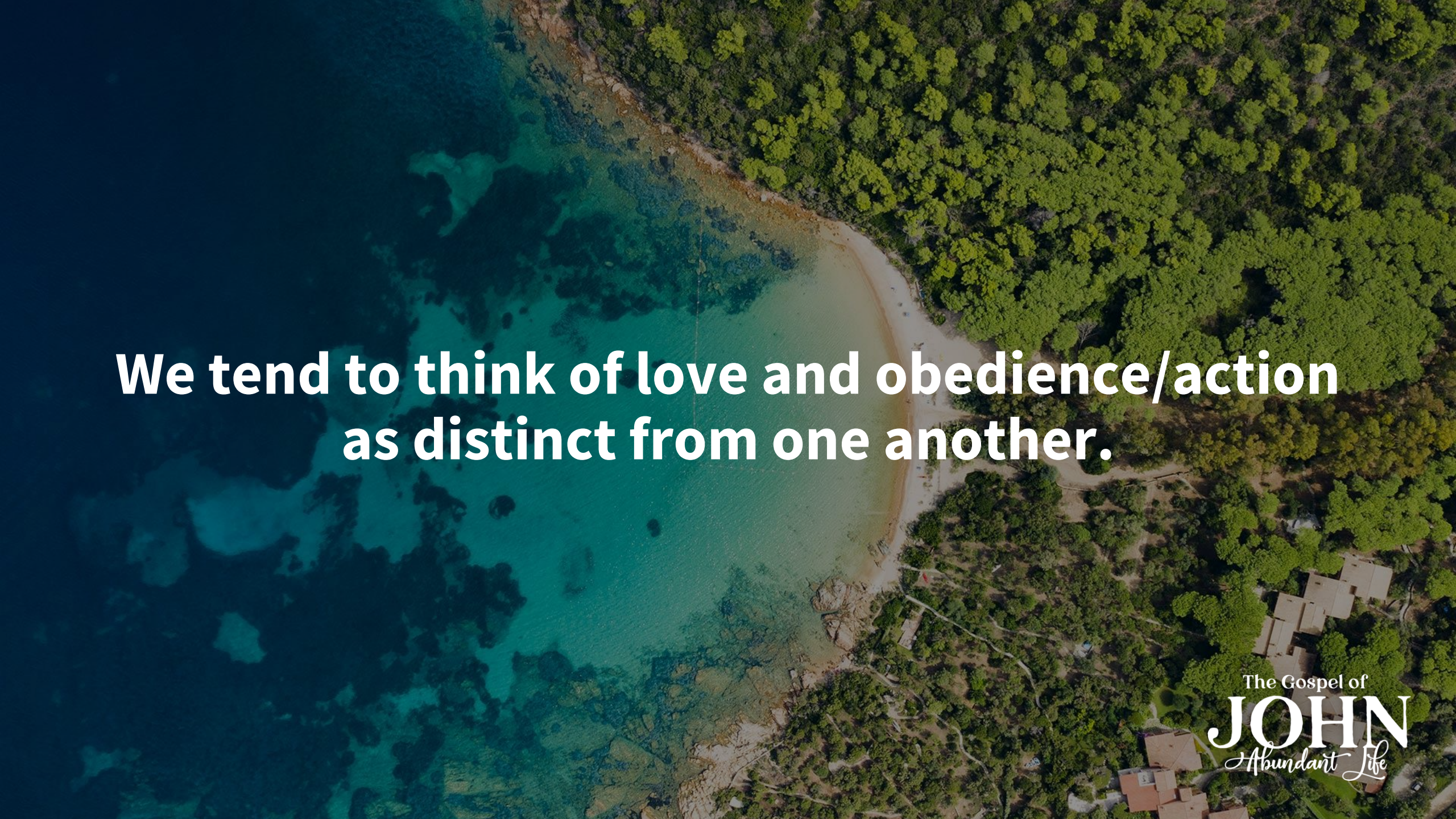
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2. Severed

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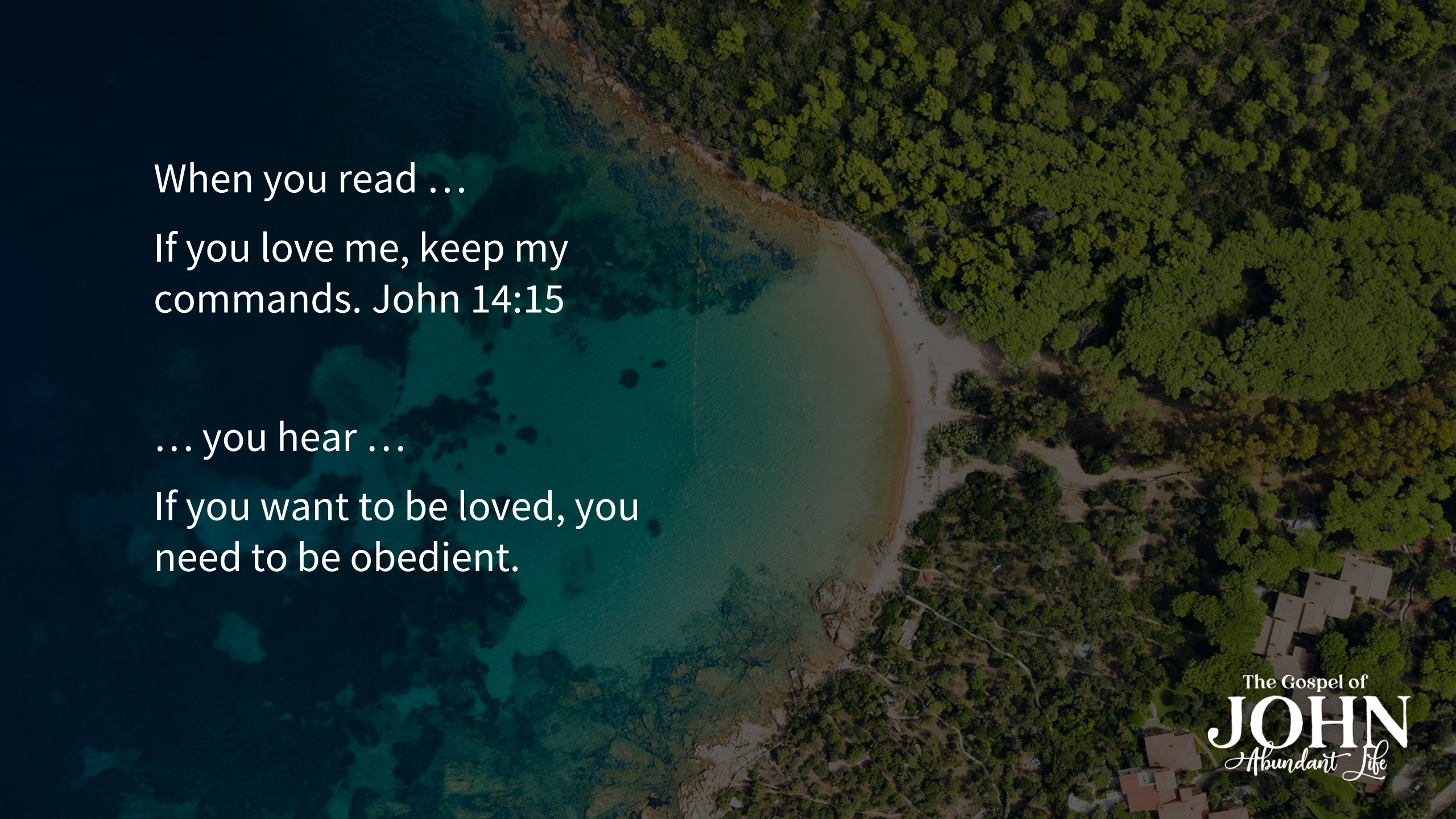


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**We tend to think of love and obedience/action
as distinct from one another.**

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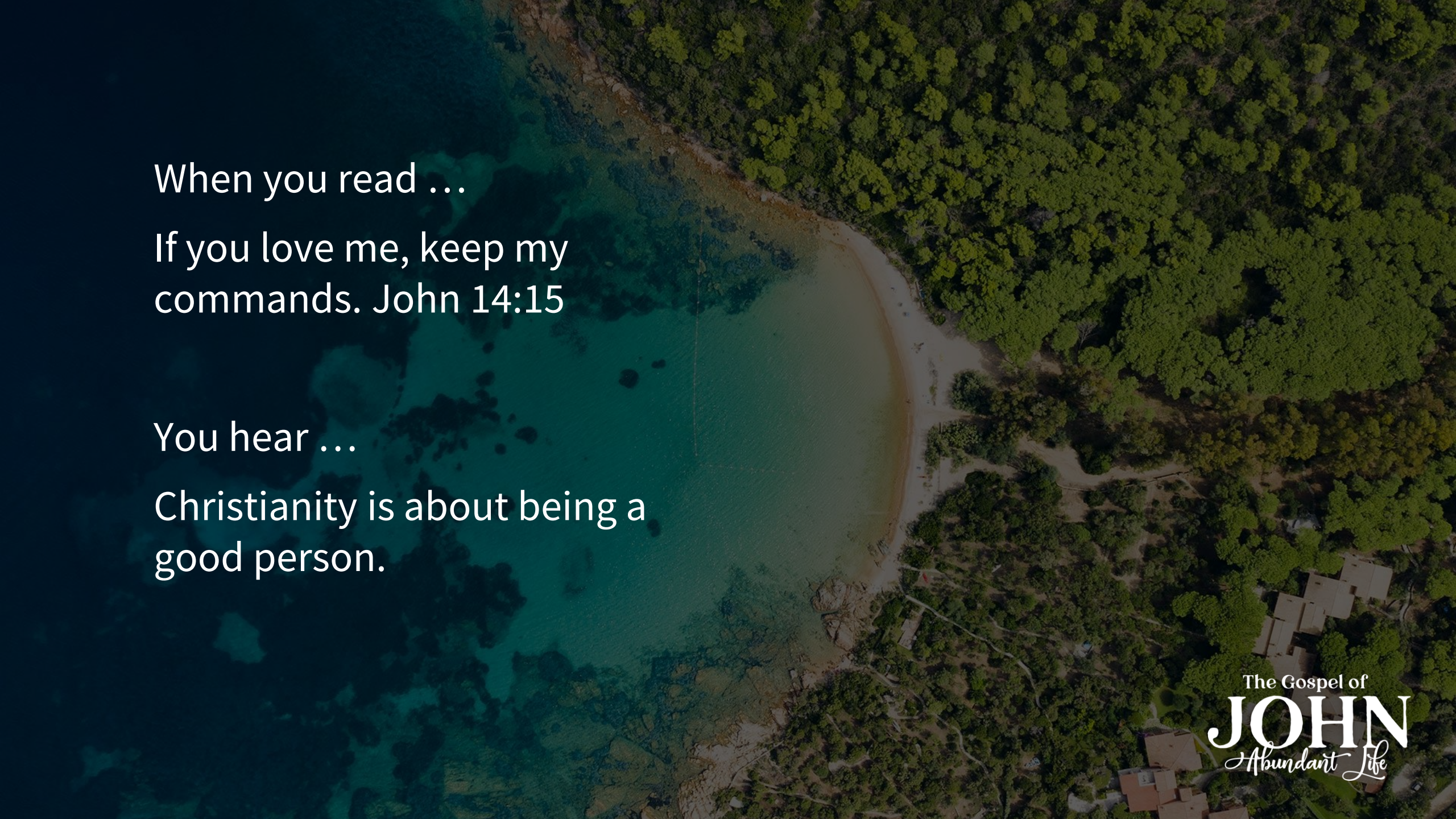
When you read ...

If you love me, keep my
commands. John 14:15

... you hear ...

If you want to be loved, you
need to be obedient.

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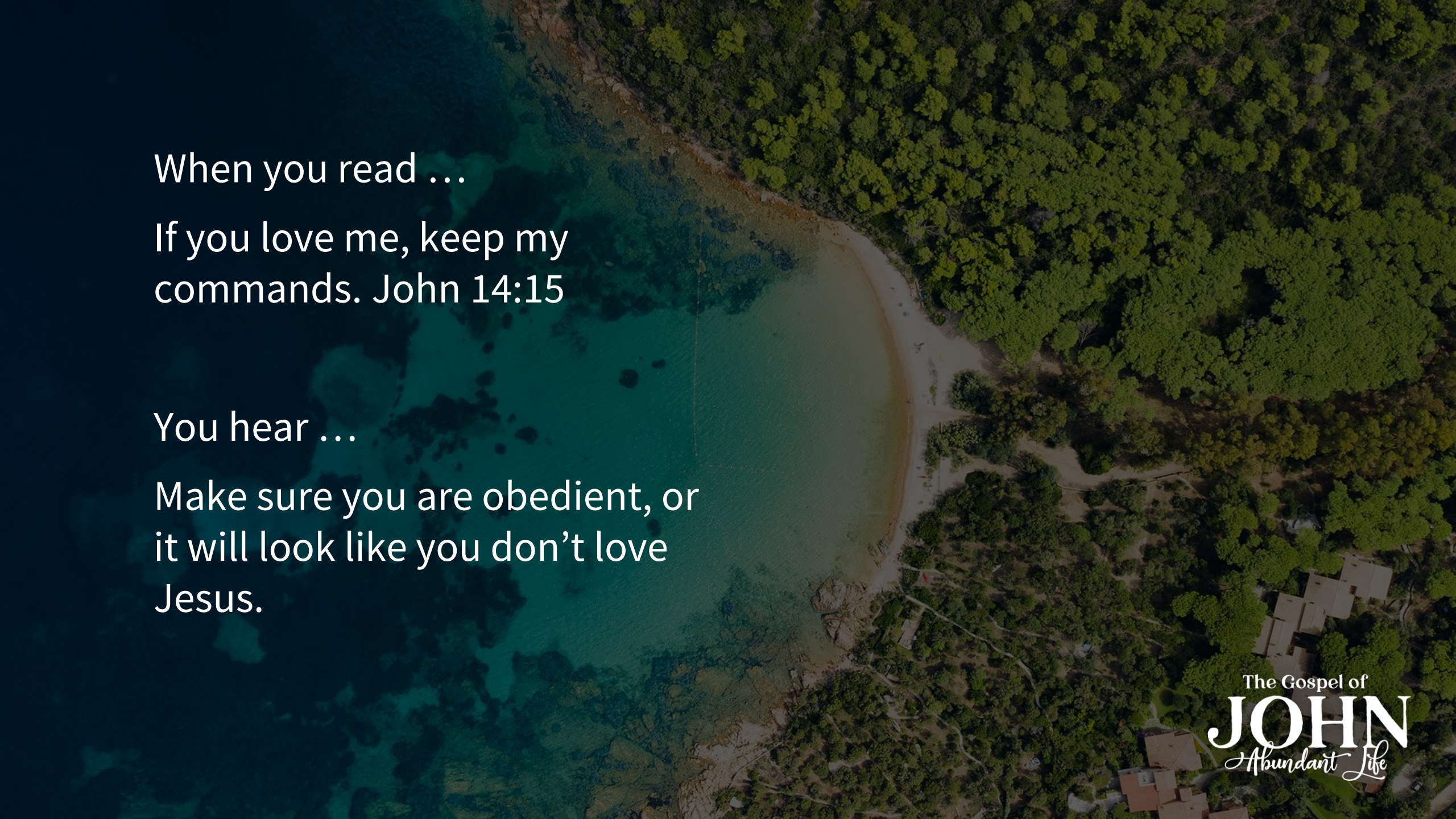
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You hear ...

Christianity is about being a
good person.

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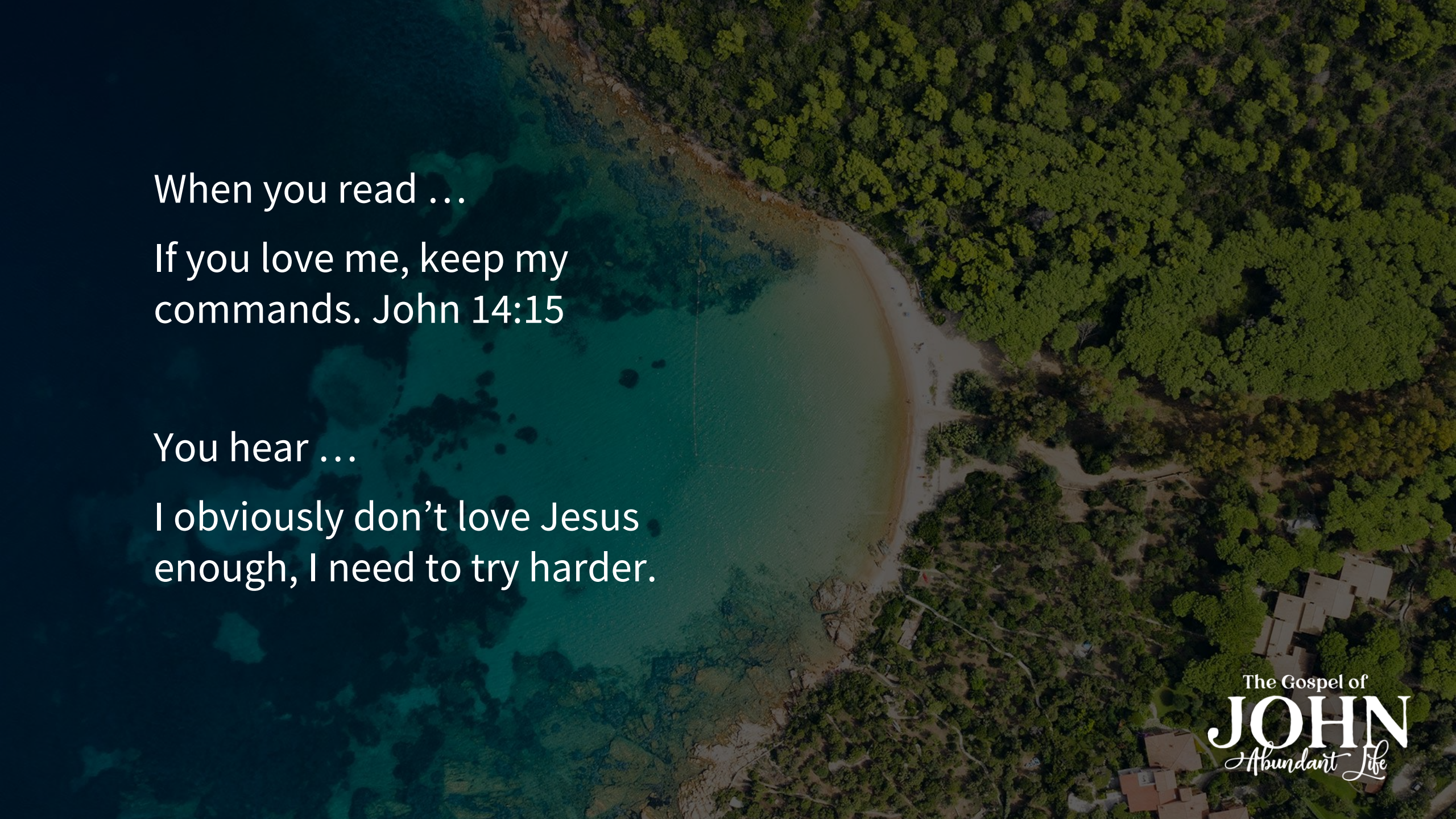
When you read ...

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commands. John 14:15

You hear ...

Make sure you are obedient, or
it will look like you don't love
Jesus.

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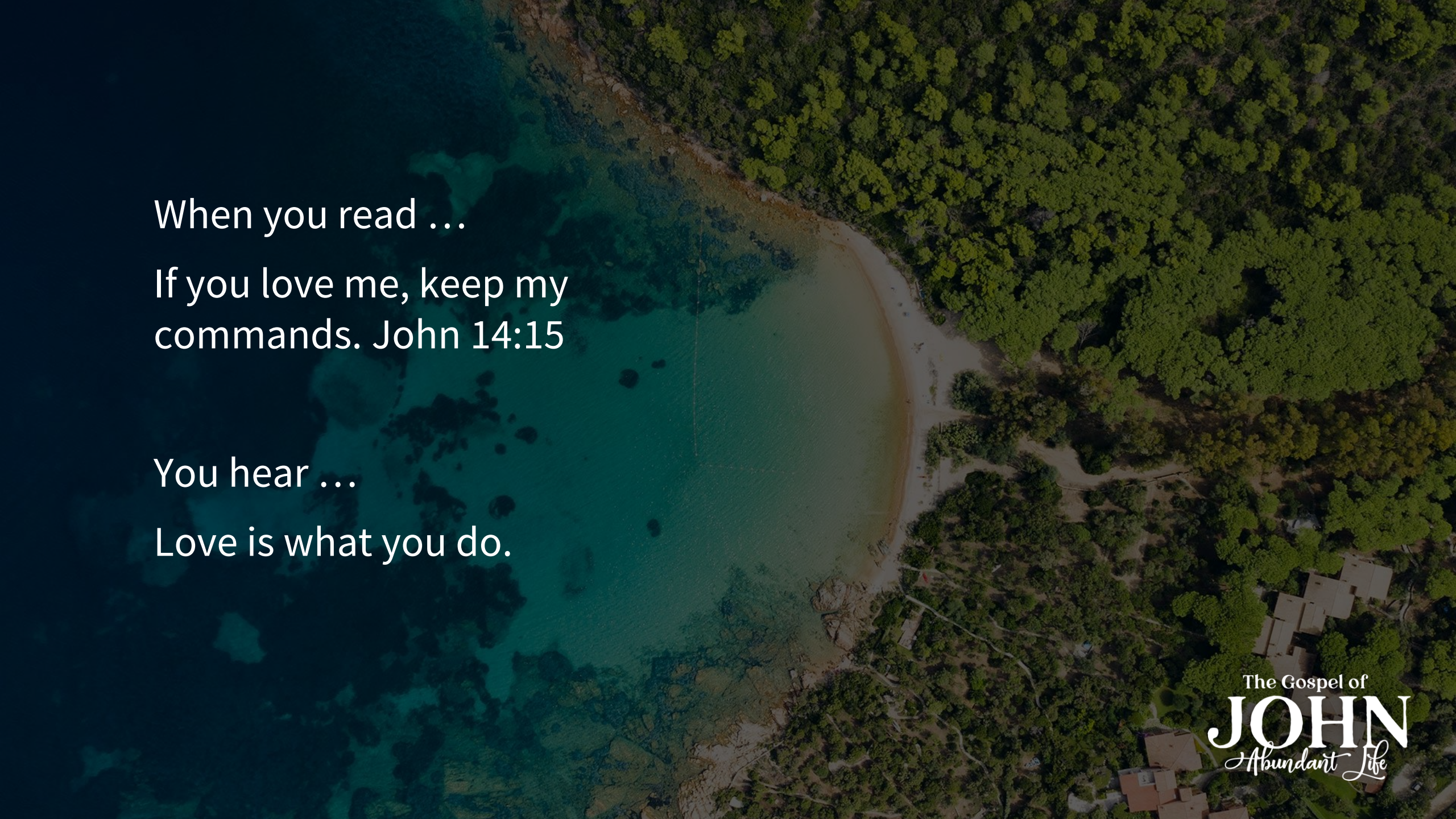
When you read ...

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You hear ...

I obviously don't love Jesus
enough, I need to try harder.

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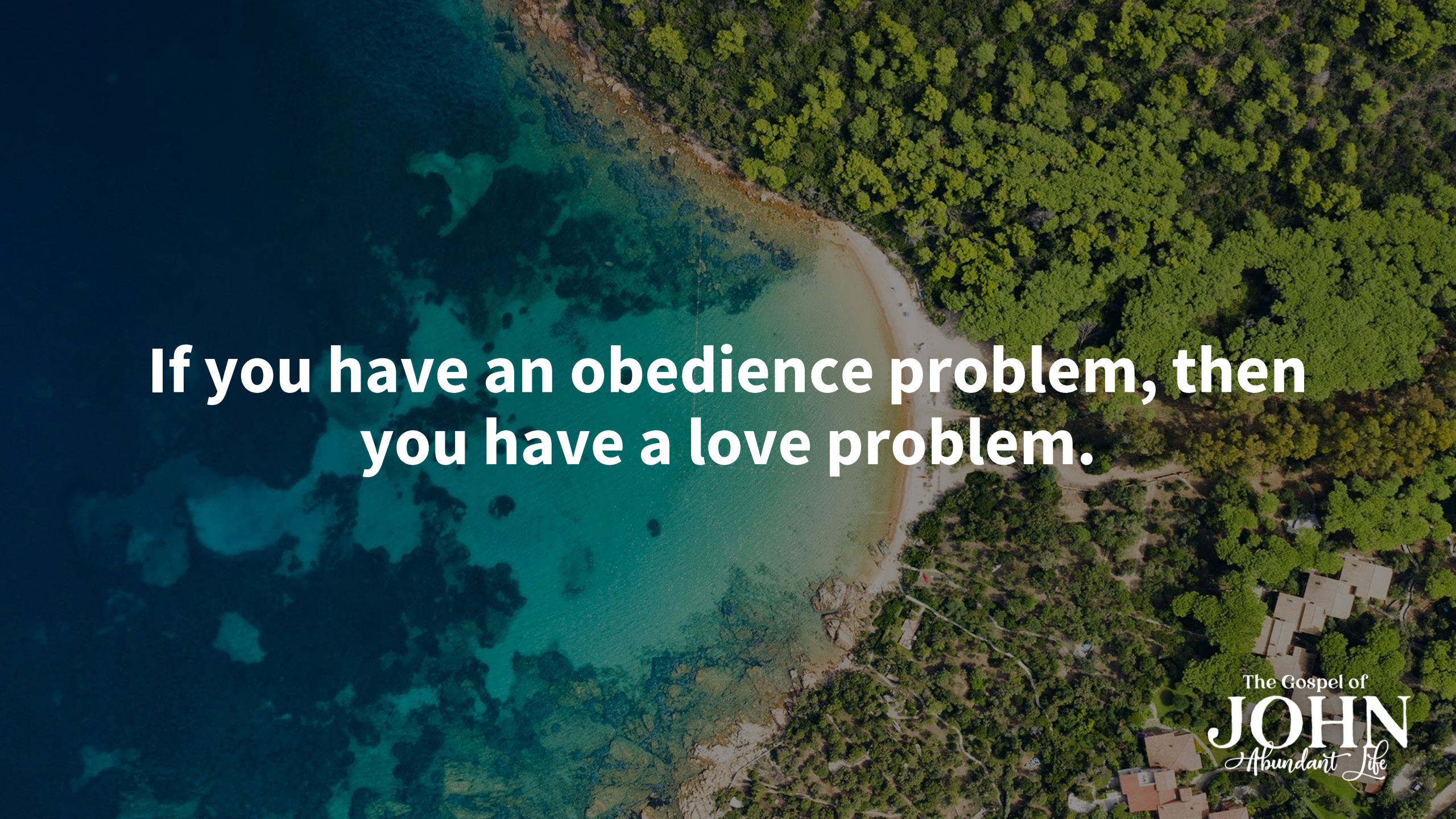
Love is what you do.

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**Whenever you separate love and obedience
into distinct entities in a process, you kill love.**

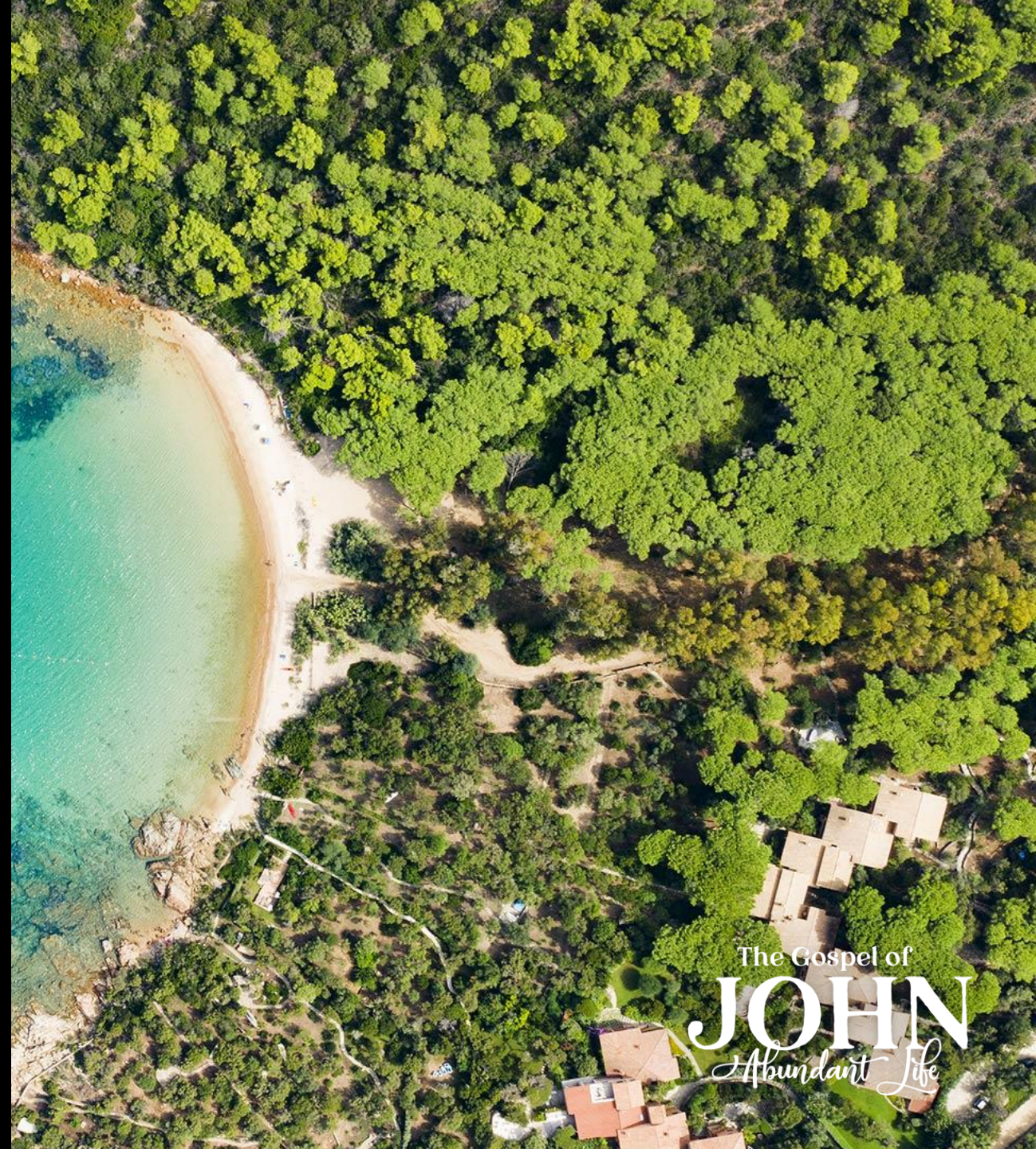
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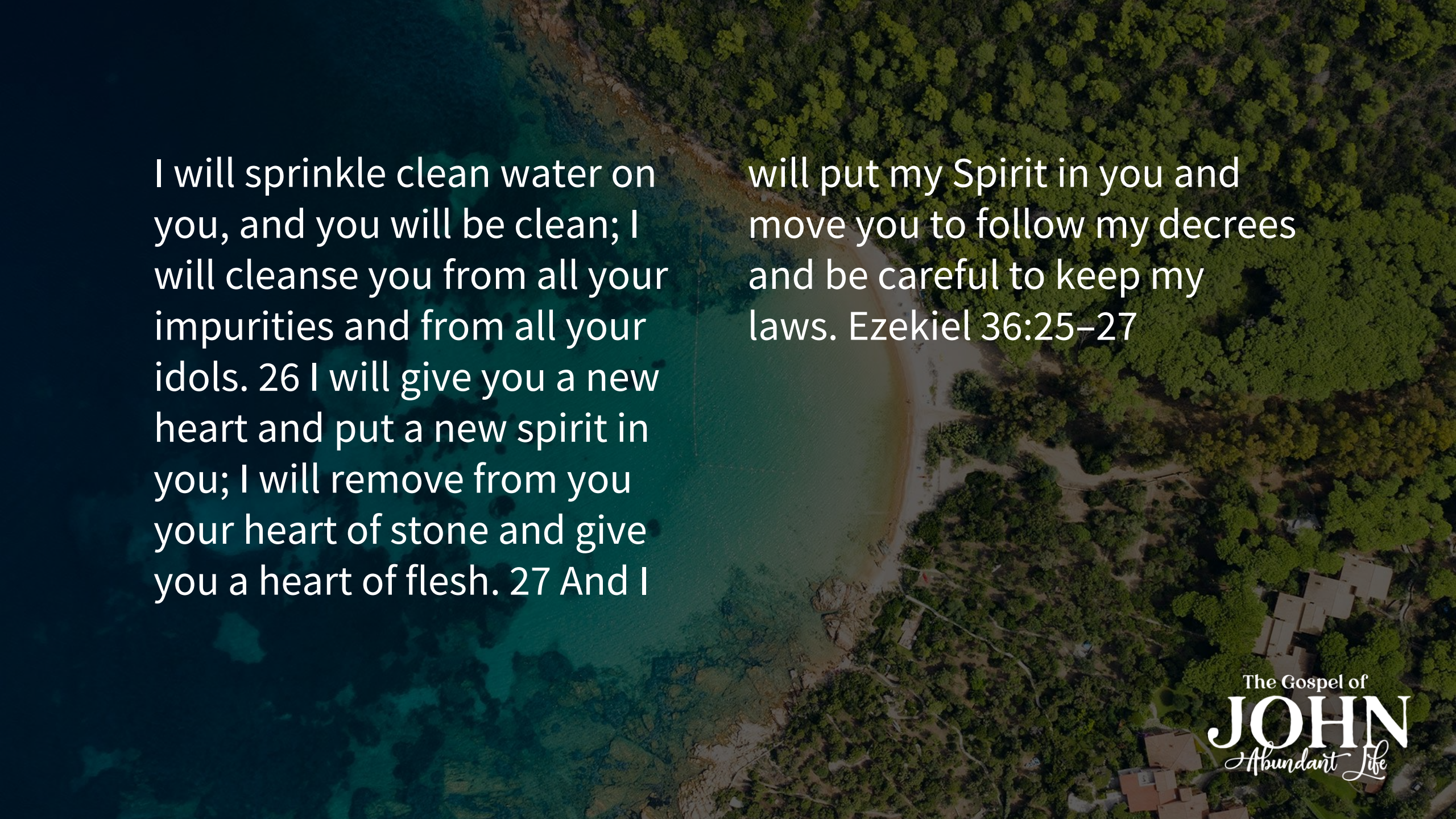
**If you have an obedience problem, then
you have a love problem.**

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3. Reunited

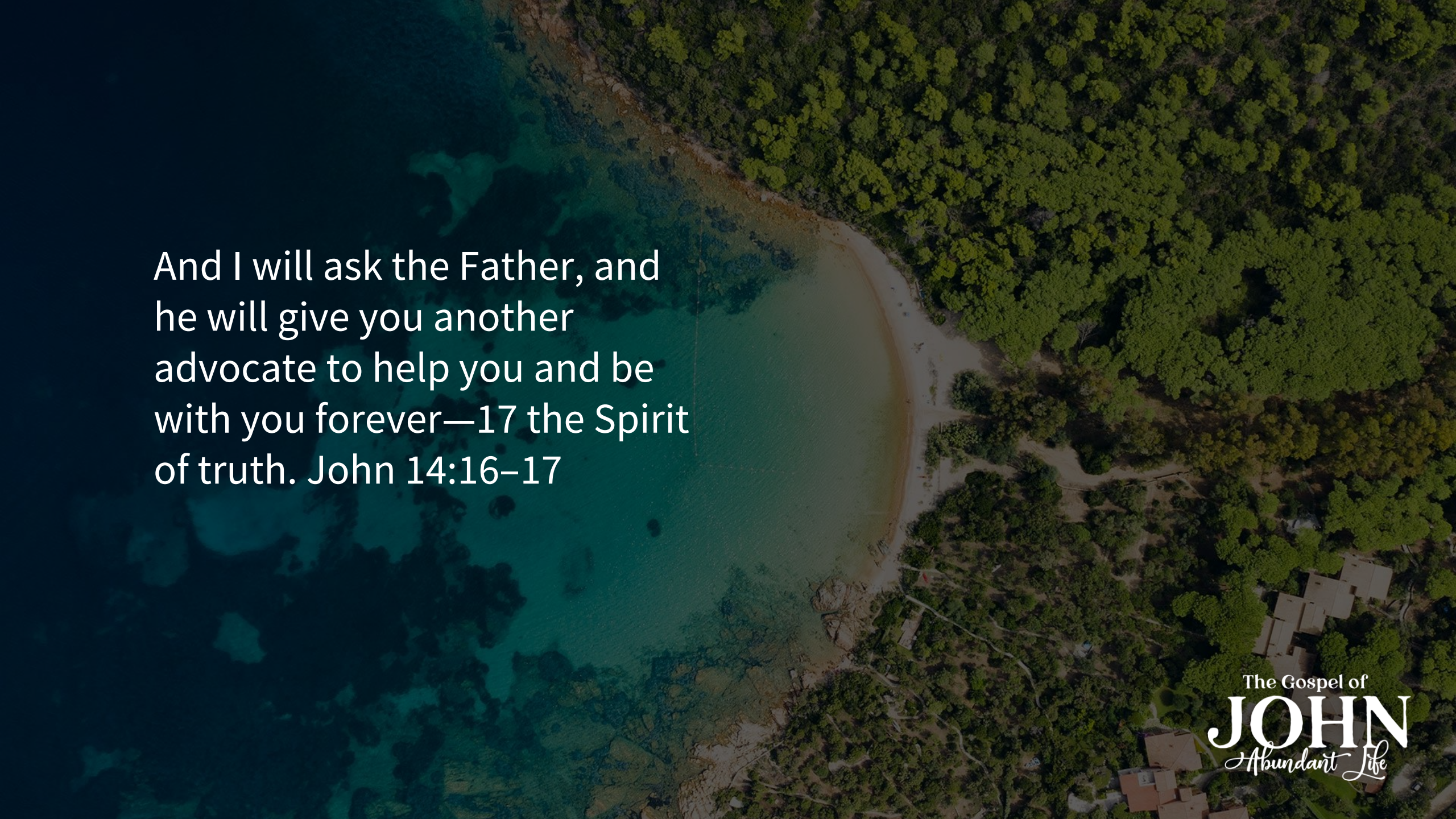


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I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I

will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:25–27



And I will ask the Father, and
he will give you another
advocate to help you and be
with you forever—17 the Spirit
of truth. John 14:16–17

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