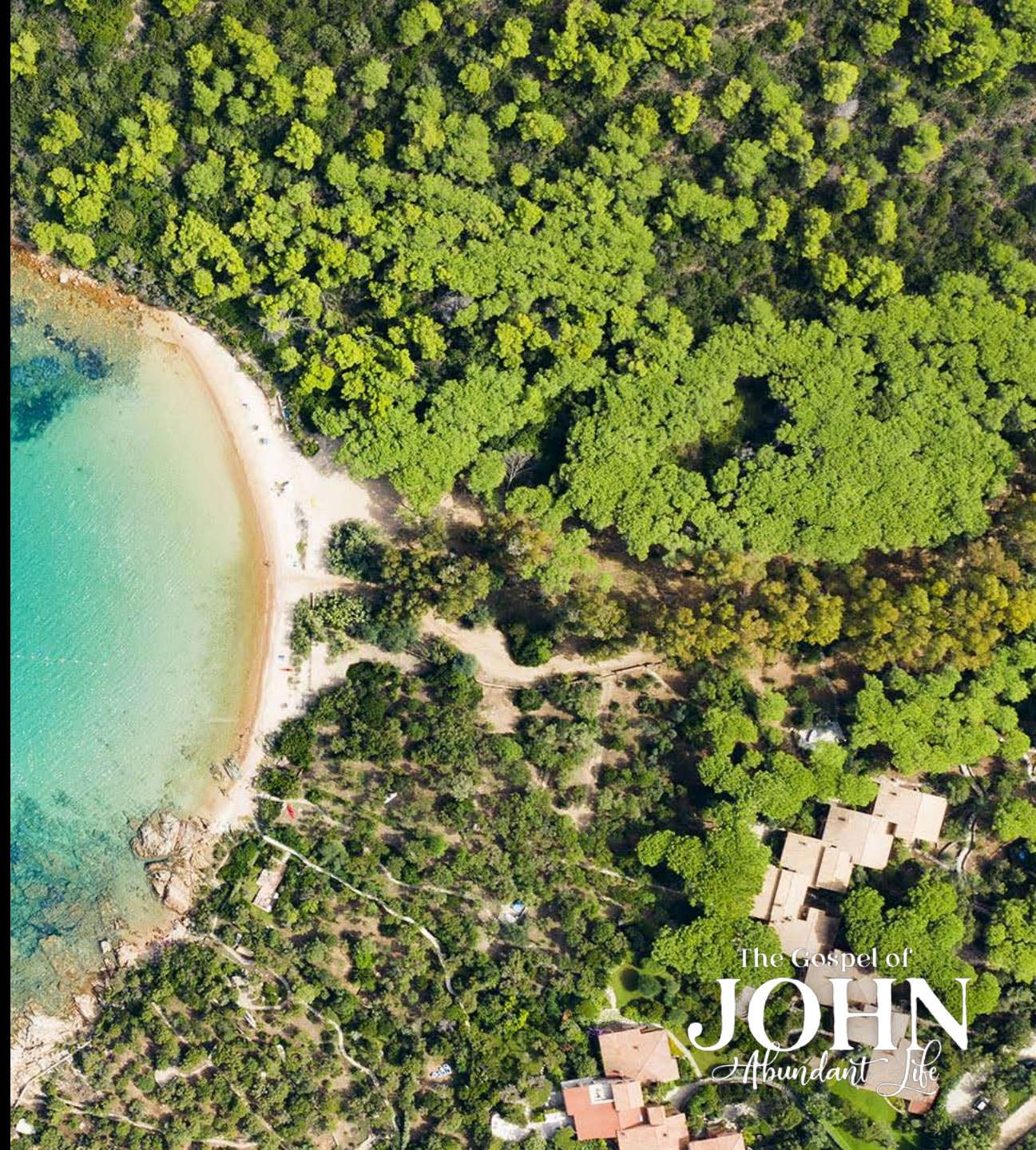


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1. The Essence of Humility

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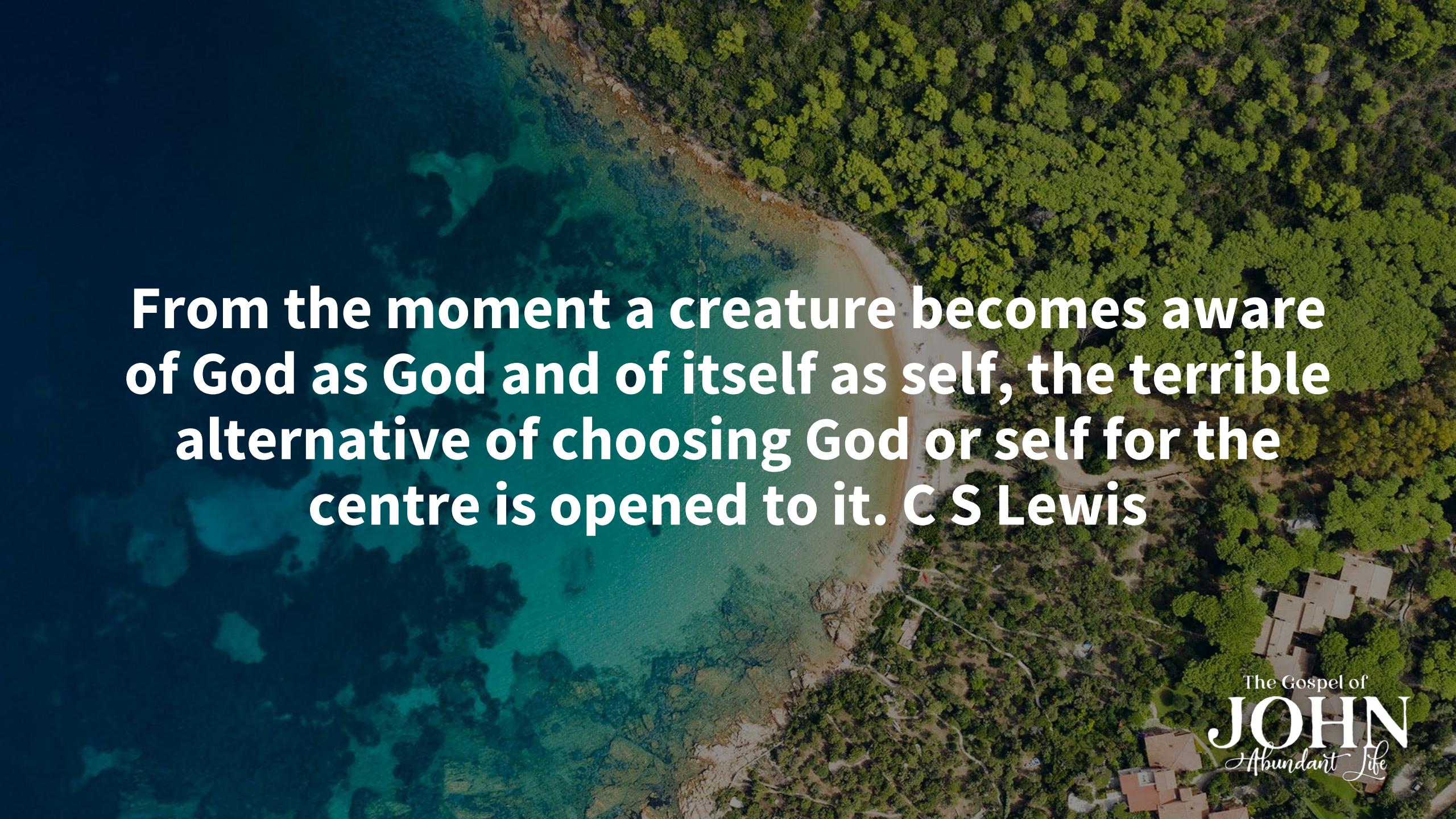


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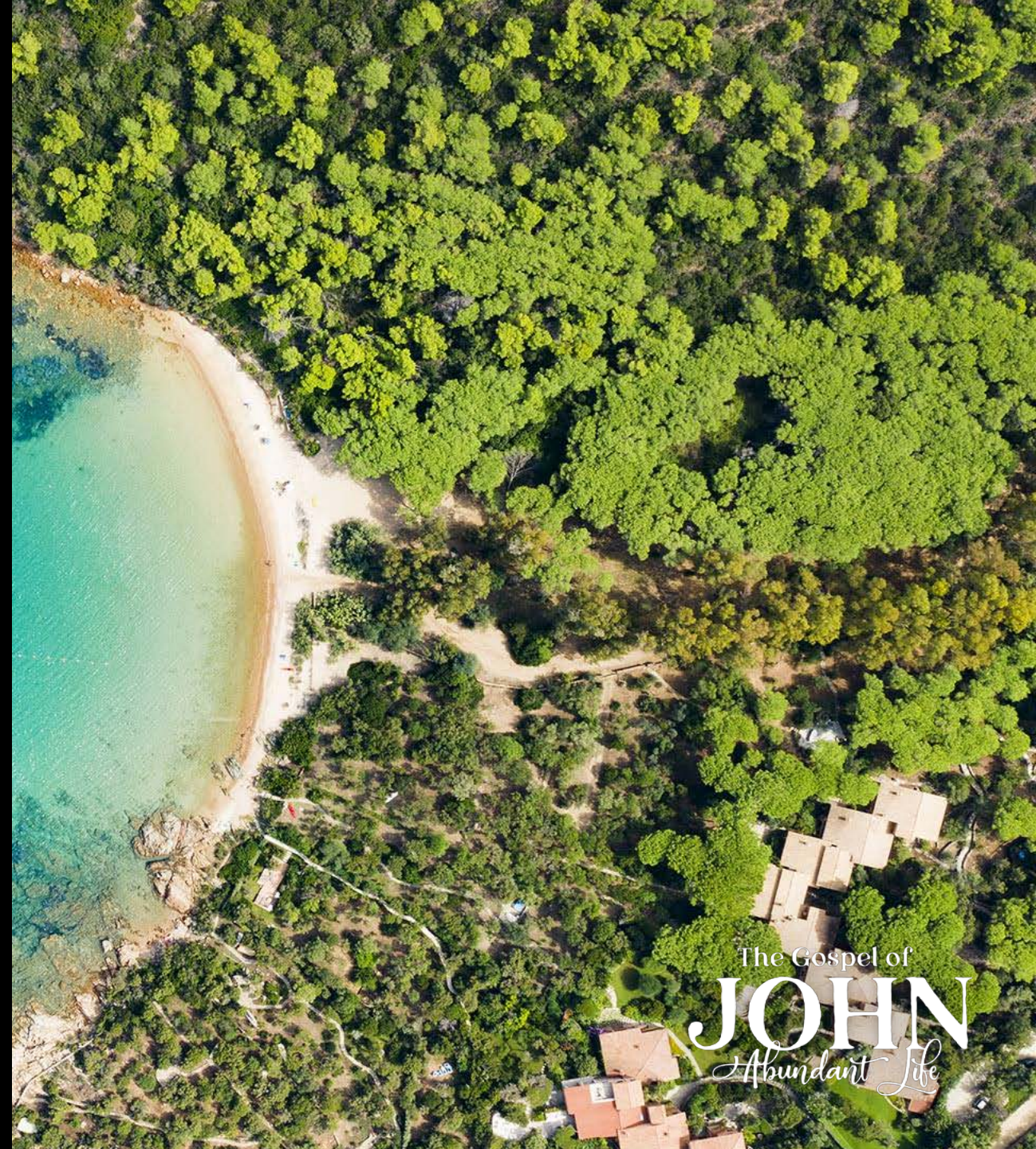


**From the moment a creature becomes aware
of God as God and of itself as self, the terrible
alternative of choosing God or self for the
centre is opened to it. C S Lewis**

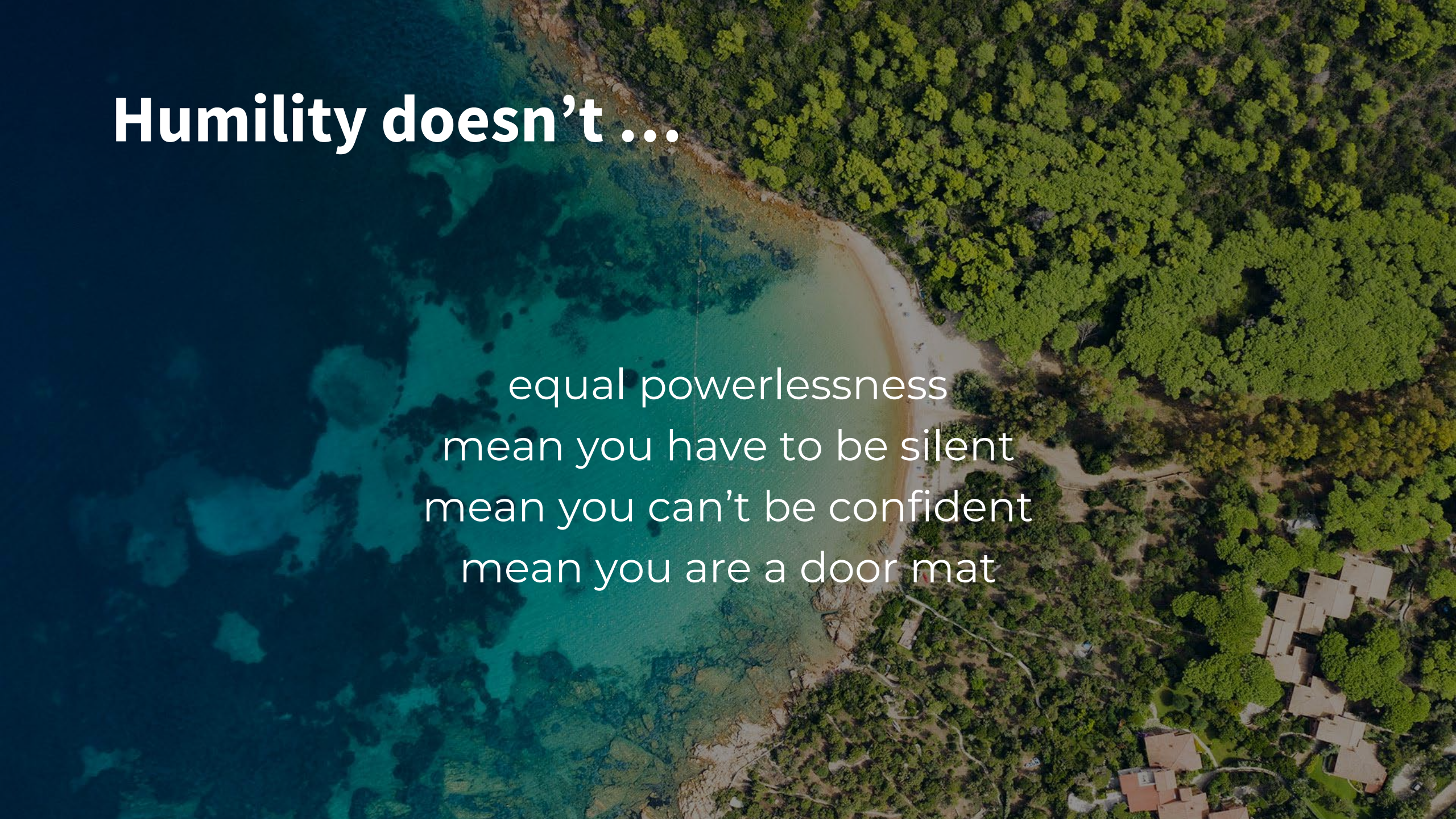
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2. The Shape of Humility

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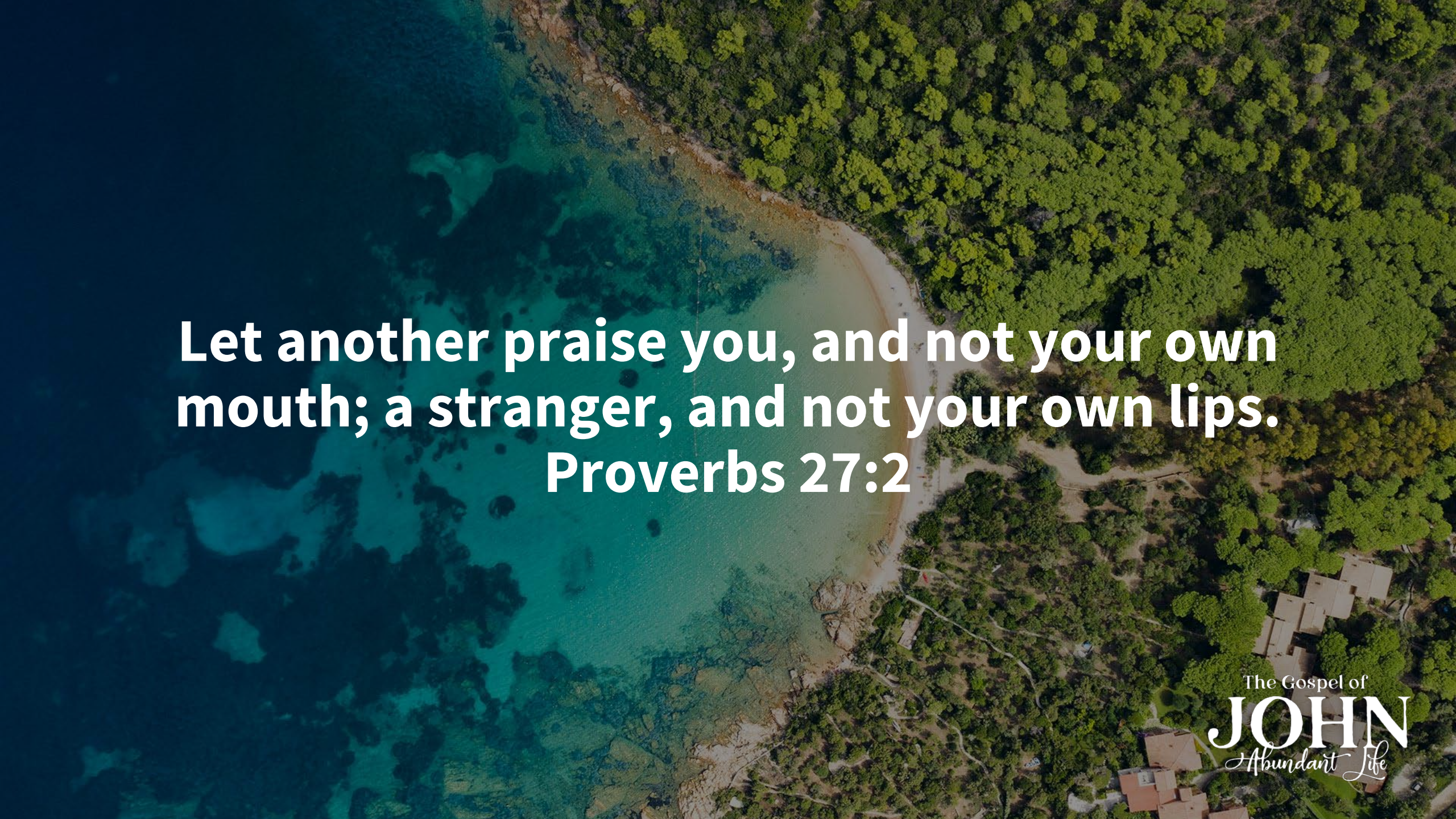


Humility doesn't ...

equal powerlessness
mean you have to be silent
mean you can't be confident
mean you are a door mat

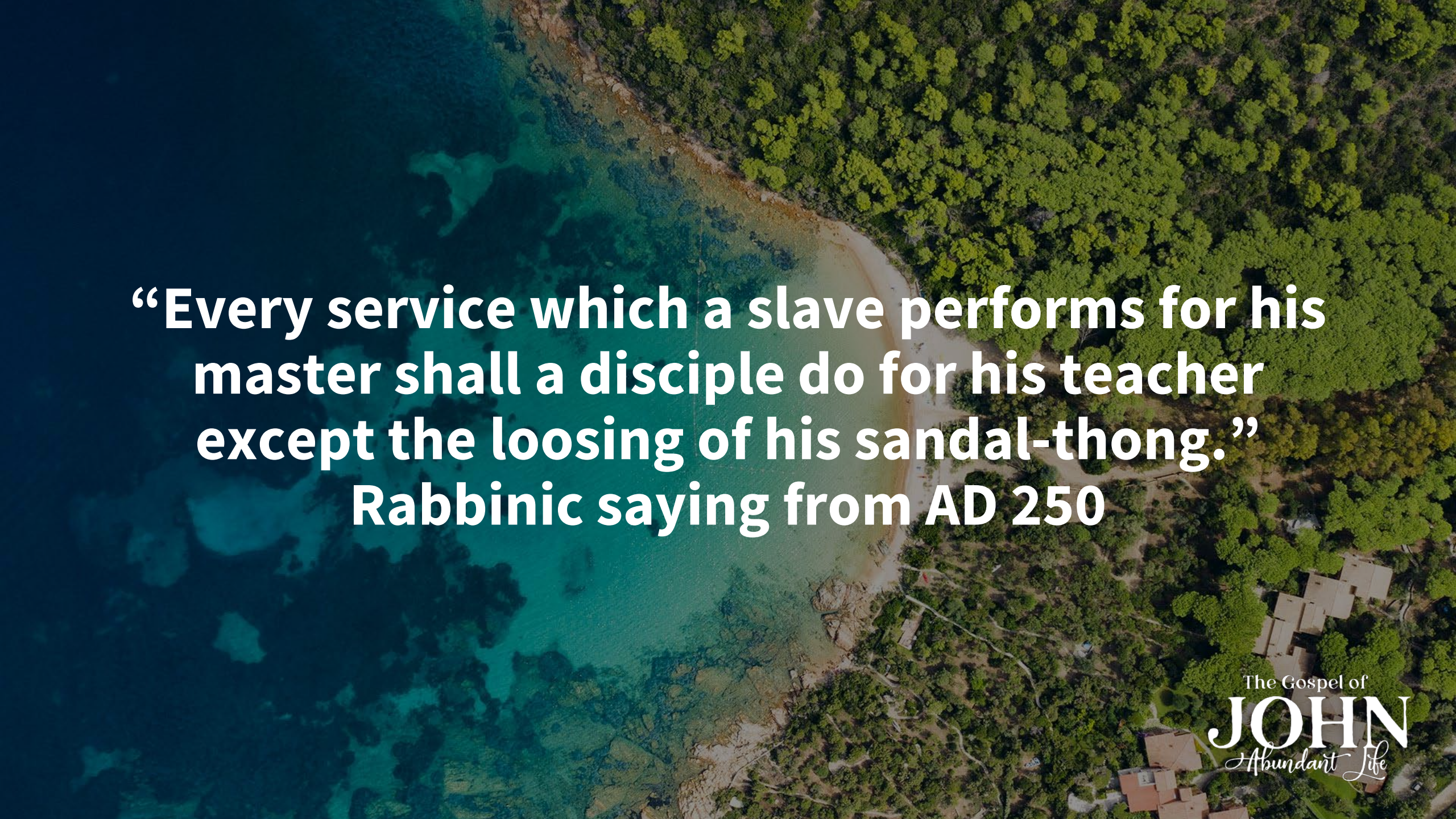
As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? ... A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, “ ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he ... For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Matthew 11:7–14



**Let another praise you, and not your own
mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.
Proverbs 27:2**

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**“Every service which a slave performs for his master shall a disciple do for his teacher except the loosing of his sandal-thong.”
Rabbinic saying from AD 250**

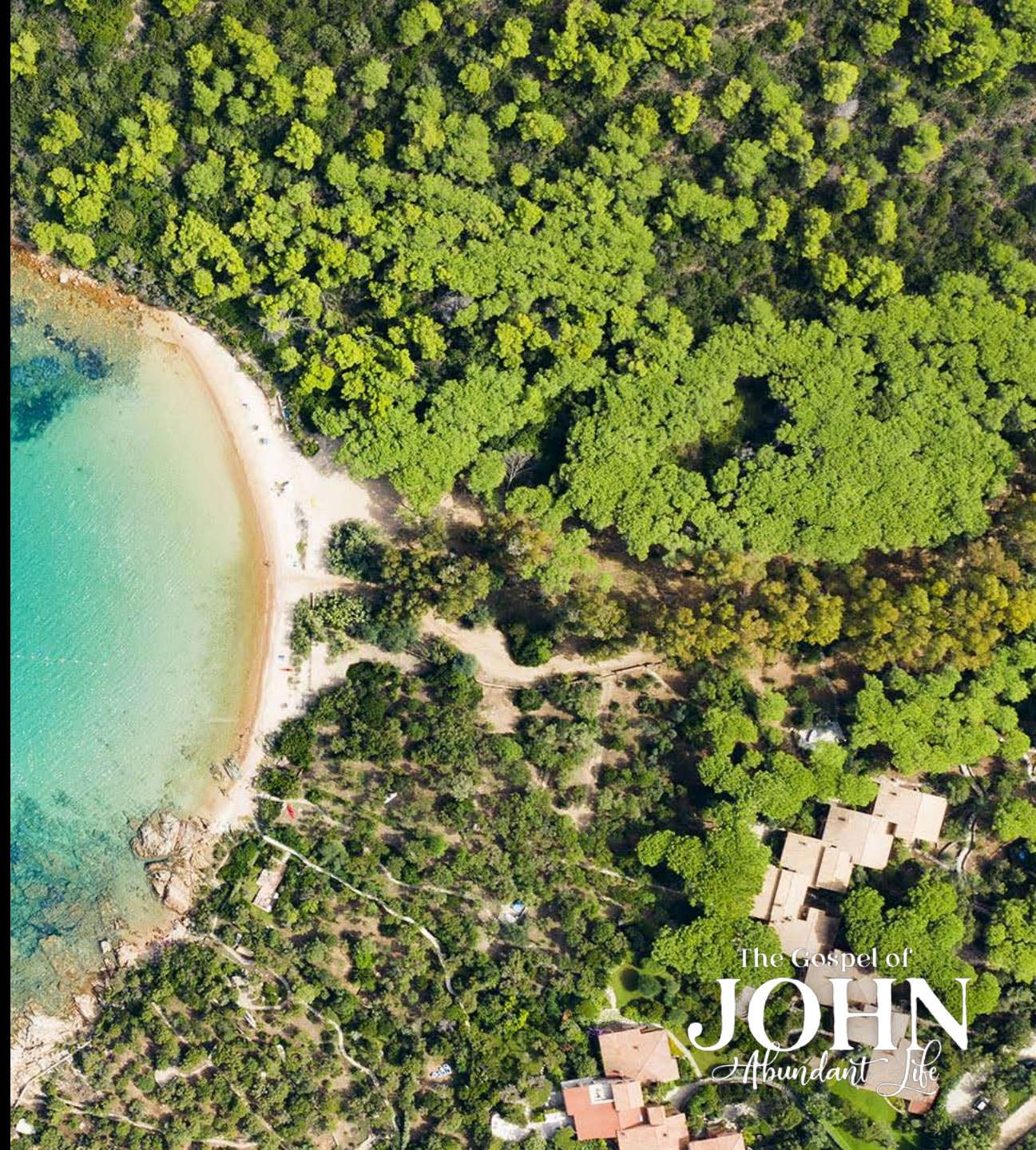
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humility is about going low to lift others up

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3. The Blessing of Humility

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**not the Messiah, not Elijah, not the
Prophet ... just a voice crying out**

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**one blessing which flows liberally to the
humble is less pressure**

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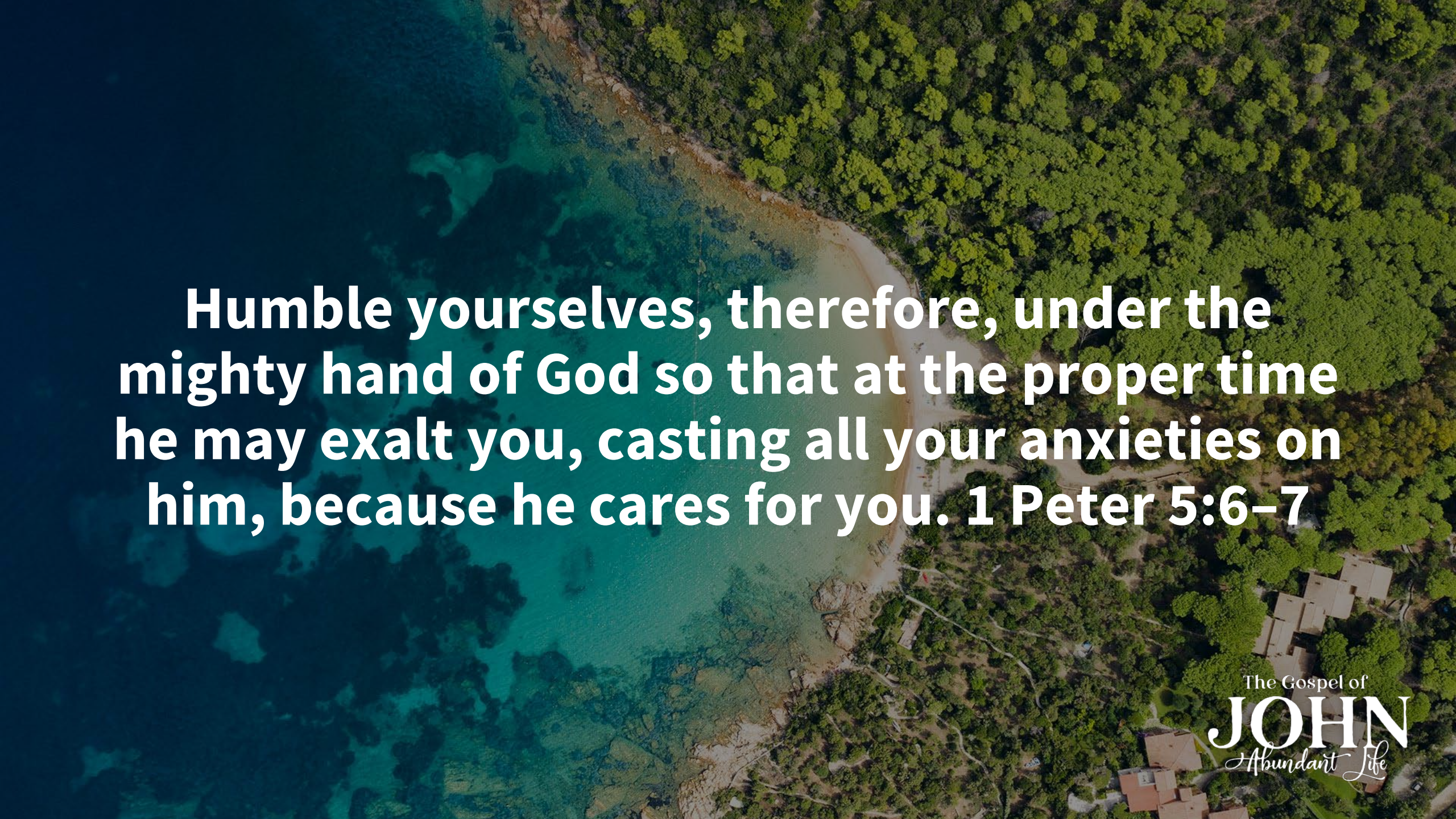
pride coronates people ... and buries them

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pride naturally leads to fear or control

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**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the
mighty hand of God so that at the proper time
he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on
him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6–7**

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do you have to be an important person?

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