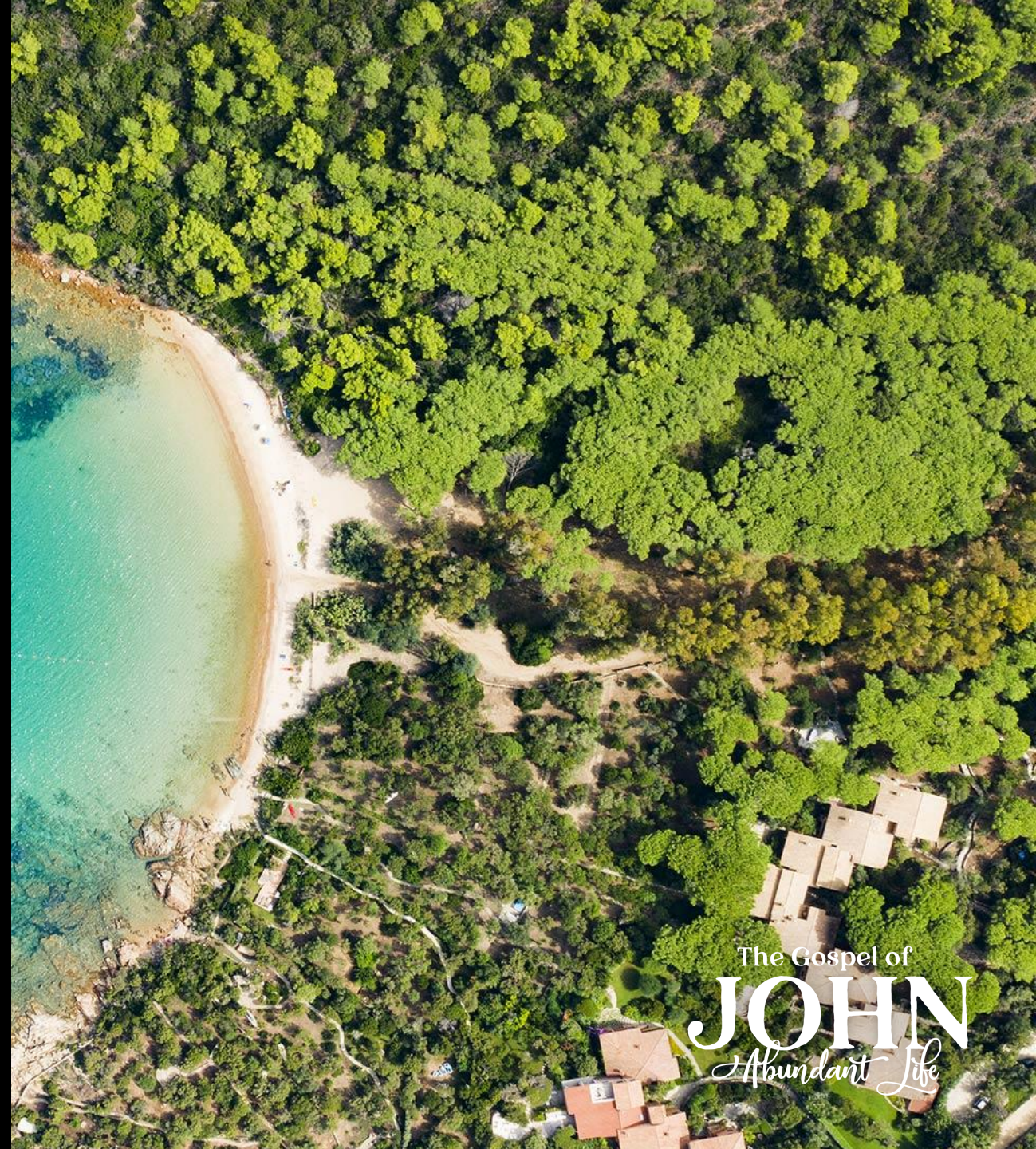


The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life
**A Ruckus in the
Temple**

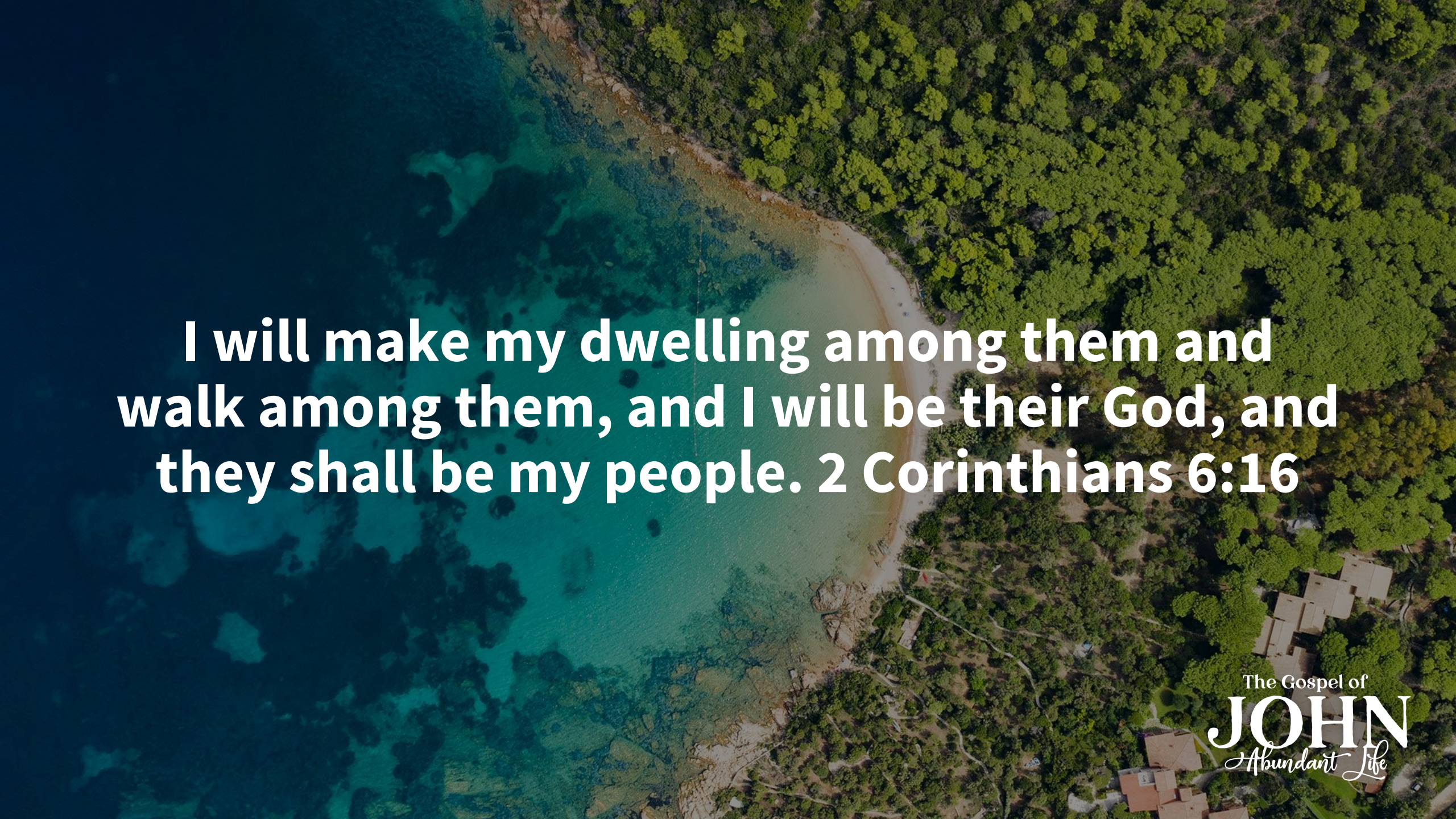
1. The Temple

v13-14



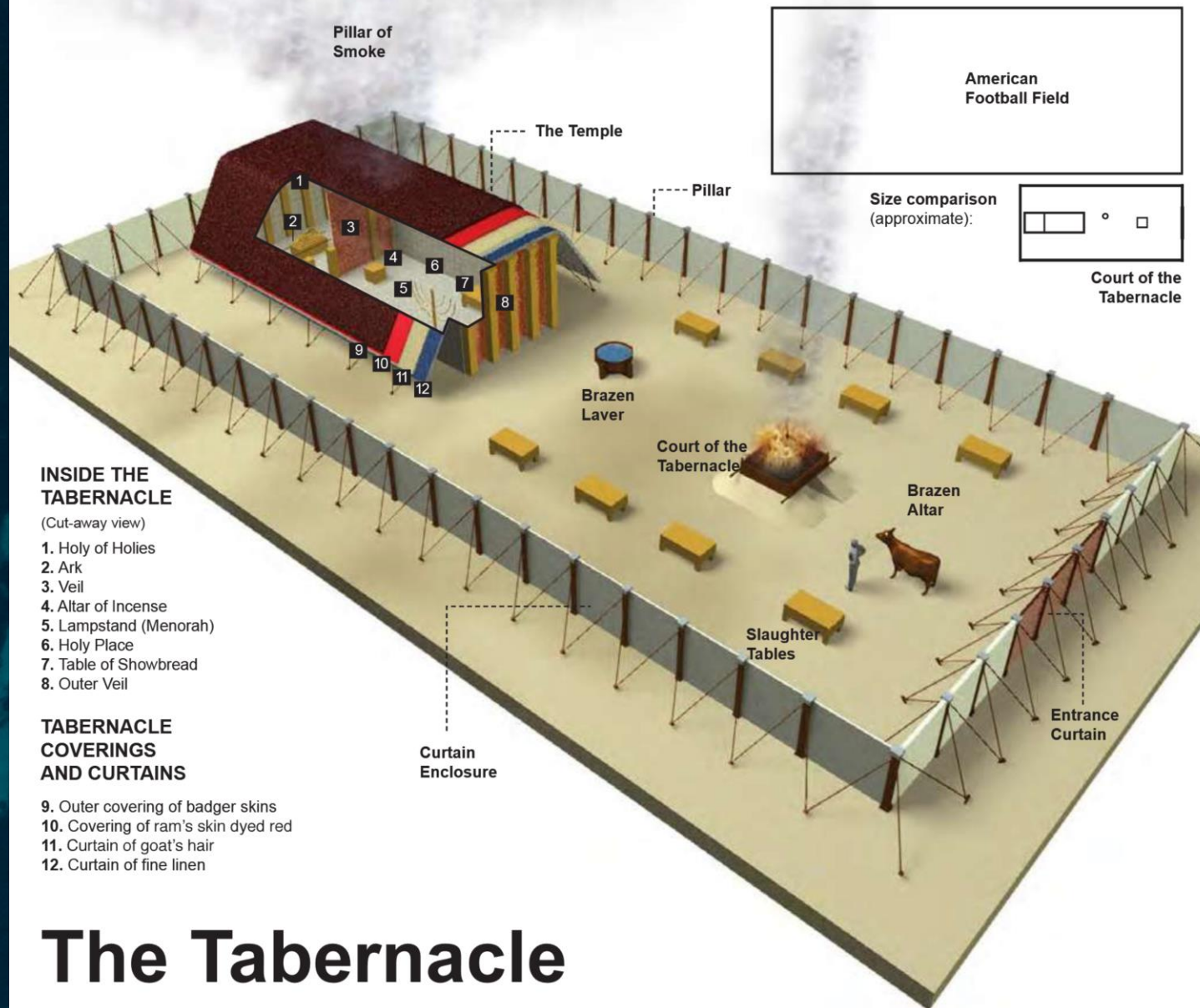
The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life





**I will make my dwelling among them and
walk among them, and I will be their God, and
they shall be my people. 2 Corinthians 6:16**

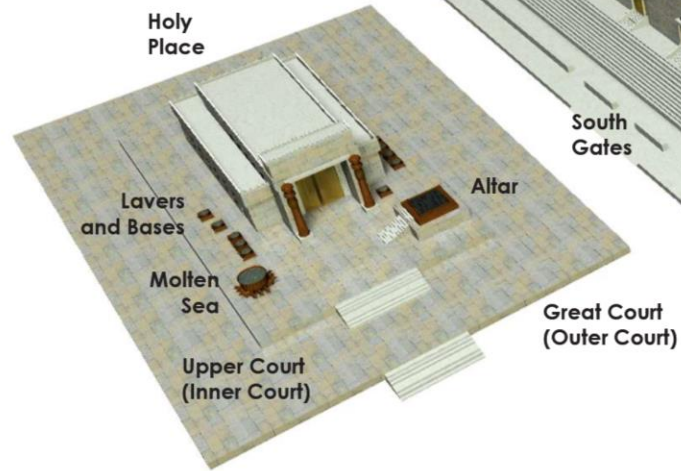
The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life



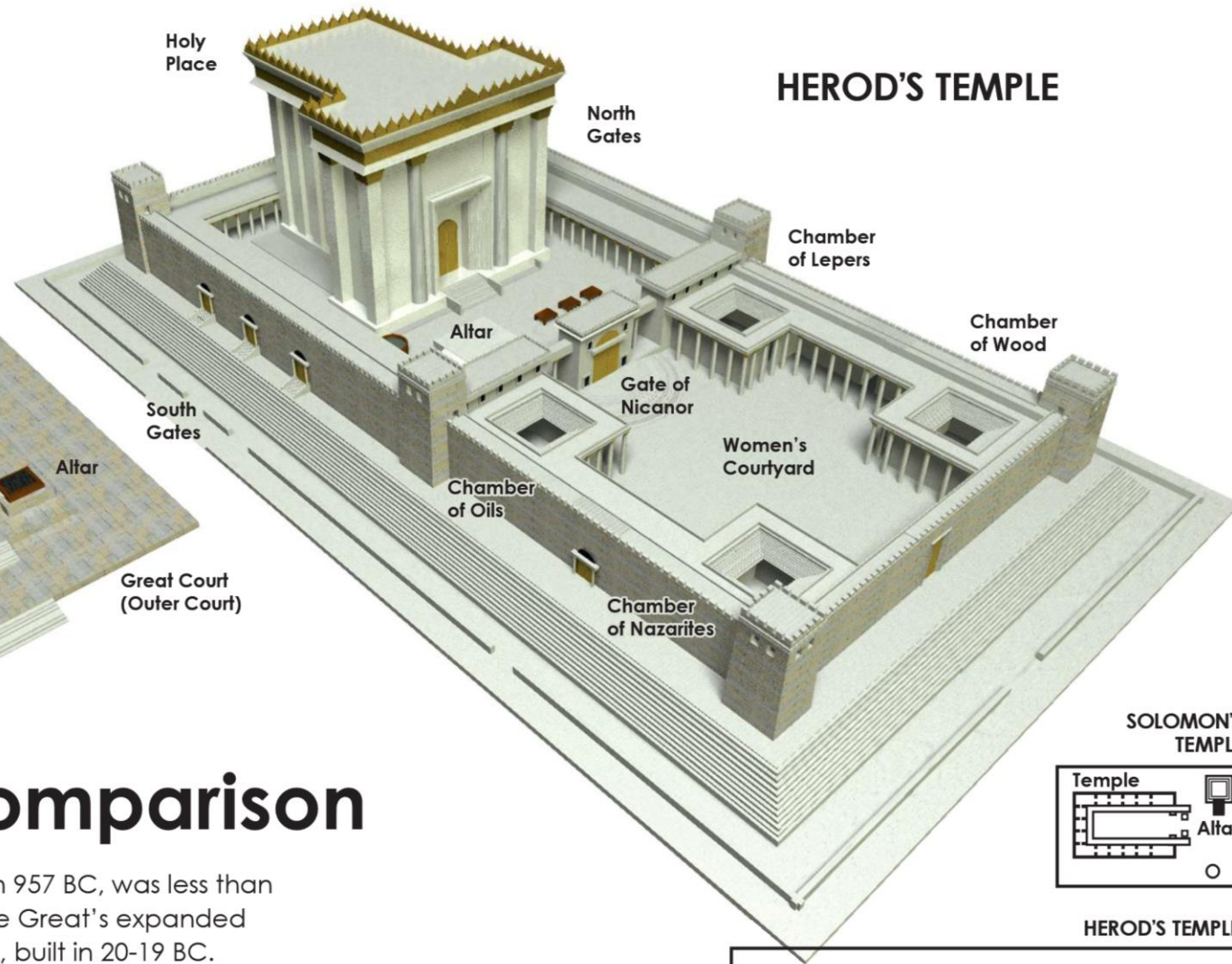
The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the ark of the covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

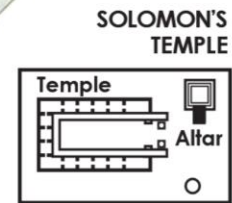


HEROD'S TEMPLE

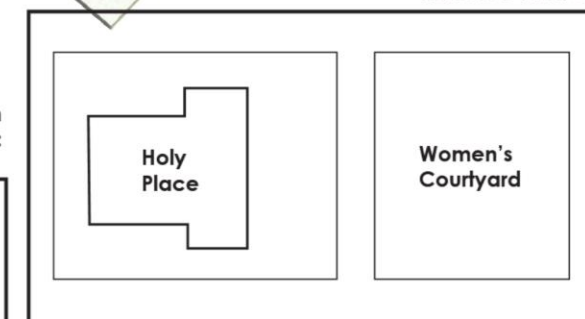


Temple Comparison

Solomon's Temple, finished in 957 BC, was less than one-half the size of Herod the Great's expanded Second Temple in Jerusalem, built in 20-19 BC.



HEROD'S TEMPLE

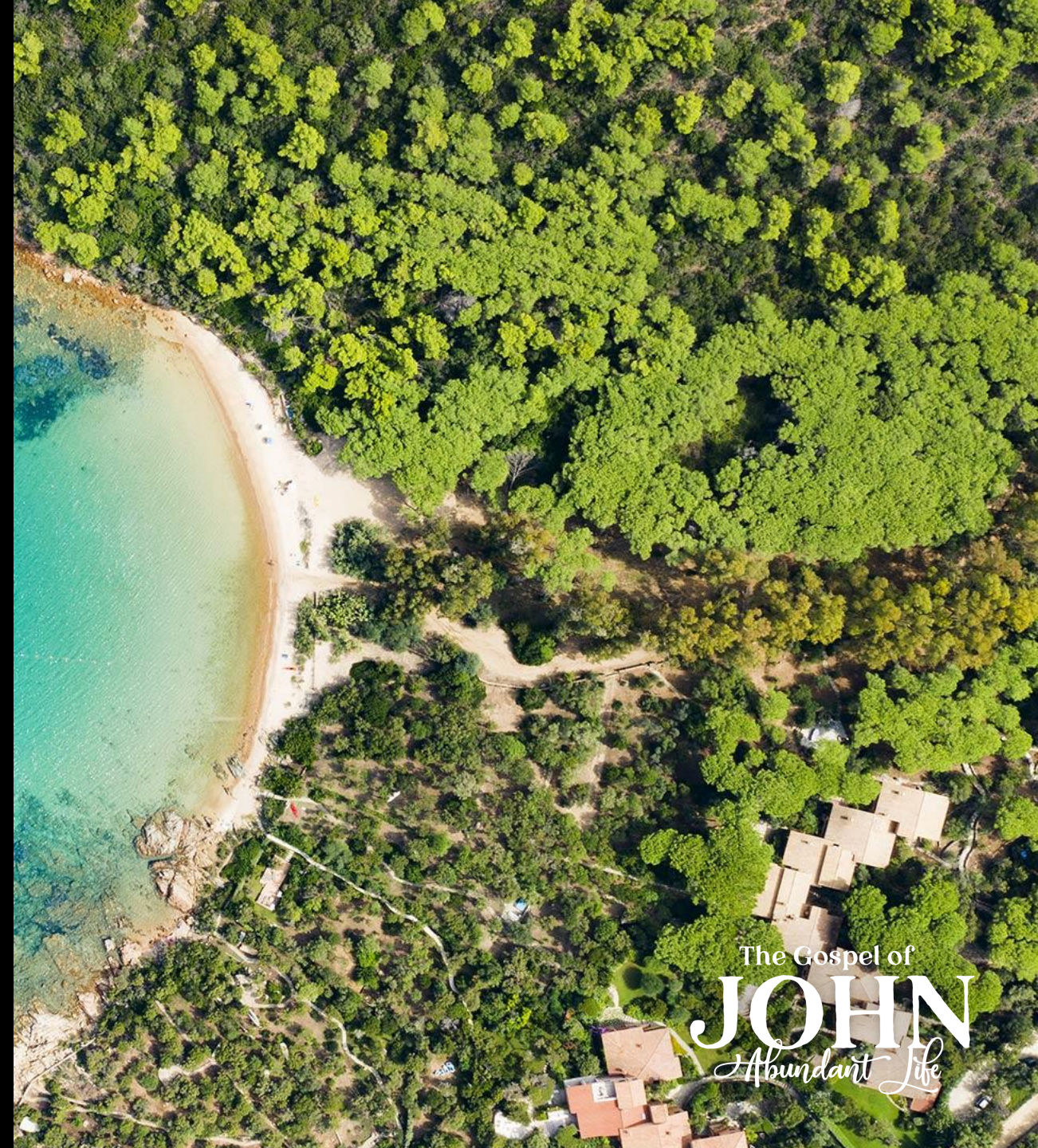


Size comparison (approximate):

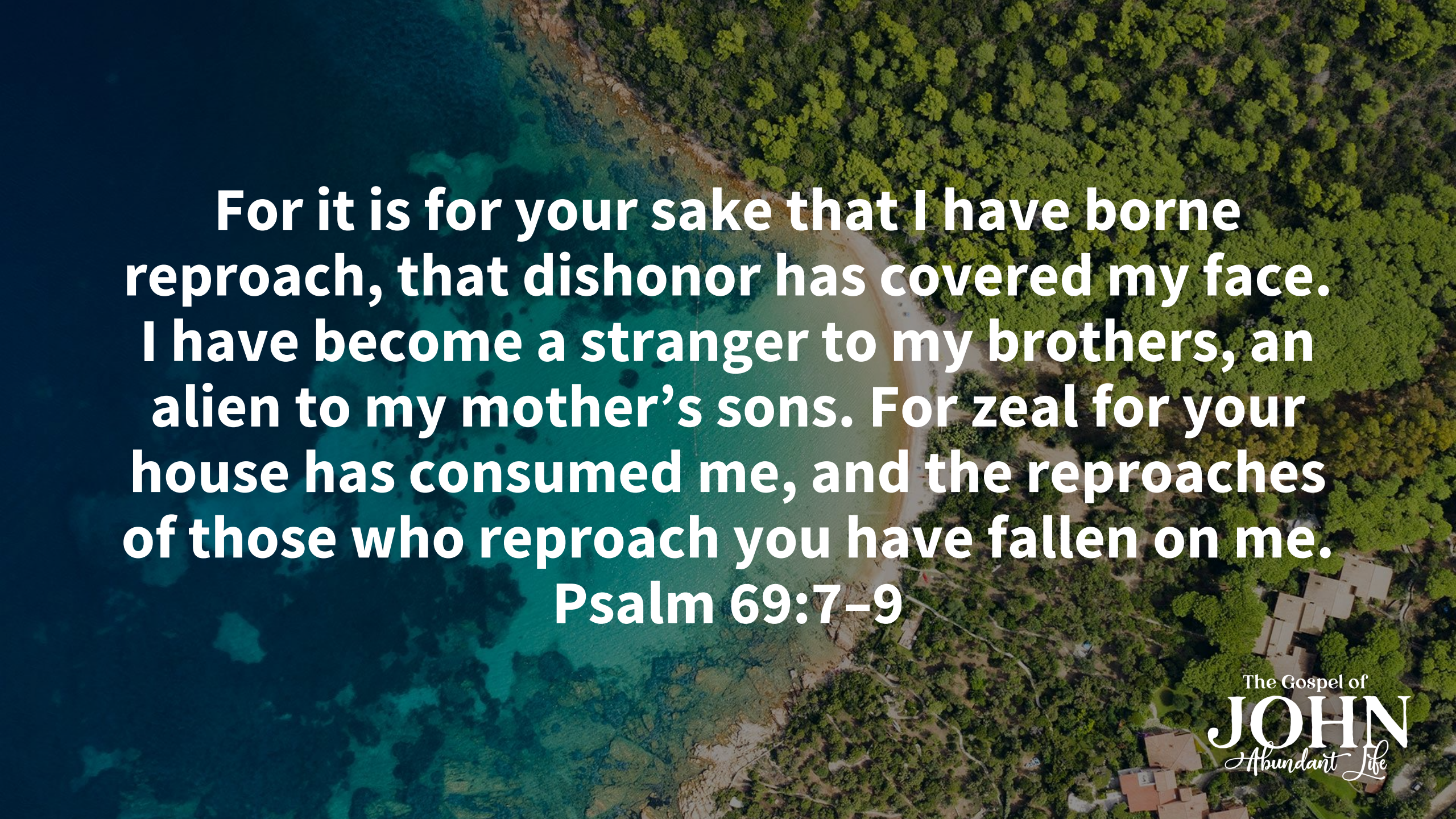


2. Temple Problems

v3-5



The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life



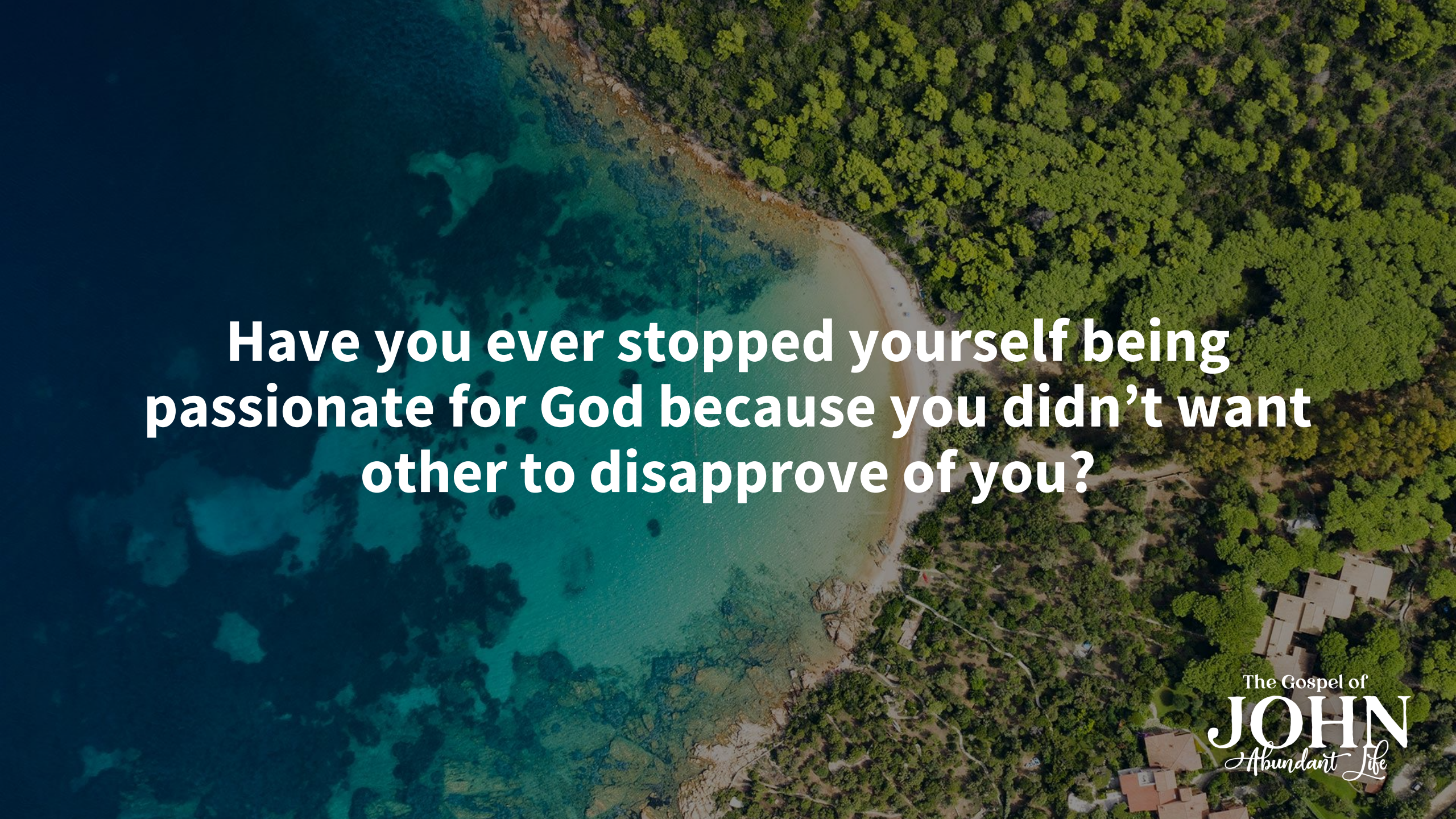
**For it is for your sake that I have borne
reproach, that dishonor has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my brothers, an
alien to my mother's sons. For zeal for your
house has consumed me, and the reproaches
of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

Psalm 69:7–9



**Have you ever been so passionate for God
you were on your own?**

The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life

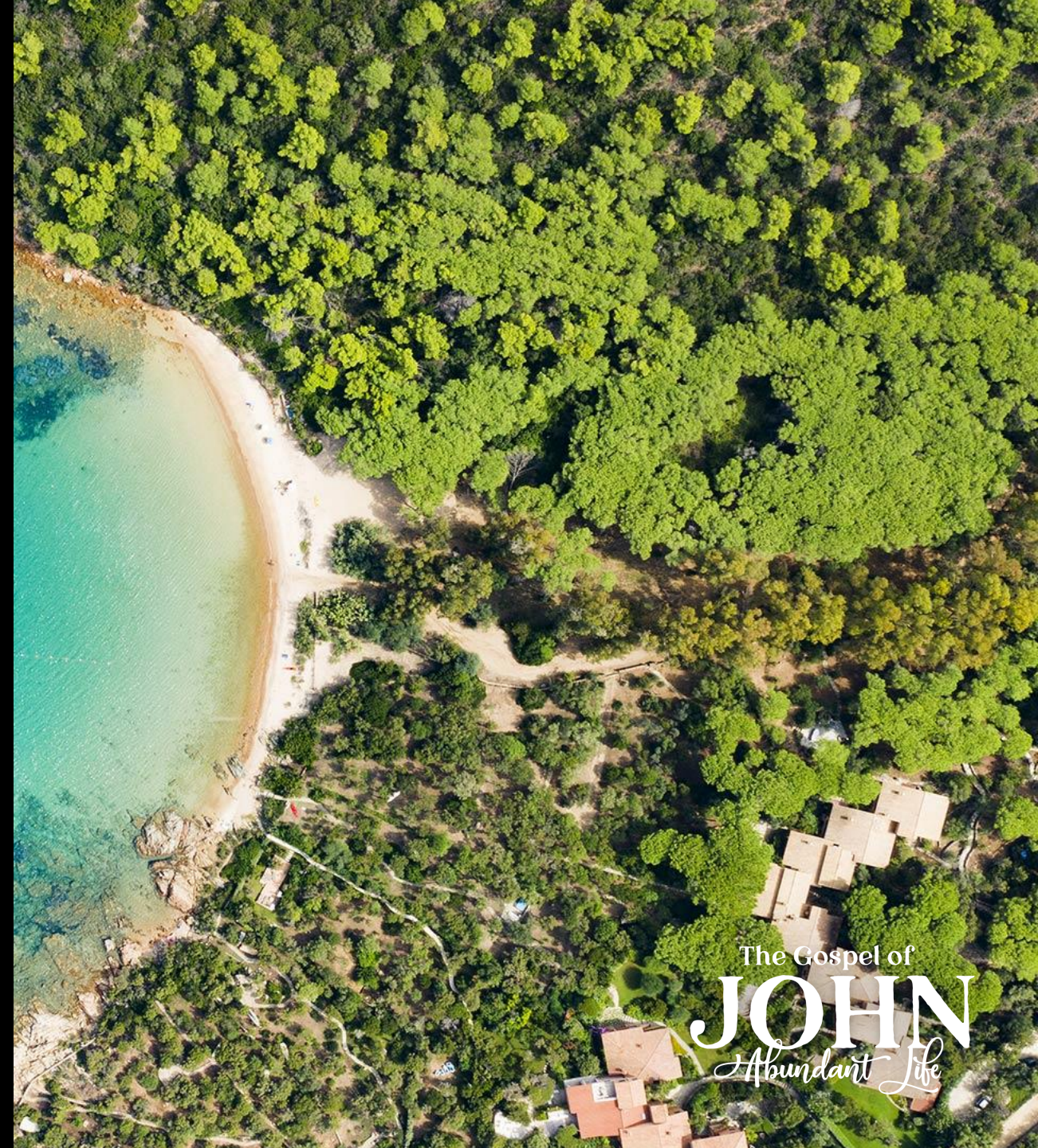


**Have you ever stopped yourself being
passionate for God because you didn't want
other to disapprove of you?**

The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life

3. The True Temple

v18-22



The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life

The Temple

Garden of
Eden

Tabernacle

Solomon's
Temple

Second
Temple

Herod's
Temple

Jesus
The Church
Each Child
of God

The New
Jerusalem



How much racket is going on in your temple?

The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life



Busyness
Worry
Sin
Distraction
Lack of priority
Service without communion

The real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in

listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind. C. S. Lewis



Do you need to cause a ruckus in your temple?

The Gospel of
JOHN
Abundant Life