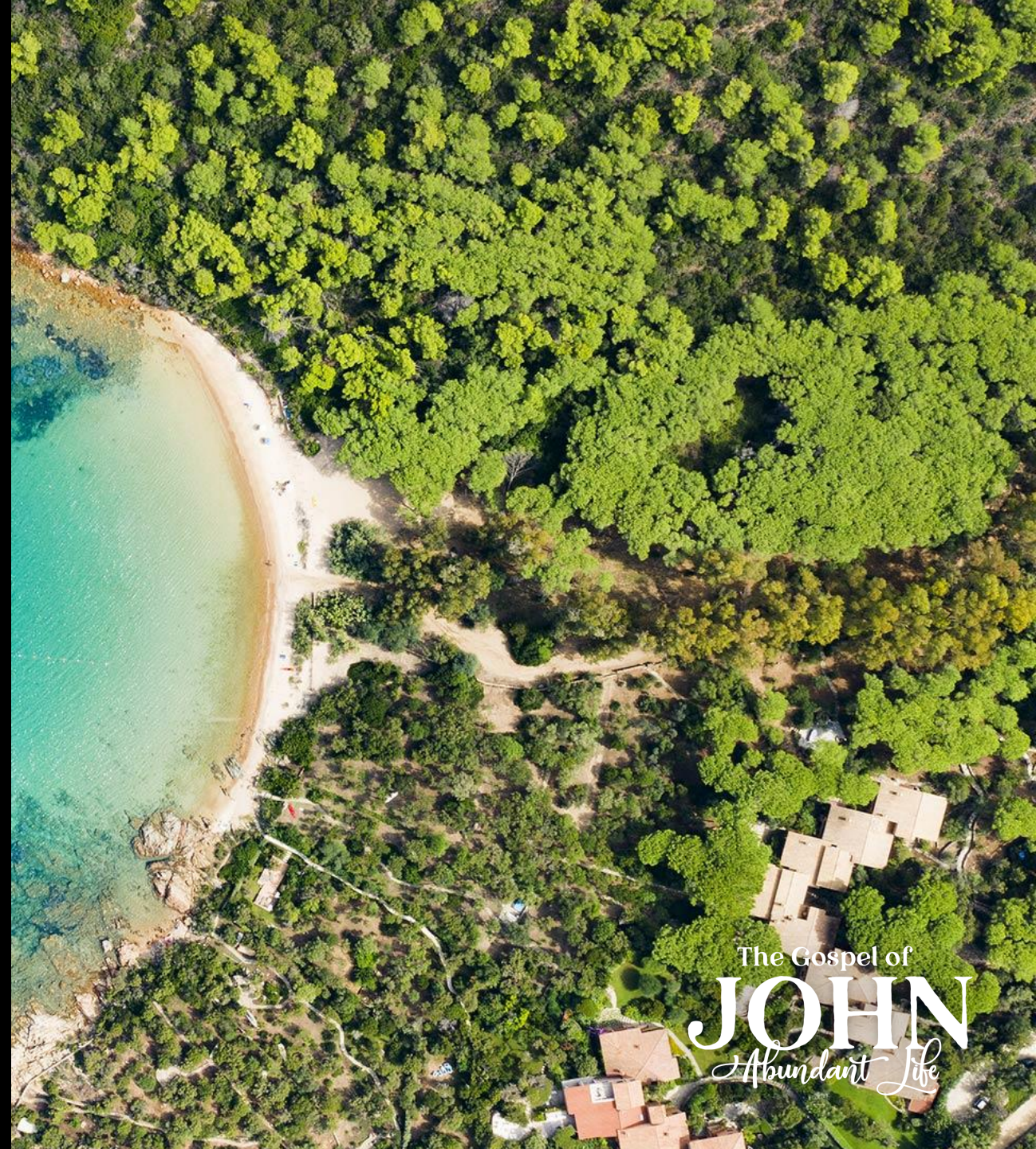


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1. The Man

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**an invalid for
38 years**



**His suffering
was directly
connected to
his sin**

Sin and Suffering

Before sin entered the world, there was no suffering

All suffering in a general sense is connected to sin

All sin leads to some kind of direct suffering

Sometimes God directly afflicts people with illness or death as judgement on their sin

Not all suffering is connected to specific sin

While not all physical suffering is directly connected to a specific sin, all suffering is connected to sin generally

**an invalid for
38 years**

**didn't know
who Jesus was
before he was
healed**

**dobbed Jesus
in**



**his suffering
was directly
connected to
his sin**

**didn't know
who Jesus was
after he was
healed**

**blamed Jesus
when he got
busted**



do you want to be healed?

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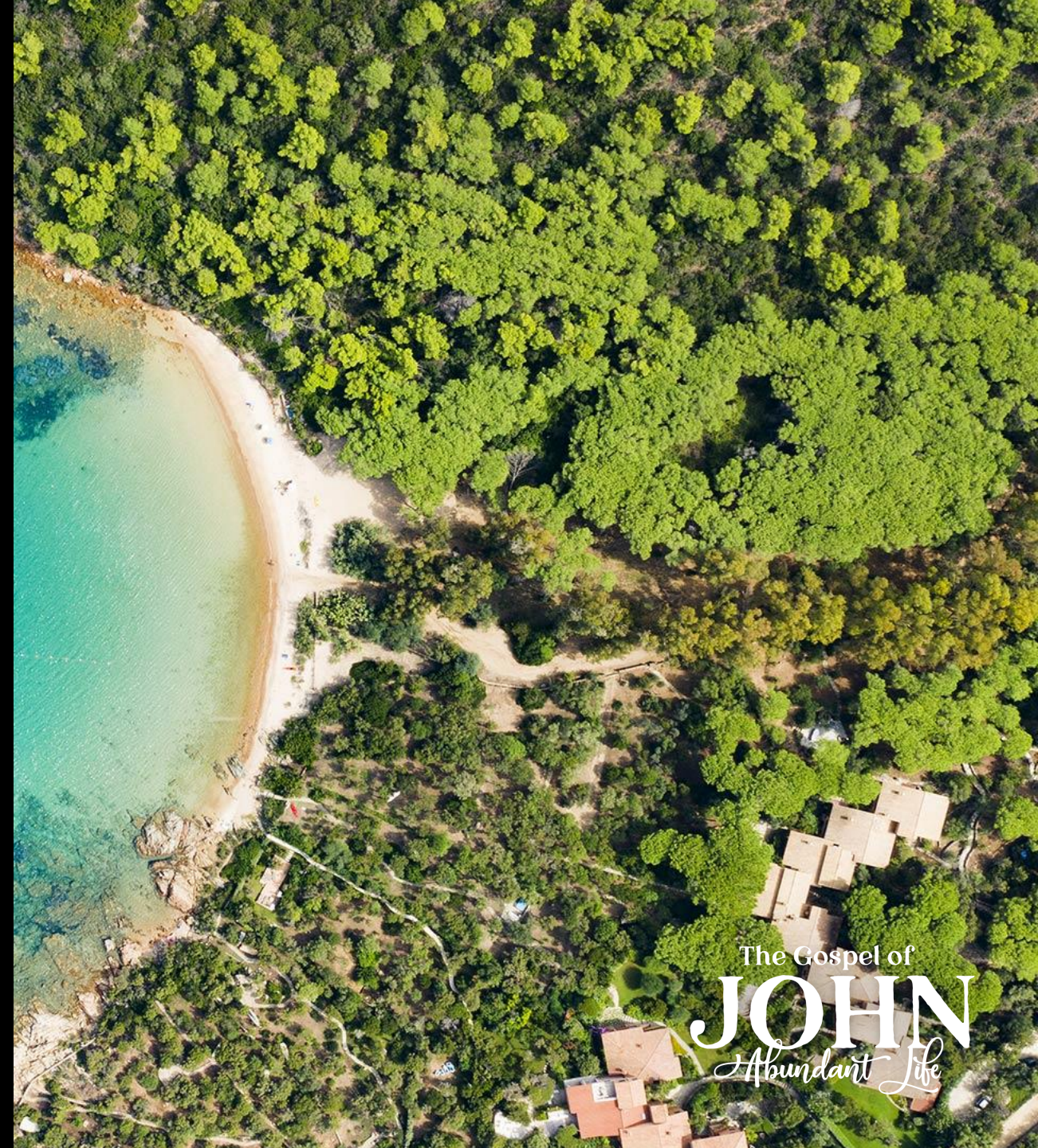
what is going on here?

mercy & power

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2. The Jews

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THE APPRAISAL

For Jewish Sabbath, Elevators Do All the Work

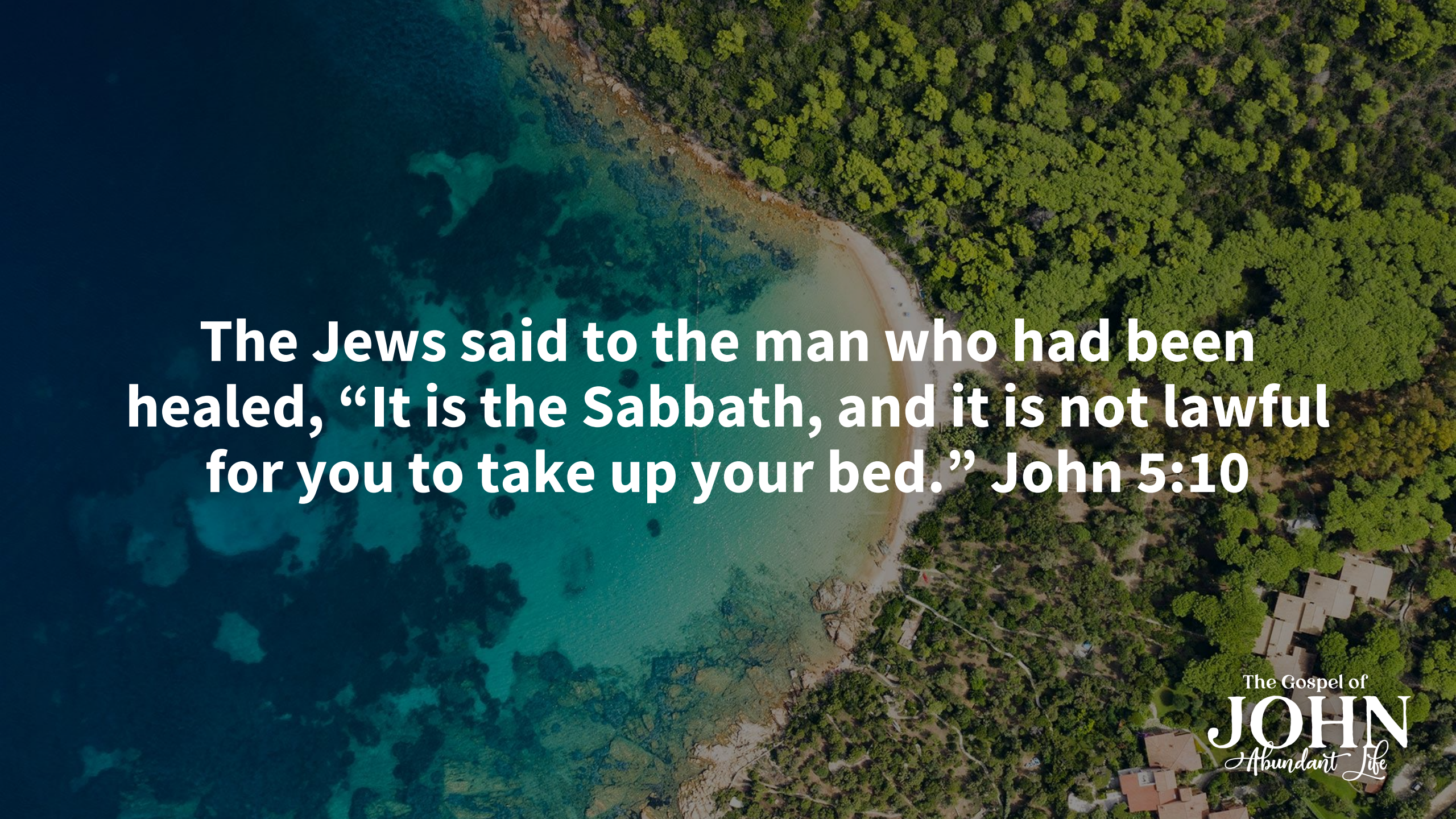


Jeff Katz, an observant Jew aboard an express Shabbos elevator in the Seward Park co-op. “It speeds things up,” he said. Benjamin Norman for The New York Times

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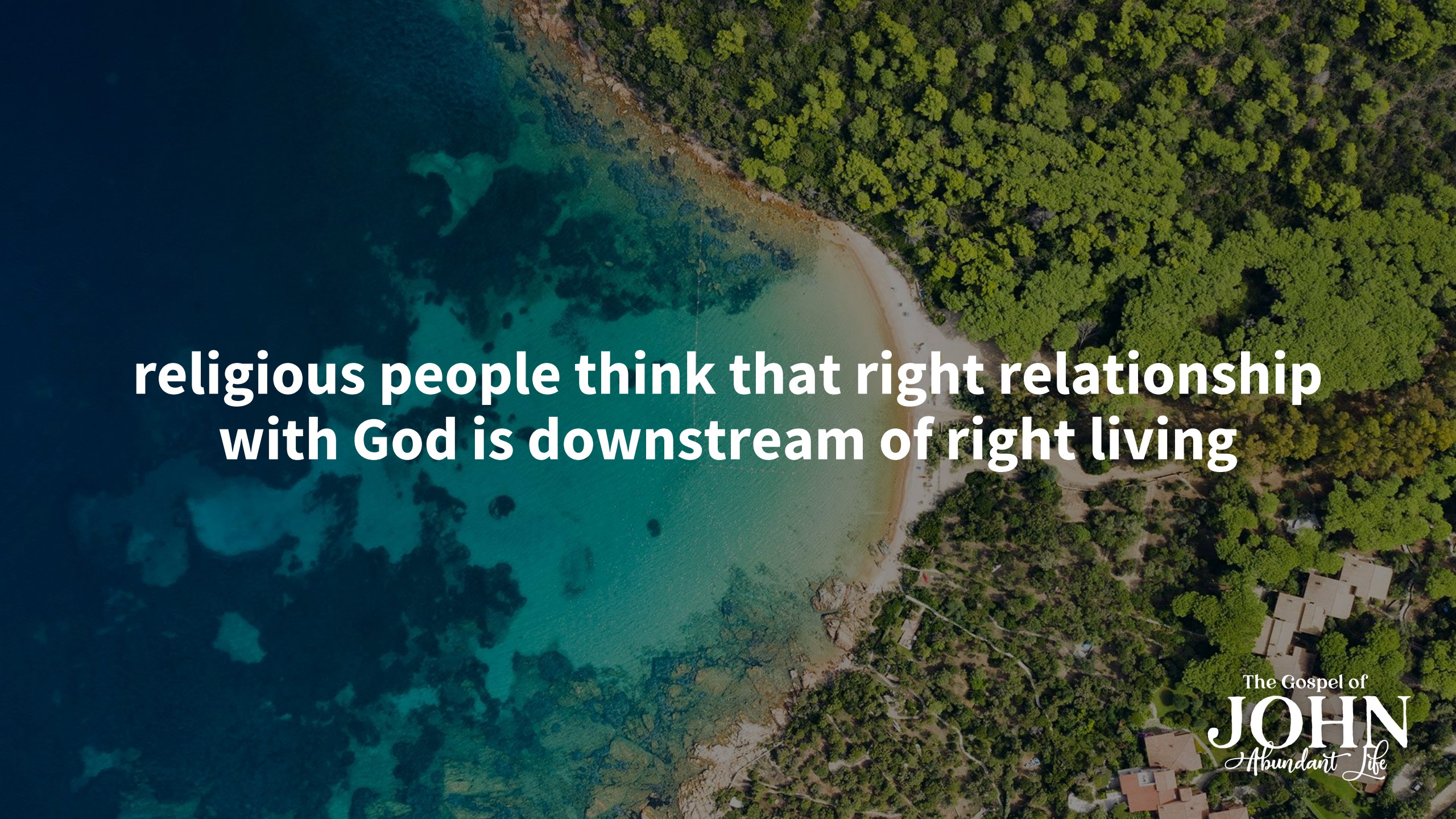


**The Jews said to the man who had been
healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful
for you to take up your bed.” John 5:10**



religiosity is more interested in rules than
people

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religious people think that right relationship
with God is downstream of right living

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Right living



Right
relationship

Right
relationship



Right living

Religious people ...

Are often blind to the bigger picture

Think good relationships come from living a good life

Are motivated by fear

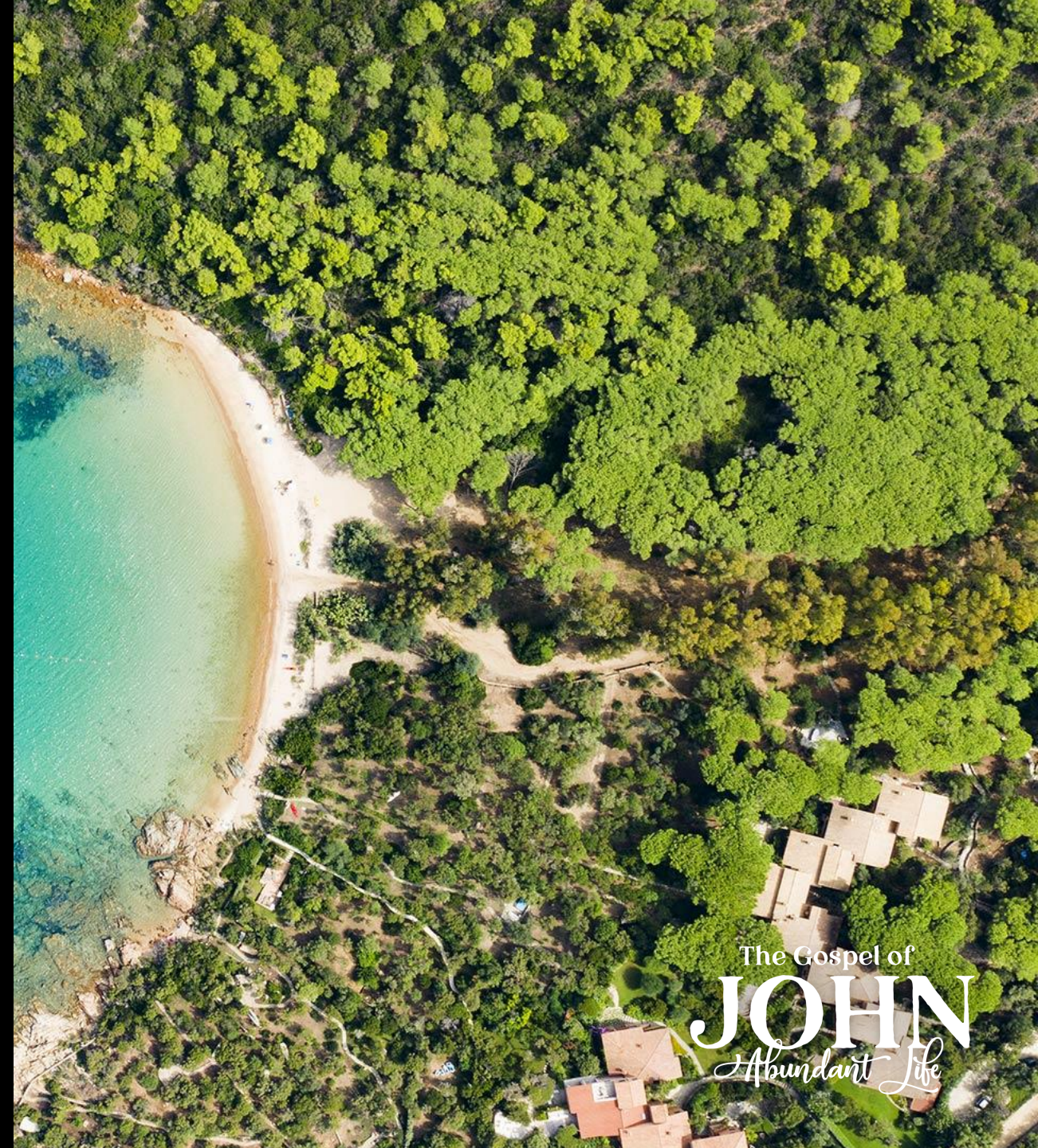
Love the power that rules and rule keeping give them

Are often harsh and critical

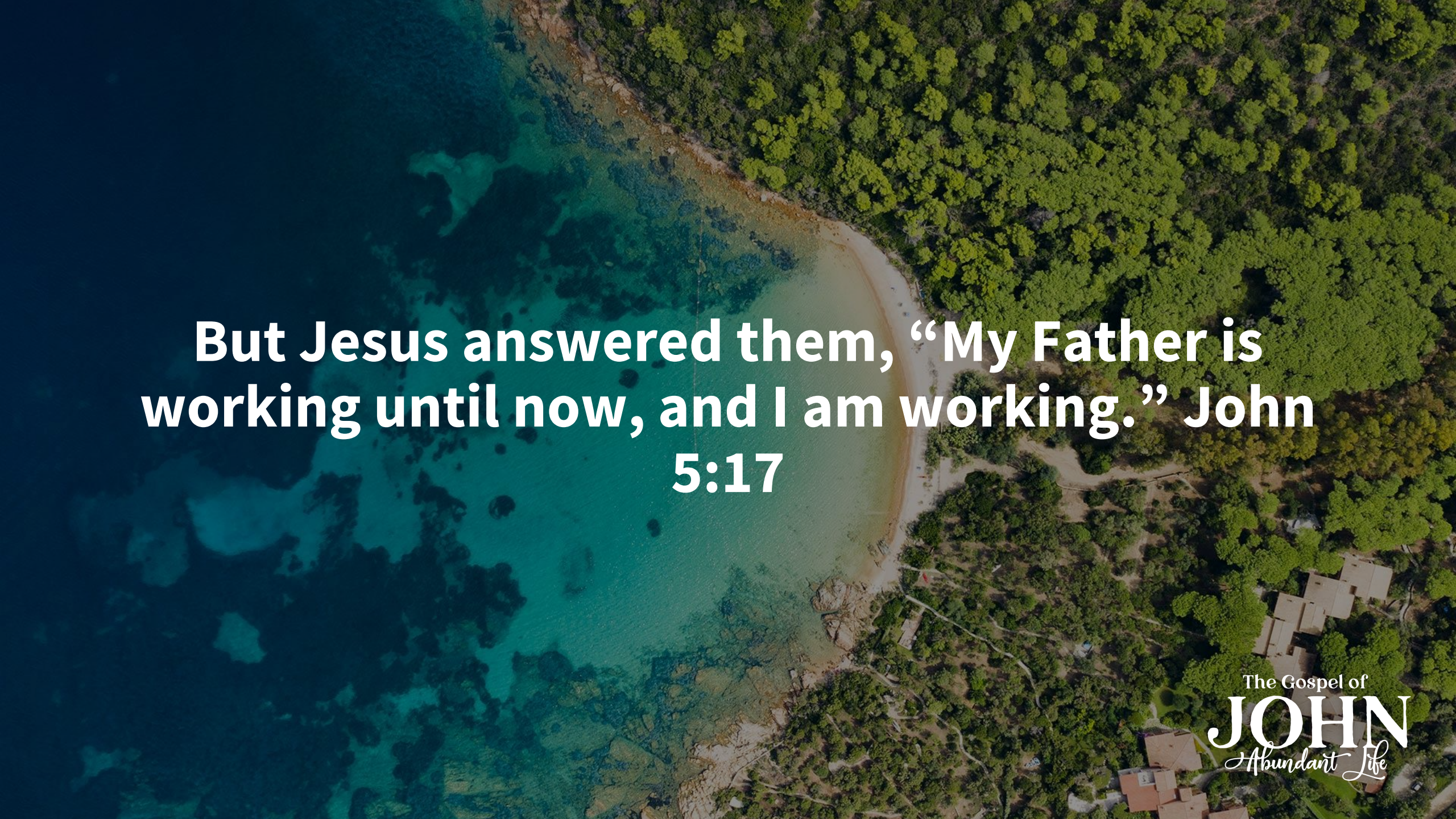
Live small lives

3. The Good News

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**But Jesus answered them, “My Father is
working until now, and I am working.” John
5:17**

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what is he up to?

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**Always there, always doing something,
always up to something good.**

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