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**You be You & Let
Jesus Be Jesus**

John answered, “A person (John, Jesus, everyone) cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ 29 The one who has the bride (the church) is the bridegroom

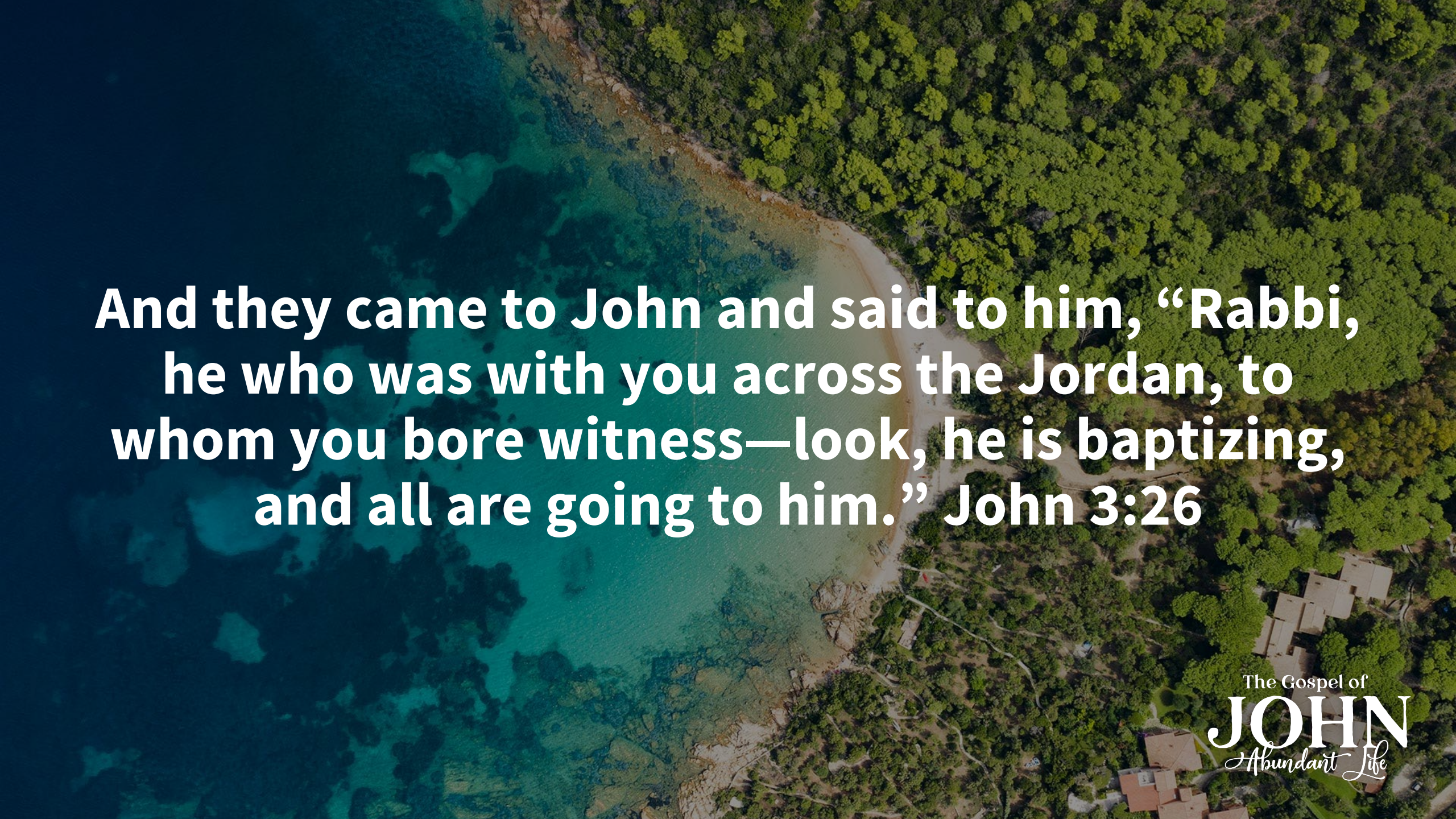
(Jesus). The friend of the bridegroom (John the Baptist), who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s (Jesus’) voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. 30 He (Jesus) must increase, but I (John the Baptist) must decrease.” John 3:27-30

1. Jesus vs John

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**And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi,
he who was with you across the Jordan, to
whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing,
and all are going to him.” John 3:26**

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Jesus is getting more likes than you.

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**the temptation to be independently great
is almost irresistible**

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**pride is about being someone in our own right
without reference to anyone or anything else**

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**independence only makes you less of who
God made you to be, not more**

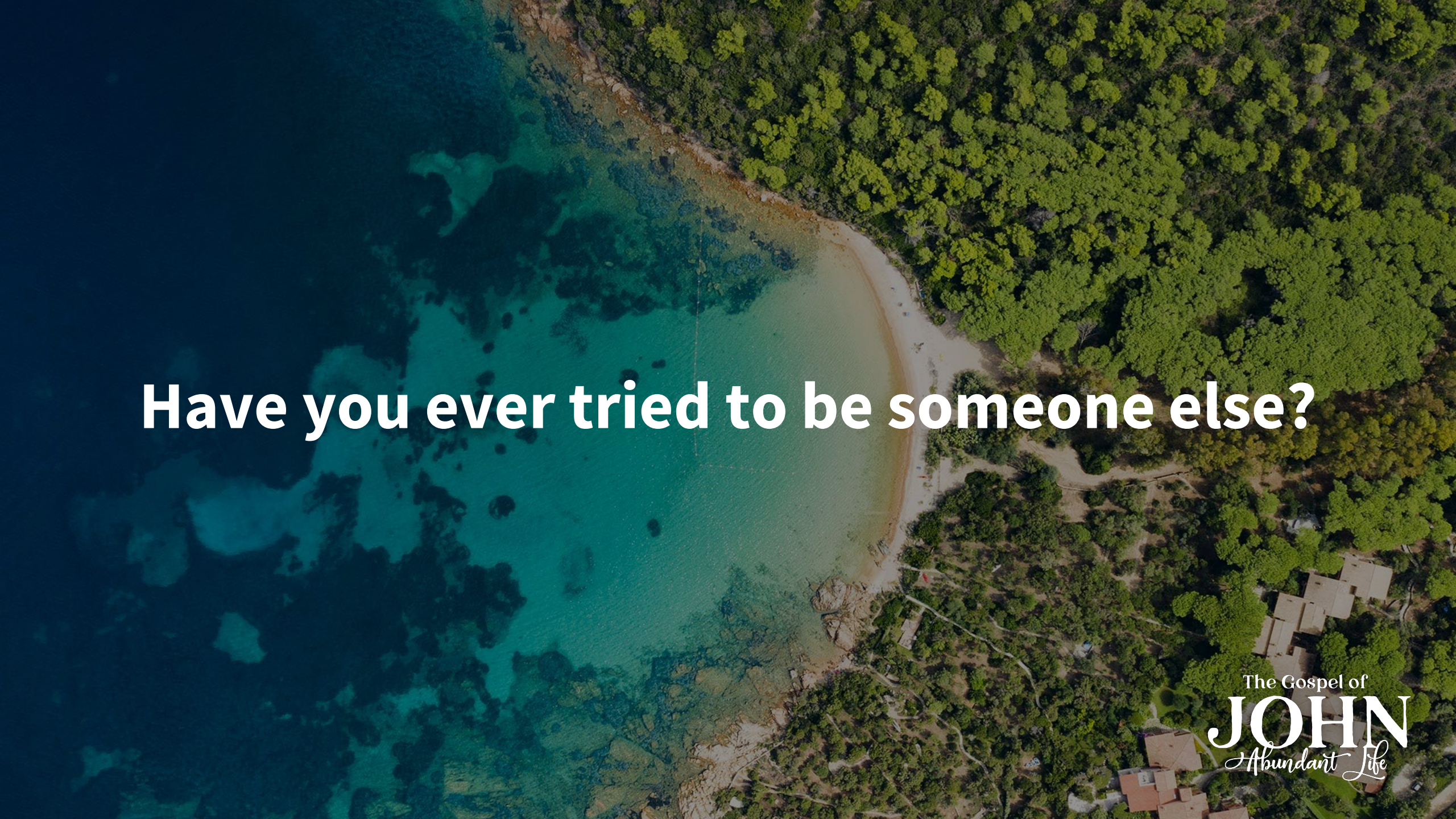
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2. You Be You

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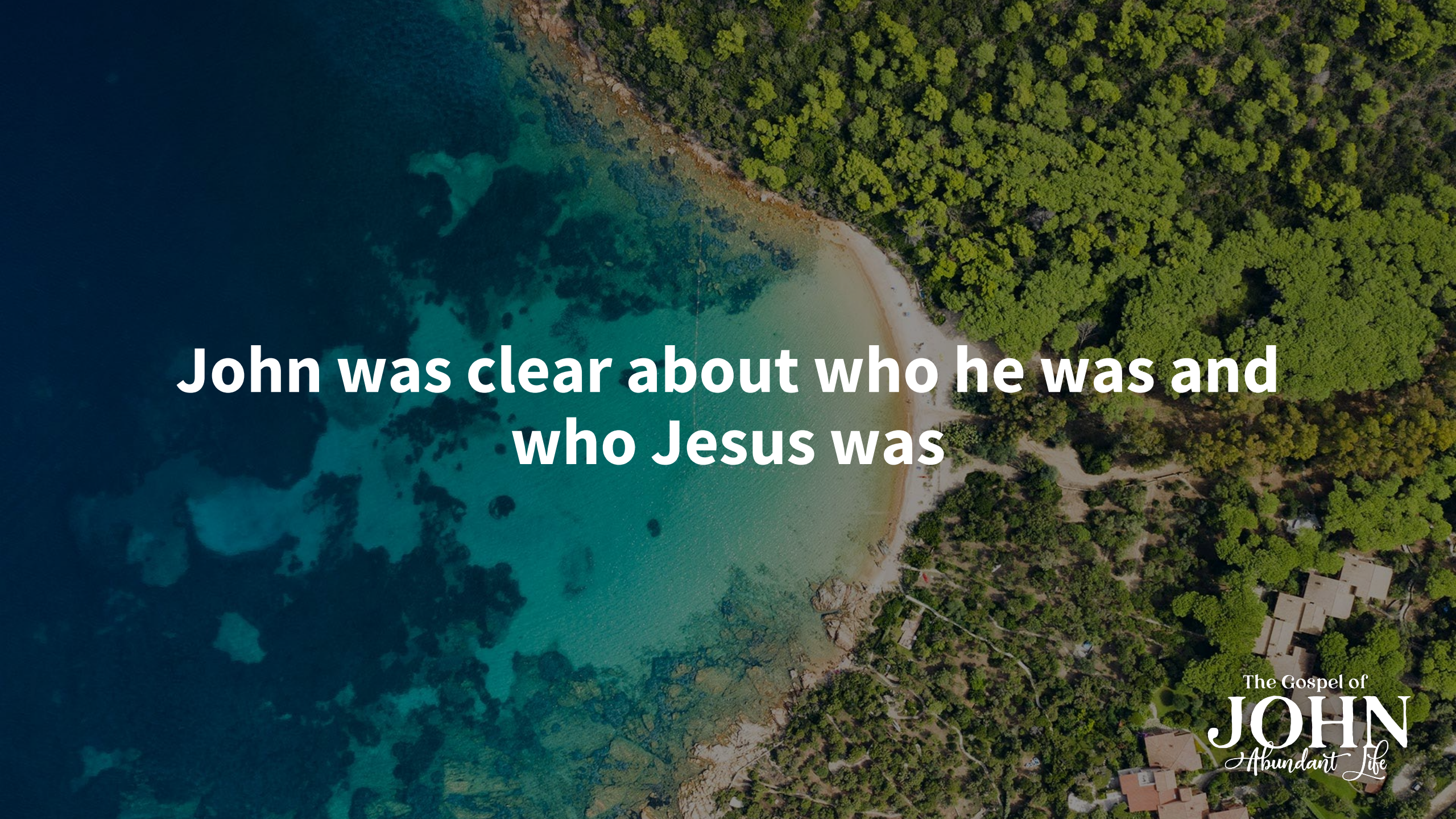


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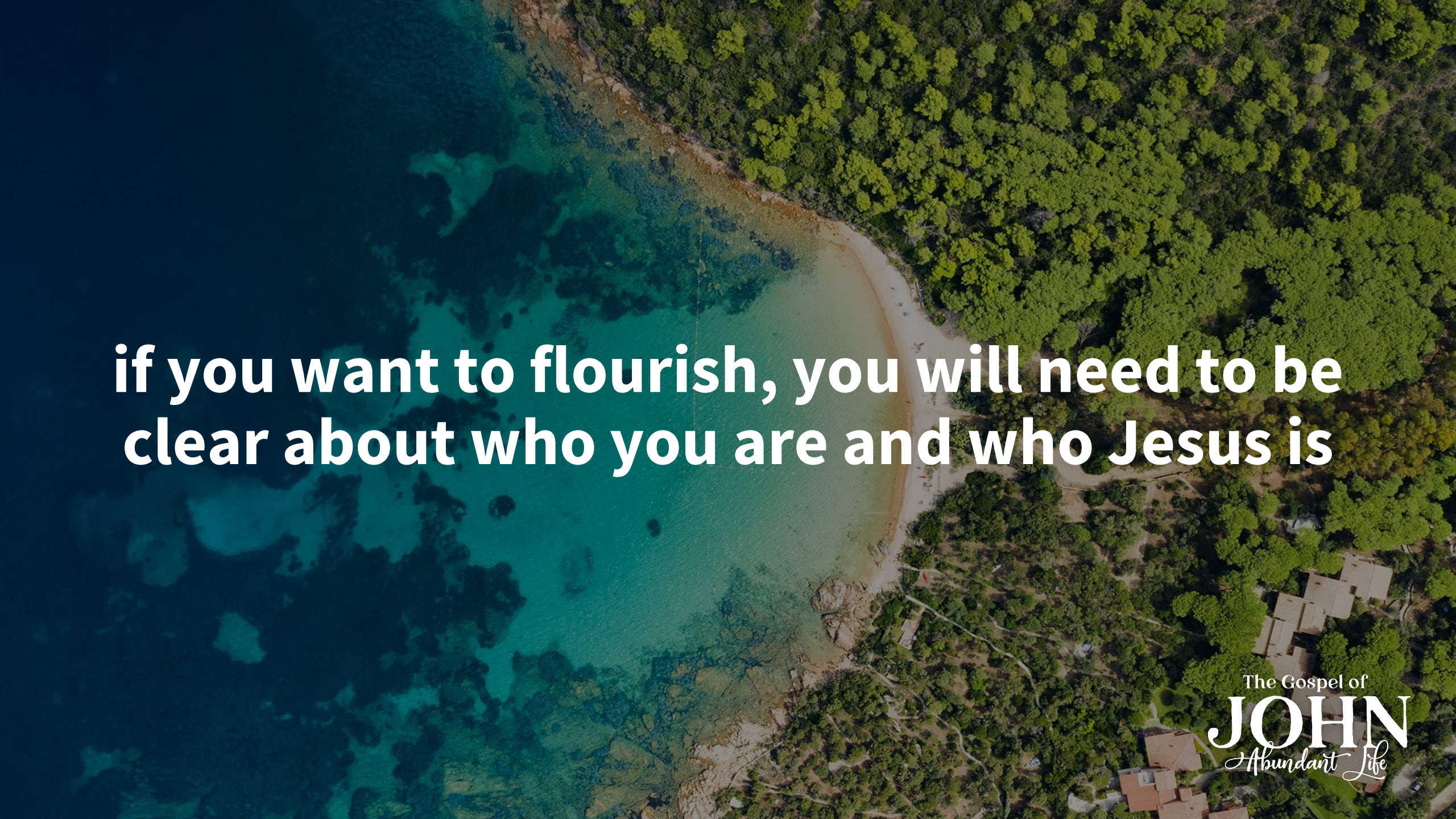
Have you ever tried to be someone else?

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**John was clear about who he was and
who Jesus was**

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**if you want to flourish, you will need to be
clear about who you are and who Jesus is**

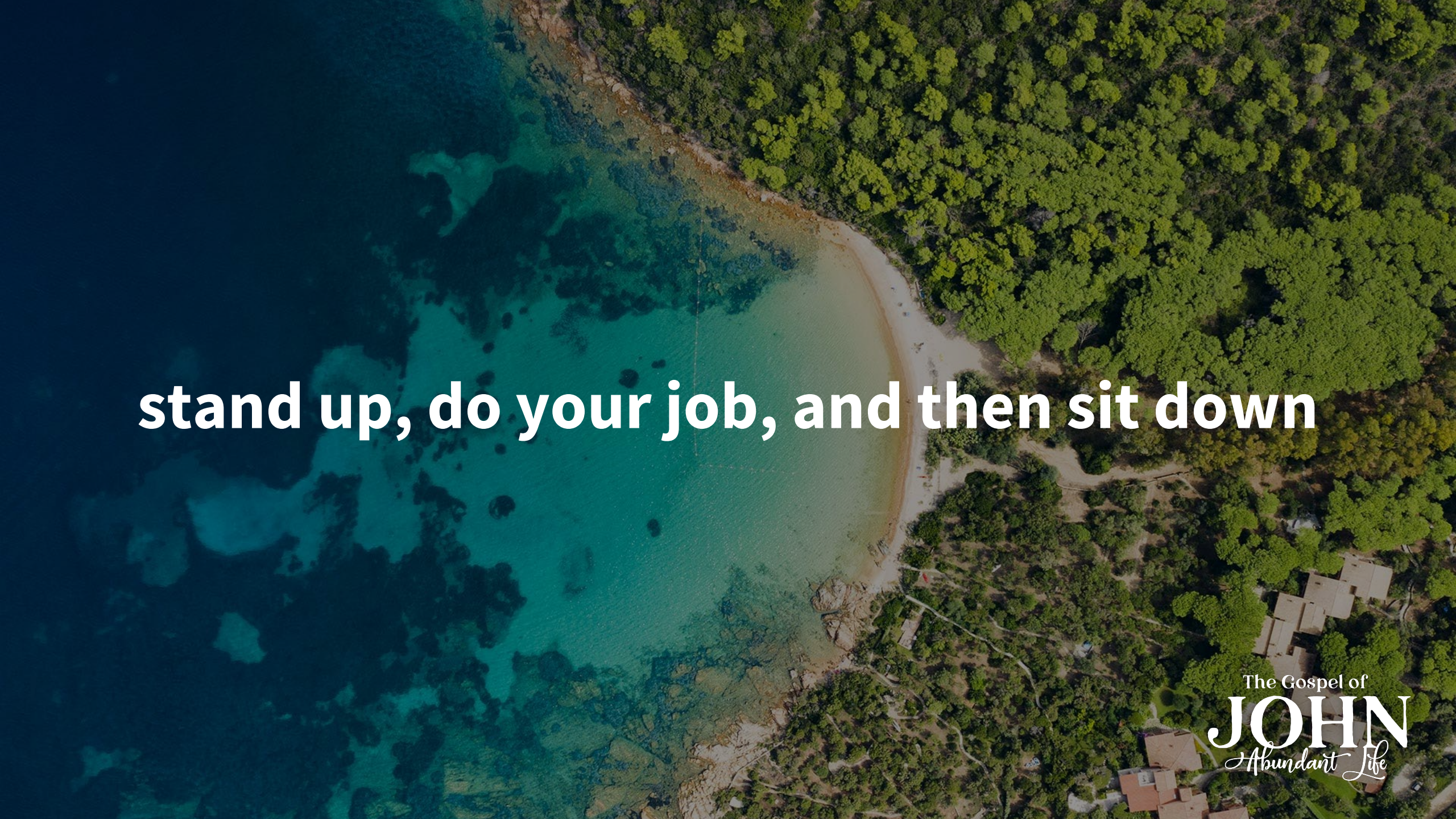
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3. A Friend of Jesus

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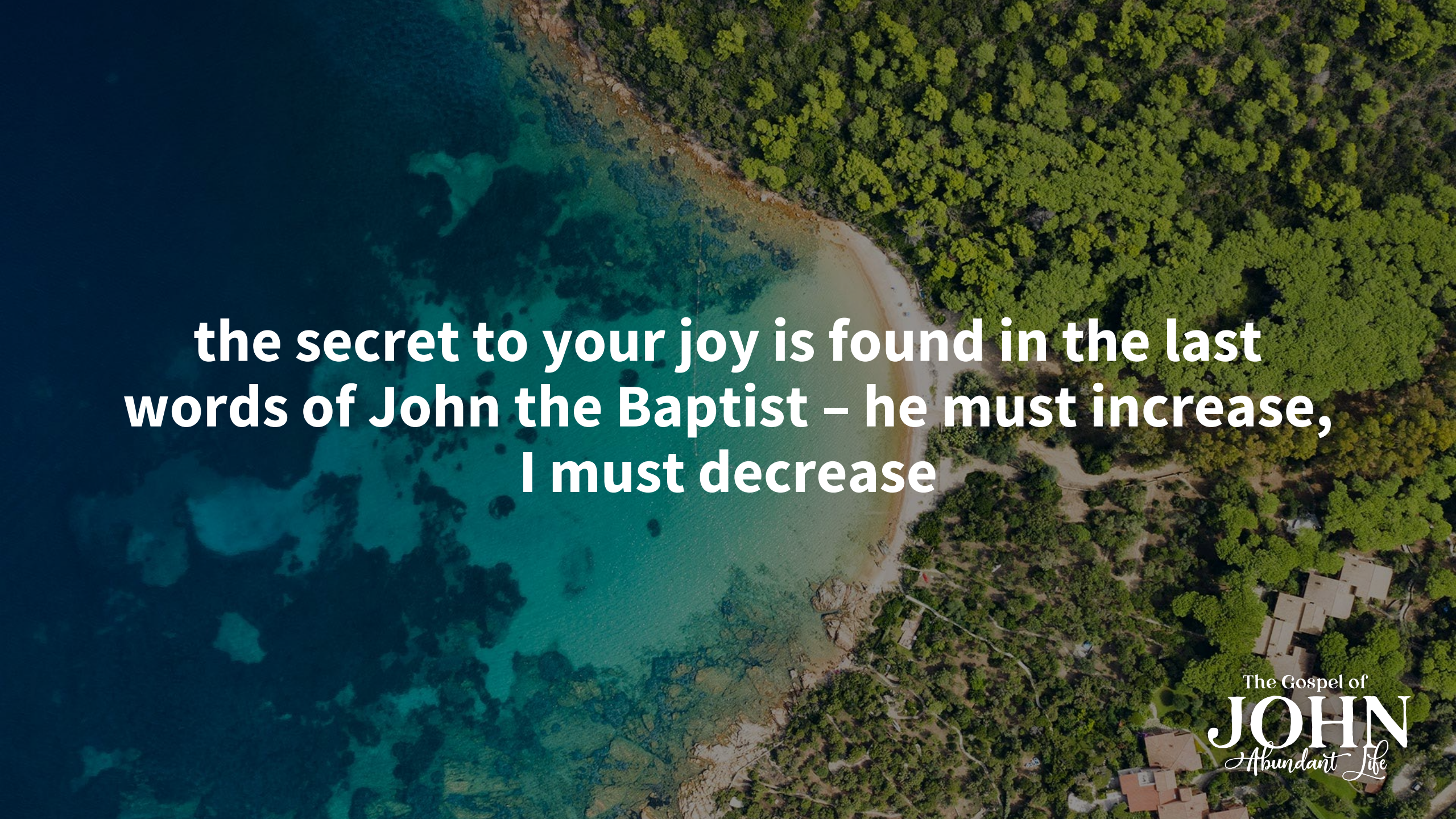


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stand up, do your job, and then sit down

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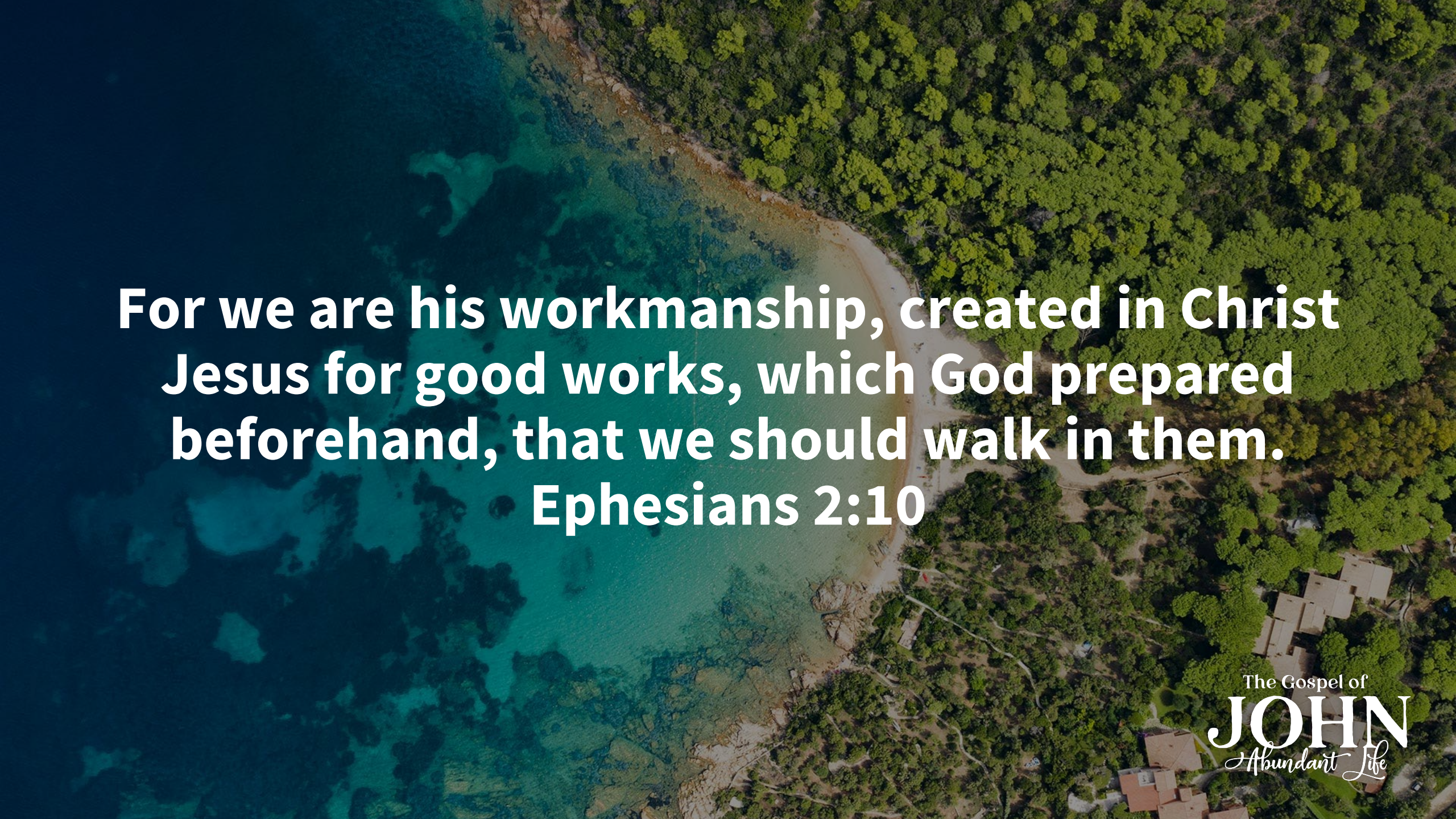
**the secret to your joy is found in the last
words of John the Baptist – he must increase,
I must decrease**

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the mysterious blessing of insignificance

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**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10**

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