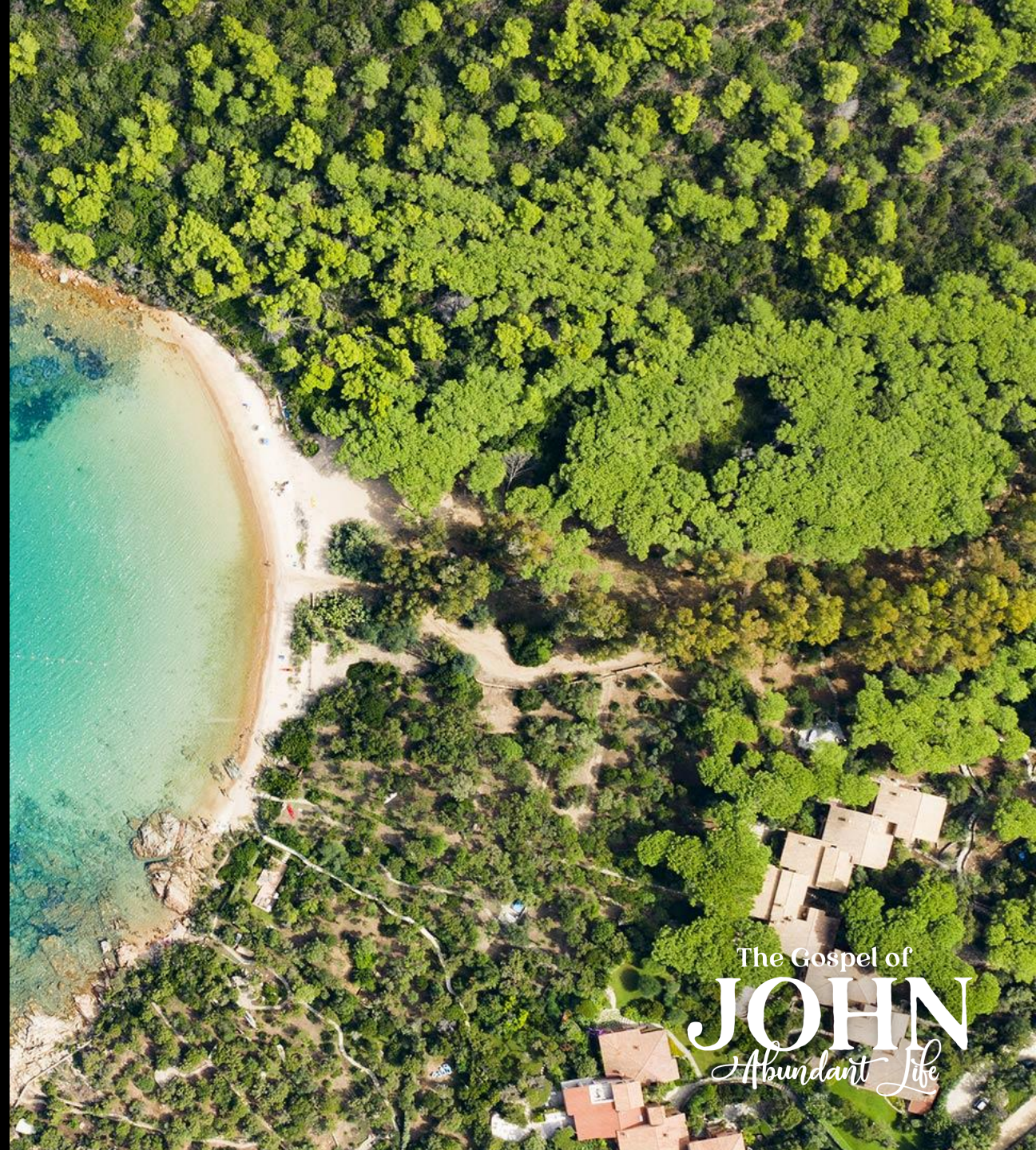


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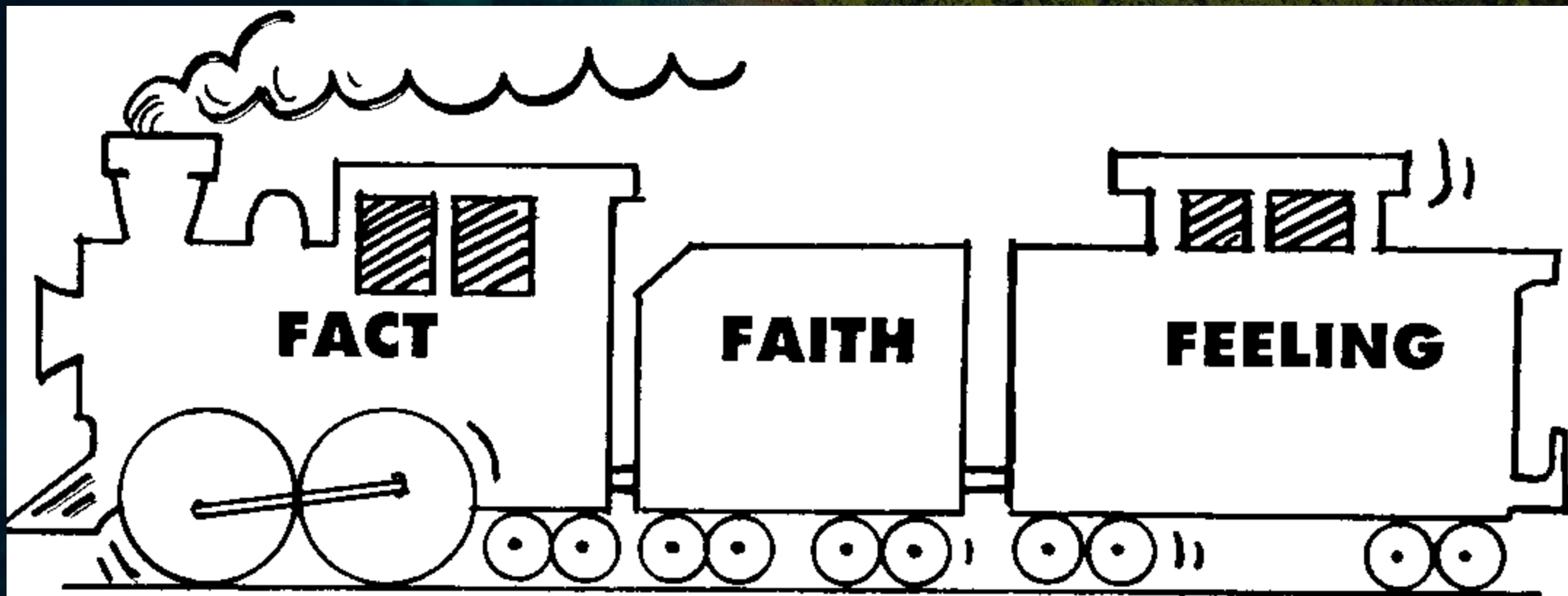
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1. Emotions

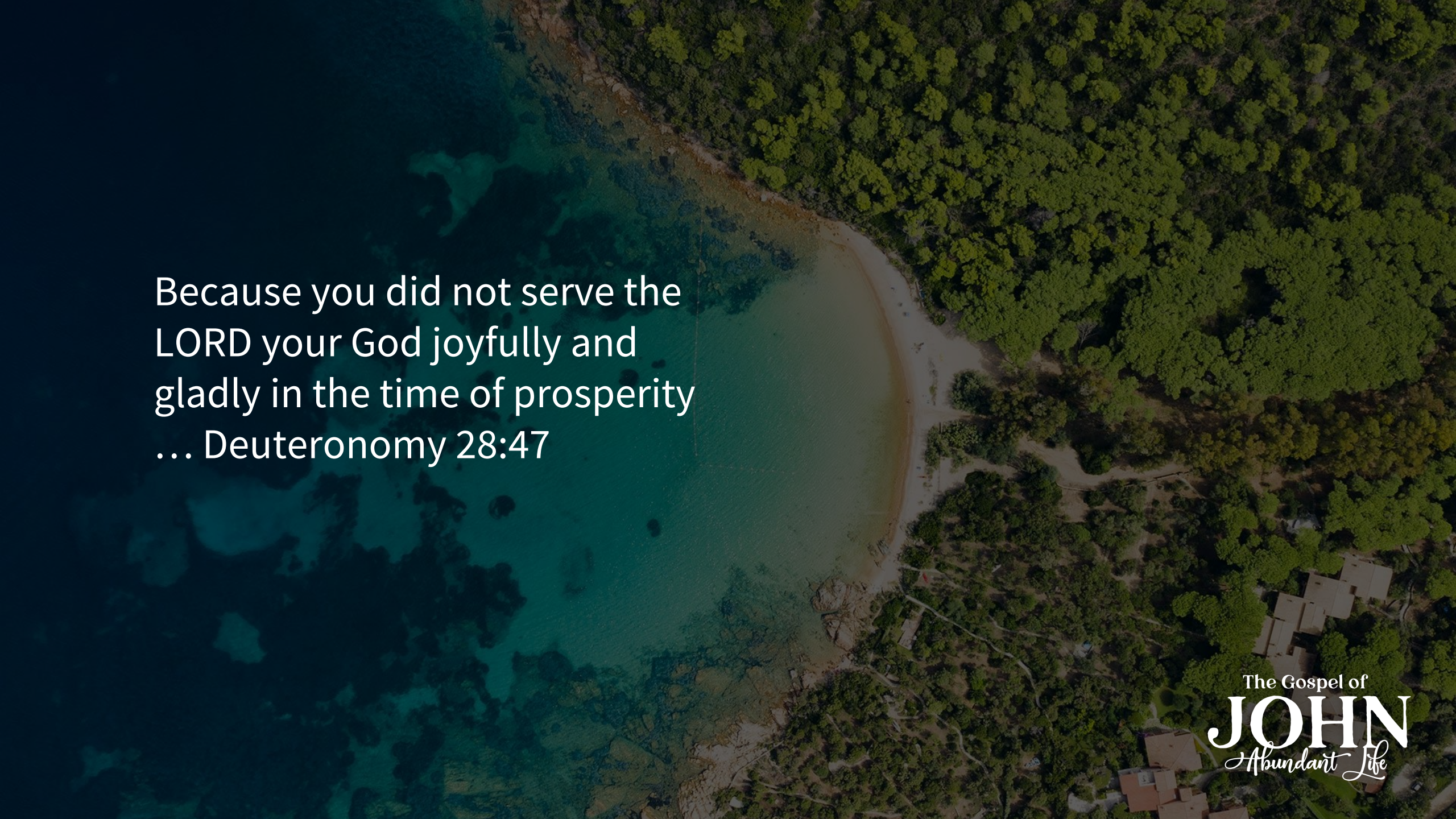
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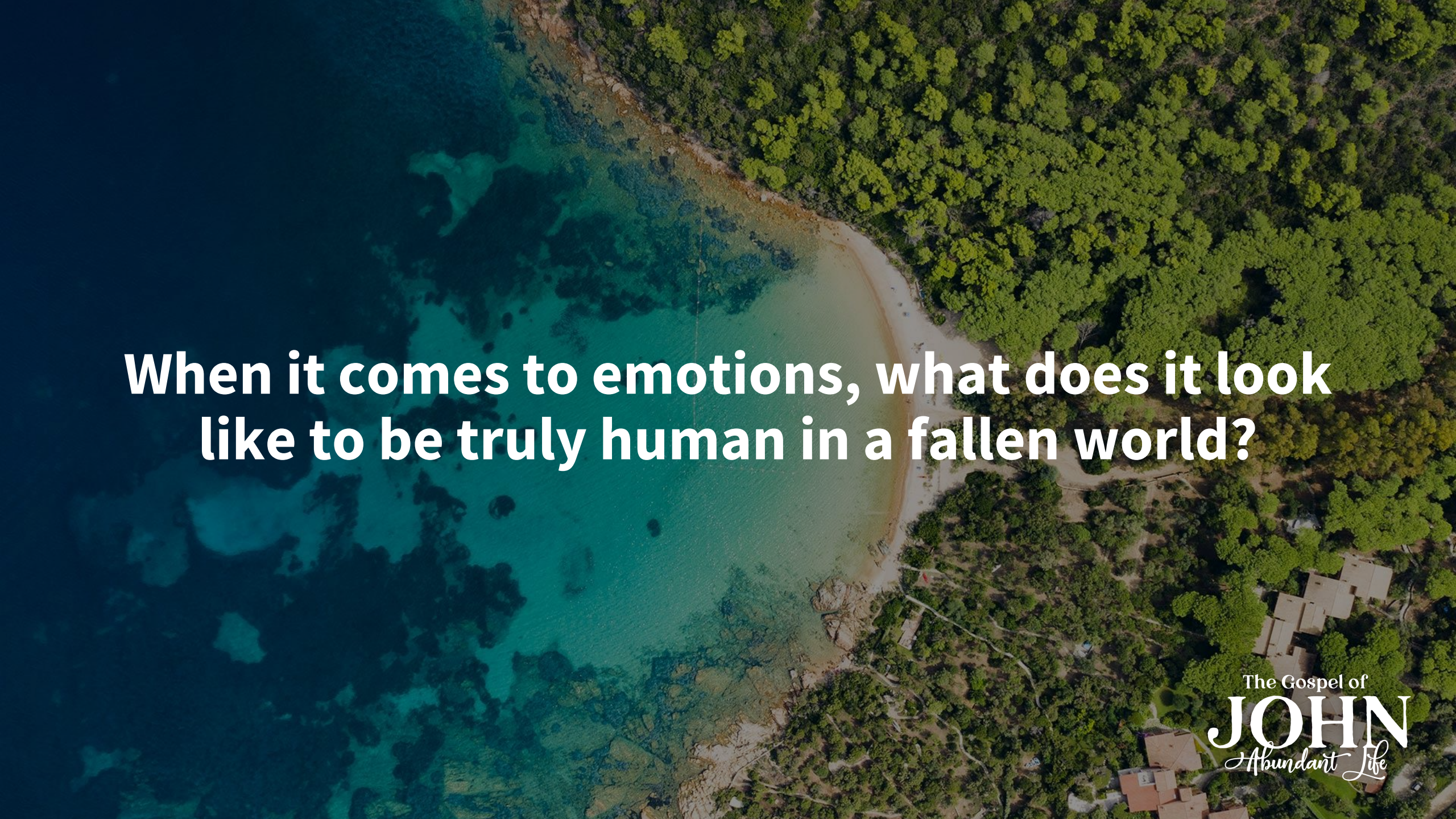


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Because you did not serve the
LORD your God joyfully and
gladly in the time of prosperity
... Deuteronomy 28:47

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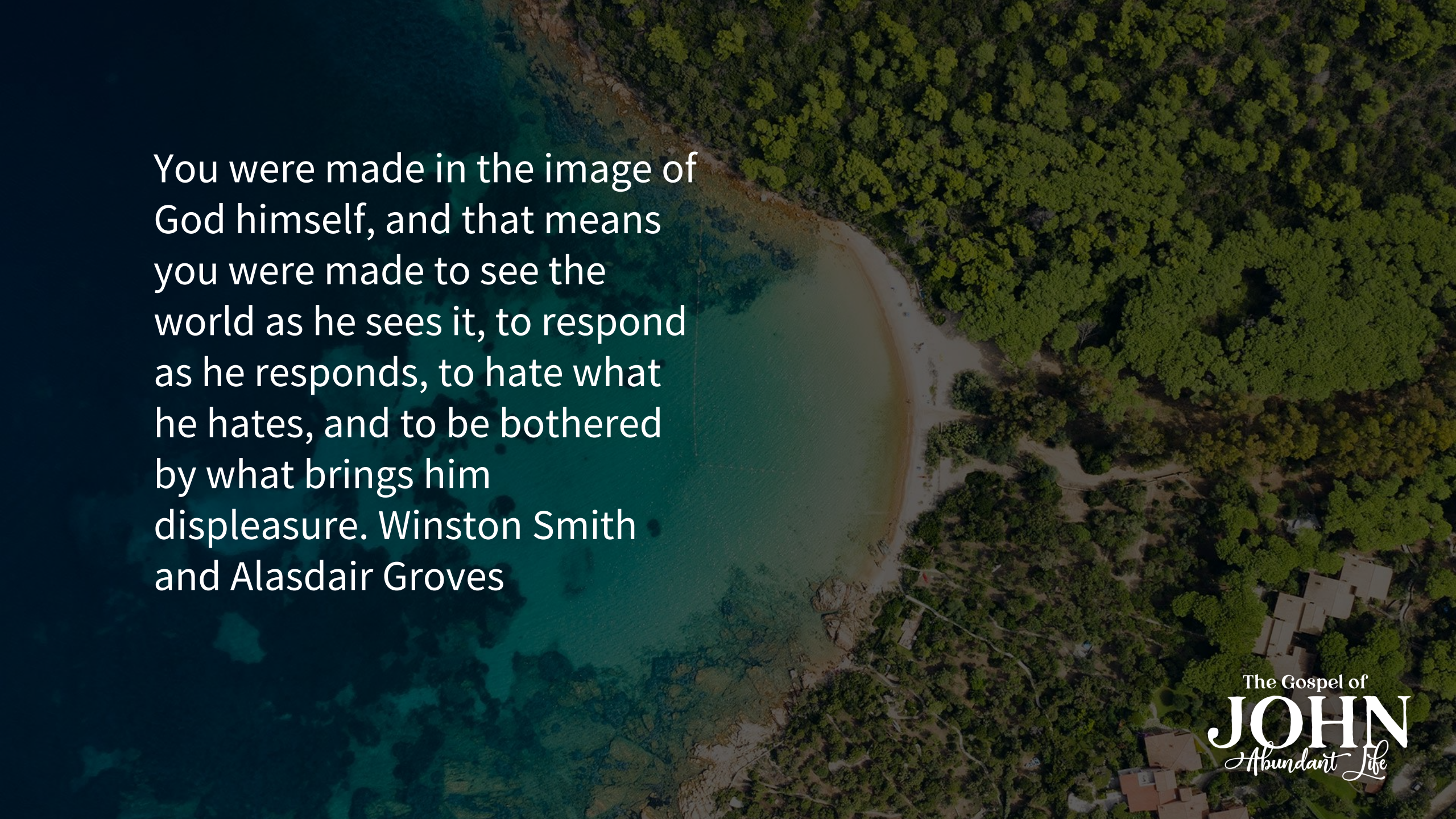


**When it comes to emotions, what does it look
like to be truly human in a fallen world?**

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The basic reason we need negative, unpleasant emotions is that we live in a fallen world. God made us to respond to things as they actually are. Human beings should be distressed by what is distressing, horrified by violence and abuse, deeply concerned (we'd call it "anxious") about the

possibility of injury to someone or something we love, angry at arrogant injustices. To not feel grief when someone we love dies, to not feel discouraged when we find ourselves falling into the same pattern of sin yet again, to not be upset when our children lie or hurt each other would be wrong.

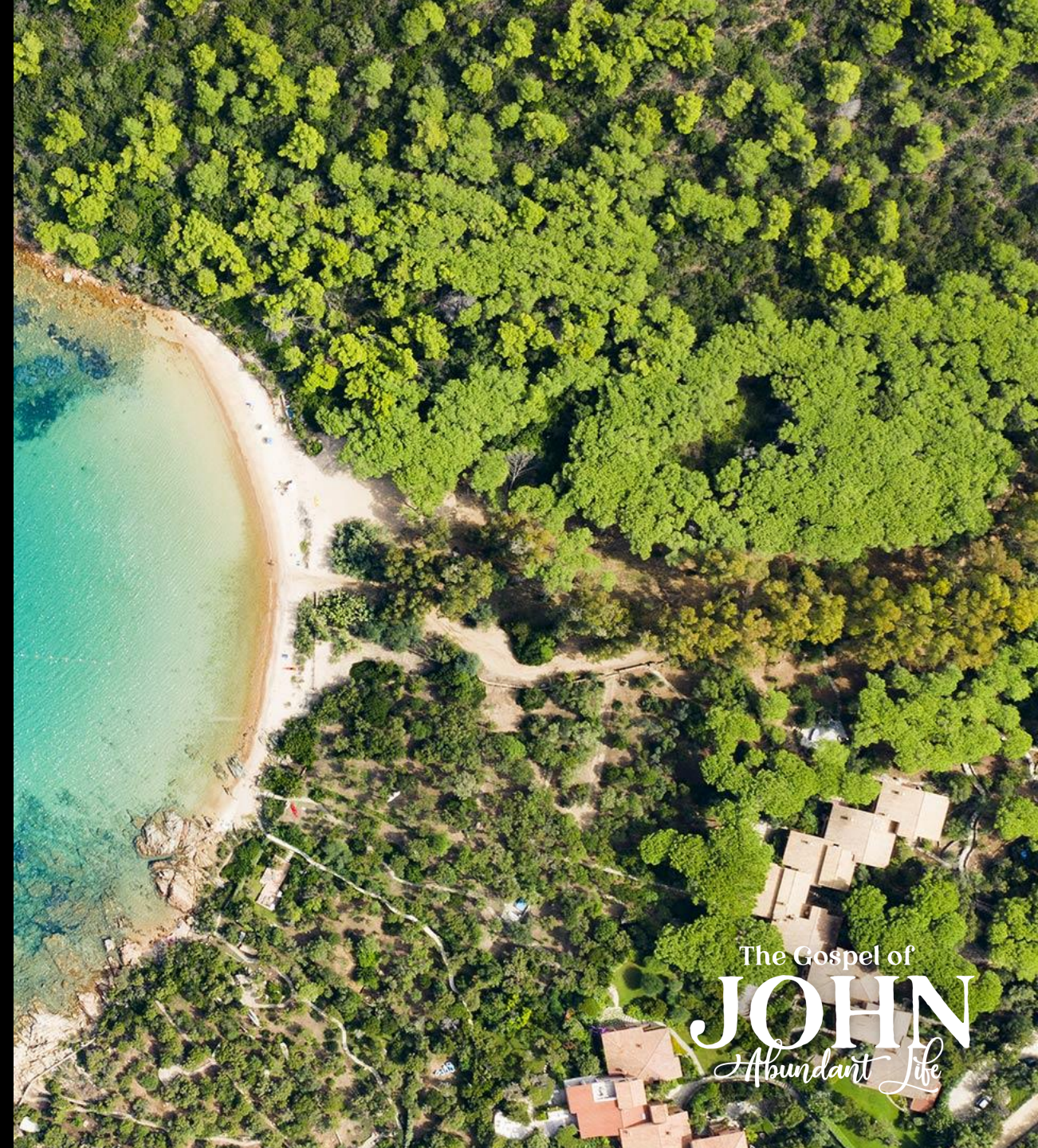
An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The left side of the image shows deep turquoise water with visible coral reefs. A narrow, light-colored sandy beach curves along the shoreline. To the right of the beach is a dense, lush green forest that covers the land. In the bottom right corner, a small cluster of buildings with reddish-brown roofs is visible, partially obscured by the trees.

You were made in the image of
God himself, and that means
you were made to see the
world as he sees it, to respond
as he responds, to hate what
he hates, and to be bothered
by what brings him
displeasure. Winston Smith
and Alasdair Groves

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2. Tears & Anger

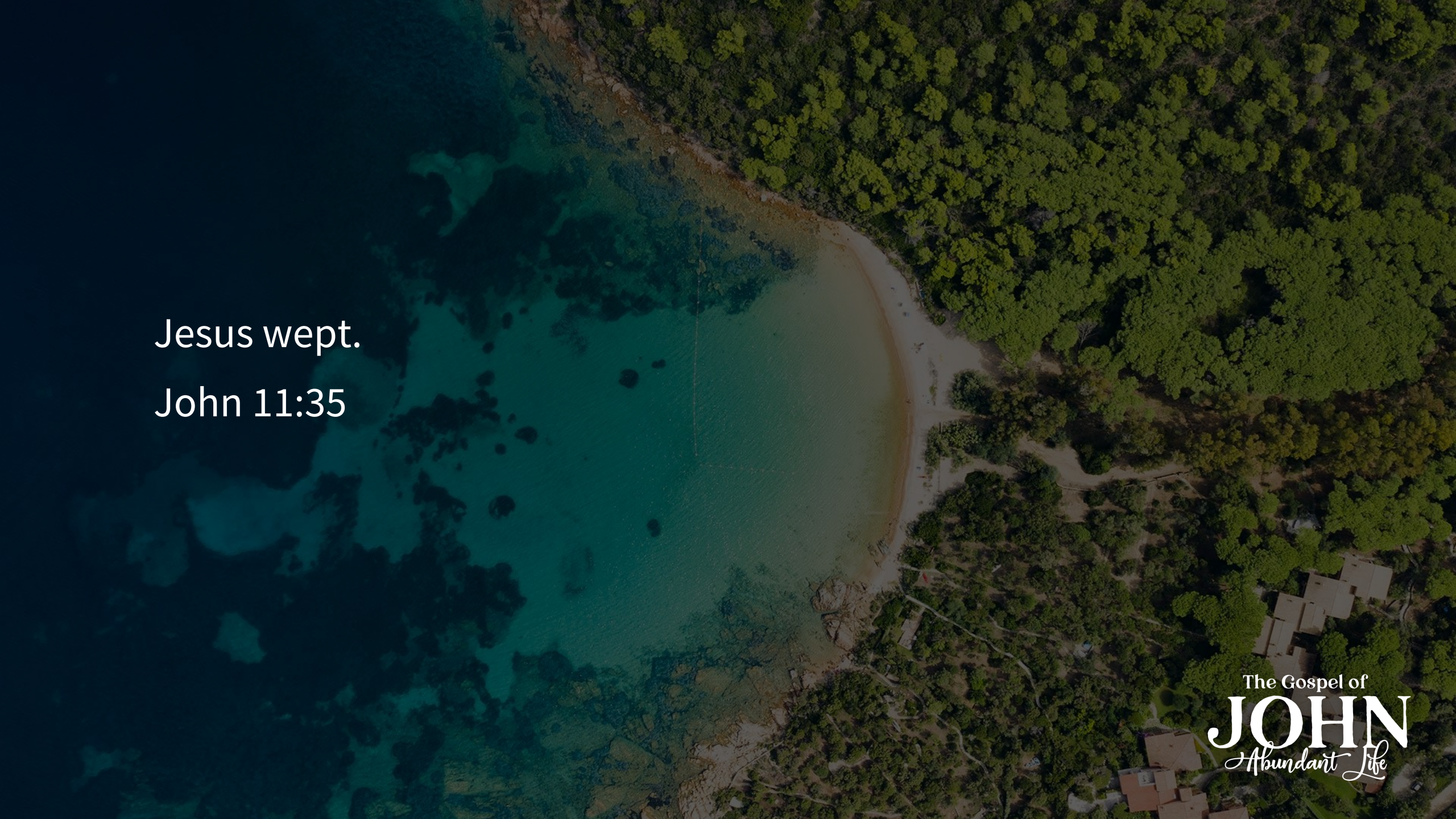
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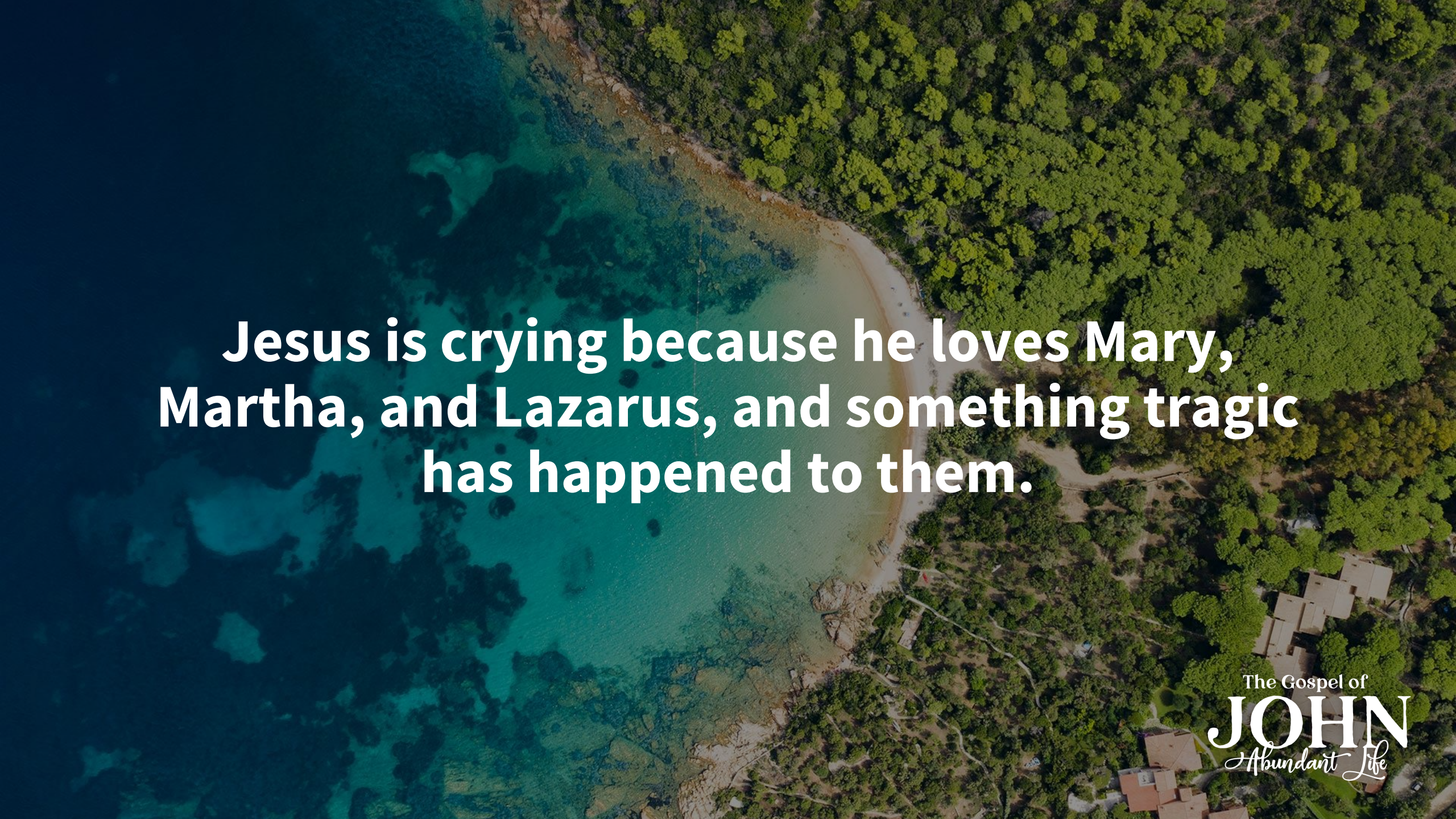
When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved in spirit and troubled.**

34 “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. 35 **Jesus wept.** 36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” John 11:32–37



Jesus wept.
John 11:35

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**Jesus is crying because he loves Mary,
Martha, and Lazarus, and something tragic
has happened to them.**

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As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him ... Psalm 103:13

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his

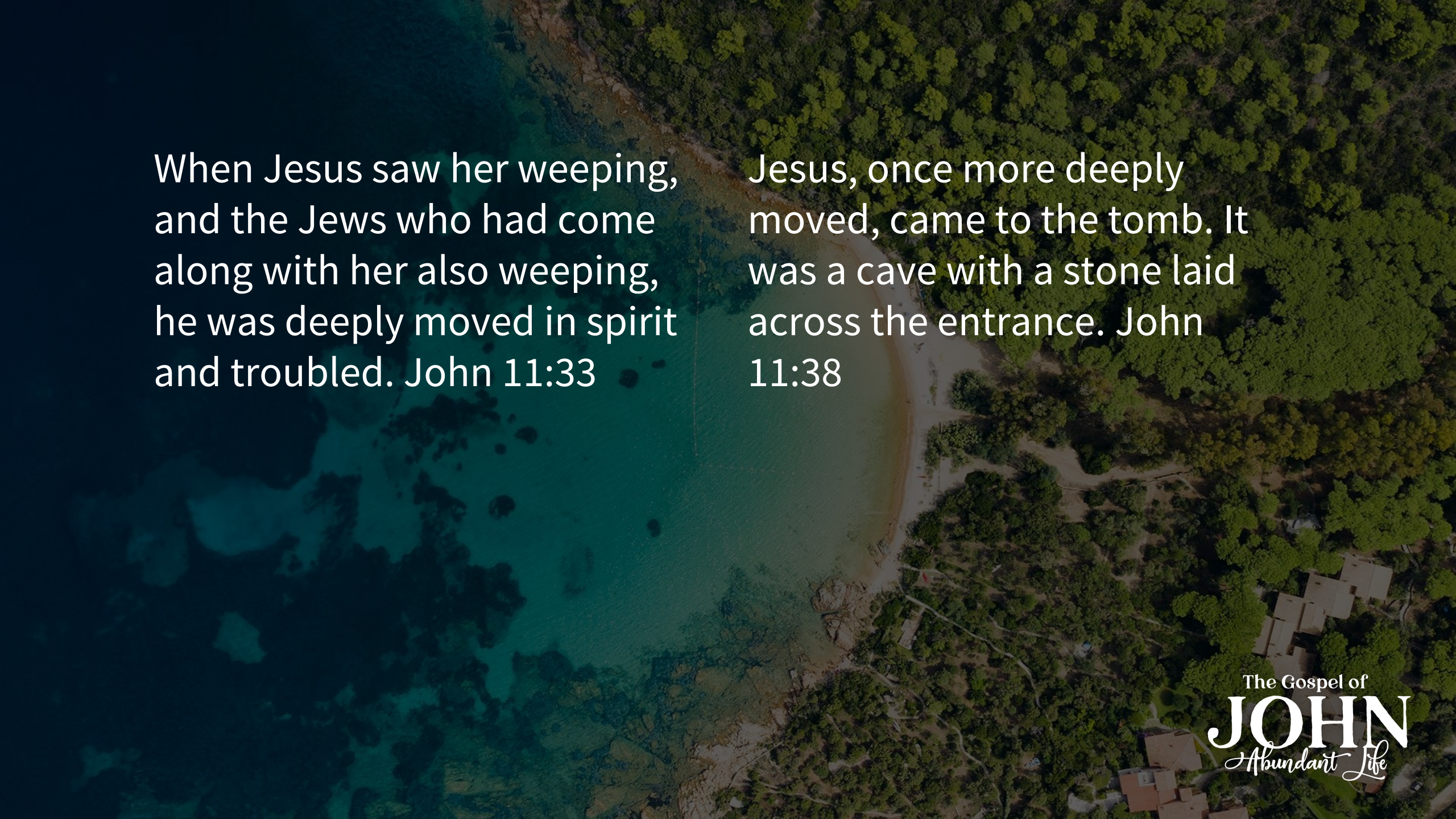
love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63:9

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Romans 12:15



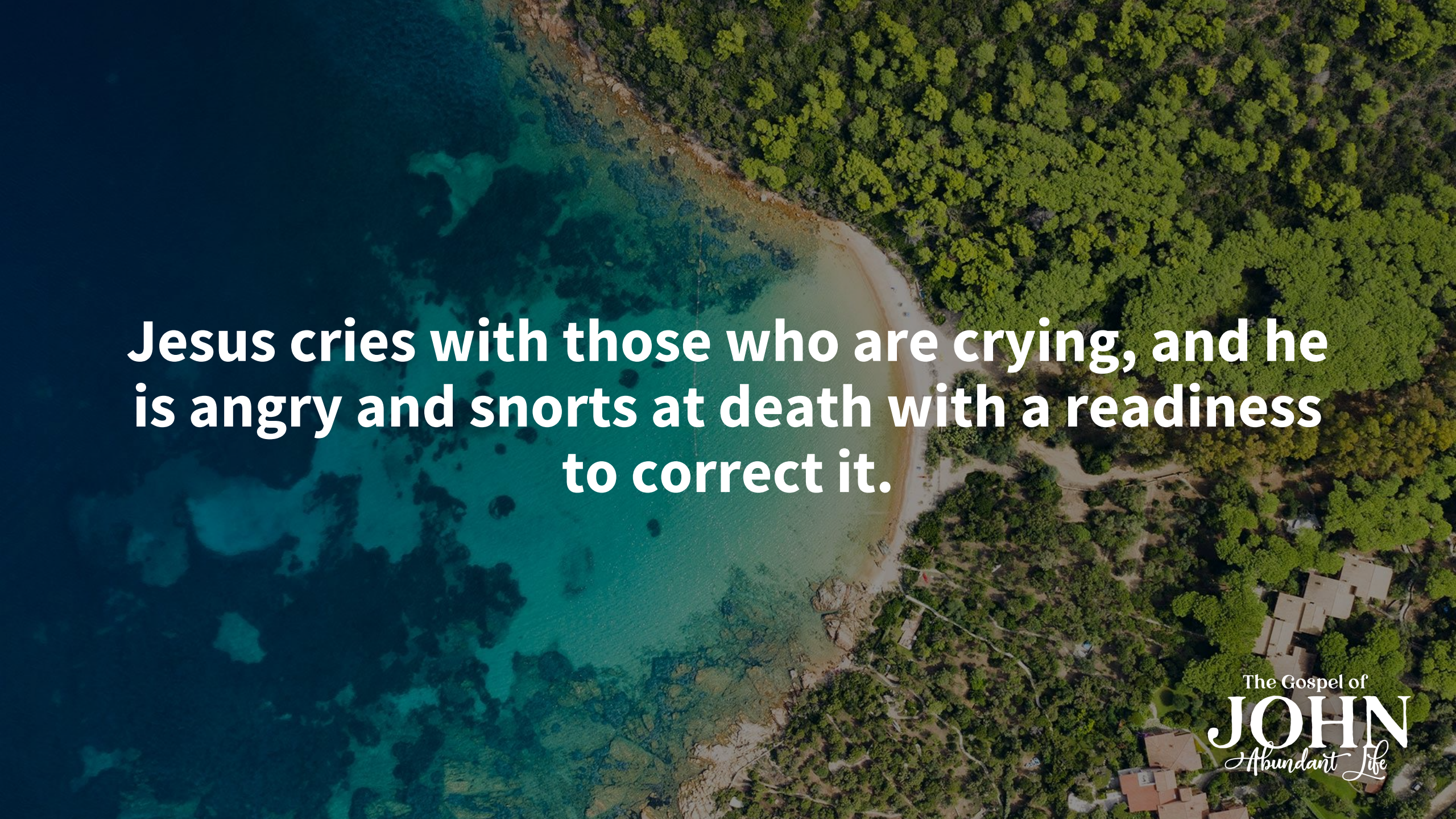
**If God's compassion for us aborted whenever
something good was going to come from
something bad, then he would never be
compassionate.**

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When Jesus saw her weeping,
and the Jews who had come
along with her also weeping,
he was deeply moved in spirit
and troubled. John 11:33

Jesus, once more deeply
moved, came to the tomb. It
was a cave with a stone laid
across the entrance. John
11:38



**Jesus cries with those who are crying, and he
is angry and snorts at death with a readiness
to correct it.**

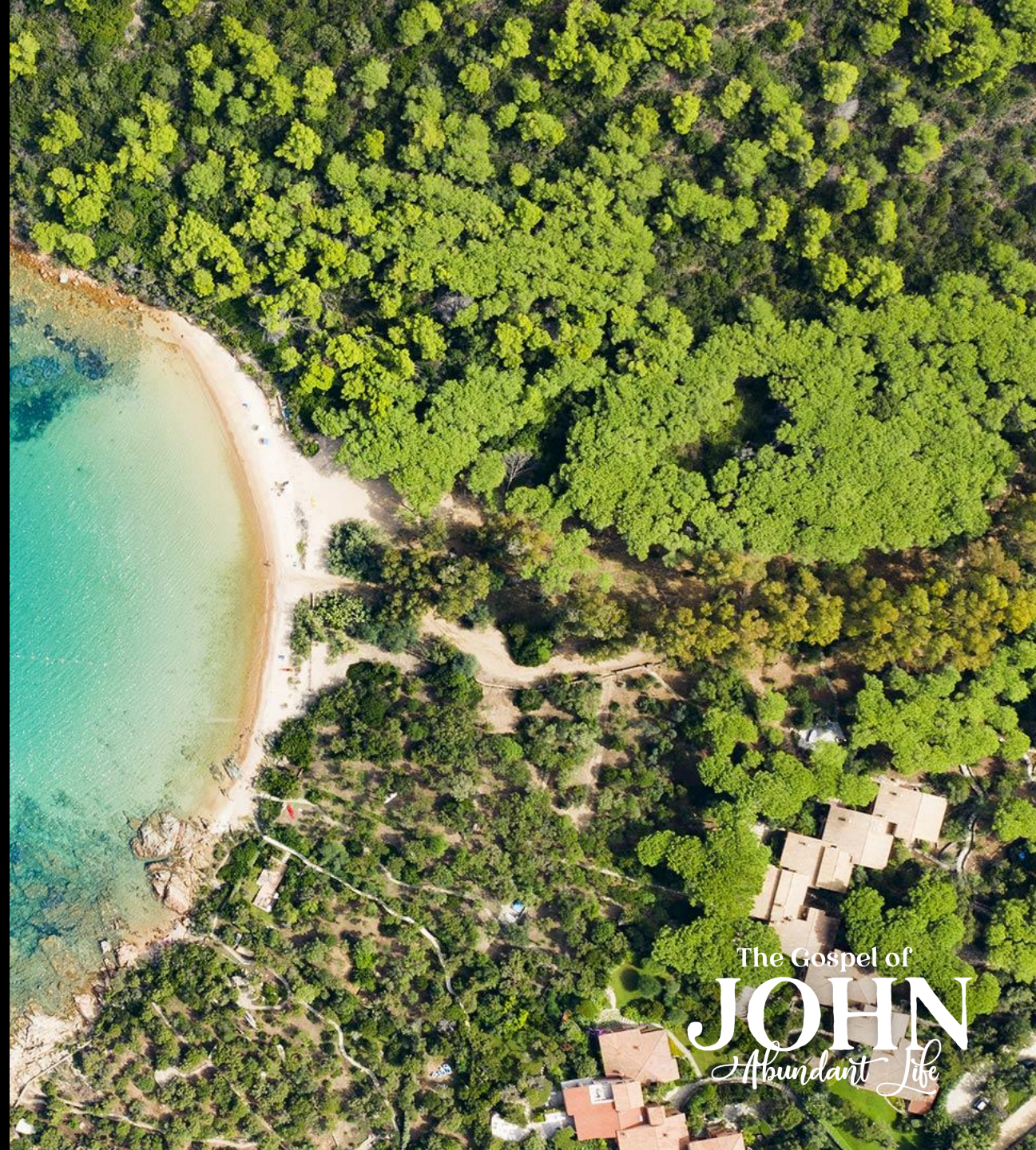
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It is death that is the object of his wrath, and behind death him who has the power of death, and whom he has come into the world to destroy ... His soul is held by rage: and he advances to the tomb, in Calvin's words again, 'as a champion who prepares for conflict.' The raising of Lazarus thus becomes, not an isolated marvel, but—as indeed it is presented throughout the

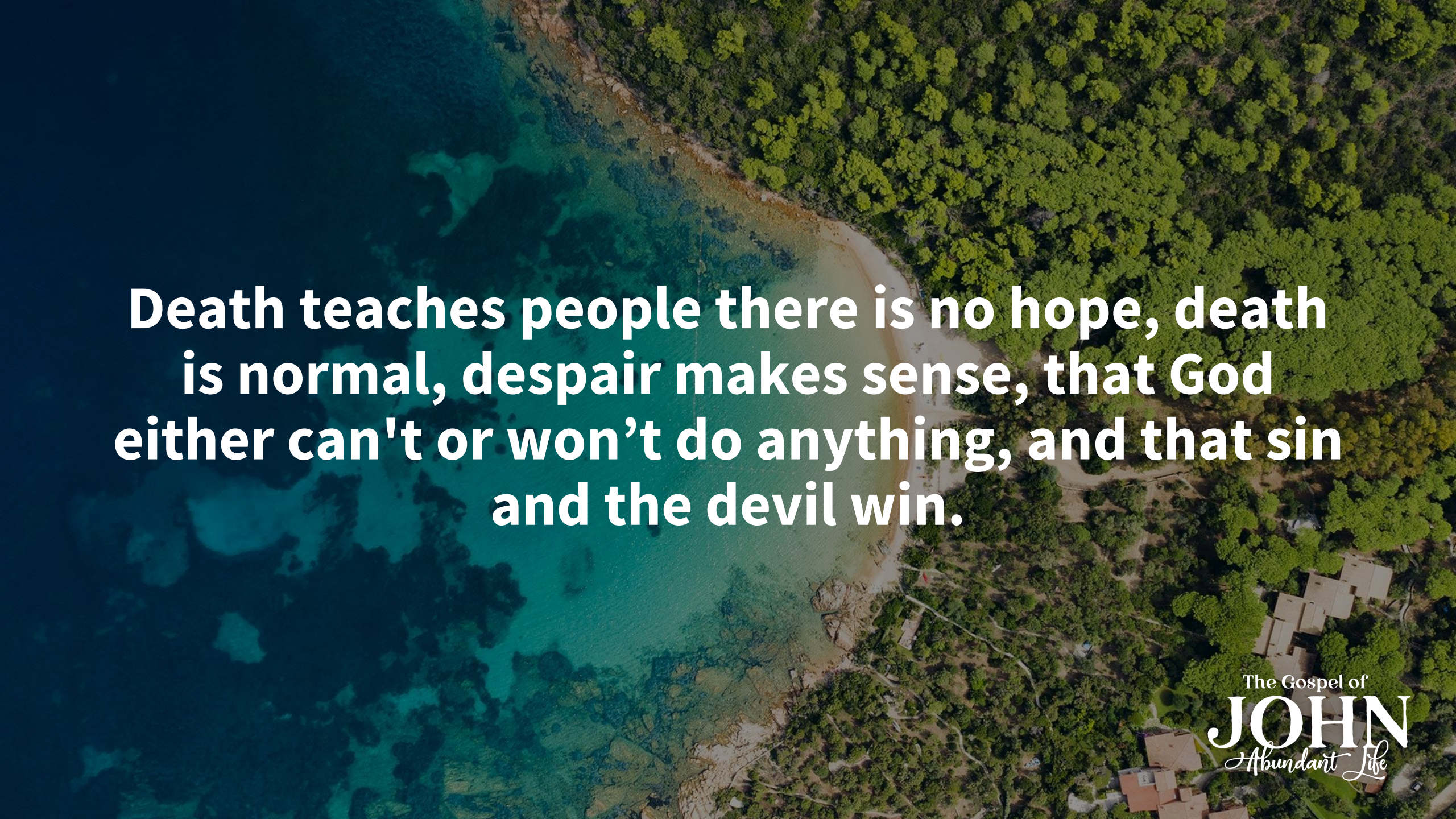
whole narrative ...—a decisive instance and open symbol of Jesus' conquest of death and hell. What John does for us in this particular statement is to uncover to us the heart of Jesus, as he wins for us our salvation. Not in cold unconcern, but in flaming wrath against the foe, Jesus smites in our behalf. B. B. Warfield

3. Truth

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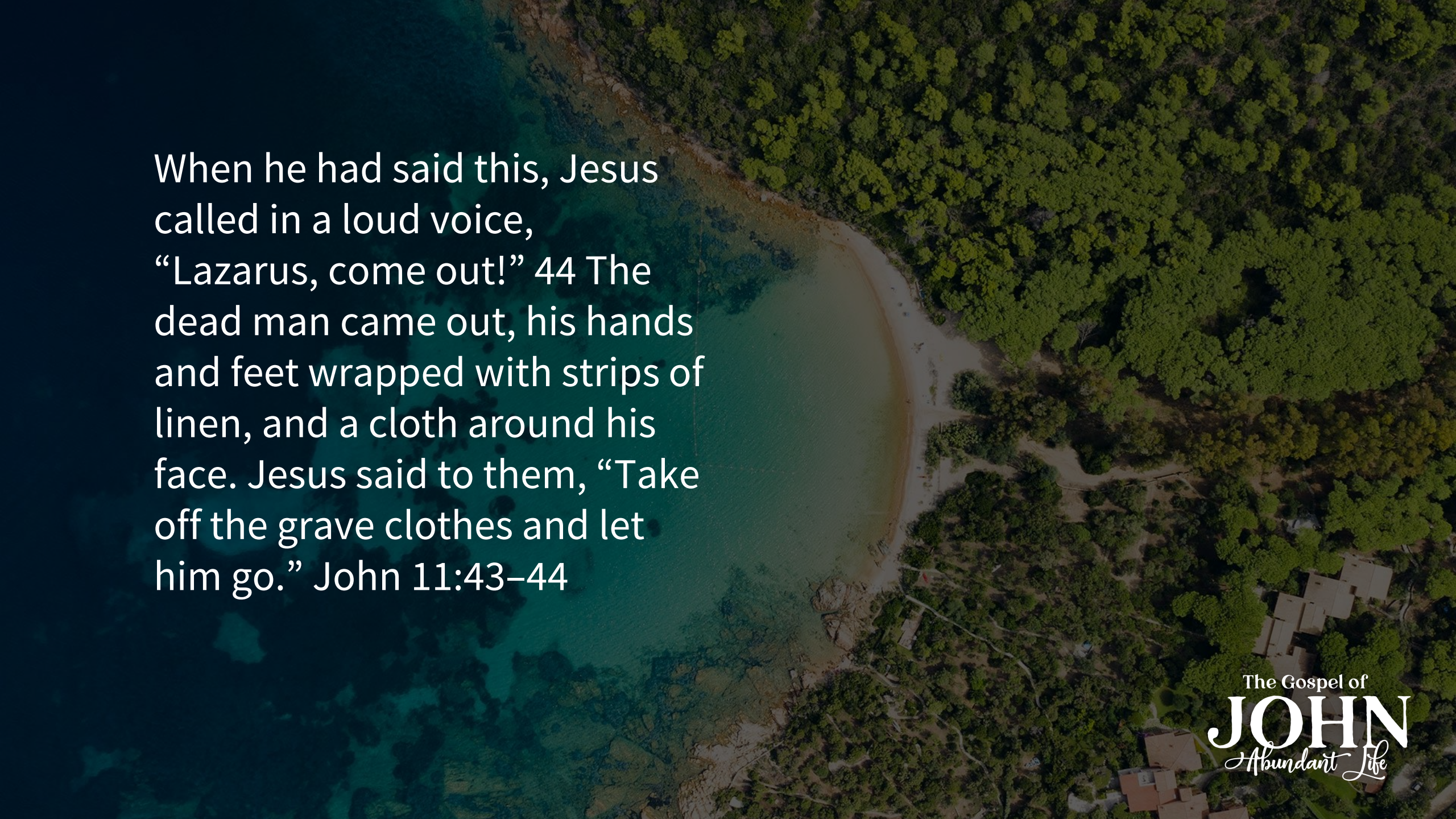


Death teaches people there is no hope, death is normal, despair makes sense, that God either can't or won't do anything, and that sin and the devil win.

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“Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” 40 Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away

the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” John 11:39–42



When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” John 11:43–44



When Sam awoke, he found that he was lying on some soft bed, but over him gently swayed wide beechen boughs, and through their young leaves sunlight glimmered, green and gold. All the air was full of a sweet mingled scent.

He remembered that smell: the fragrance of Ithilien. 'Bless

me!' he mused. 'How long have I been asleep?' For the scent had borne him back to the day when he had lit his little fire under the sunny bank; and for the moment all else between was out of waking memory. He stretched and drew a deep breath. 'Why, what a dream I've had! he muttered. I am glad to wake!'

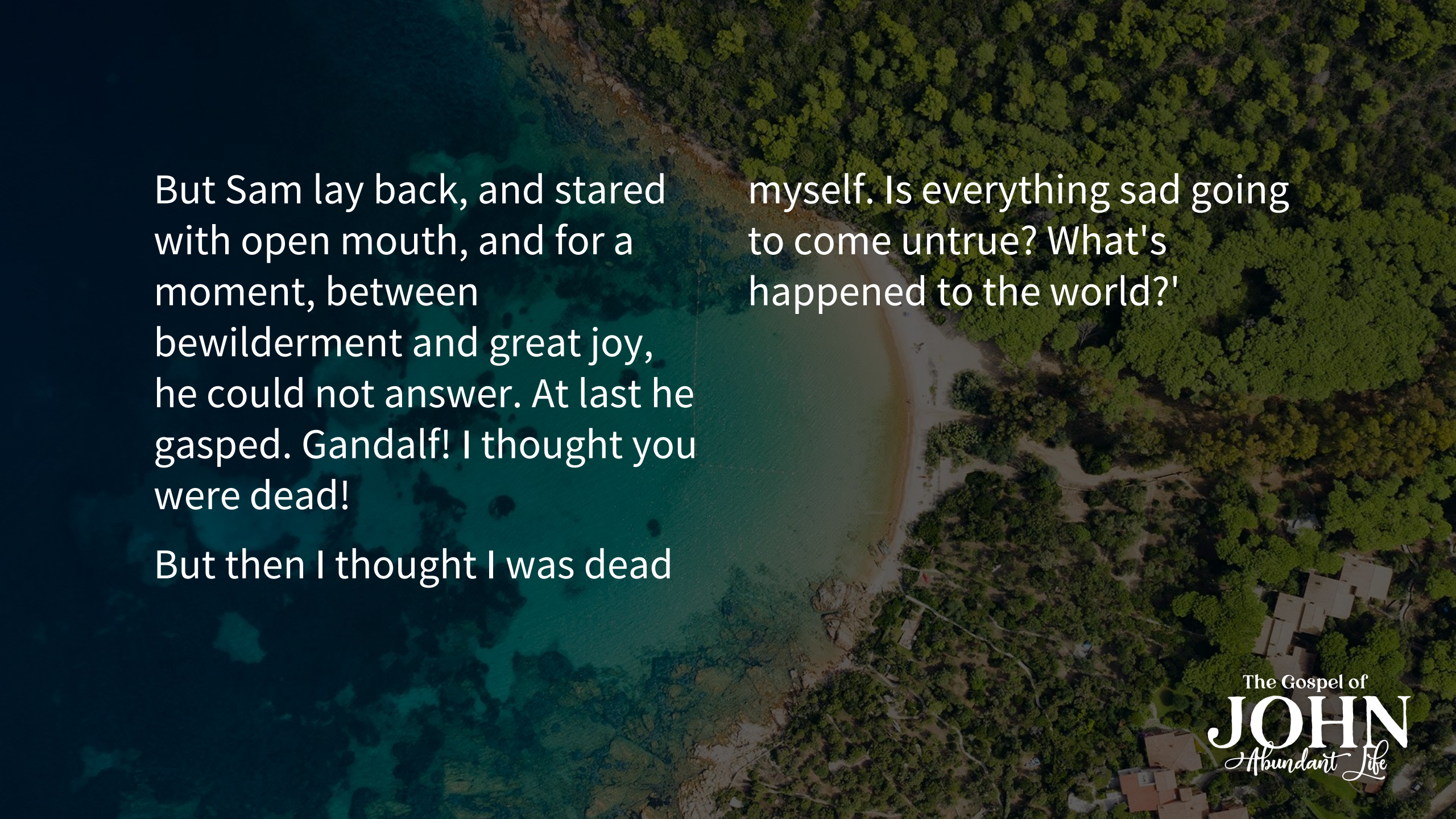
He sat up and then he saw that Frodo was lying beside him, and slept peacefully, one hand behind his head, and the other resting upon the coverlet. It was the right hand, and the third finger was missing.

Full memory flooded back, and Sam cried aloud: 'It wasn't a dream! Then where are we??

And a voice spoke softly

behind him: 'In the land of Ithilien, and in the keeping of the King; and he awaits you.

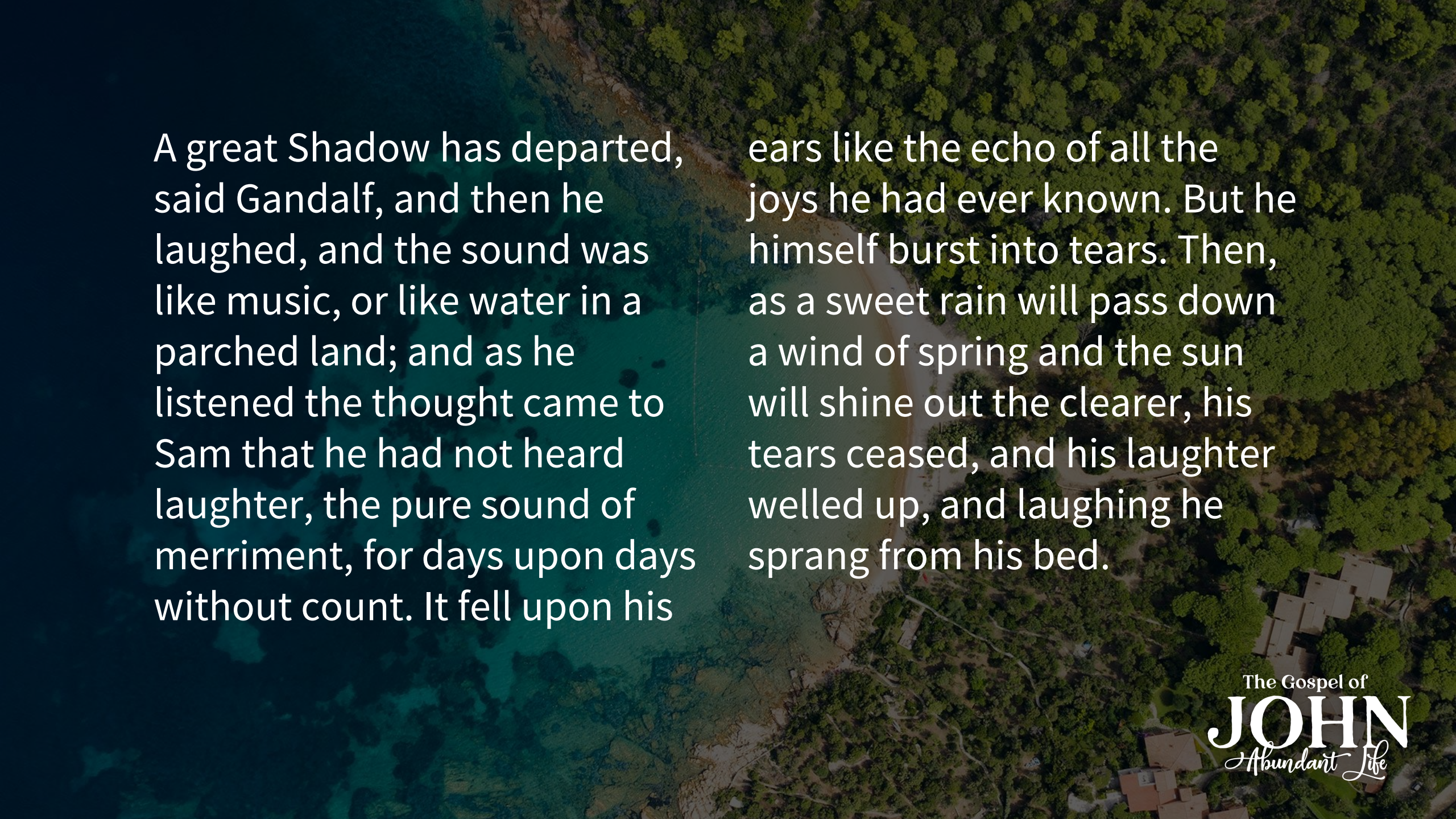
With that Gandalf stood before him, robed in white, his beard now gleaming like pure snow in the twinkling of the leafy sunlight. 'Well, Master Samwise, how do you feel? he said.



But Sam lay back, and stared
with open mouth, and for a
moment, between
bewilderment and great joy,
he could not answer. At last he
gasped. Gandalf! I thought you
were dead!

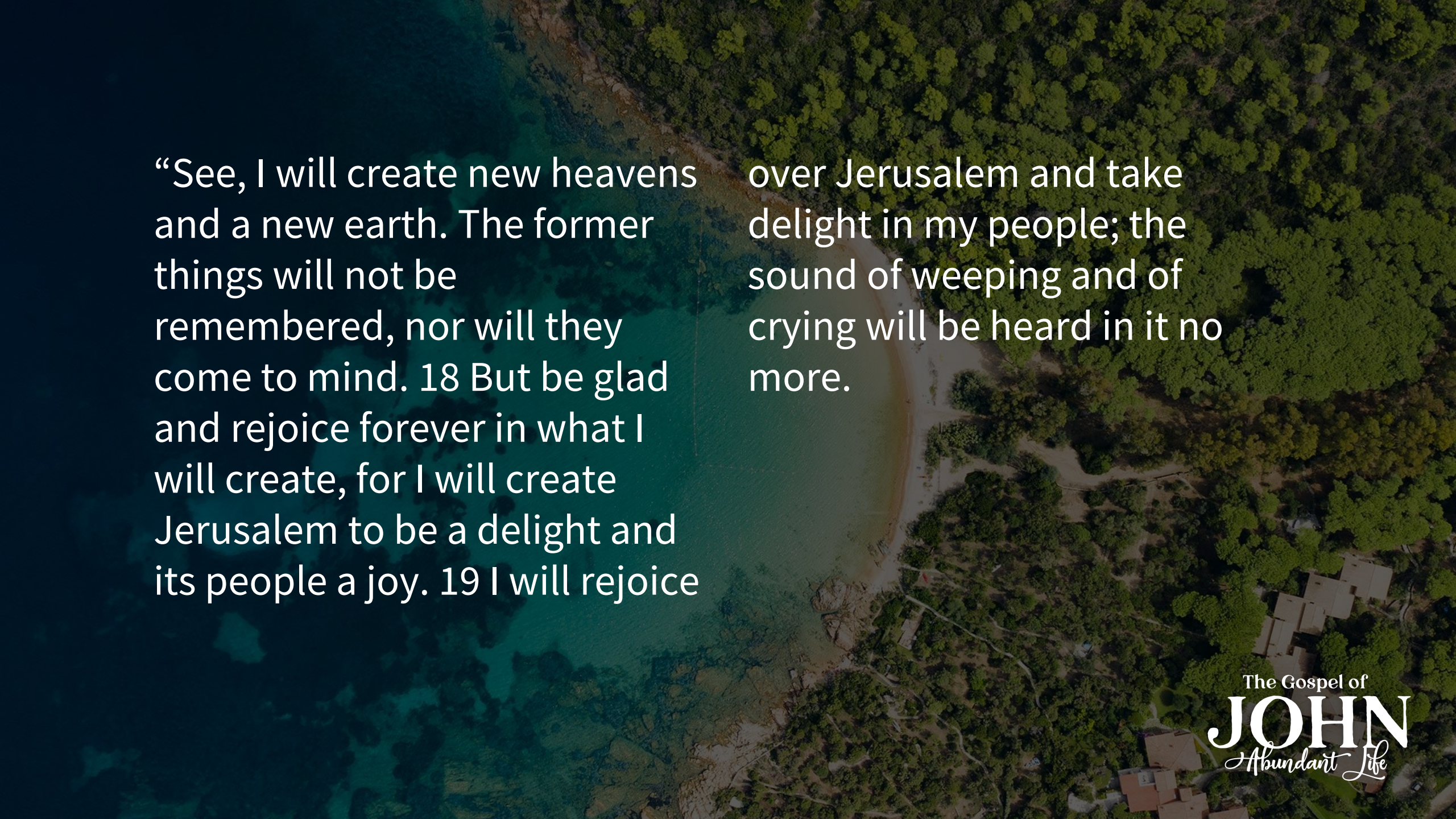
But then I thought I was dead

myself. Is everything sad going
to come untrue? What's
happened to the world?'



A great Shadow has departed,
said Gandalf, and then he
laughed, and the sound was
like music, or like water in a
parched land; and as he
listened the thought came to
Sam that he had not heard
laughter, the pure sound of
merriment, for days upon days
without count. It fell upon his

ears like the echo of all the
joys he had ever known. But he
himself burst into tears. Then,
as a sweet rain will pass down
a wind of spring and the sun
will shine out the clearer, his
tears ceased, and his laughter
welled up, and laughing he
sprang from his bed.



“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19 I will rejoice

over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

20 “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.
21 They will build houses and

dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children

doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.

24 Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says

the LORD. Isaiah 65:17–25