

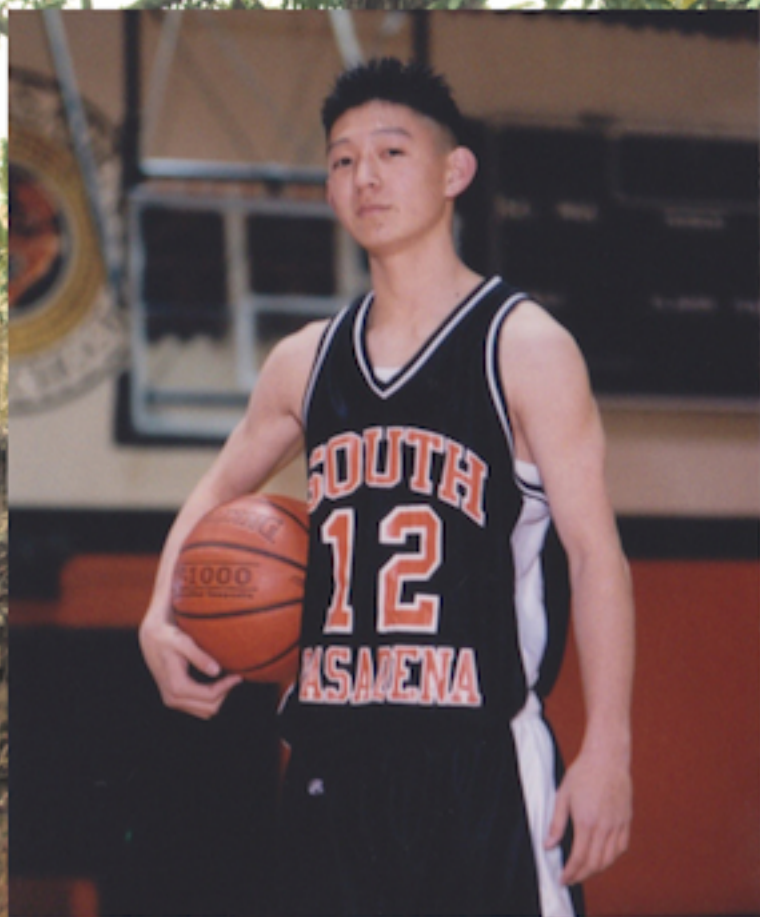


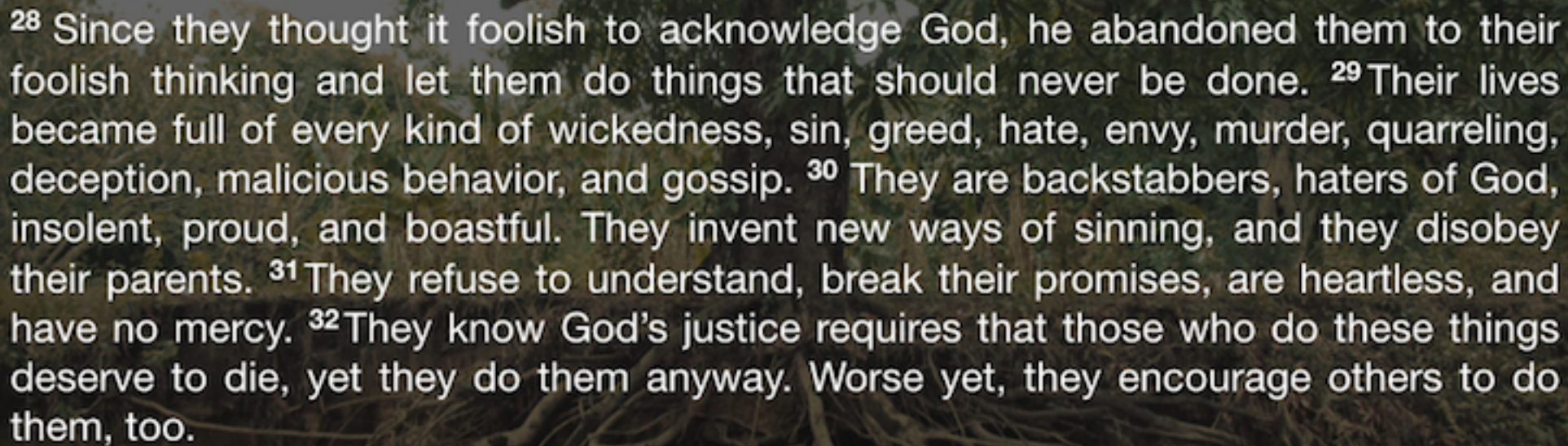
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GOD'S KINDNESS: ROMANS 2:1-11









²⁸ Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. ²⁹ Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. ³⁰ They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. ³¹ They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. ³² They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

Romans 1:28-32

¹ You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. ² And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. ³ Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? ⁴ Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? ⁵ But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

Romans 2:1-5





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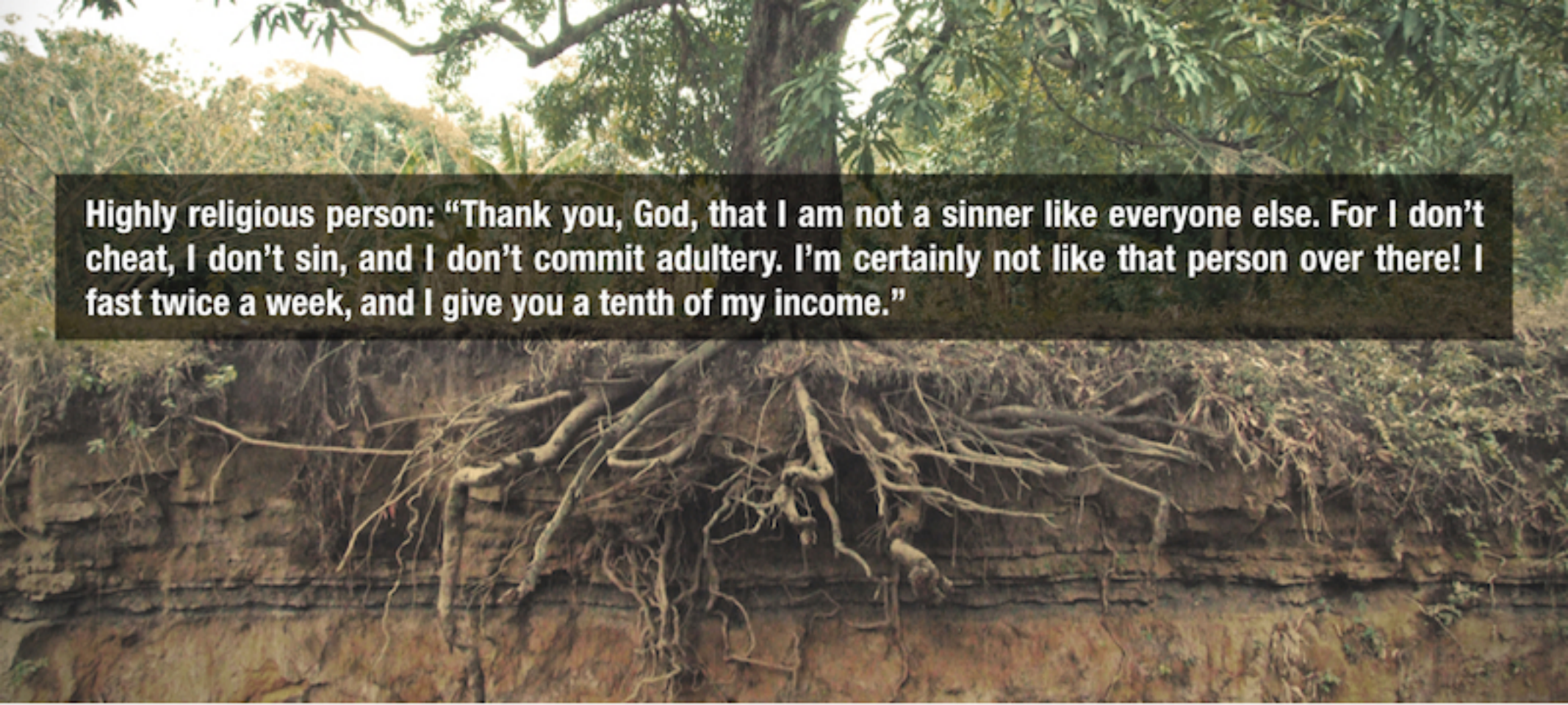
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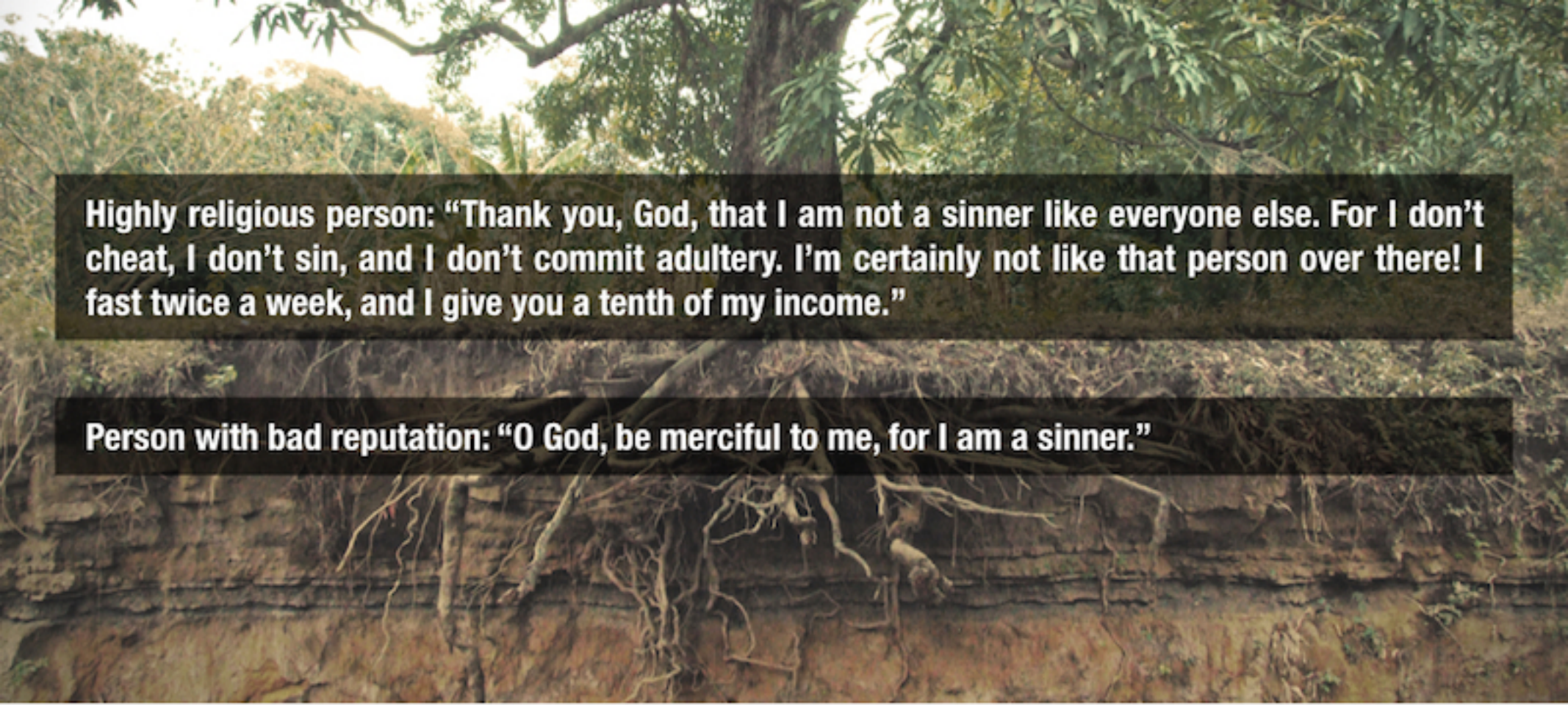


**Don't let that
happen to you. If there's
one thing I want you to
know... if you aren't enough
without it, you will never
be enough with it.**



A large tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage is shown from a low angle. The tree's roots are exposed and grow out horizontally from a layered rock cliff face. The background shows more trees and a bright sky.

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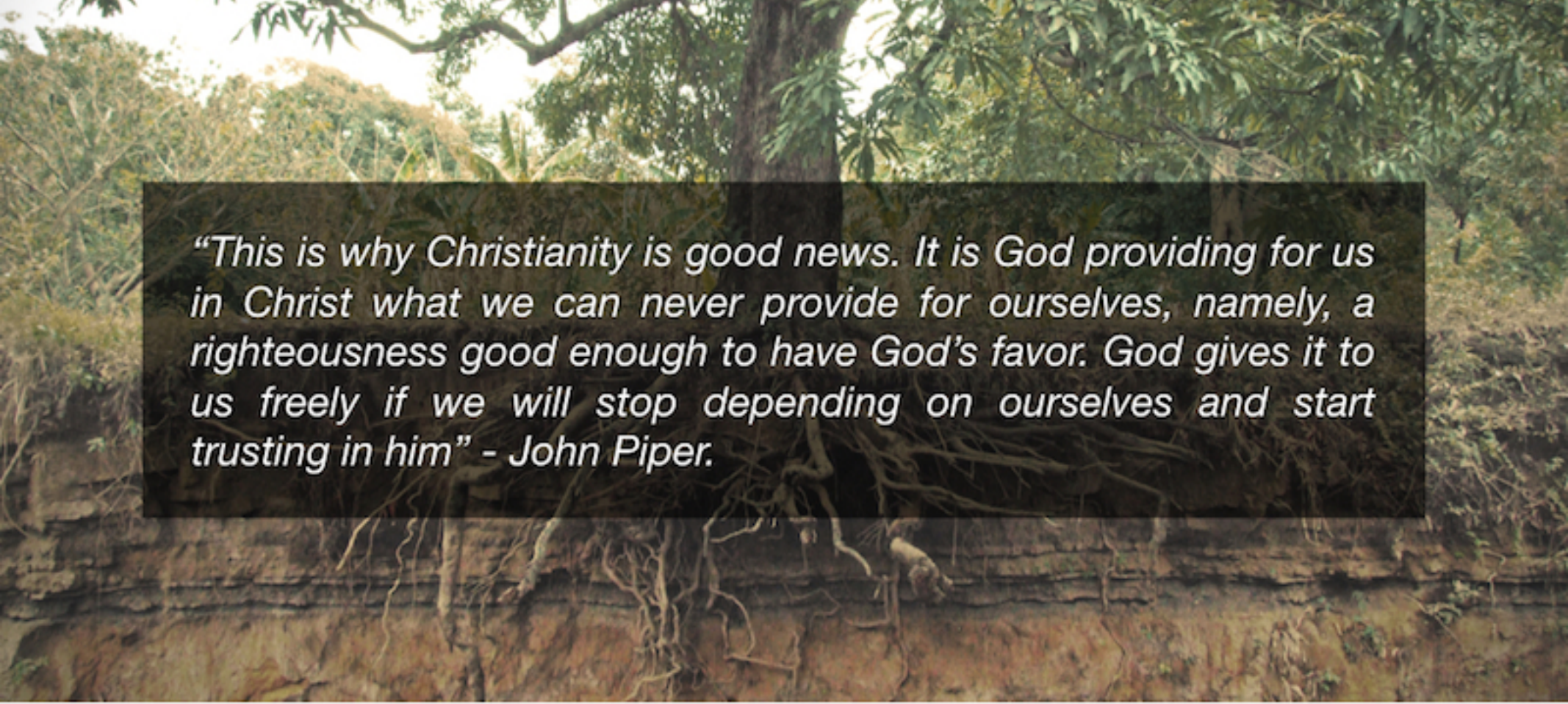
Person with bad reputation: “O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.”

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A large tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage is growing on a cliff face. The tree's roots are exposed and spread out across the rock surface. The background shows more trees and a bright sky.

“This is why Christianity is good news. It is God providing for us in Christ what we can never provide for ourselves, namely, a righteousness good enough to have God’s favor. God gives it to us freely if we will stop depending on ourselves and start trusting in him” - John Piper.

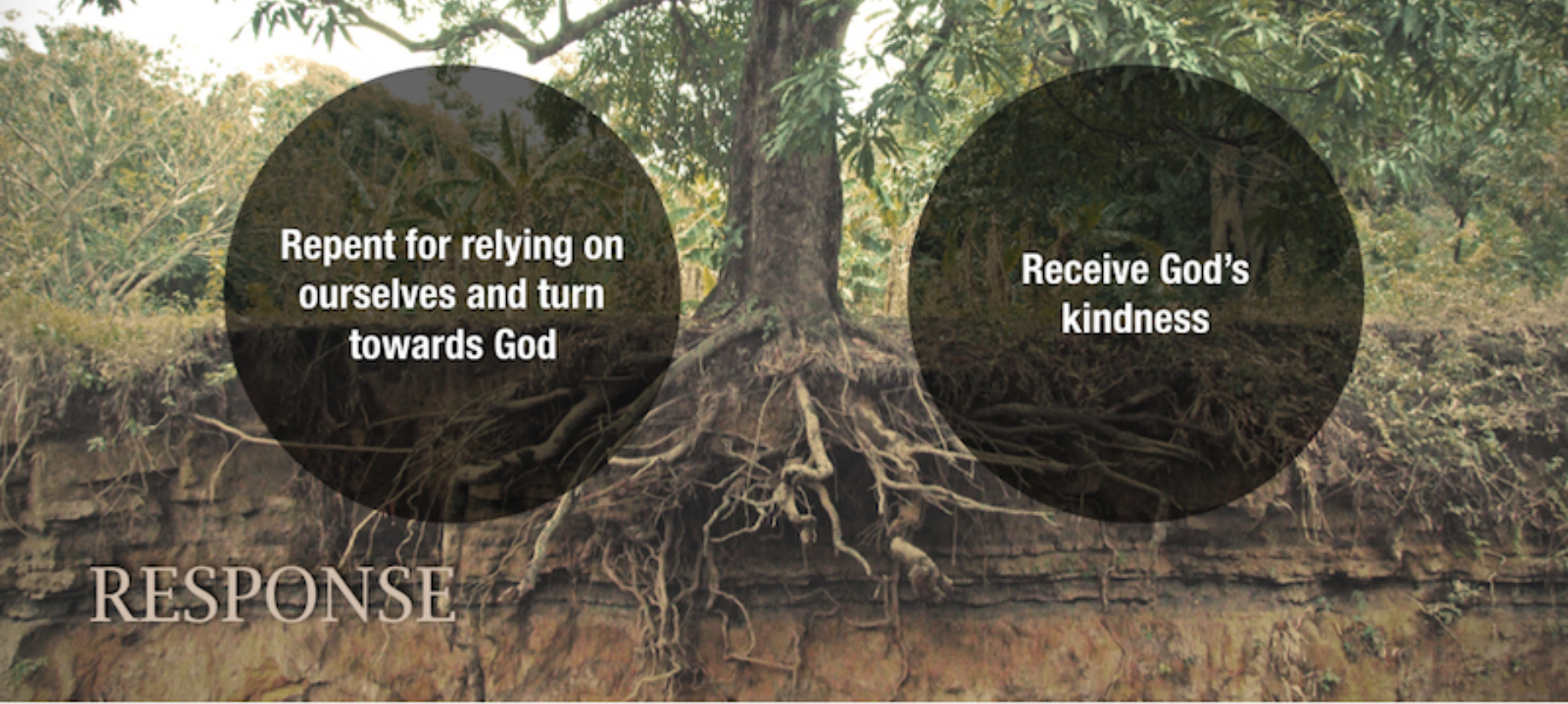


RESPONSE

A large, mature tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage stands on a cliffside. Its roots are exposed and spread out across the face of the cliff, which shows distinct horizontal geological layers. The background is a lush forest with various green plants and trees.

**Repent for relying on
ourselves and turn
towards God**

RESPONSE



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**Receive God's
kindness**

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