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# LIVING


THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE



A lush garden with various green plants and a building with a glass window in the background. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The text "ACTS 9:1-19" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, italicized font.

***ACTS 9:1-19***





***BLUEPRINT  
BARRIER  
INVITATION***



A lush garden with a greenhouse in the background. The scene is filled with various green plants, including ferns and broad-leafed species. The greenhouse has a corrugated metal roof and large glass windows. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day or late afternoon. The overall mood is serene and natural.

***ANANIAS PRESENTS US WITH  
A BLUEPRINT FOR FAITH***



A lush, dark green indoor garden filled with various tropical plants, including ferns and broad-leafed species. In the background, a structure with large glass windows is visible, partially obscured by the dense foliage. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the textures of the leaves.

***“HERE I AM, LORD”***



***THIS PHRASE, “HERE I AM”  
IS DESIGNED TO SERVE  
AS A HYPERLINK.***





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Genesis 46, Jacob: “Here I am”

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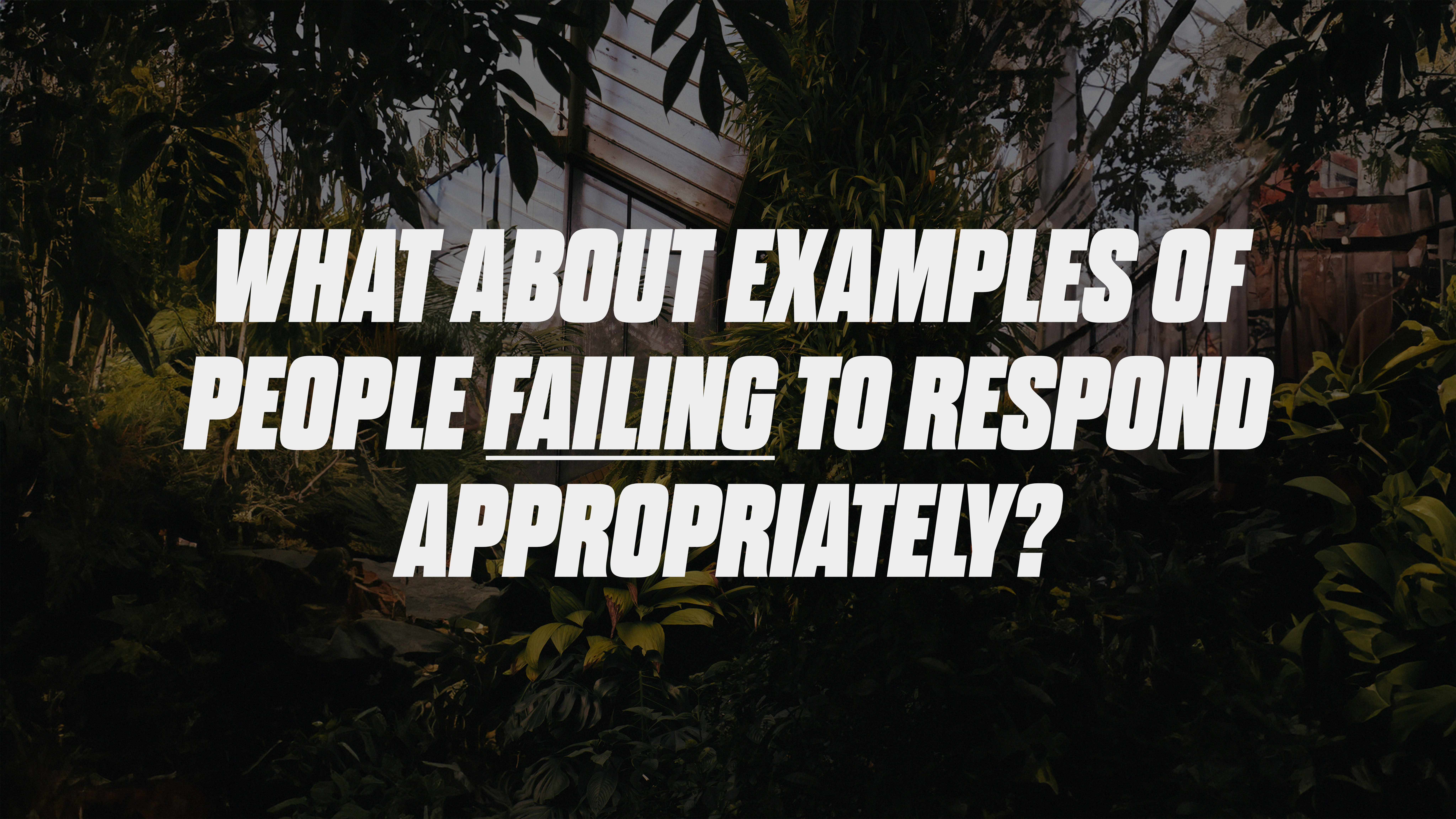
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***WHAT ABOUT EXAMPLES OF  
PEOPLE FAILING TO RESPOND  
APPROPRIATELY?***









***WHY DOES ANANIAS GET IT RIGHT,  
AND ADAM GETS IT WRONG?***



A lush garden scene with a greenhouse in the background. The word "BARRIER" is overlaid in large, bold, white, italicized text. The scene is filled with various green plants, including ferns and broad-leafed species, creating a dense and vibrant atmosphere. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day or late afternoon. The greenhouse structure is visible through the foliage, with its translucent panels and dark frame. The overall composition is a mix of natural greenery and man-made structure.

***BARRIER***



A lush, dense garden with various green plants and a building with a glass window in the background. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn, with a dark, moody atmosphere. The plants are a mix of leafy greens and ferns, creating a thick wall of vegetation. In the background, a building with a large glass window is visible, partially obscured by the foliage. The overall tone is somber and mysterious.

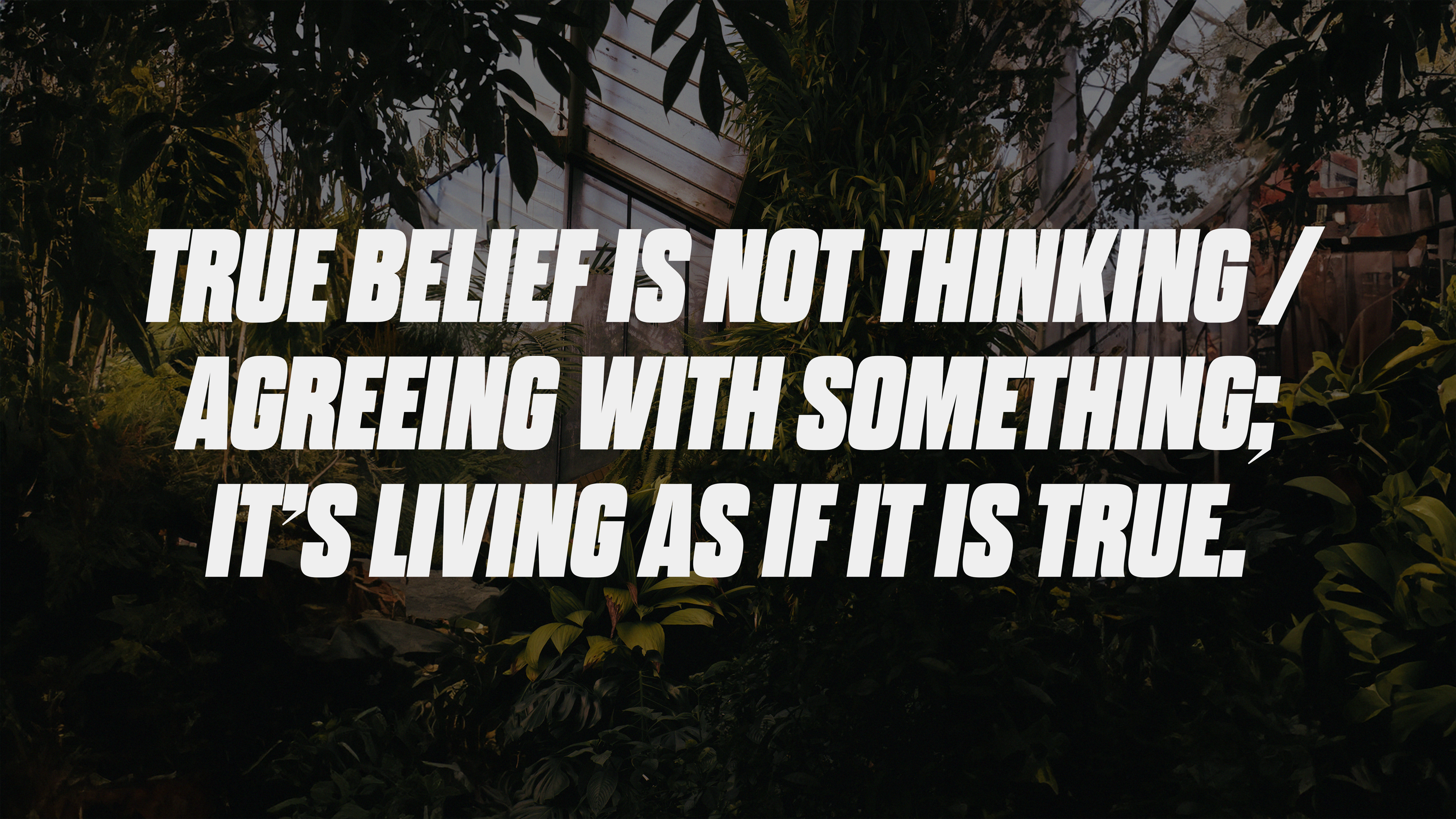
***ADAM AND EVE'S BARRIER  
WAS UNBELIEF.***



***DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT I  
KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU?***

***DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT I  
WANT WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU?***





***TRUE BELIEF IS NOT THINKING /  
AGREEING WITH SOMETHING;  
IT'S LIVING AS IF IT IS TRUE.***





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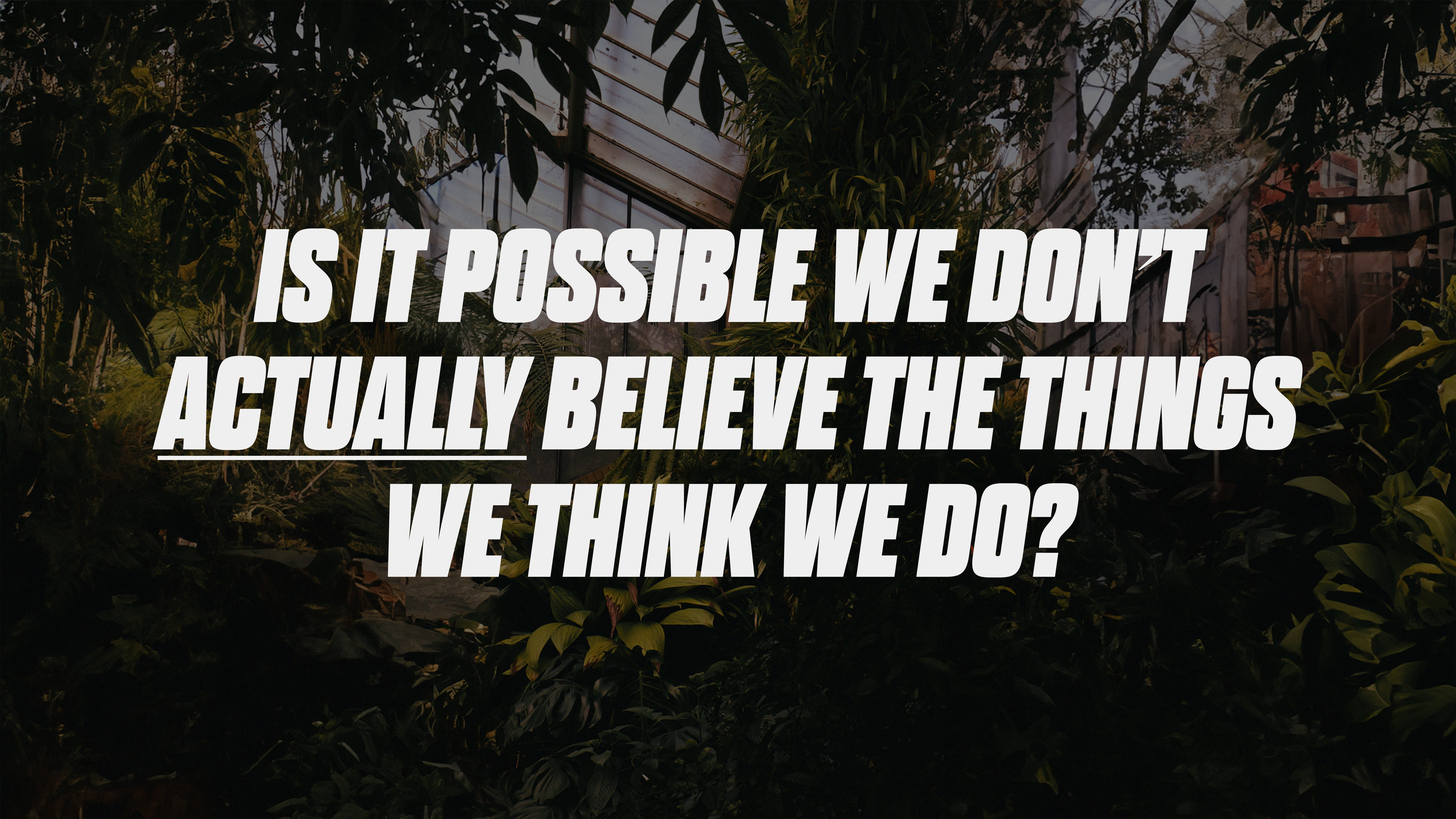


“...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds. 'Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.'”

– James 2:17-19

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***IS IT POSSIBLE WE DON'T  
ACTUALLY BELIEVE THE THINGS  
WE THINK WE DO?***









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Do we live as if God is wiser than us?

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Do we live as if God is wiser than us?  
Do we live as if God has forgiven us?

***LIVING***



Do we live as if God is wiser than us?  
Do we live as if God has forgiven us?  
Do we live as if God is all-powerful?

***LIVING***



Do we live as if God is wiser than us?  
Do we live as if God has forgiven us?  
Do we live as if God is all-powerful?  
Do we live as if God is with us?

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Do we live as if God is wiser than us?  
Do we live as if God has forgiven us?  
Do we live as if God is all-powerful?  
Do we live as if God is with us?  
Do we live as if judgment is real?

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“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

– Psalm 139:23-24

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A lush garden scene with a greenhouse in the background. The word "INVITATION" is written in large, white, bold, italicized capital letters across the center of the image. The background is filled with various green plants and foliage, creating a dense and vibrant atmosphere. The lighting is soft, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

# *INVITATION*









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A lush garden with various green plants and a building in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

***GOD WANTS YOUR LIFE  
TO FEEL LIKE THAT.***





***WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THERE IS A  
GAP BETWEEN THE PROMISES OF GOD  
AND OUR OWN EXPERIENCE?***



***THE PATHWAY TO LIFE AS IT  
WAS MEANT TO BE LIVED  
IS A POSTURE OF  
“HERE I AM, LORD.”***



# QUESTIONS:

- Jeff referenced living with an expectation that God will show up. Where do you need to live with an expectation of God showing up? How could you posture your heart to approach each day with expectation?*
- A Blueprint for Following Jesus: As you read through Acts, what do you see in the lives of these Jesus Followers?  
What invitation has God given you? What is your default response? Is it to say Here I am, Lord like Ananias? Is it to run away like Jonah? Is it to hide like Adam?*
- Jeff talked about lingering longer than healthy over deciding what to watch. Read Romans 7: What temptation do you tend to linger over rather than immediately walk in freedom?*
- Is it possible we don't actually believe the things we say/think we do? Do you live as if God is wiser than you? Has forgiven you? Is all powerful? Is with you? His judgment is real? Psalm 139:23-24*
- What area of your life have you settled into mediocrity?*



# **PRACTICE**

*Confessional community is so much more than just confessing our sins. Confessional community is confessing our worries, hopes, weaknesses, dreams, and fears. Spend time together this week talking about those areas where there is a gap between what you believe and how you live and those spaces where you've settled for mediocrity.*



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