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THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE



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After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

– Acts 4:31

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All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

– Acts 4:32-35

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ADVENTURE:

To explore new territory, an unusual, exciting, and possibly dangerous activity or journey.

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VENTURE:

“to risk the loss” (of something)

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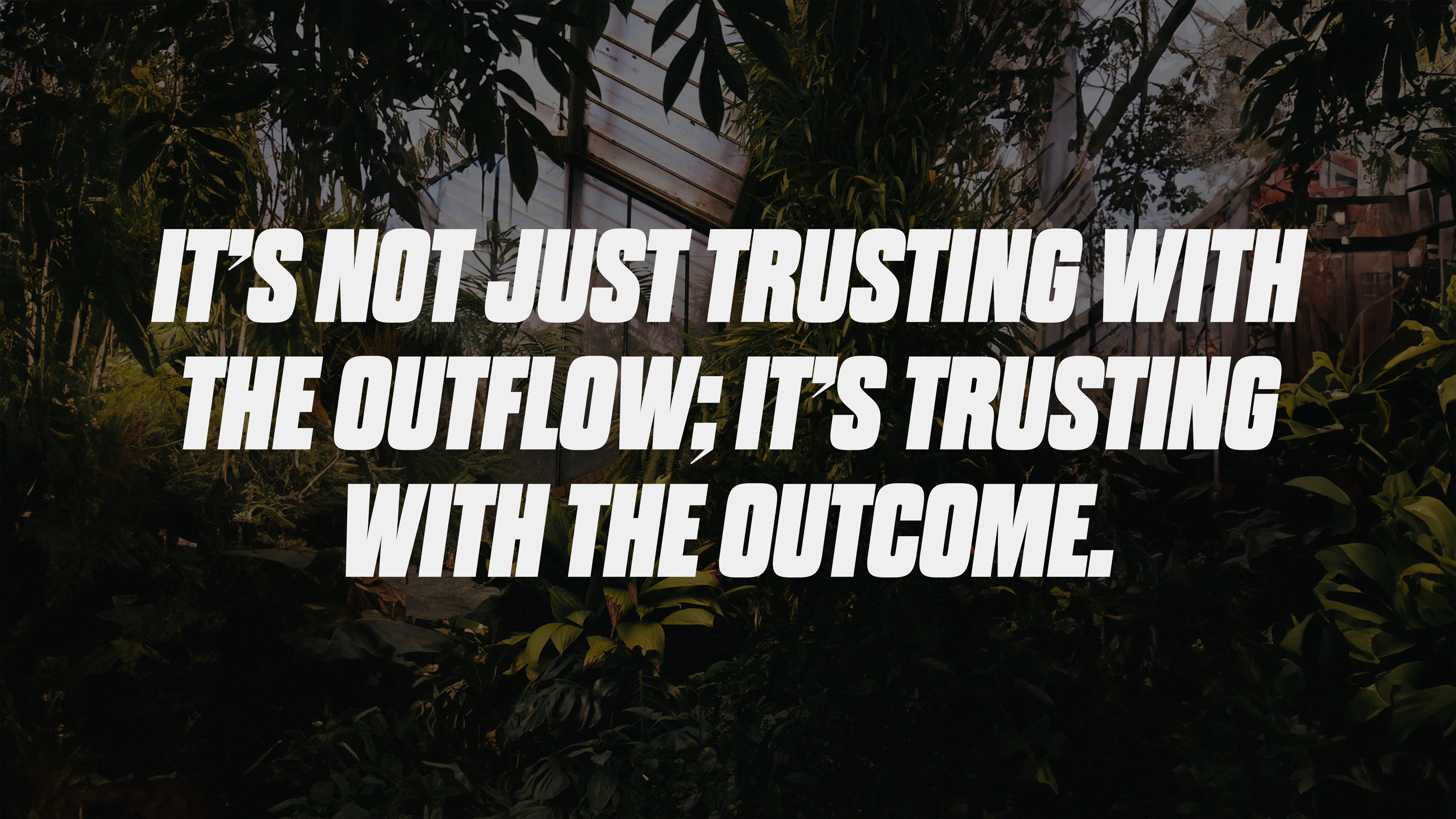
The moment they saw him they worshiped him.
Some, though, held back, not sure about worship,
about risking themselves totally.

– Matthew 28:17 (MSG)

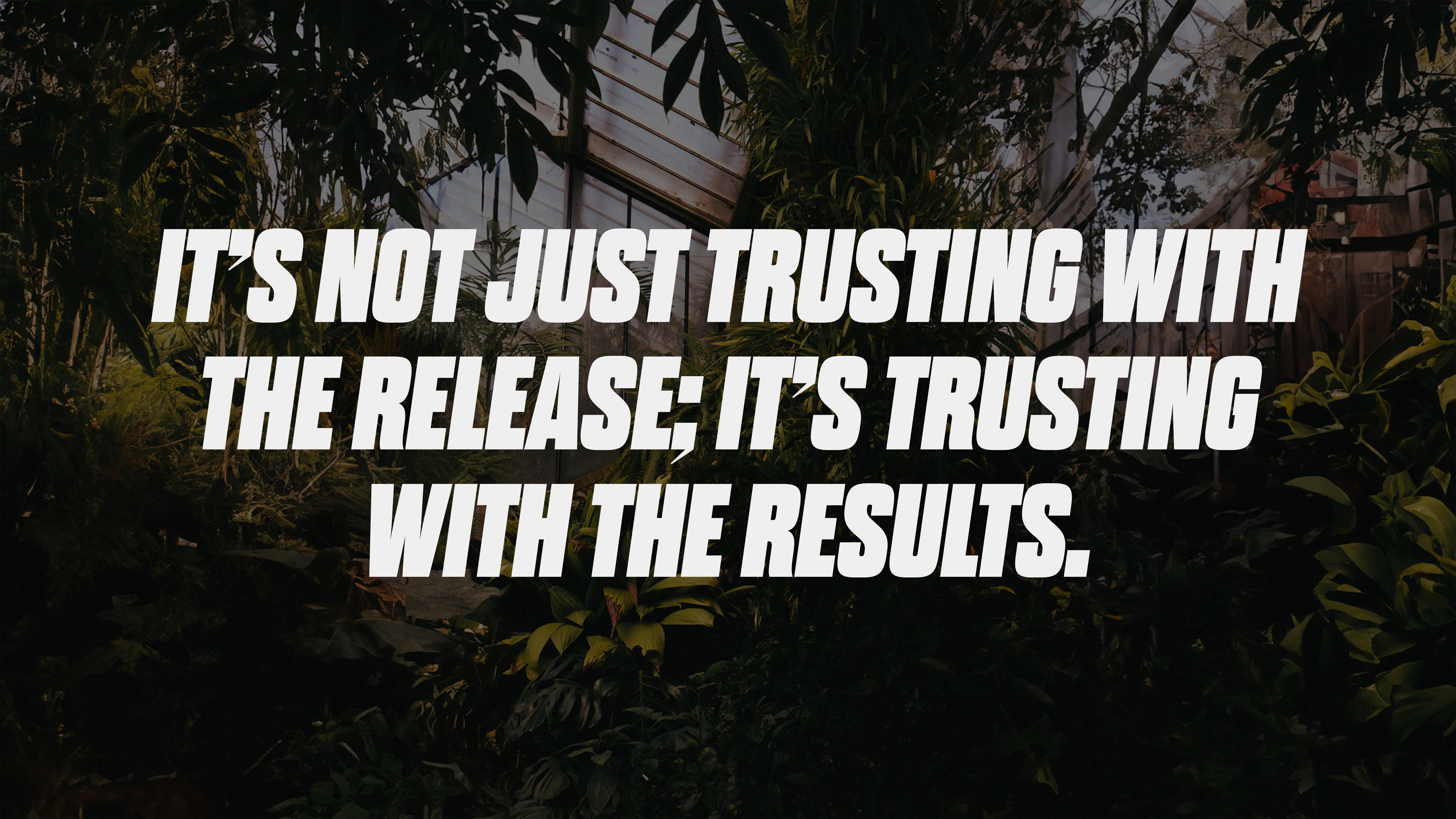
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**RECKLESS RISK IS MOTIVATED
BY TESTING GOD.**

**RESTING RISK IS MOTIVATED
BY TRUSTING GOD.**



***IT'S NOT JUST TRUSTING WITH
THE OUTFLOW; IT'S TRUSTING
WITH THE OUTCOME.***



***IT'S NOT JUST TRUSTING WITH
THE RELEASE; IT'S TRUSTING
WITH THE RESULTS.***

“Some people can be so disoriented to God that when he begins to work around them, they actually become annoyed at the interruption!”

– Henry T. Blackaby

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Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

– Acts 5:1-2

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Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

– Acts 5:3-4

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When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

– Acts 5:5-6

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About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

— Acts 5:7-8

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Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

— Acts 5:9

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At that moment she fell down at his feet and died.
Then the young men came in and, finding her dead,
carried her out and buried her beside her husband.
Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard
about these events.

– Acts 5:10-11

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Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on the fire and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

– Leviticus 10:1-2 NASB

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***THE HEBREW WORD TRANSLATED
“STRANGE” MEANS:***

Unauthorized, foreign, or profane.

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PROFANITY

Against the temple or opposite of Holy.

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So that you can distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean.

– Leviticus 10:10

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***THE HEBREW WORD FOR “HOLINESS”
IS QŌDES, A WORD THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE
REALM OF THE SACRED IN CONTRAST TO
EVERYTHING COMMON AND PROFANE.***

“Is to belong to a different realm from the everyday, the worldly, the human, the created, the this-worldly. It is to belong to the heavenly realm, the supernatural world.”

– John Goldingay

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***GOD'S HOLY PRESENCE WAS A
PORTAL... A CROSSOVER
BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH.***

OUT OF HIS HOLINESS COMES HIS:

Presence

Power

Personhood

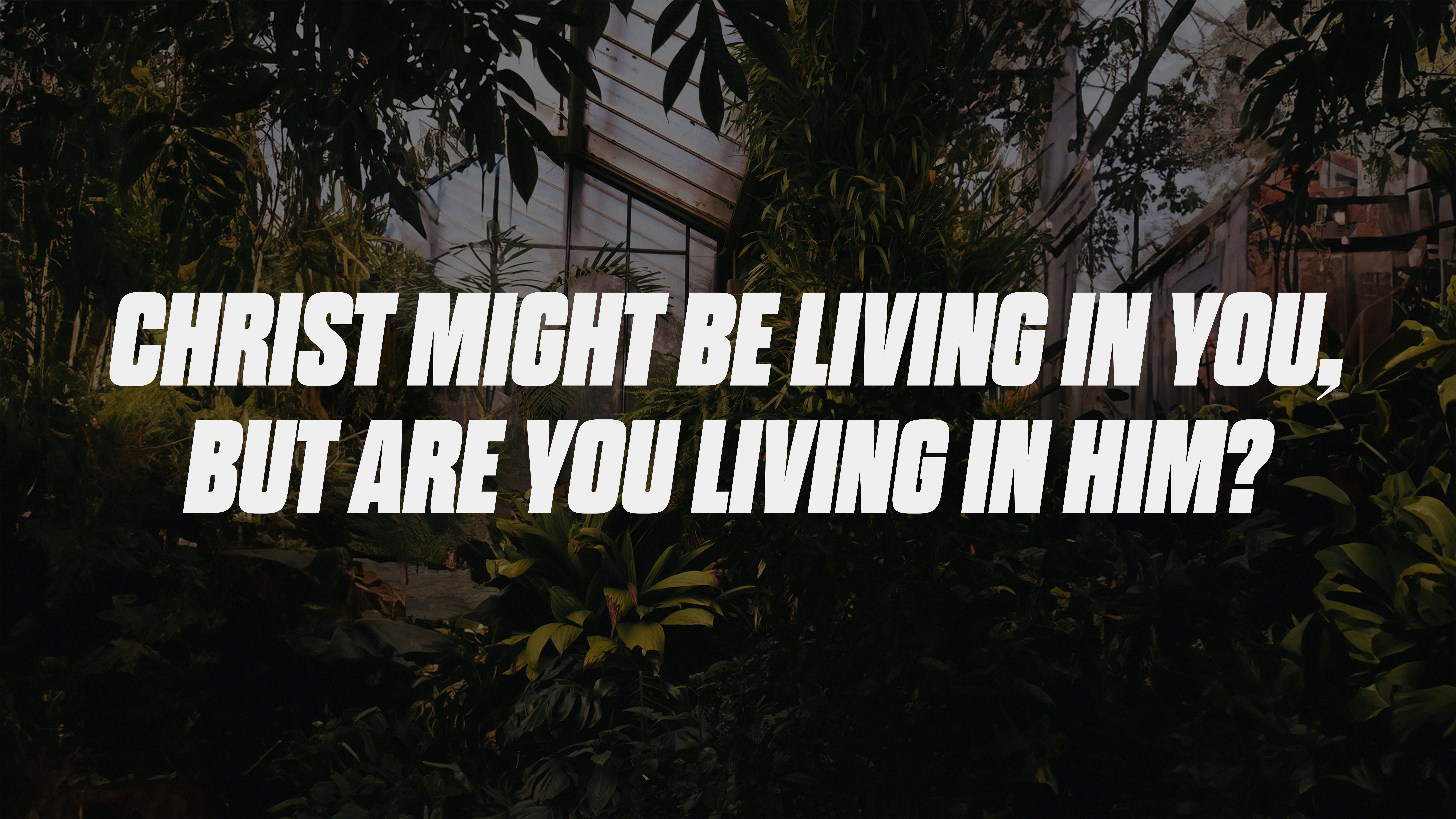
Promises

Purpose

Perfection

Purity

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***CHRIST MIGHT BE LIVING IN YOU,
BUT ARE YOU LIVING IN HIM?***

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

– Ephesians 2:21-22

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His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life...he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

– 2 Peter 1:3-4 NLT

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“Unless we grasp God’s holiness, we will no longer be “amazed” at his amazing grace.”

– C.S. Lewis Institute

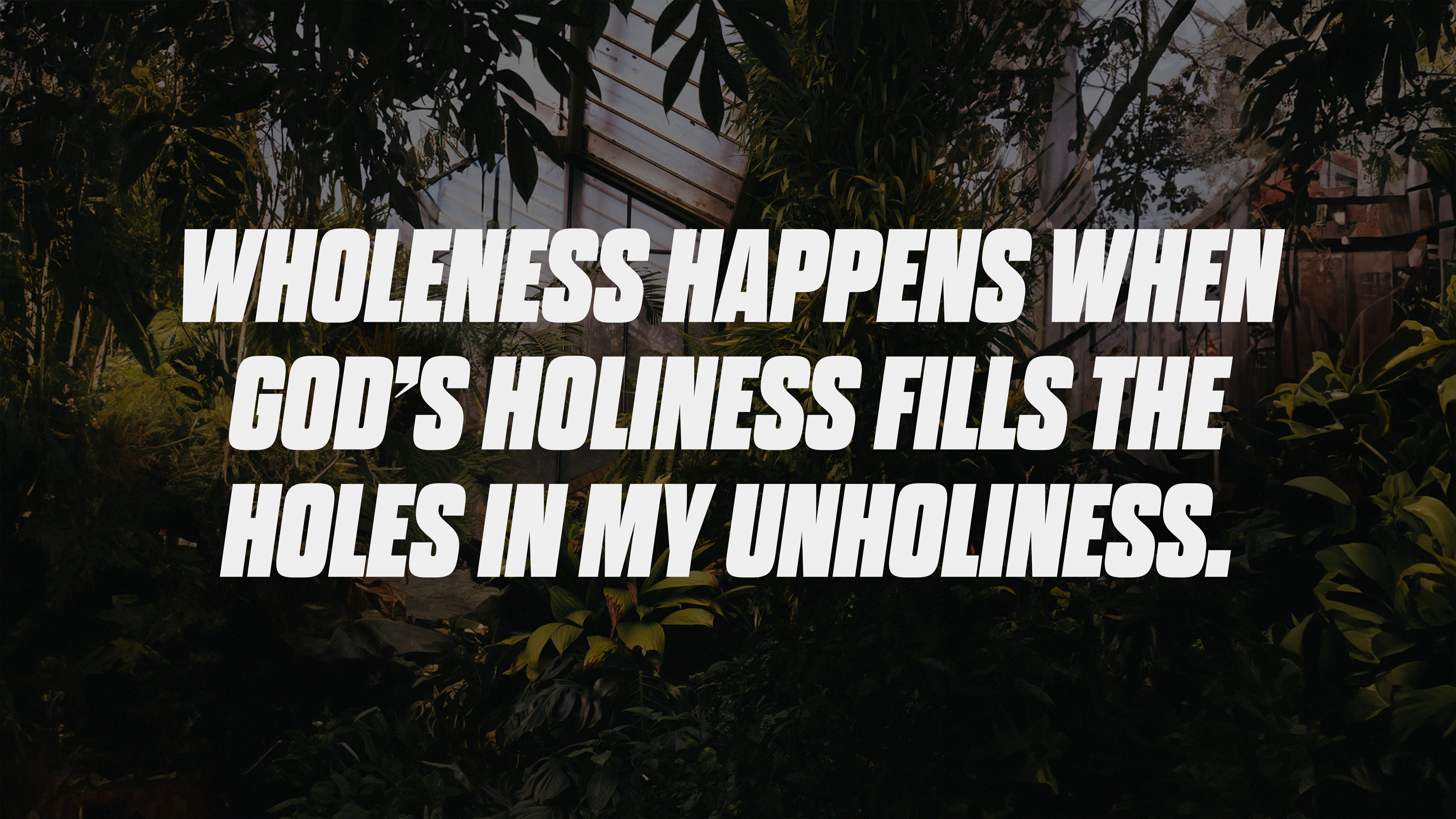
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***LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT'S HOLINESS.***

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

***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE
IS A HOLY-FILLED LIFE.***



***WHOLENESS HAPPENS WHEN
GOD'S HOLINESS FILLS THE
HOLES IN MY UNHOLINESS.***

...in order that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable to Him, sanctified made holy and set apart for His purpose by the Holy Spirit.

– Romans 15:16 AMP

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***WE WOULDN'T NEED REVIVAL
IF WE PRACTICED RENEWAL.***

“Holiness is not simply about trying harder; yes, it takes effort, but it is more than that. It is about faith in God’s holy power, a power that makes the unclean clean, turns the profane into something sacred, and calls and consecrates us into a Christ-shaped way of being human. Holiness happens when I draw myself nearer to a holy God and God’s Spirit is drawn into the very fabric of my being. It is in communion with God that we are consecrated and committed to a holy pattern of existence that is set apart from the ways of this world.”

– Michael Bird

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***THE “HOLE” IN OUR HOLINESS
IS THAT WE DO NOT TAKE
HOLINESS SERIOUSLY.***

***GRACE IS NOT PERMISSION
TO KEEP PURSUING SIN.
GRACE IS THE POWER
TO KEEP PURSUING HOLINESS.***

“We become so accustomed to our sins we sometimes lapse into a state of peaceful coexistence with them, but God never ceases to hate them.”

– Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*

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Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God.

– Hebrews 12:14-15 NLT

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***YOU WILL NEVER LIVE A
PROPHETIC LIFE WITH A
PROFANITY LIFESTYLE.***

“Every sin is an act of cosmic treason, a futile attempt to dethrone God in His sovereign authority.”

– R.C. Sproul

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“Holiness is an unselfing of ourselves.”

– Frederick William Faber

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***HOLINESS STARTS BY HATING
WHAT GOD HATES AND LOVING
WHAT GOD LOVES.***

“Remember that holiness is not the way to Christ, but Christ is the way to holiness.”

– Charles Spurgeon

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I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me.

– Galatians 2:20

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***YOU WANT TO LIVE HOLY OR
WHOLLY, THEN DIE FULLY.***



***TWO WAYS WE CONSPIRE
AGAINST THE SPIRIT'S
HOLINESS IN OUR LIVES:***

***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE IS LIMITED
THROUGH GRIEVING THE SPIRIT.***

***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE IS LIMITED
THROUGH QUENCHING THE SPIRIT.***



***GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT IS
DISOBEDIENCE THROUGH COMMISSION.***

***QUENCHING THE HOLY SPIRIT IS
DISOBEDIENCE THROUGH OMISSION.***

REVERENCE LEADS TO REPENTANCE,
WHICH LEADS TO REFRESHING,
WHICH LEADS RENEWING,
WHICH LEADS TO REVEALING.

“It is only into the thirst of an empty soul that the streams of living waters flow. Ever thirsting is the secret of never thirsting.”

– Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ*

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Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray
for each other so that you may be healed.

– James 5:16 ESV

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What areas of your life do you feel worn down or spiritually fatigued?*
- 2. What holds us back from surrendering and obeying the Holy Spirit?*
- 3. What does God's Holiness mean to you?*
- 4. How can you receive the Spirit's provision in your struggles?*
- 5. Is there a sin in your life that you need to be more honest about?*
- 6. What does it mean to practice confessing our sins to one another?*

PRACTICE

Break down into smaller groups of 2 or 3. At whatever level you are comfortable, share some sins you struggle with and pray for each other.

Pray a prayer like this:

Holy Spirit, we confess these areas of sin. I confess that I need your provision in this area. I confess that through your power and grace, I can walk in holiness. Holy Spirit, what do you want me to receive from you in this area? (Be quiet and listen for what He wants to replace, ie. Fruit) Holy Spirit, I receive what you have for me, and pray for your power to live it out. Thank you for your grace and holiness working in me. In Jesus' name, amen!

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