

# Chosen and appointed to bear fruit



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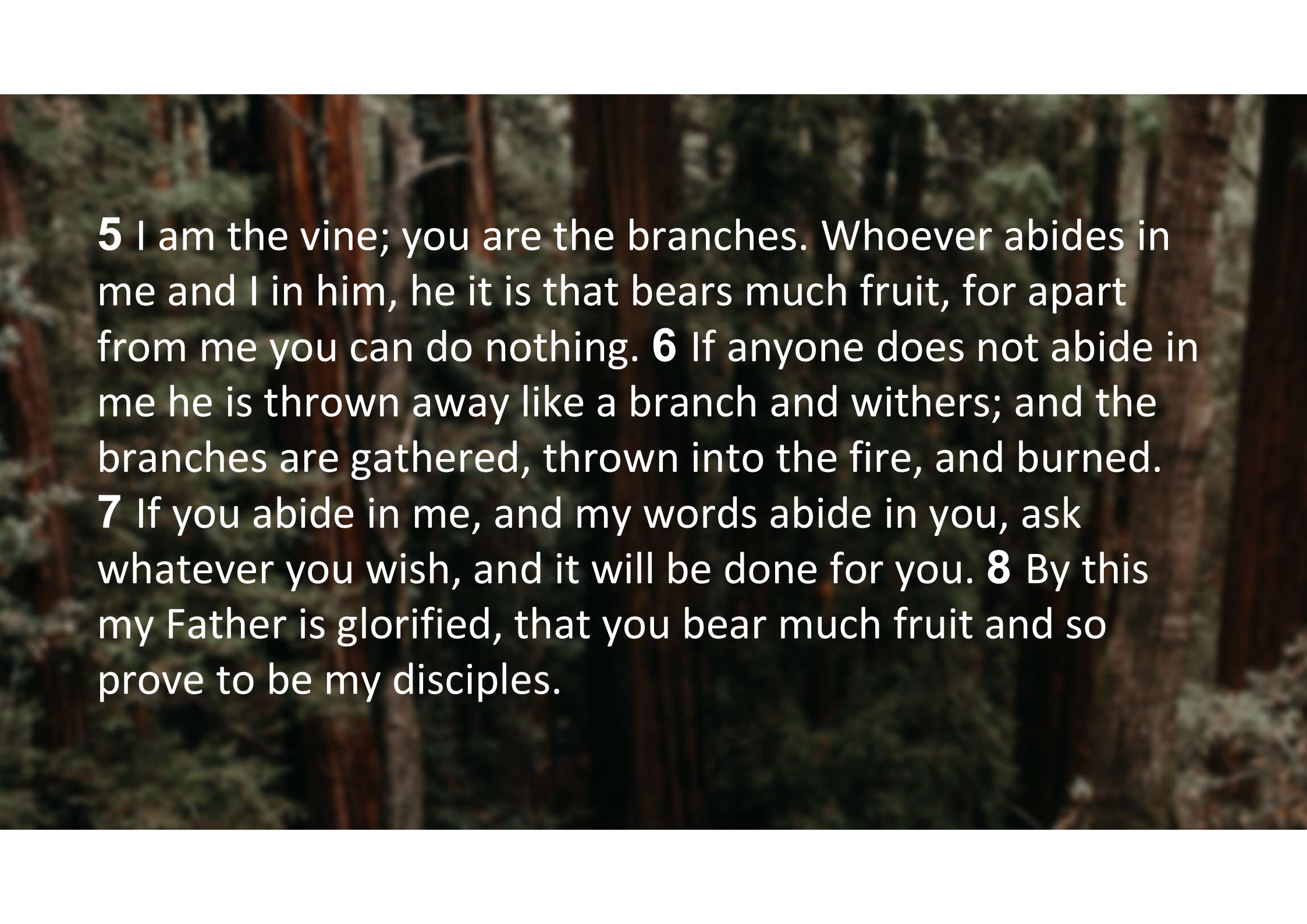
# John 15:1-8 (ESV)

## I Am the True Vine

**1** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

**2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.





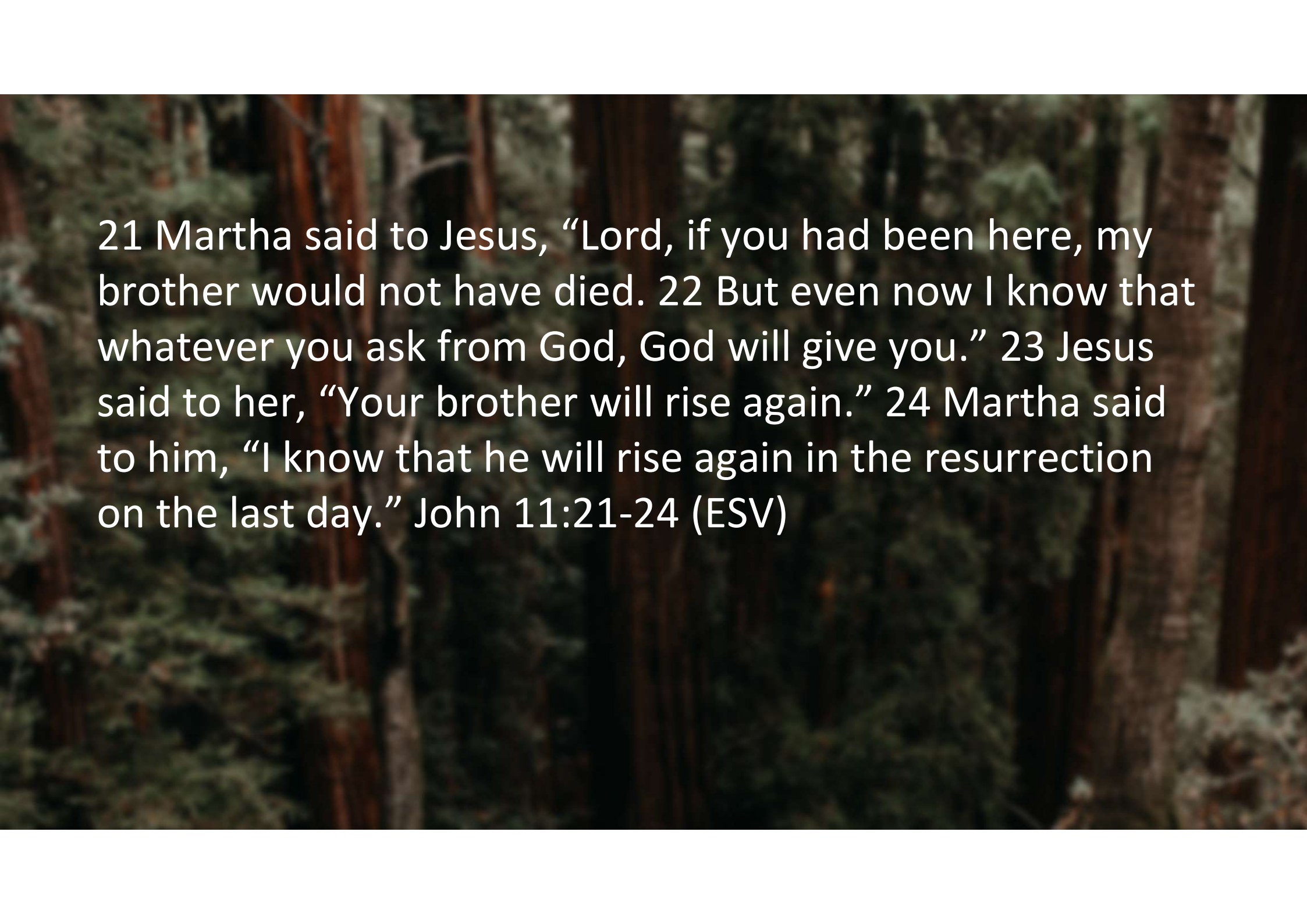
**5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.



### Jesus' "I Am" Statements

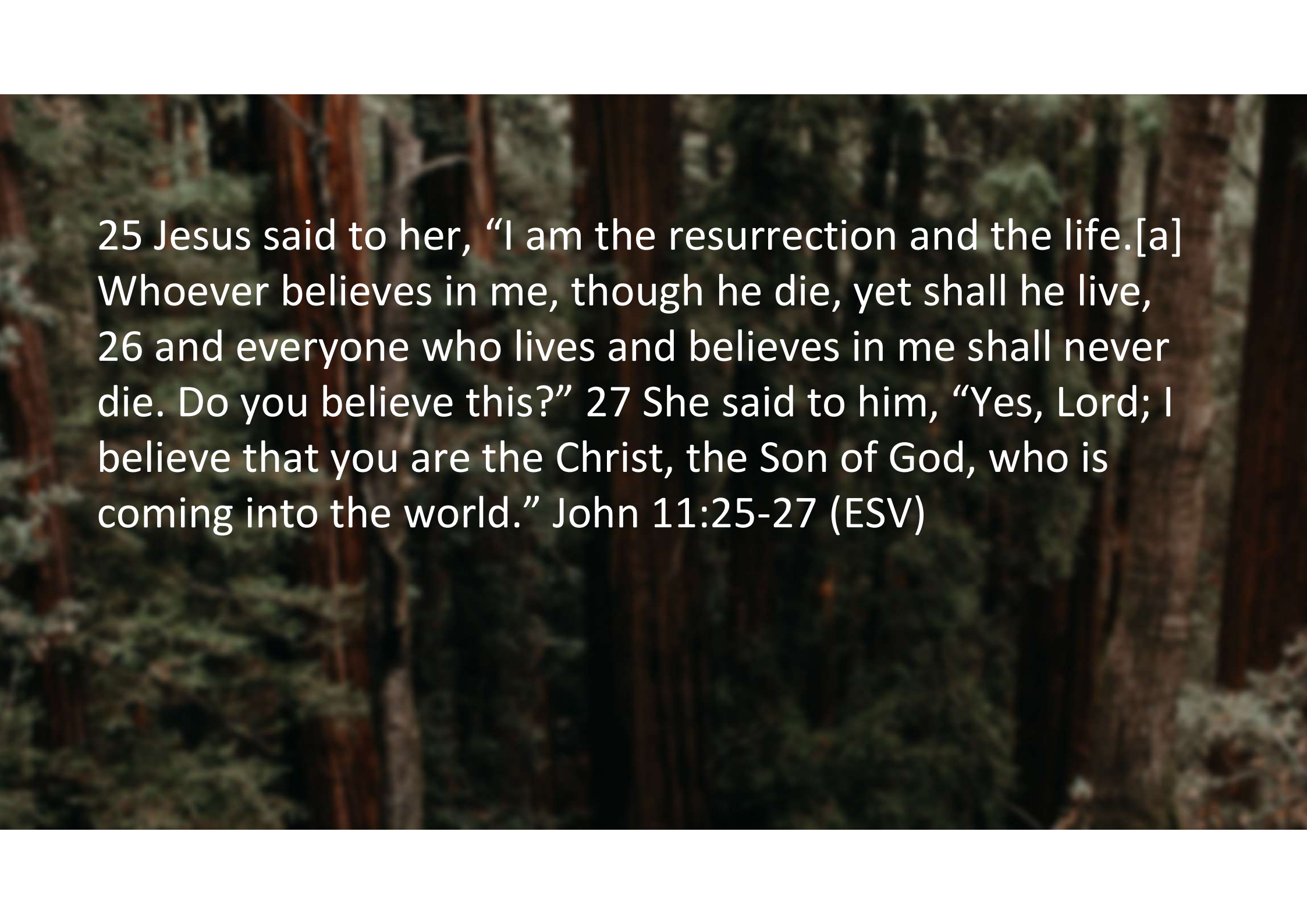
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| <b>Absolute "I am" statements</b>        | 6:20; 8:24, 28, 58; 18:5 |
| <b>Metaphorical "I am" statements</b>    |                          |
| 1. I am the bread of life                | 6:35, 48, 51             |
| 2. I am the light of the world           | 8:12; 9:5                |
| 3. I am the door of the sheep            | 10:7, 9                  |
| 4. I am the good shepherd                | 10:11, 14                |
| 5. I am the resurrection and the life    | 11:25                    |
| 6. I am the way, the truth, and the life | 14:6                     |
| 7. I am the true vine                    | 15:1                     |





21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” John 11:21-24 (ESV)





25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.[a]  
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,  
26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never  
die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I  
believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is  
coming into the world.” John 11:25-27 (ESV)





1 In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

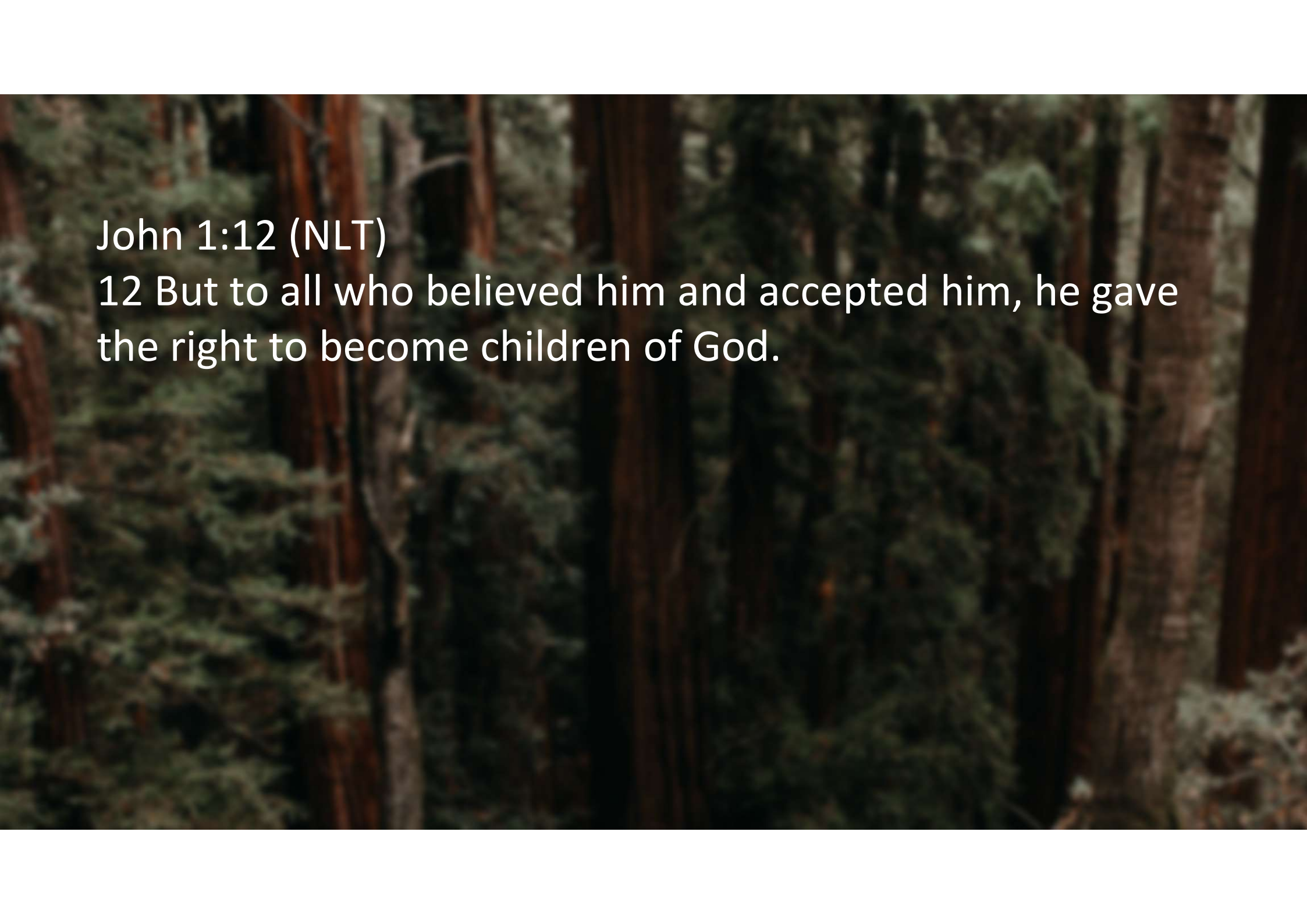
2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created,[a]  
and his life brought light to everyone.

John 1:1-4 (NLT)

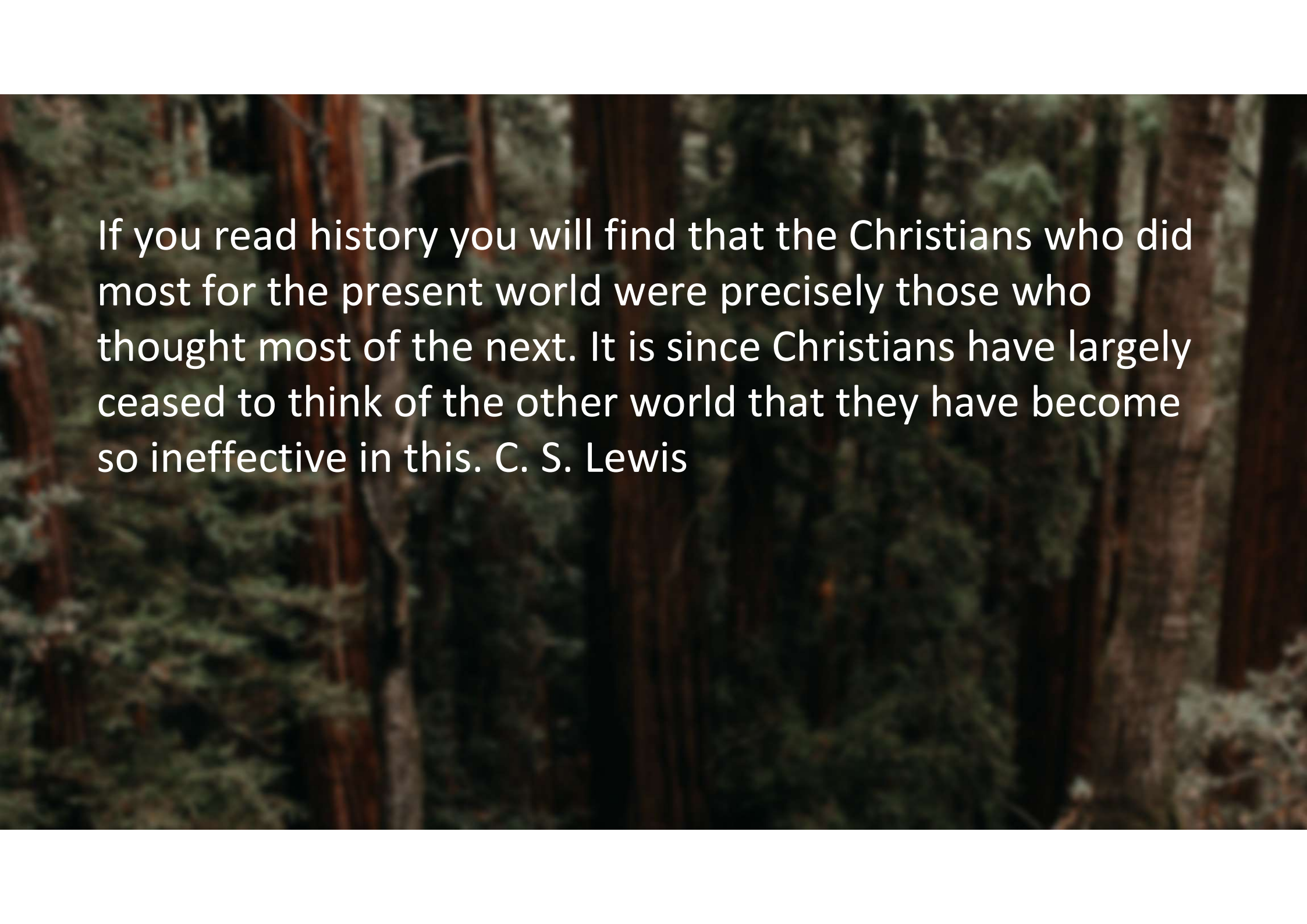




John 1:12 (NLT)

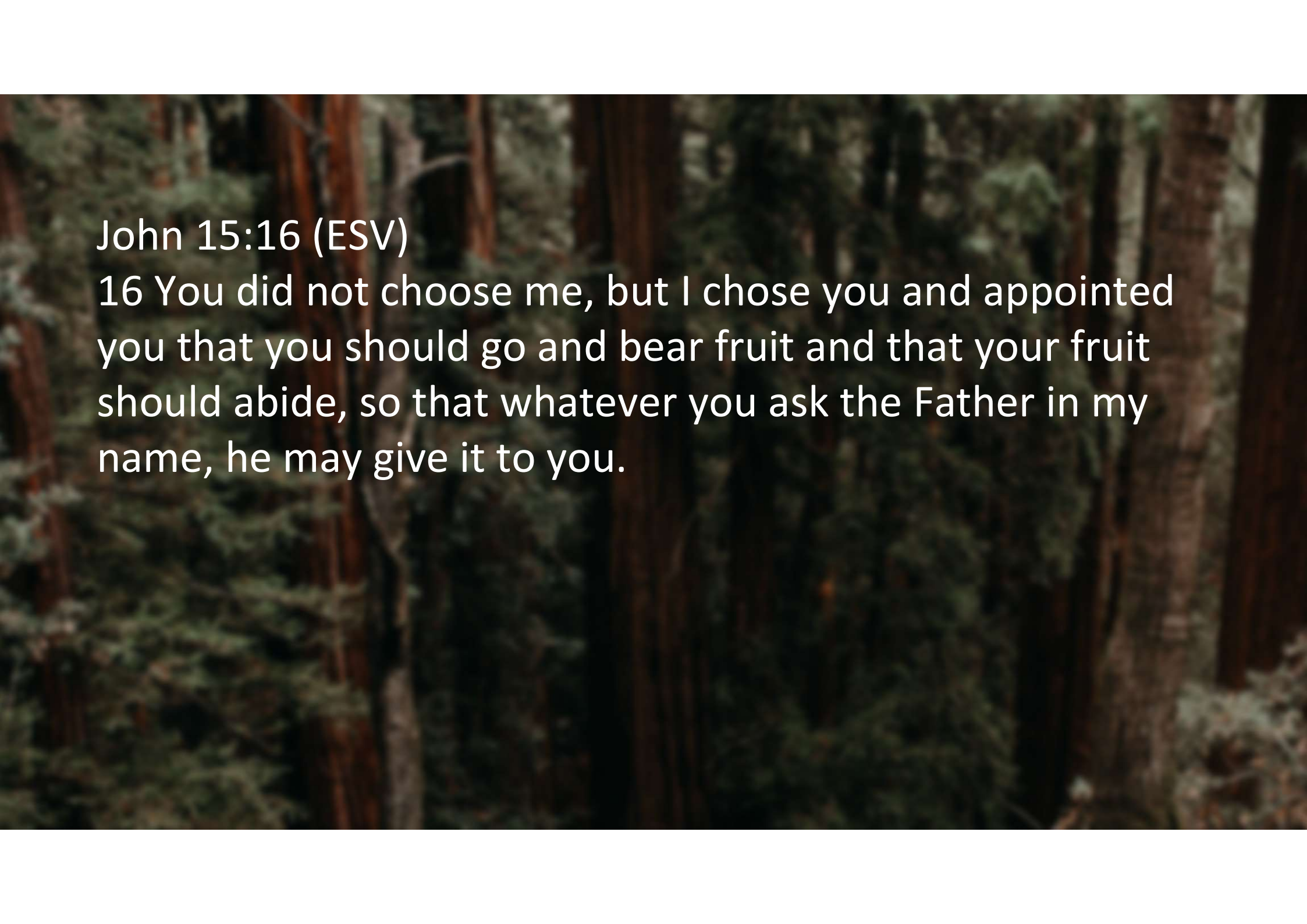
12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.





If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. C. S. Lewis





John 15:16 (ESV)

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.





## ShofarBand – Christ The Lord Lyrics

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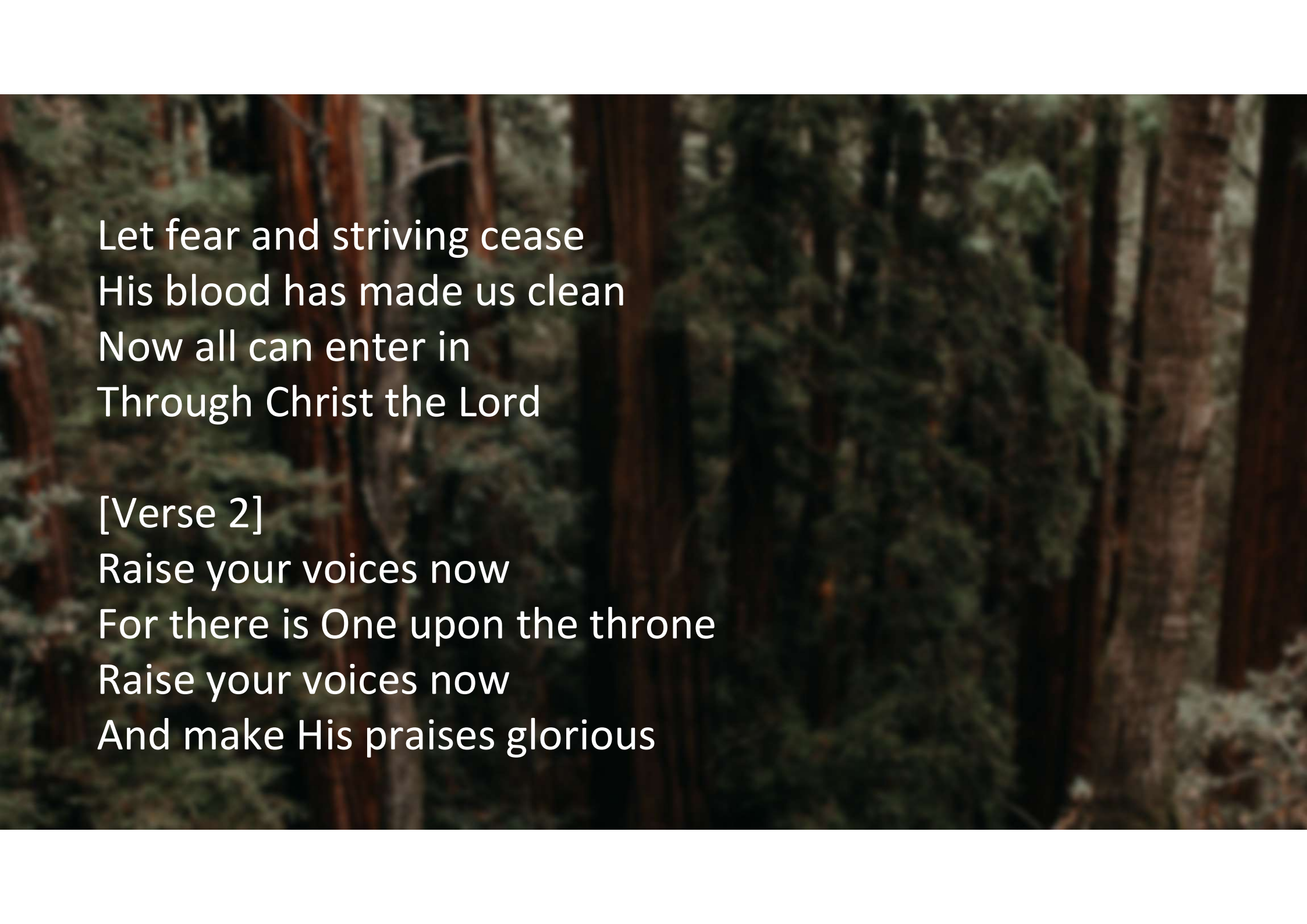
Lift your praises now

All our lives to Him we bring

Lift your praises now

Let every heart make room for Him

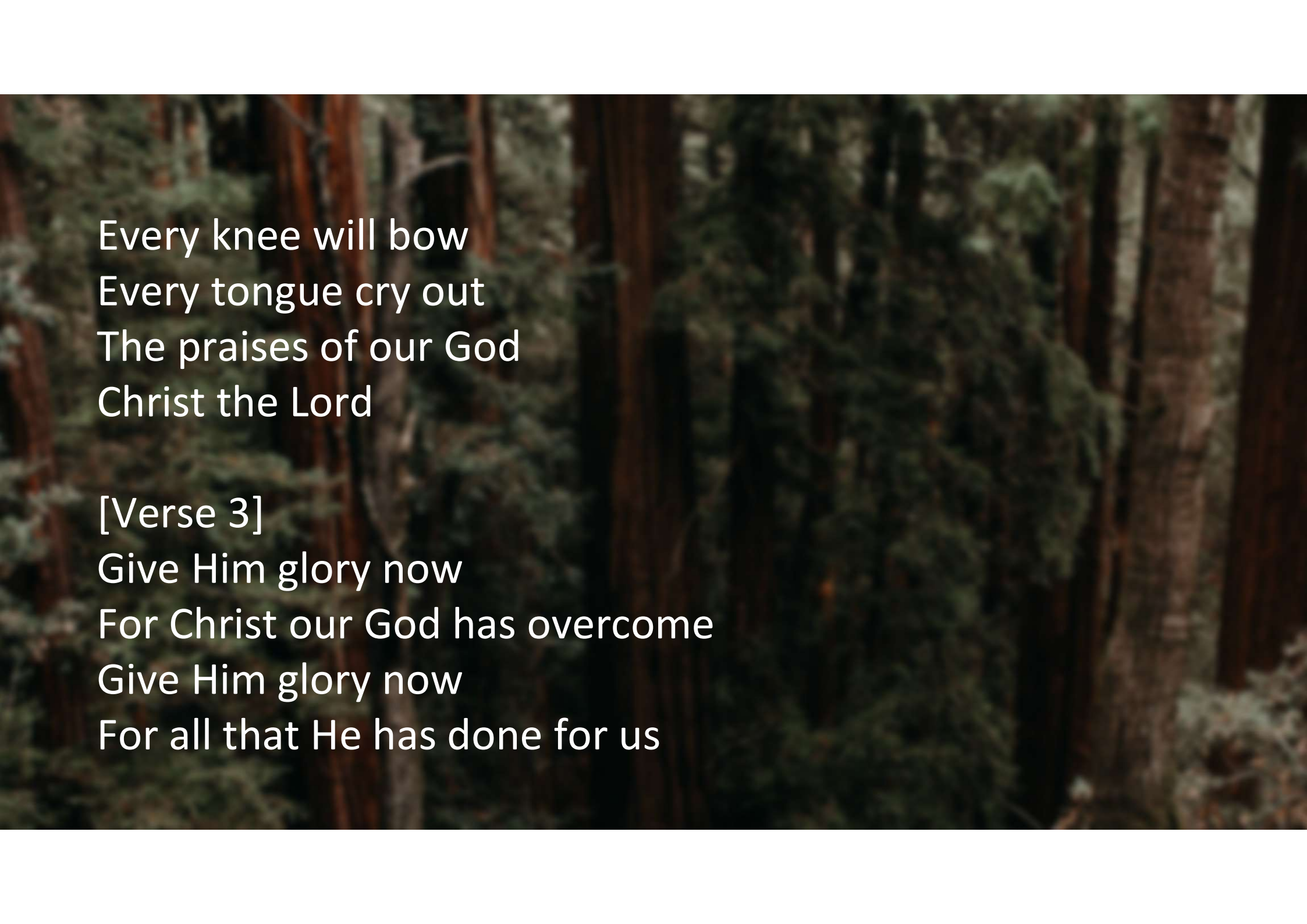




Let fear and striving cease  
His blood has made us clean  
Now all can enter in  
Through Christ the Lord

[Verse 2]  
Raise your voices now  
For there is One upon the throne  
Raise your voices now  
And make His praises glorious

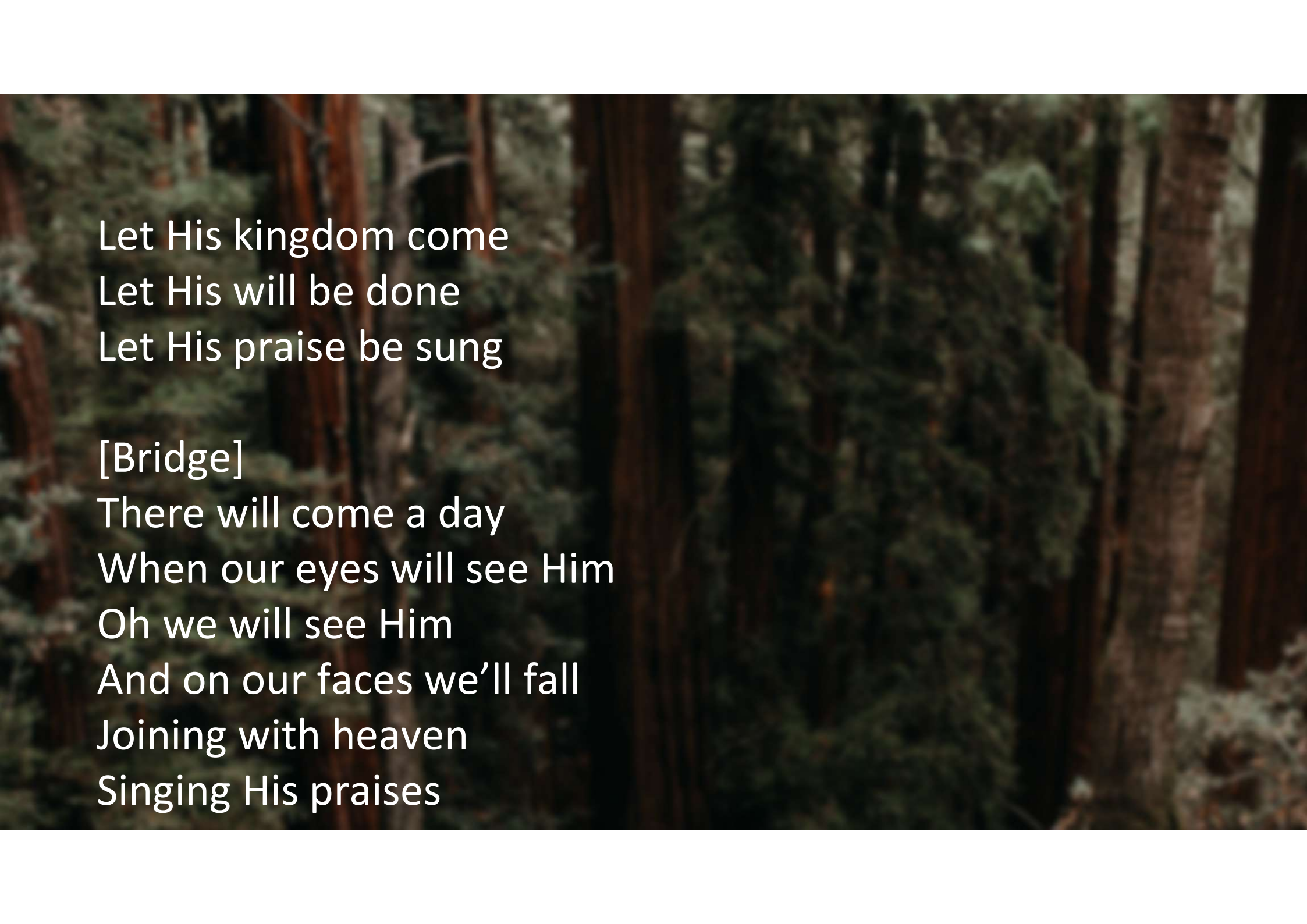




Every knee will bow  
Every tongue cry out  
The praises of our God  
Christ the Lord

[Verse 3]  
Give Him glory now  
For Christ our God has overcome  
Give Him glory now  
For all that He has done for us





Let His kingdom come  
Let His will be done  
Let His praise be sung

[Bridge]  
There will come a day  
When our eyes will see Him  
Oh we will see Him  
And on our faces we'll fall  
Joining with heaven  
Singing His praises