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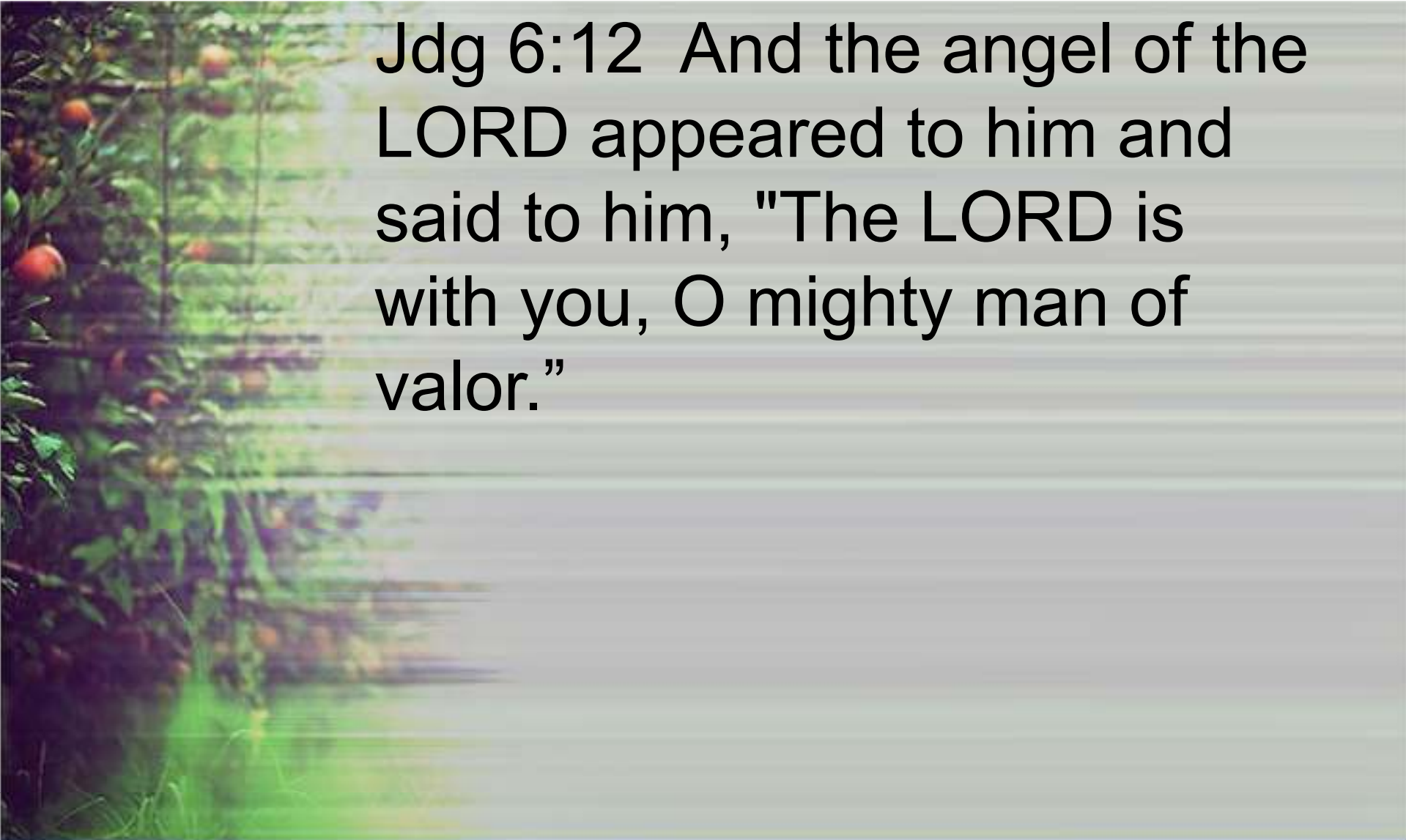
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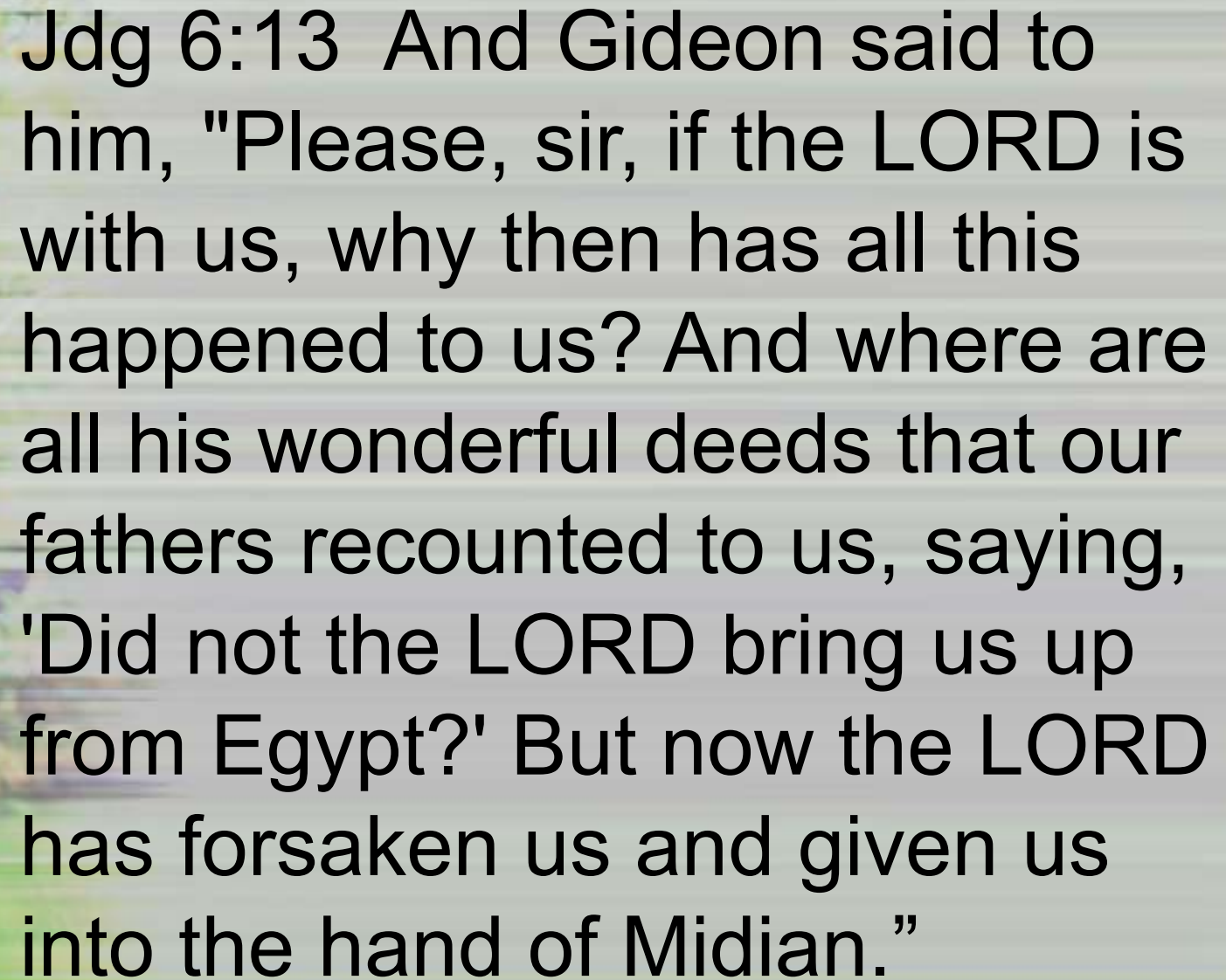
Jdg 6:11 Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites.

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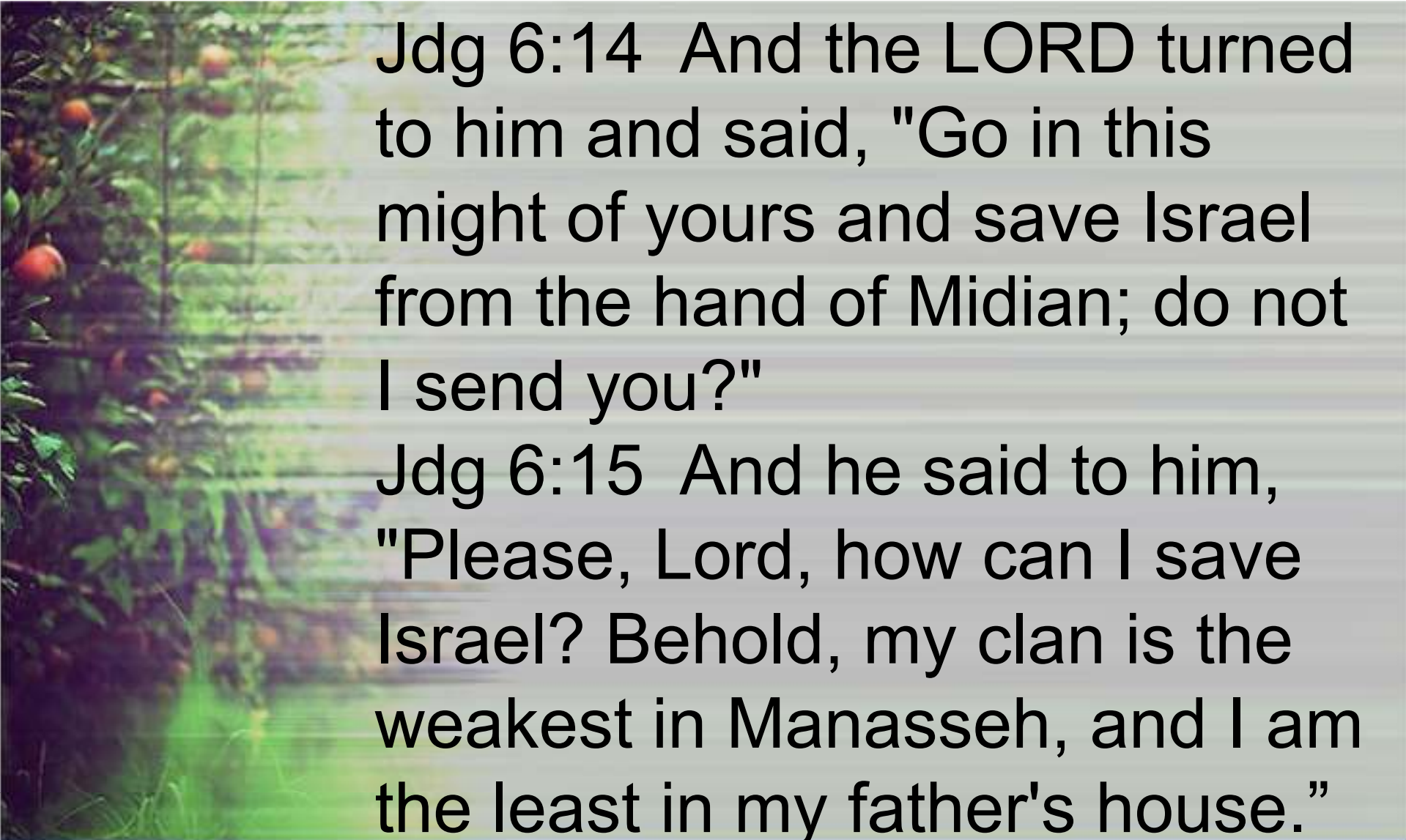
Jdg 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor."

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Jdg 6:13 And Gideon said to him, "Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian."


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Jdg 6:14 And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

Jdg 6:15 And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

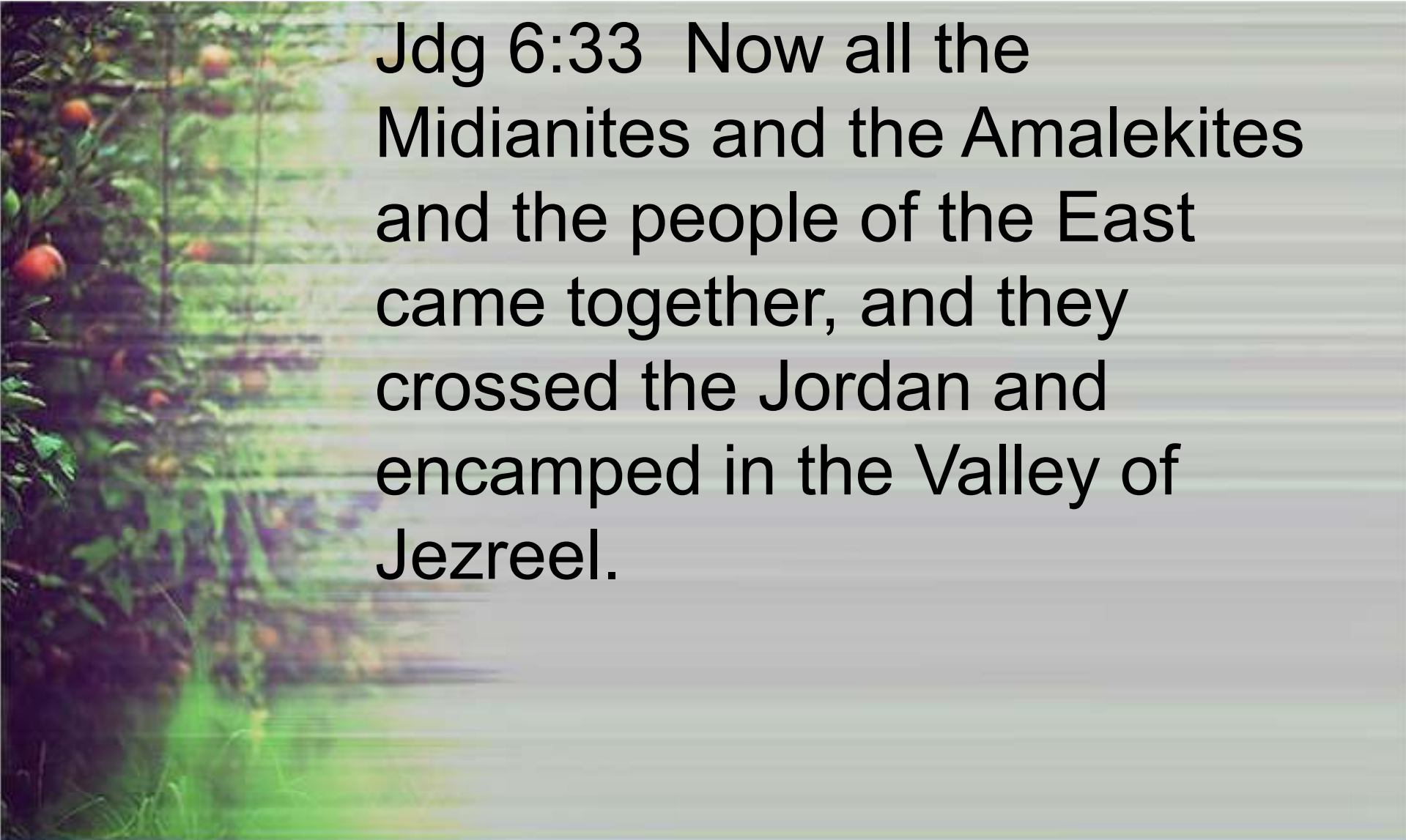
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Jdg 6:16 And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man."

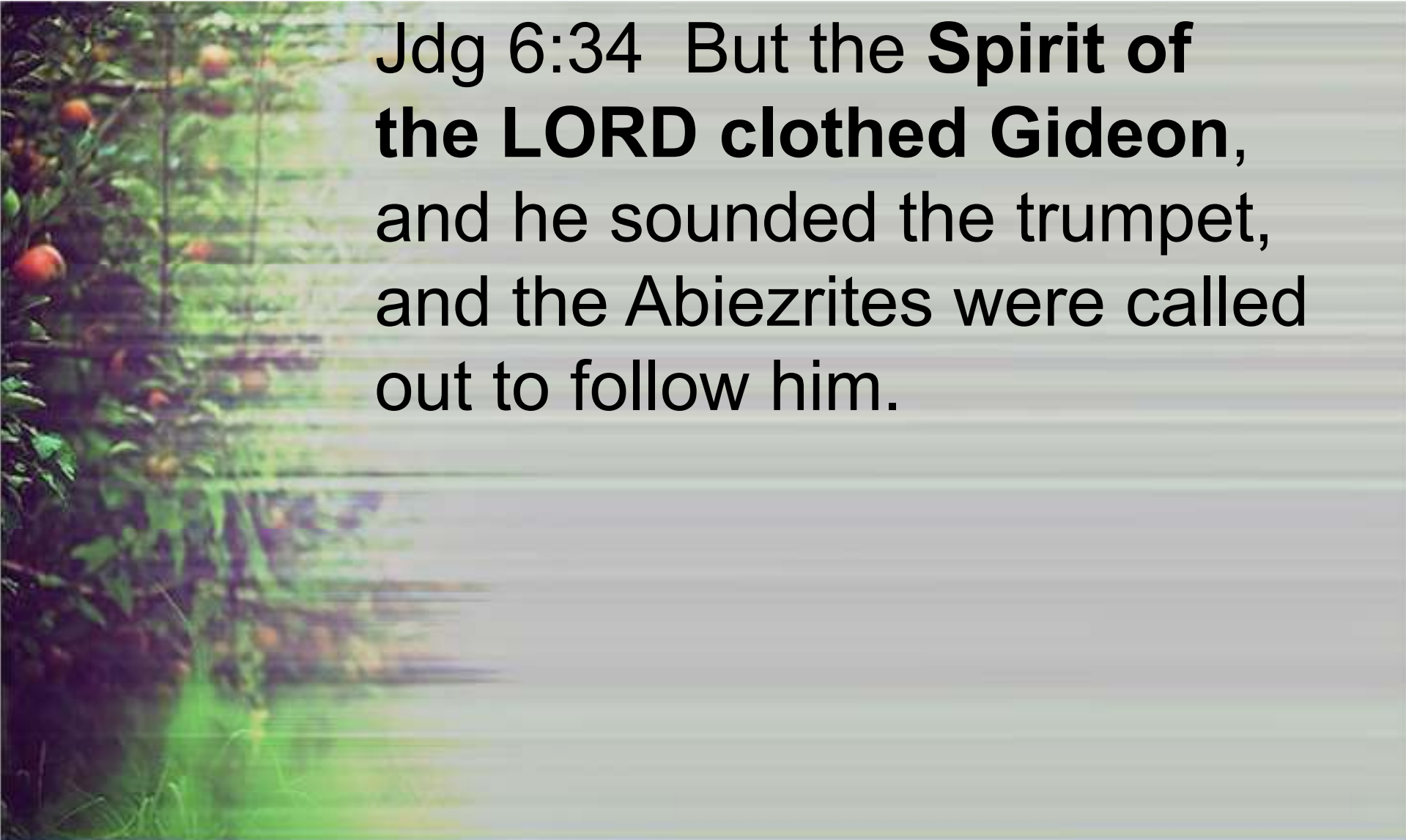
Jdg 6:17 And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me."

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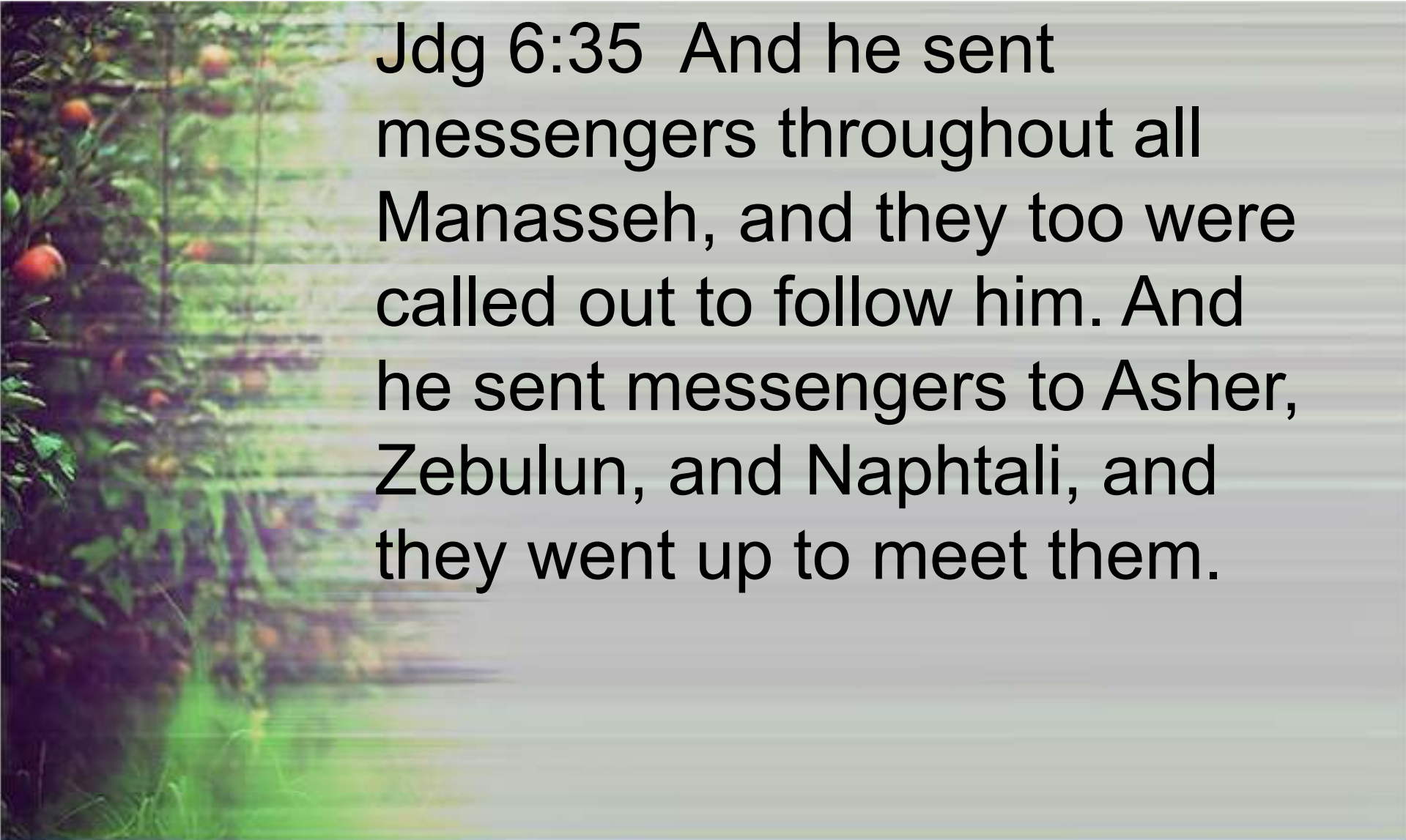
Jdg 6:33 Now all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel.

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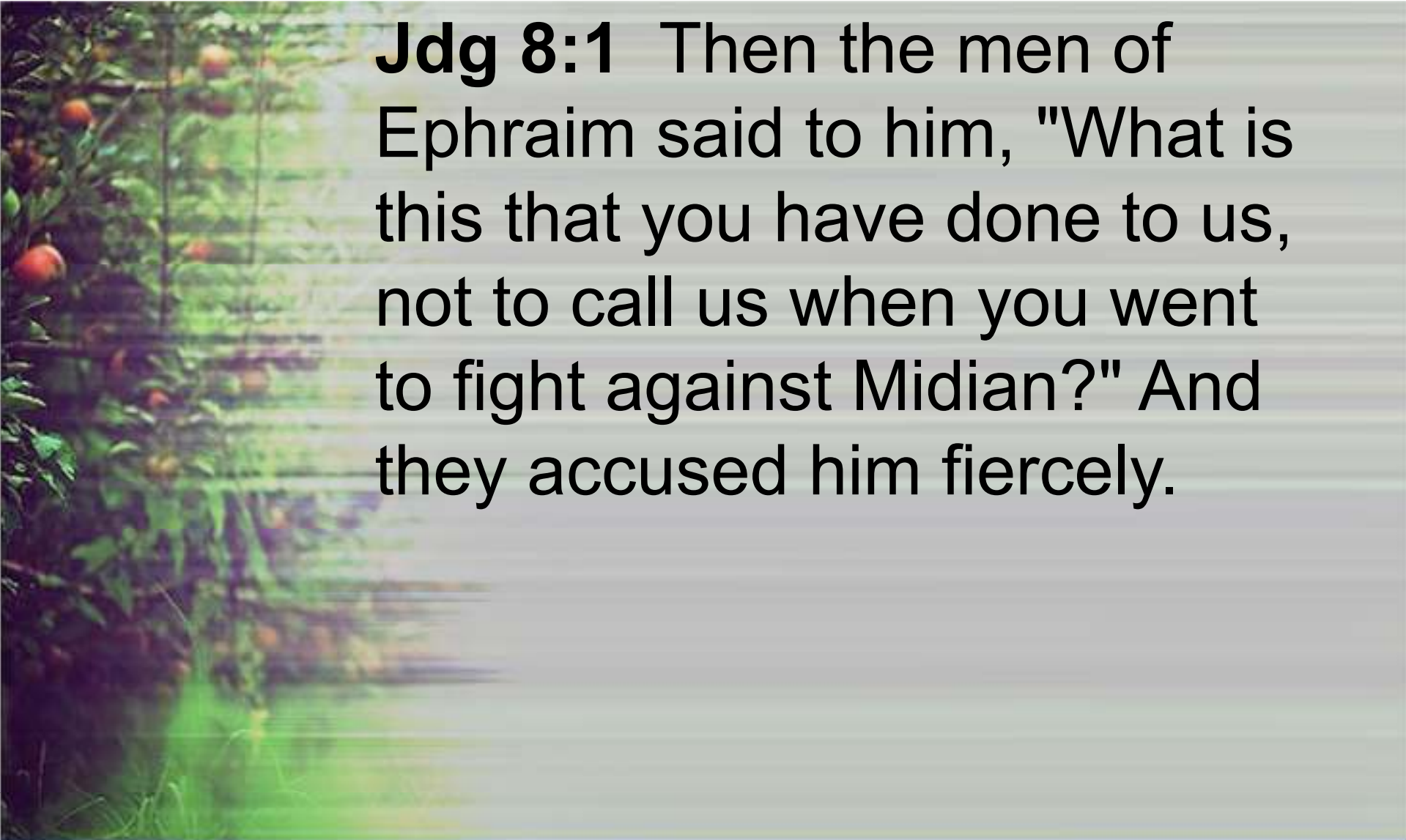
Jdg 6:34 But the **Spirit of the LORD** clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him.

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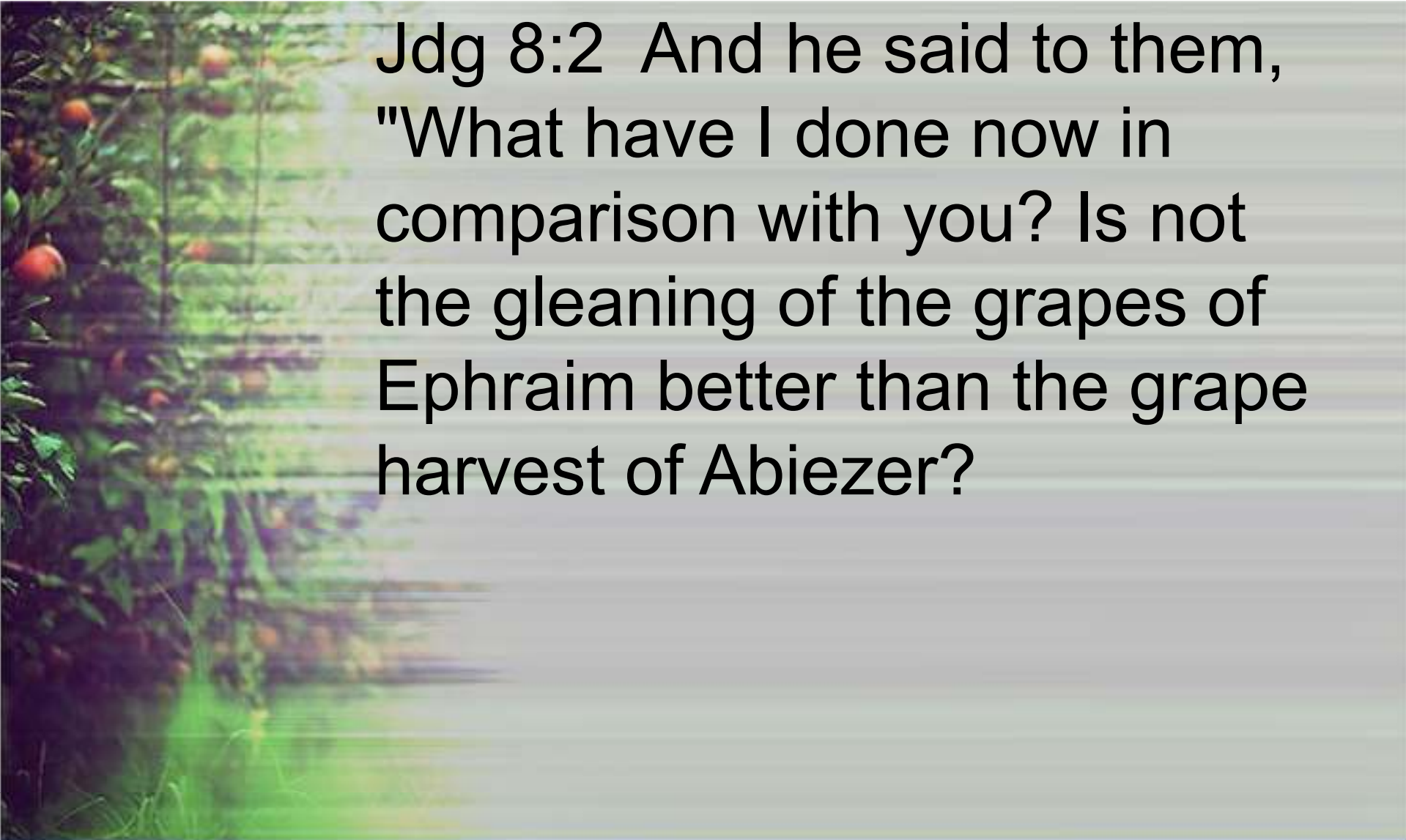
Jdg 6:35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

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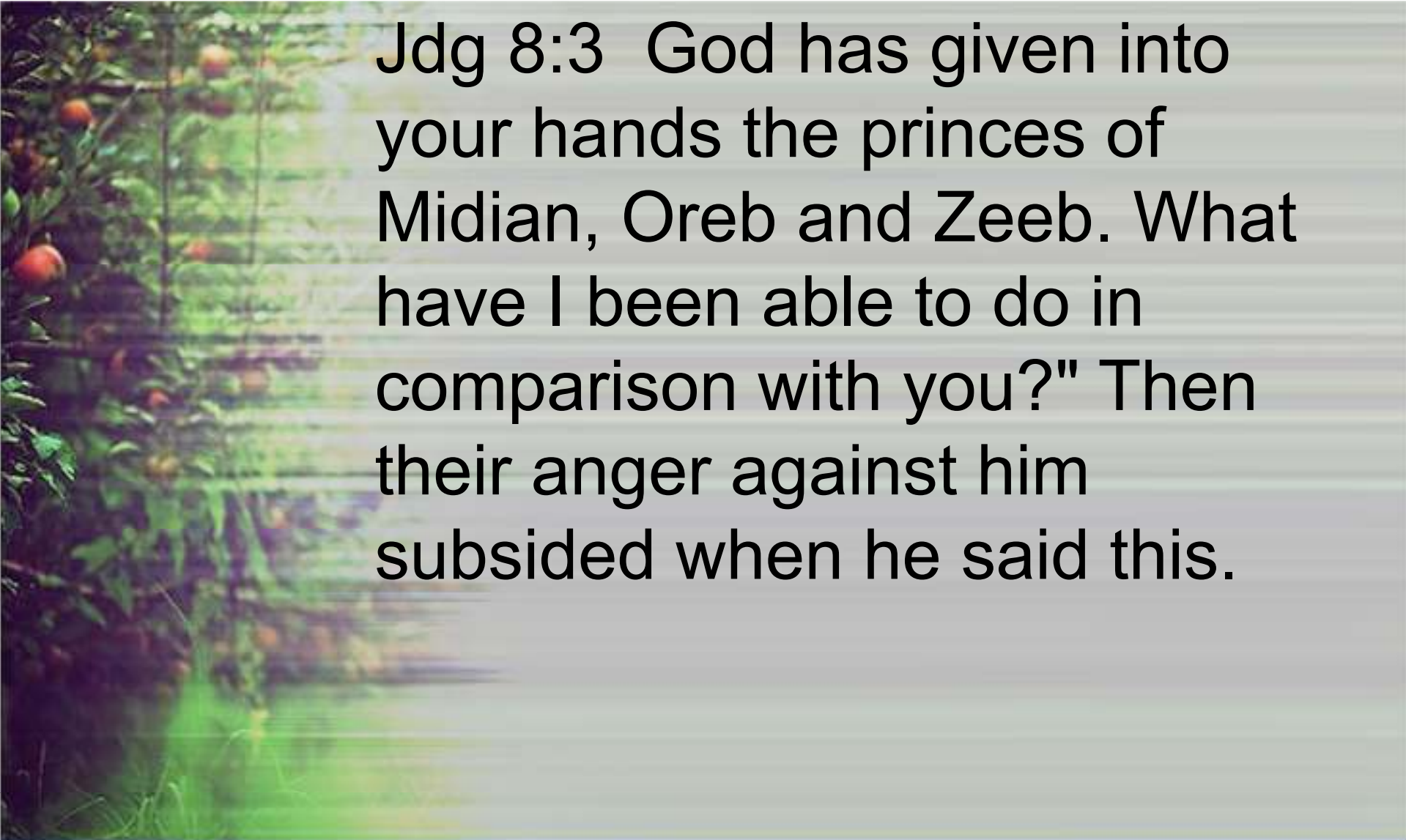
Jdg 8:1 Then the men of Ephraim said to him, "What is this that you have done to us, not to call us when you went to fight against Midian?" And they accused him fiercely.

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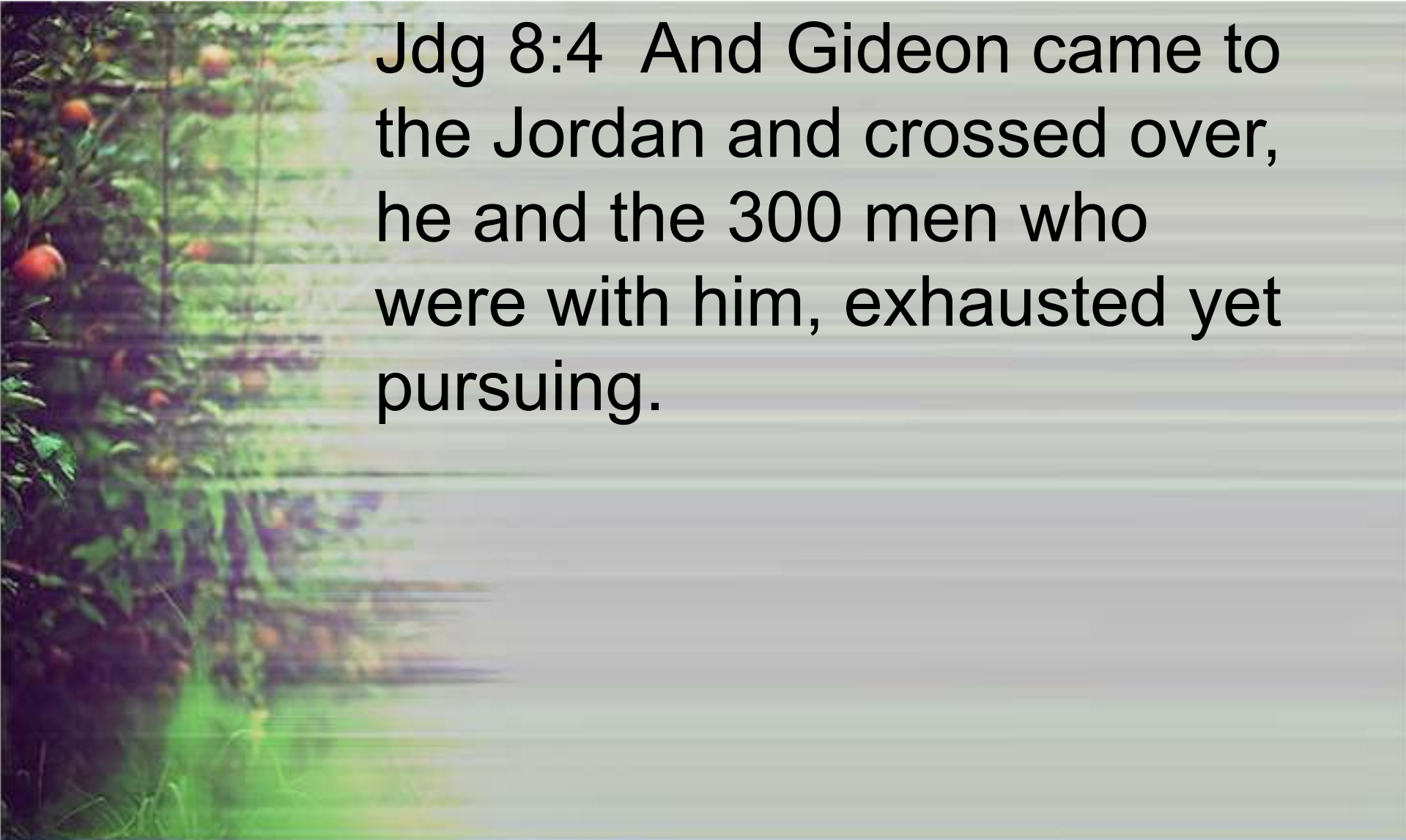
Jdg 8:2 And he said to them,
"What have I done now in
comparison with you? Is not
the gleaning of the grapes of
Ephraim better than the grape
harvest of Abiezer?"

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Jdg 8:3 God has given into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. What have I been able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger against him subsided when he said this.

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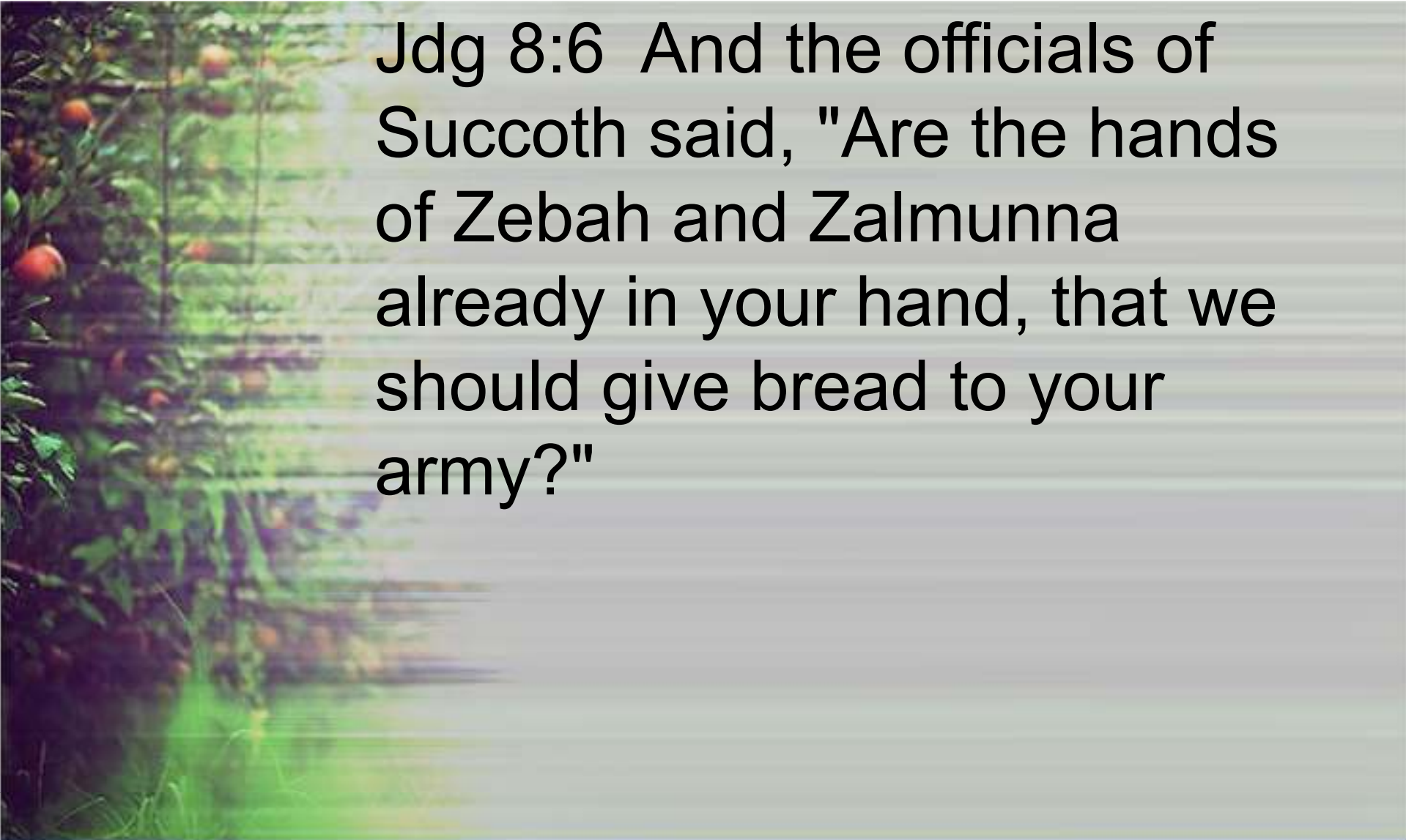
Jdg 8:4 And Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and the 300 men who were with him, exhausted yet pursuing.

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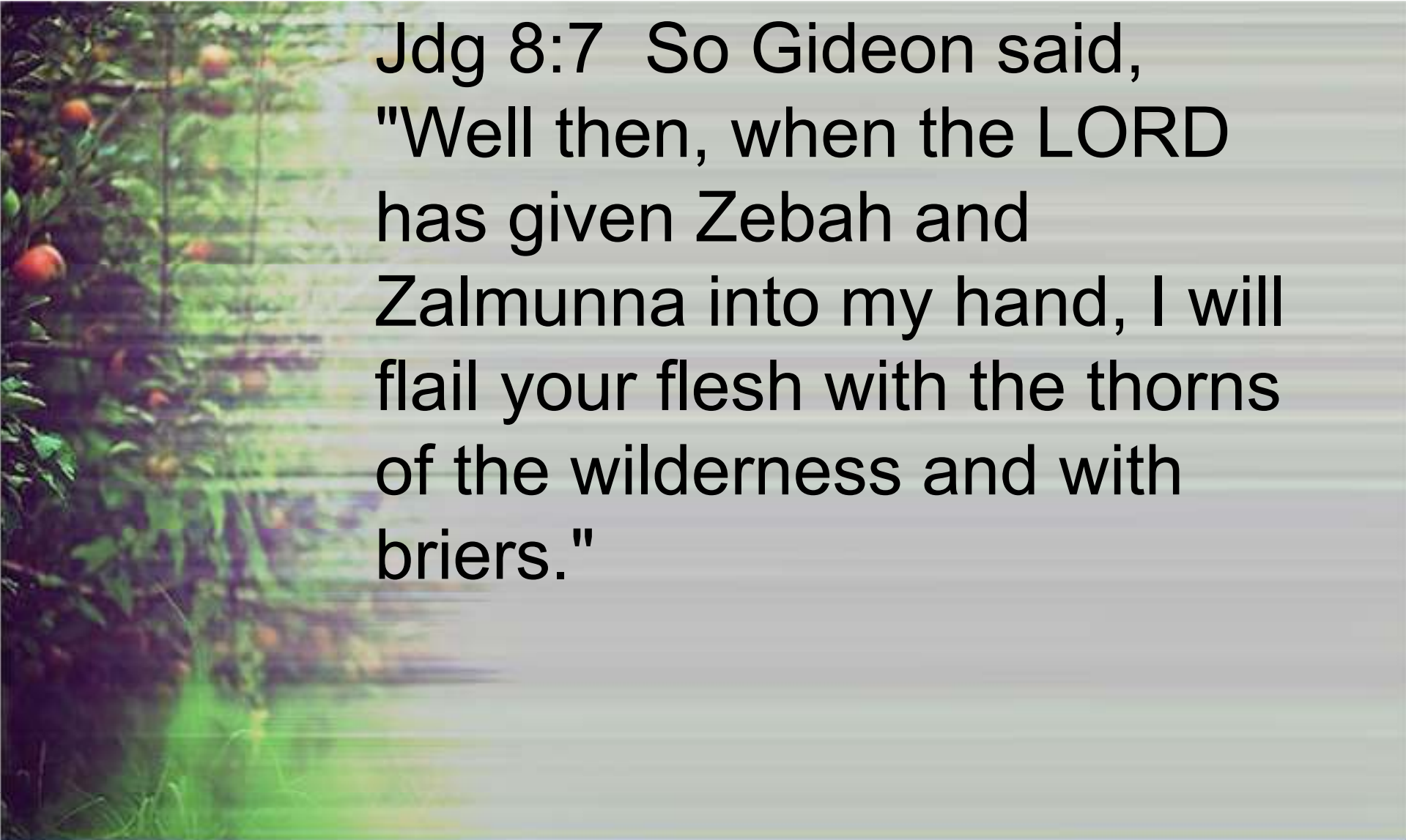
Jdg 8:5 So he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."

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Jdg 8:6 And the officials of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?"

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Jdg 8:7 So Gideon said,
"Well then, when the LORD
has given Zebah and
Zalmunna into my hand, I will
flail your flesh with the thorns
of the wilderness and with
briers."

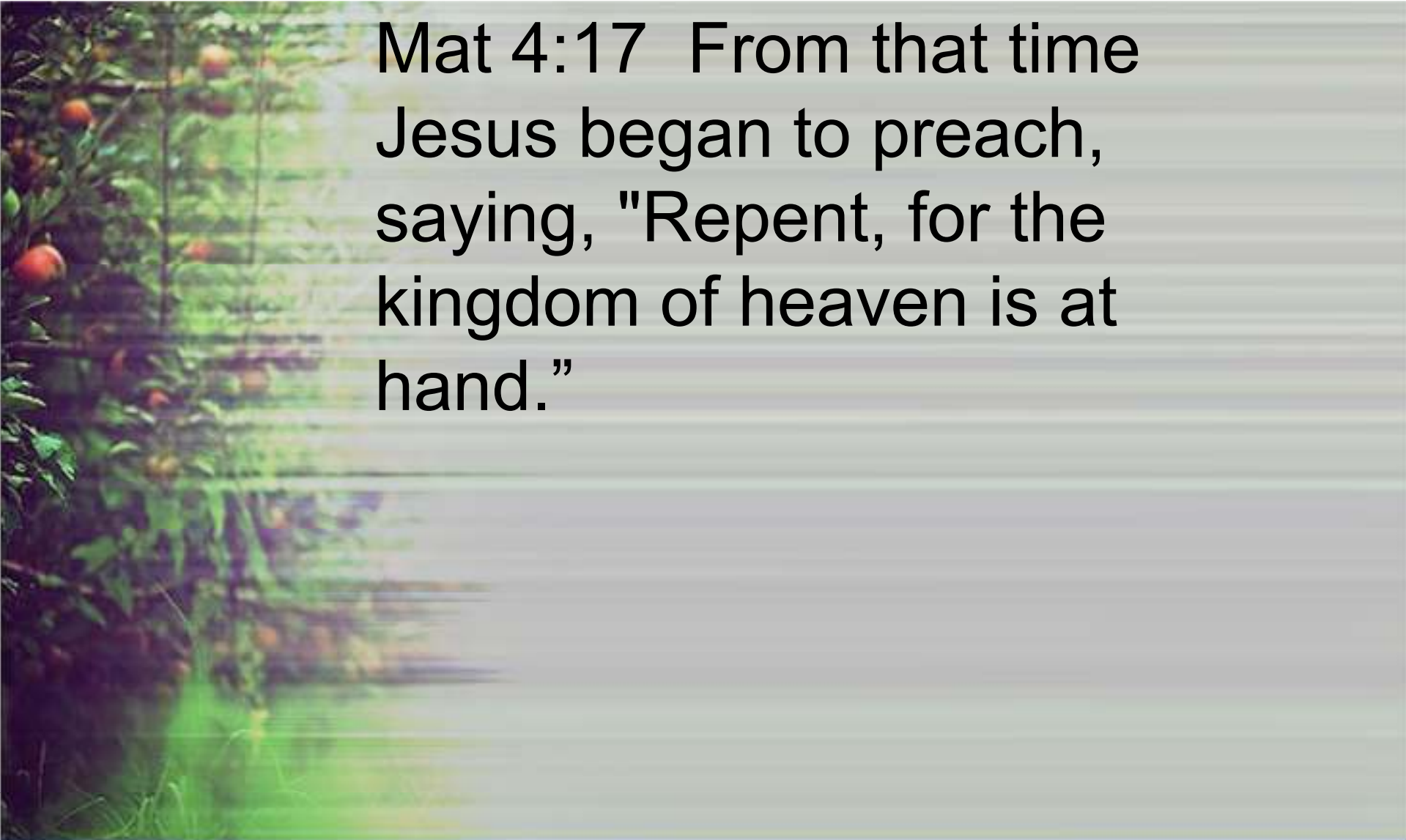
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Jdg 8:22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us from the hand of Midian."

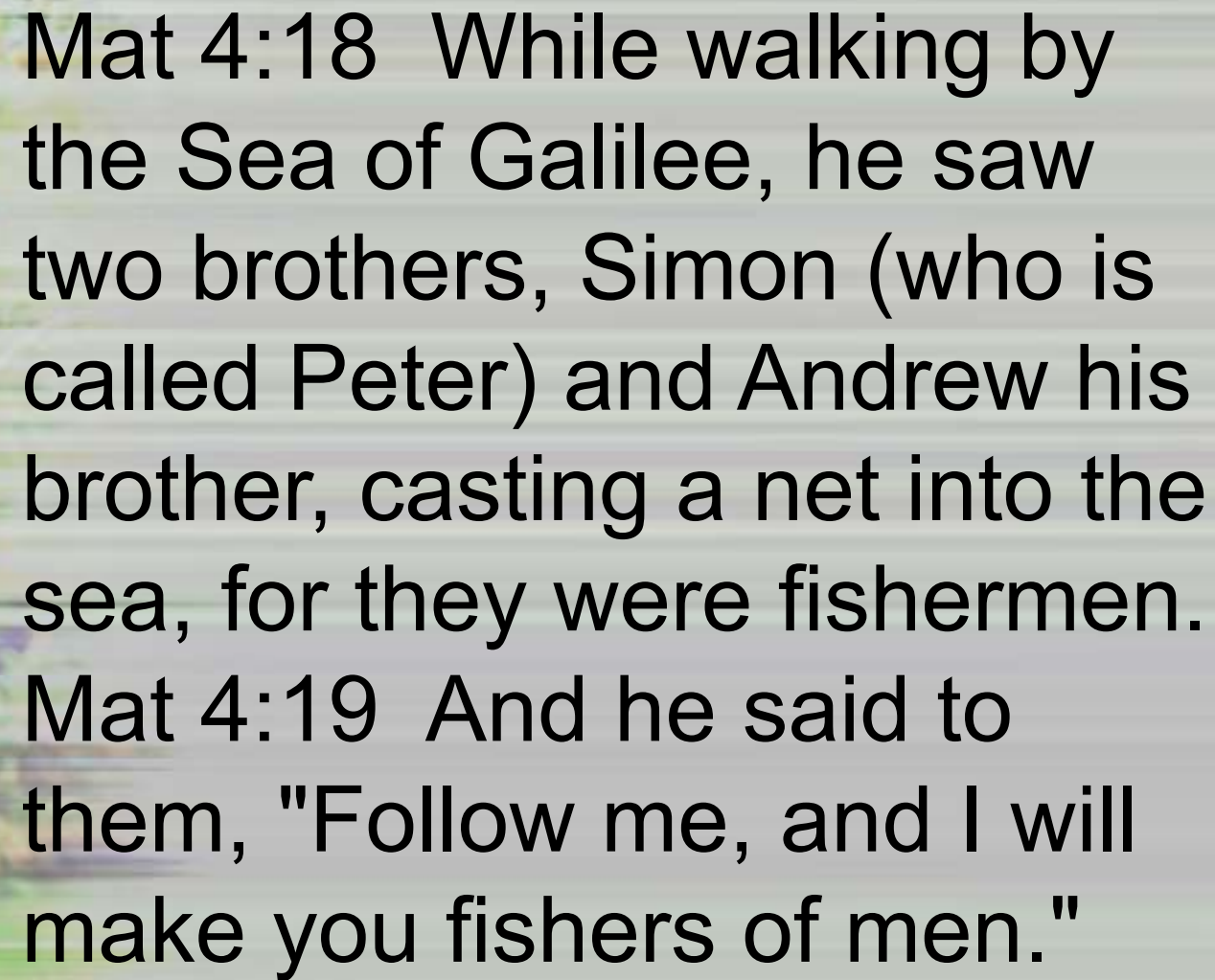
Jdg 8:23 Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the LORD will rule over you."

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Mat 4:17 From that time
Jesus began to preach,
saying, "Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at
hand."

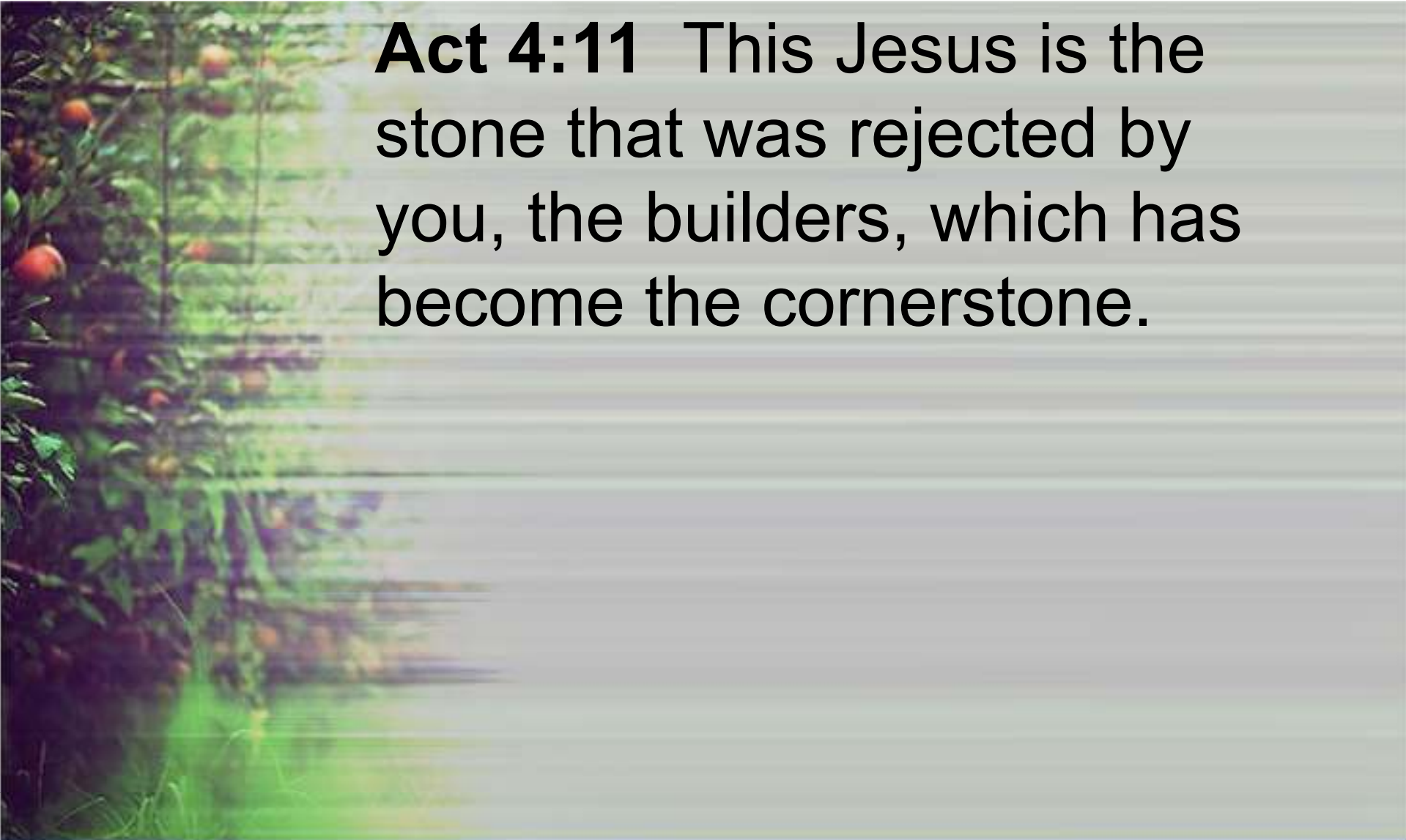
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Mat 4:18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

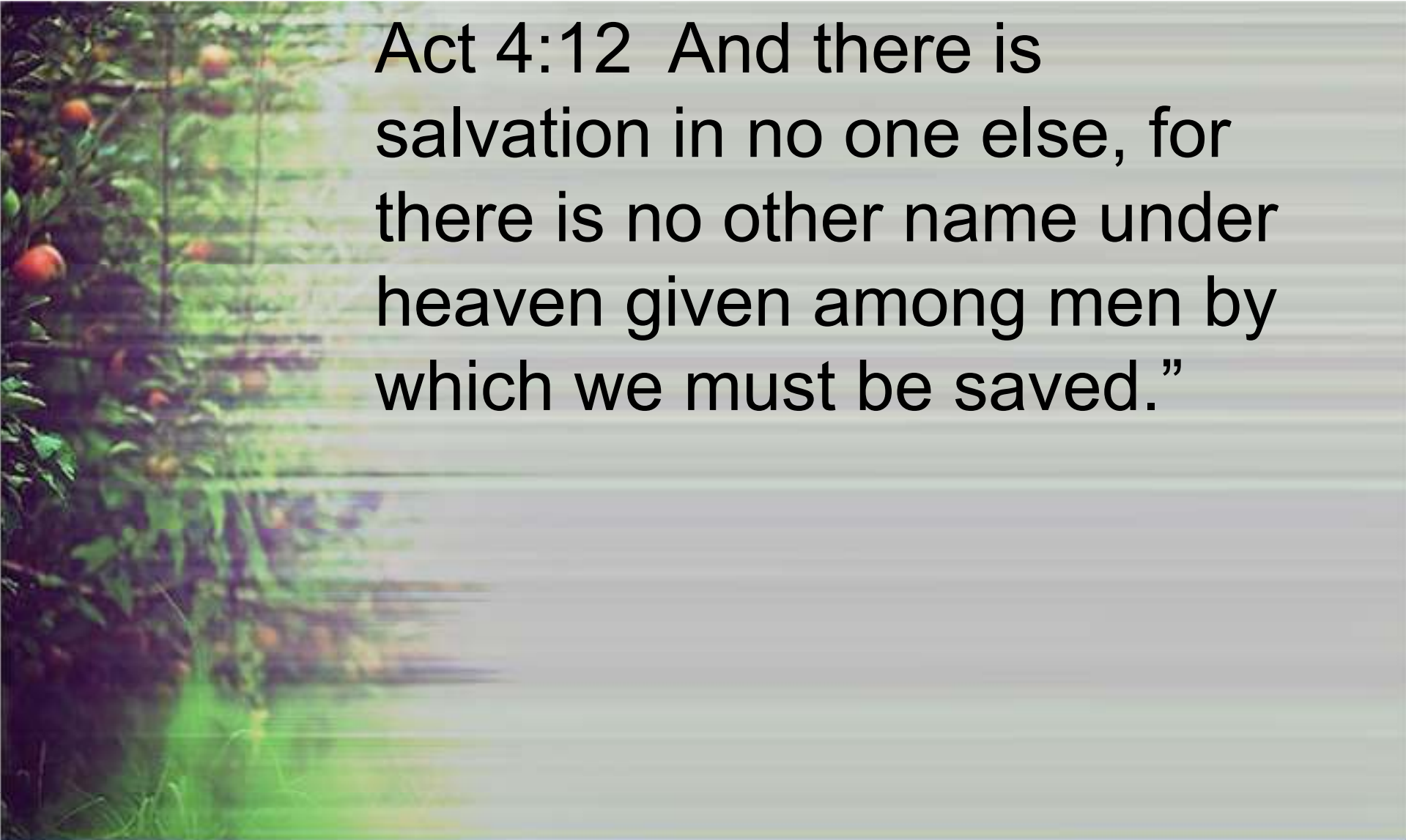
Mat 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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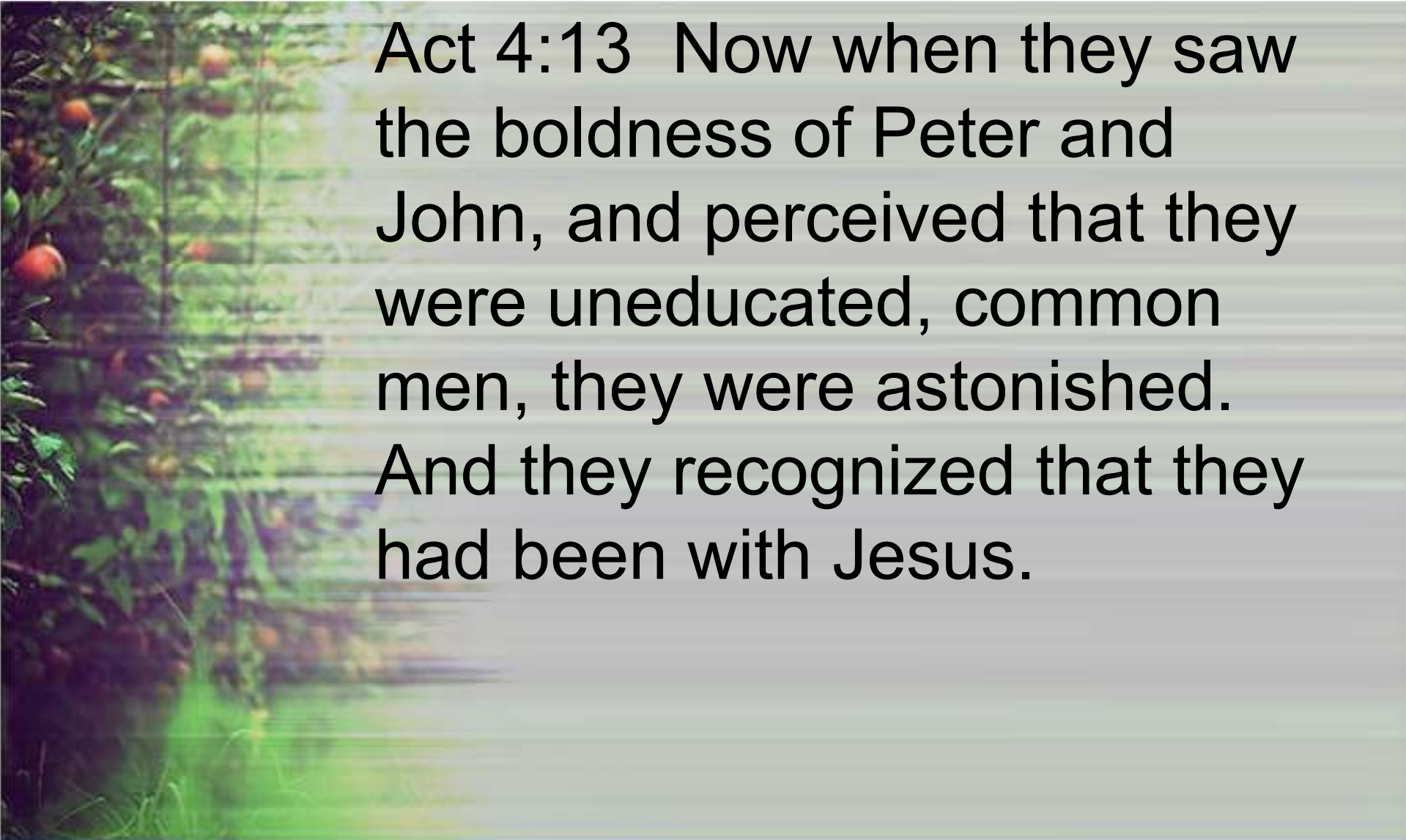
Act 4:11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

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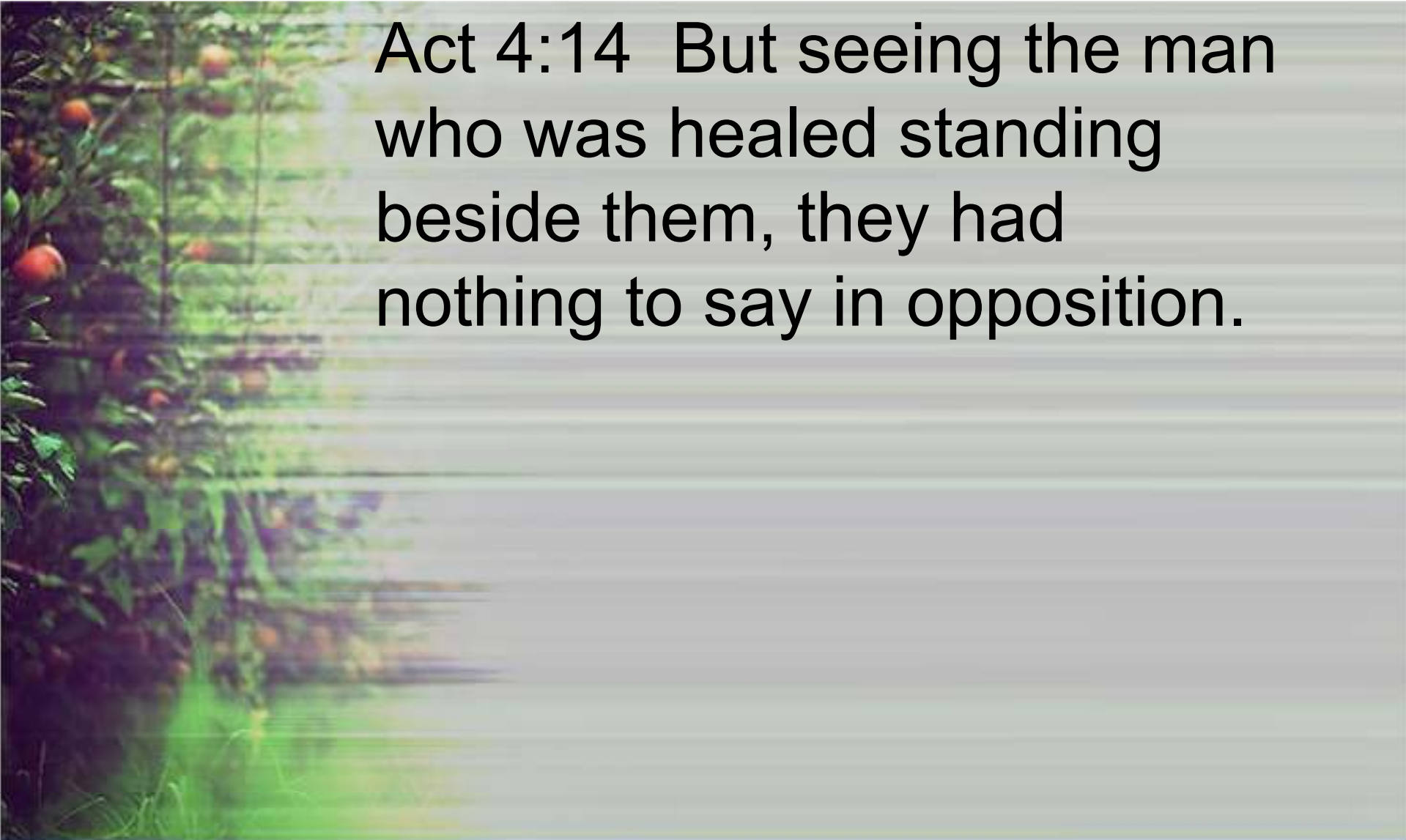
Act 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

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Act 4:14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

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