
The Risen Dead



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Embracing the death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ in our lives

KEY AREAS OF GROWTH

Prayer - speaking to God, and speaking forth His truth in the spirit

Worship - knowing God's character and daily expressing that beyond song

Community - being together and being there for one another as a spiritual family

Giving - serving with time, gifts, finances

Witnessing - speaking about who God is to the world around us

IN ORDER TO GROW

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

John 12:24 NKJV

WE NEED TO DIE

IN ORDER TO GO

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Matthew 16:24 NKJV

WE NEED TO PICK UP OUR CROSSES

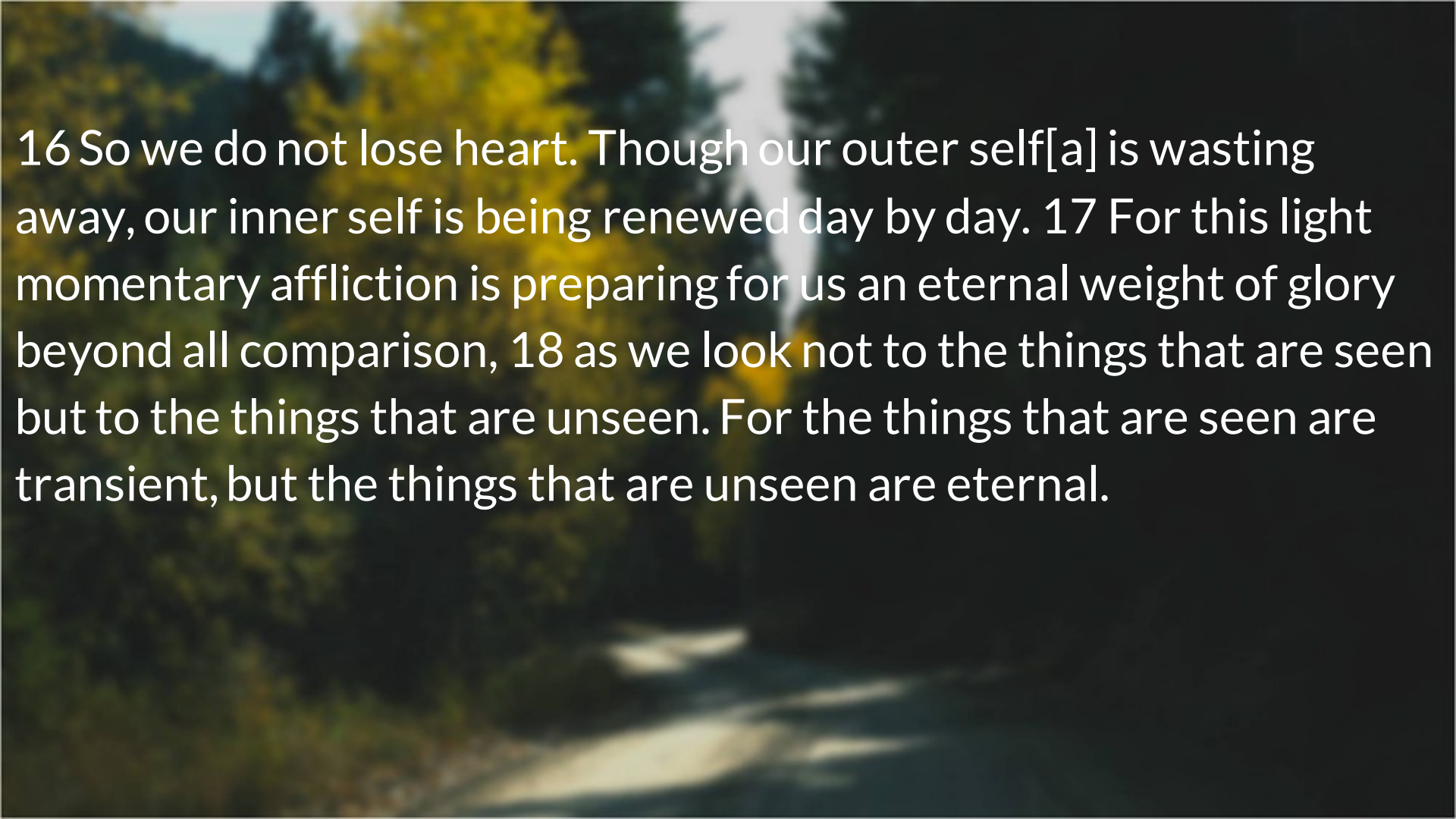
EMBRACE TRIBULATION:

Philippians 3:10-11 NKJV

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

2 Corinthians 4:8-11, 14, 16-18 English Standard Version (ESV)

8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.



16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self[a] is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



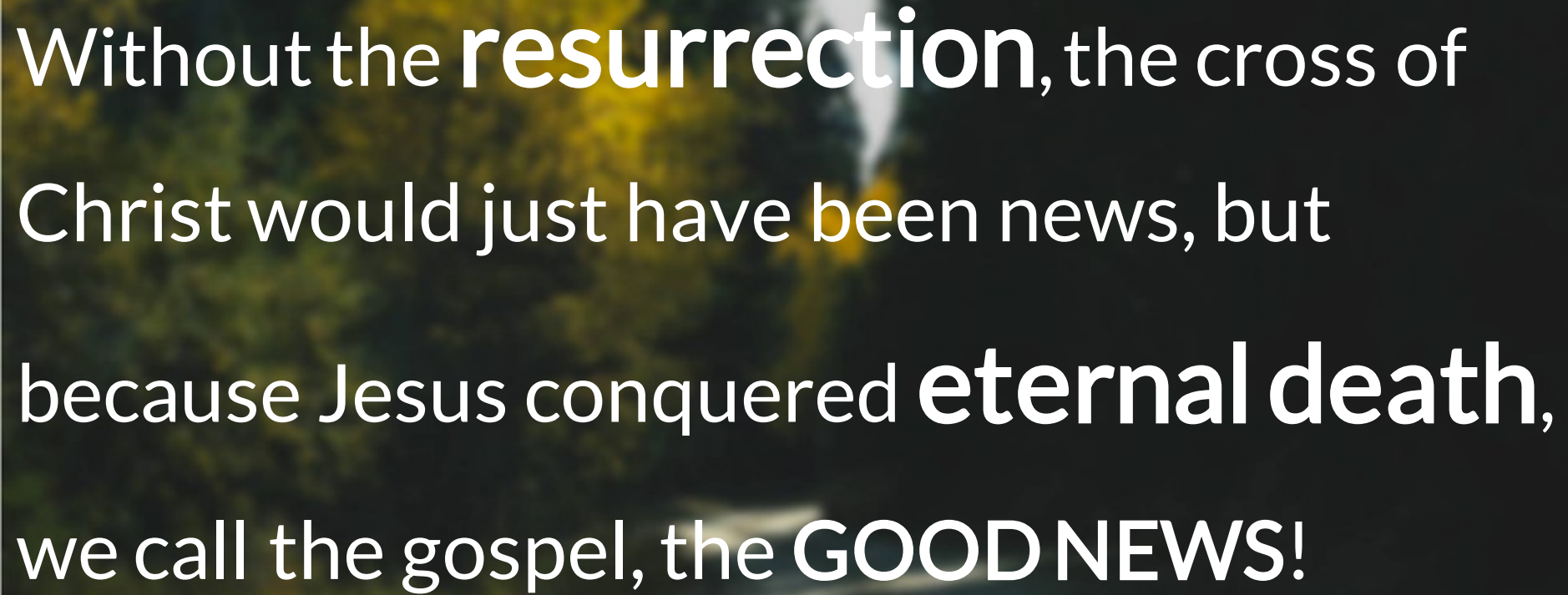
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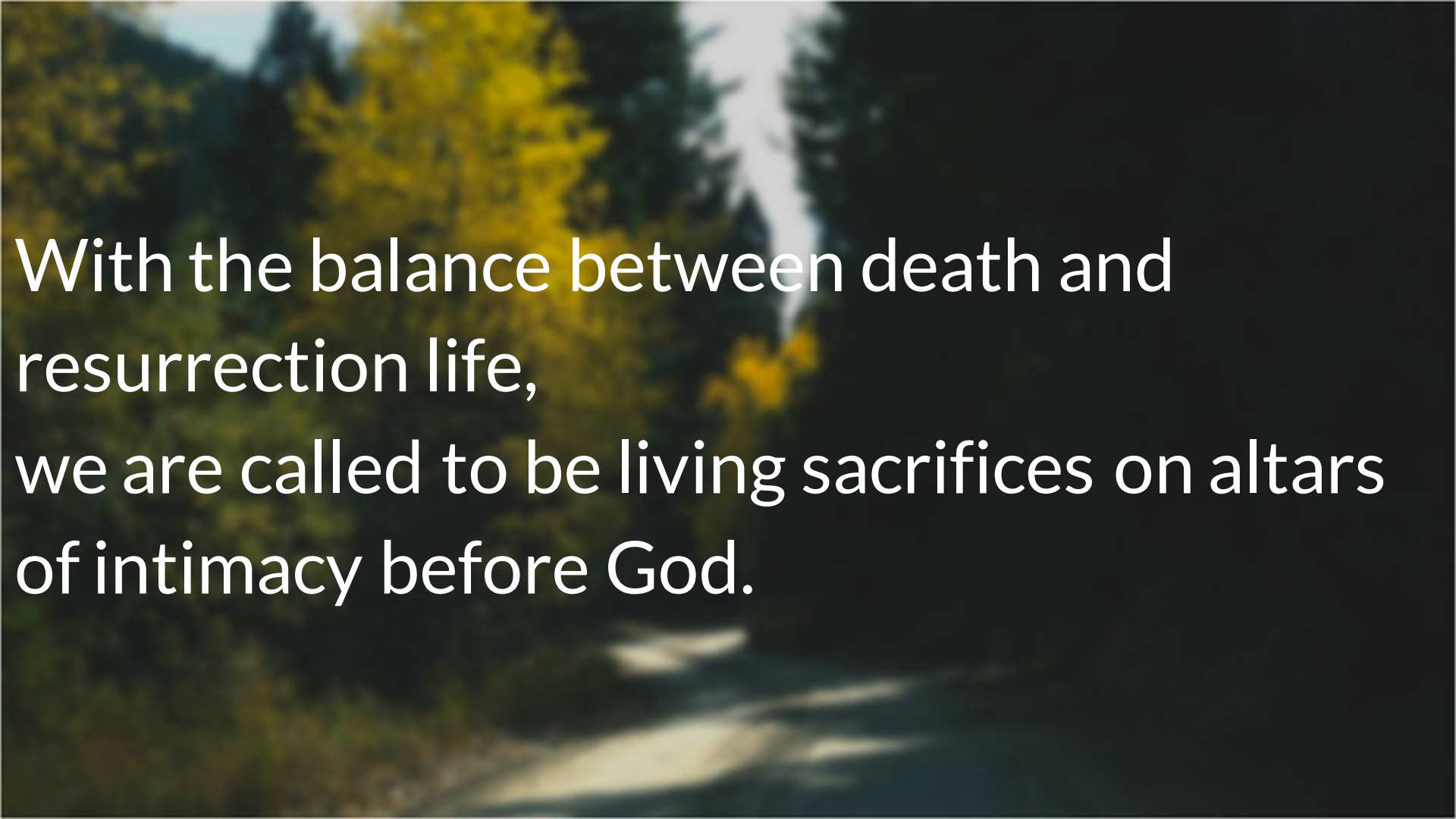
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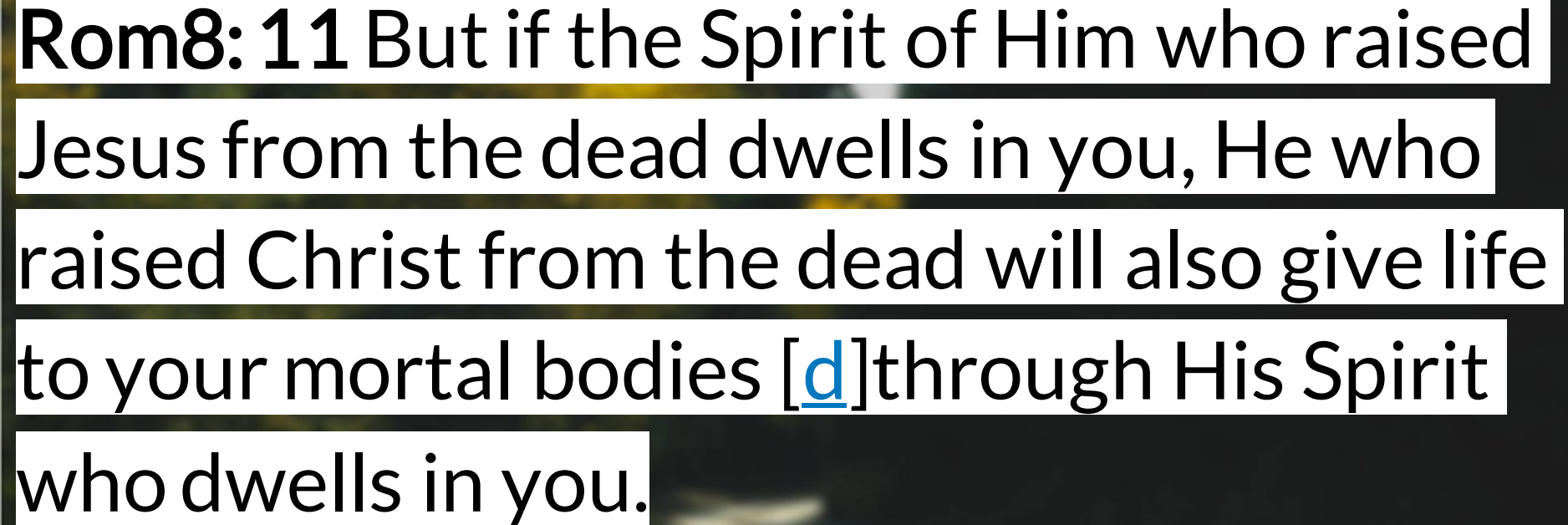
again!



Without the **resurrection**, the cross of Christ would just have been news, but because Jesus conquered **eternal death**, we call the gospel, the **GOOD NEWS!**

A blurred background image of a forest path. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the path. The colors are muted greens and yellows, suggesting an autumn or late summer setting. The path leads into the distance, flanked by tall trees.

With the balance between death and
resurrection life,
we are called to be living sacrifices on altars
of intimacy before God.



Rom8: 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies [[d](#)]through His Spirit who dwells in you.

REJOICE IN TRIBULATION

Romans 12:12 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

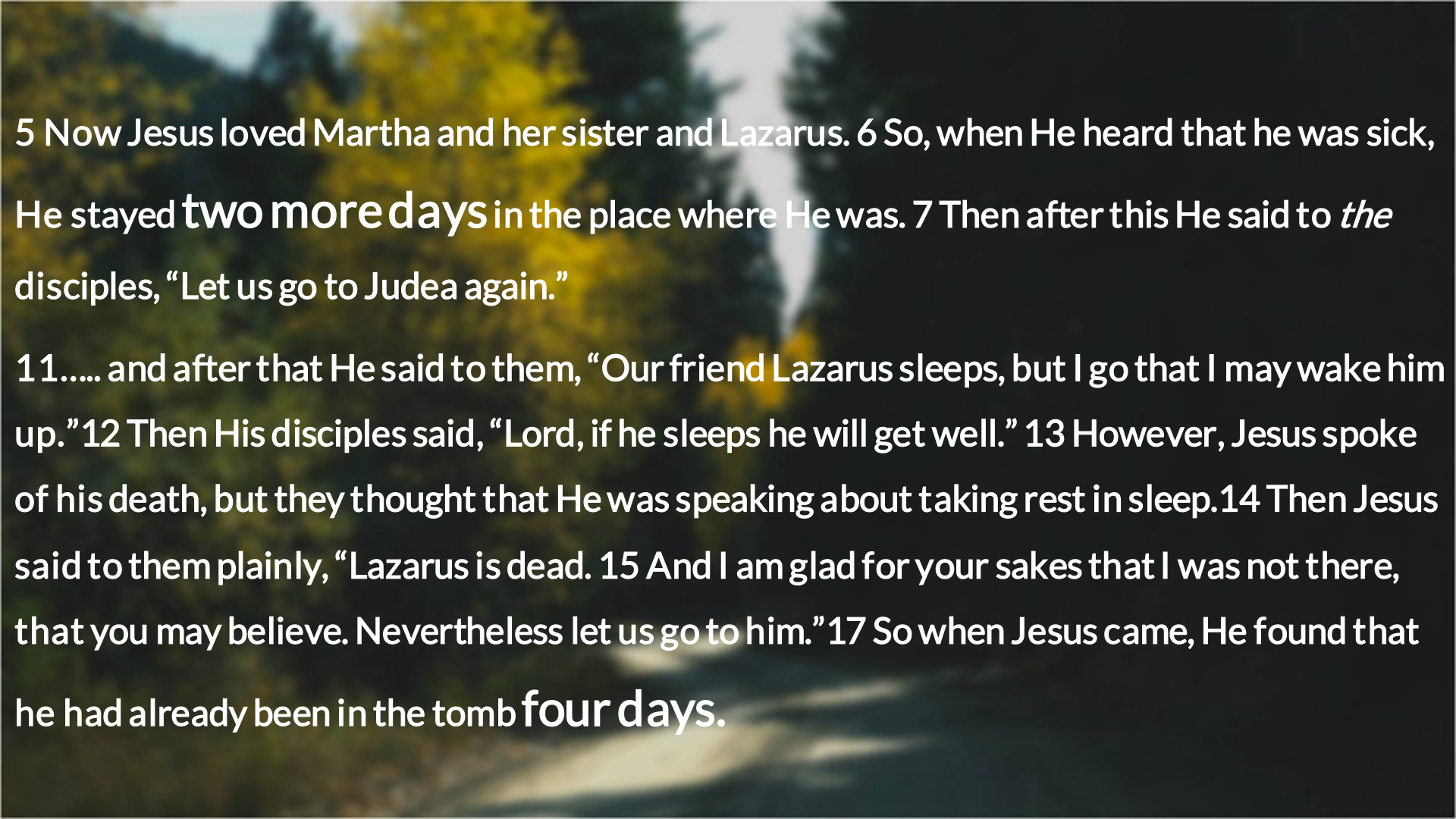
12 Rejoice and exult in hope; be steadfast and patient in suffering and tribulation; be constant in prayer.

John 11 New King James Version (NKJV)

11 Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. 3 Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

4 When Jesus heard *that*, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

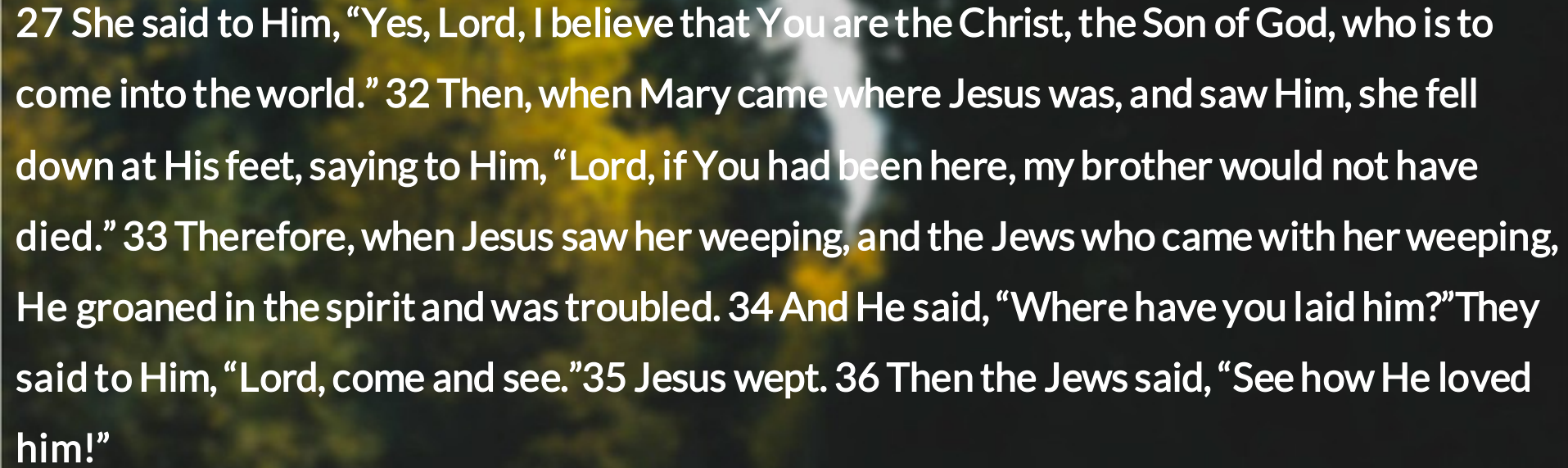


5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed **two more days** in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He said to *the* disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

11.... and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.” 12 Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” 13 However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.” 17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb **four days**.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Now 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 of 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 at the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

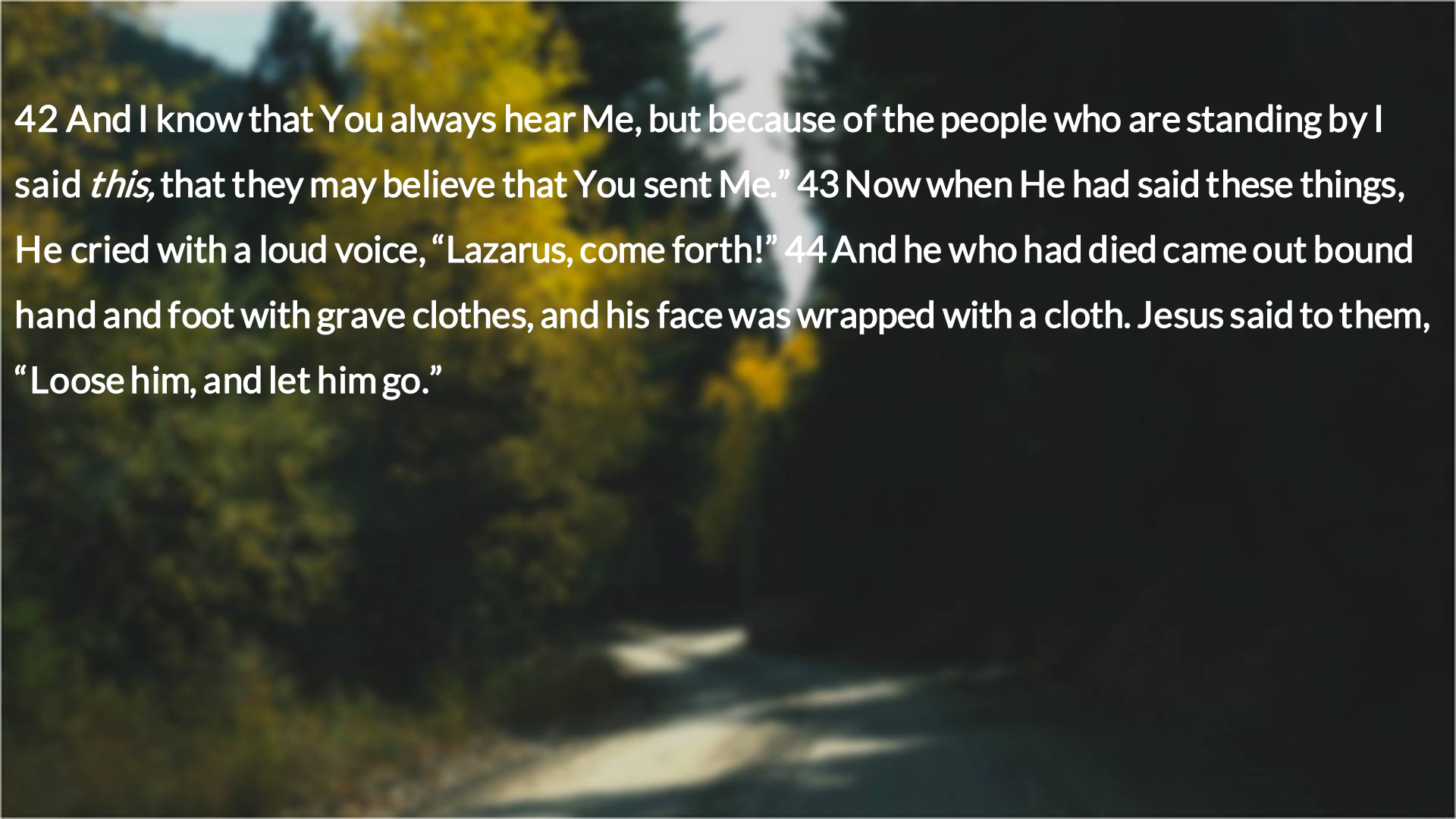


27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” 32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. 34 And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

37 And some of them said, “Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?”

38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" 41 Then they took away the stone [[d](#)] *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.



42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.” 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”