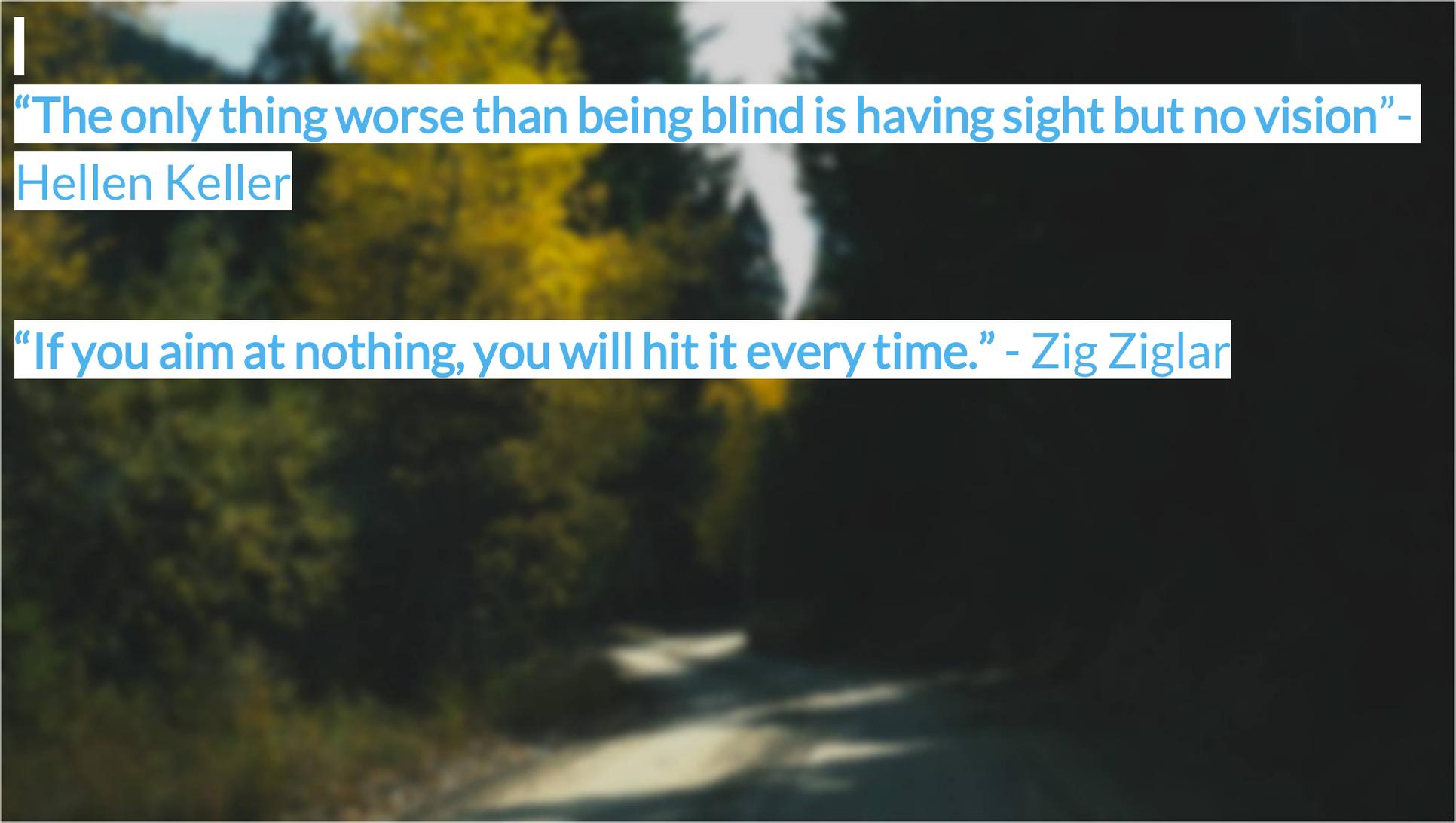




THE MAN WITH FIRE IN HIS EYES

- Regaining vision / sight
- Rekindling passion / fire

Johannes van der Sluys



“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision” -

Hellen Keller

“If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time.” - Zig Ziglar

Luke 18:35-43 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. 36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. 37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, 41 saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.”

42 Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.



Without vision,

we are going nowhere,

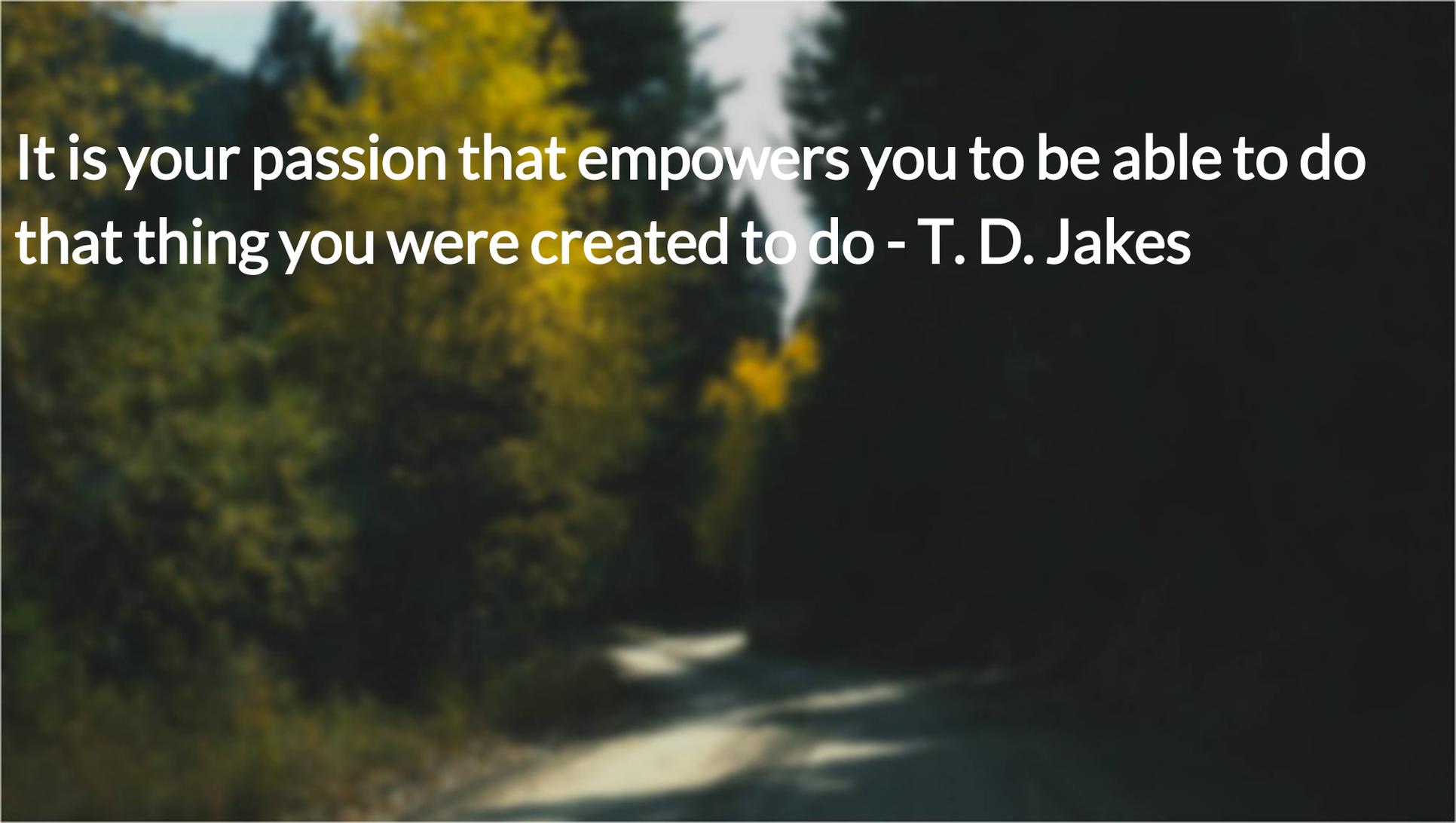
without passion,

we won't get going at all!

If **VISION** is the railway track lining the journey to our destination,

PASSION is the fire in the locomotive that is going to get us there.





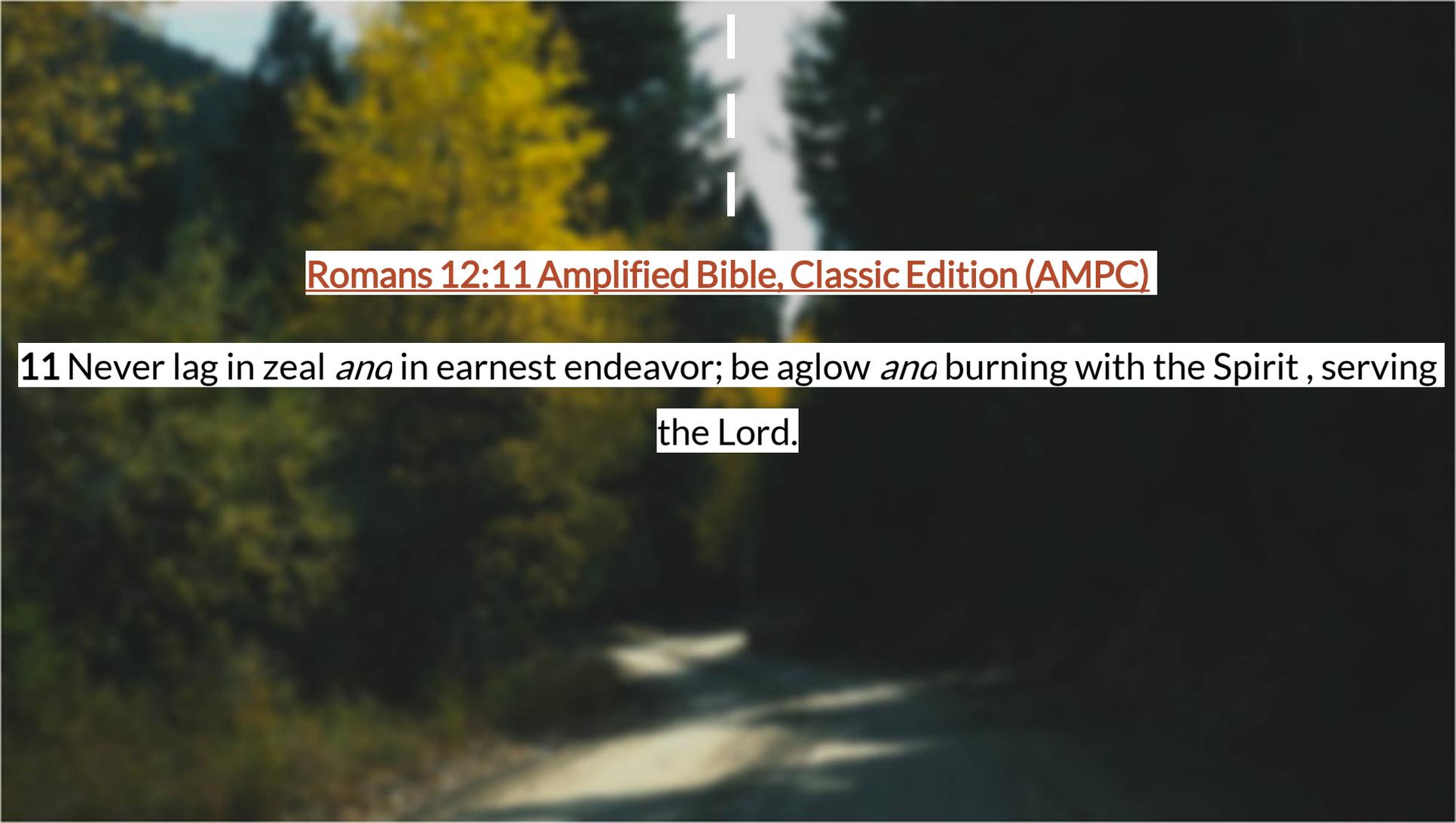
It is your passion that empowers you to be able to do
that thing you were created to do - T. D. Jakes

Revelation 2 New King James Version (NKJV)

To the church of Ephesus 2 “I know your works, your labor, your [b]patience, and that you cannot [c]bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. 4 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

Revelation 3 New King James Version (NKJV)

To the church [j]of the Laodiceans , 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither[k]cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.[l] Therefore be [m]zealous and repent.

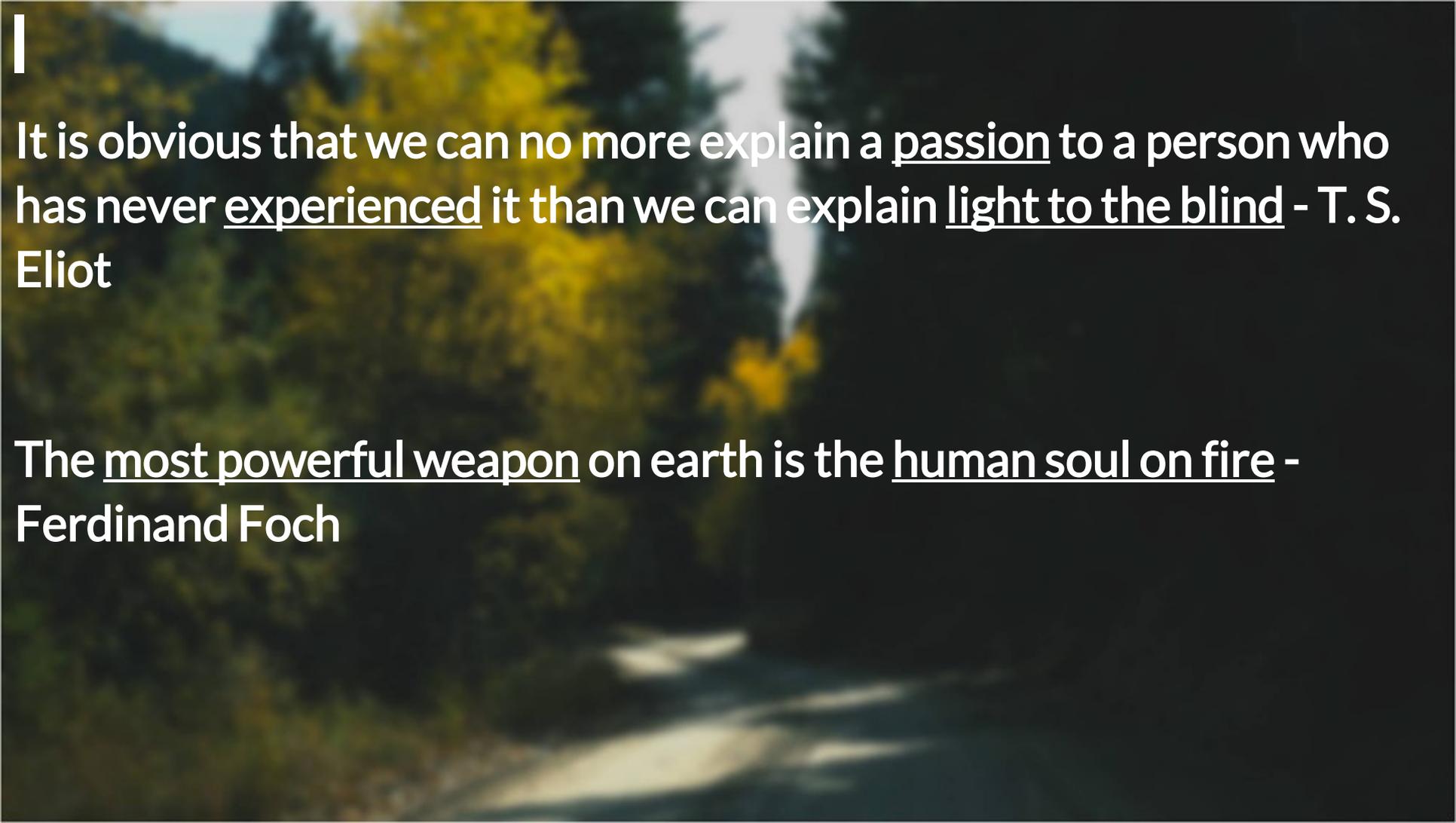


Romans 12:11 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

11 Never lag in zeal *ana* in earnest endeavor; be aglow *ana* burning with the Spirit , serving
the Lord.

Luke 10:27

And he replied, You must love the Lord your God with
ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL
your strength and with ALL your mind; and your
neighbor as yourself



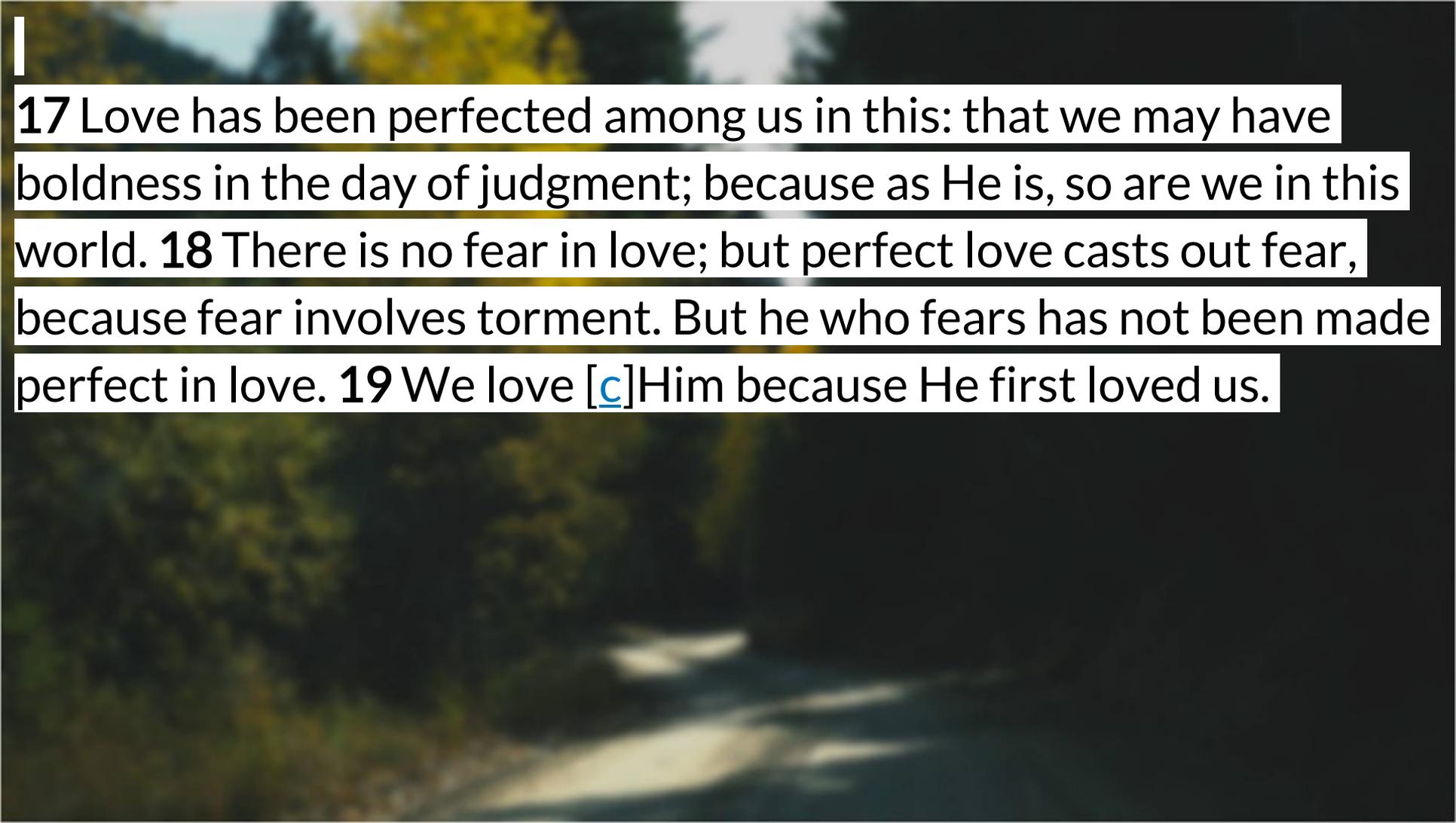
It is obvious that we can no more explain a passion to a person who has never experienced it than we can explain light to the blind - T. S. Eliot

The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire - Ferdinand Foch

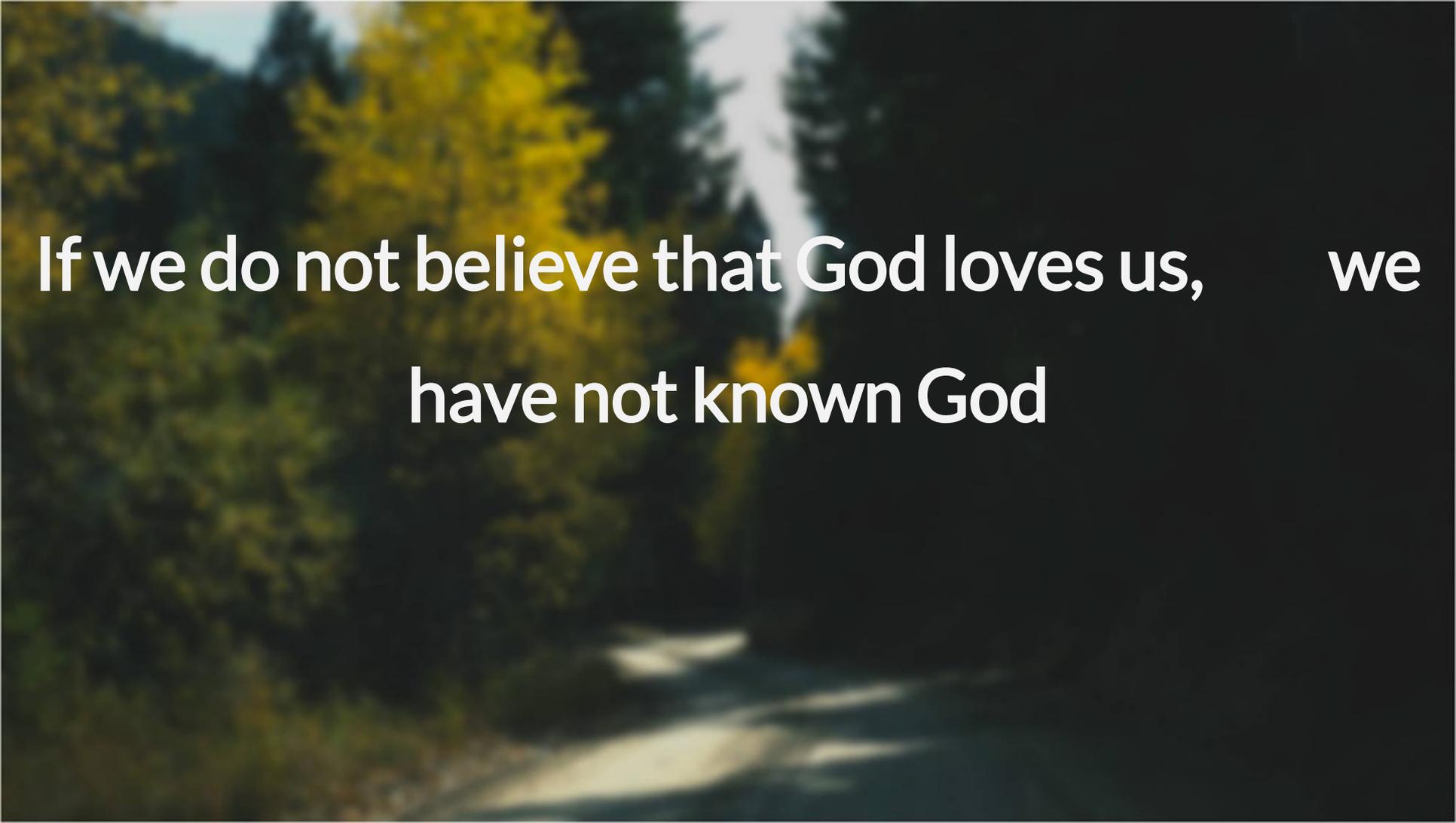
1 John 4

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

(John 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.)



17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **19** We love [\[c\]](#)Him because He first loved us.

A blurred background of a forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The path is a light-colored dirt or gravel trail that winds through a dense forest. Sunlight creates bright, dappled patches on the path and the surrounding foliage, which is mostly green and yellow. The overall scene is soft and out of focus, creating a serene and natural atmosphere.

If we do not believe that God loves us, we
have not known God

Hebrews 13:5 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

b) for He [God] [b]Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you *nor* [c]give you up *nor* leave you without support. [I will] not, [d][I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless *nor* forsake *nor* [e]let [you] down ([f]relax My hold on you)! [[g]Assuredly not!]

Isaiah 54:10

For though the mountains shall depart and the hills be shaken *or* removed, yet My love *ana* kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace *ana* completeness be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 42:3

3 A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench; He will bring forth justice in truth.

Isaiah 40:11

11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd: He will gather the lambs in His arm, He will carry them in His bosom and will gently lead those that have their young.