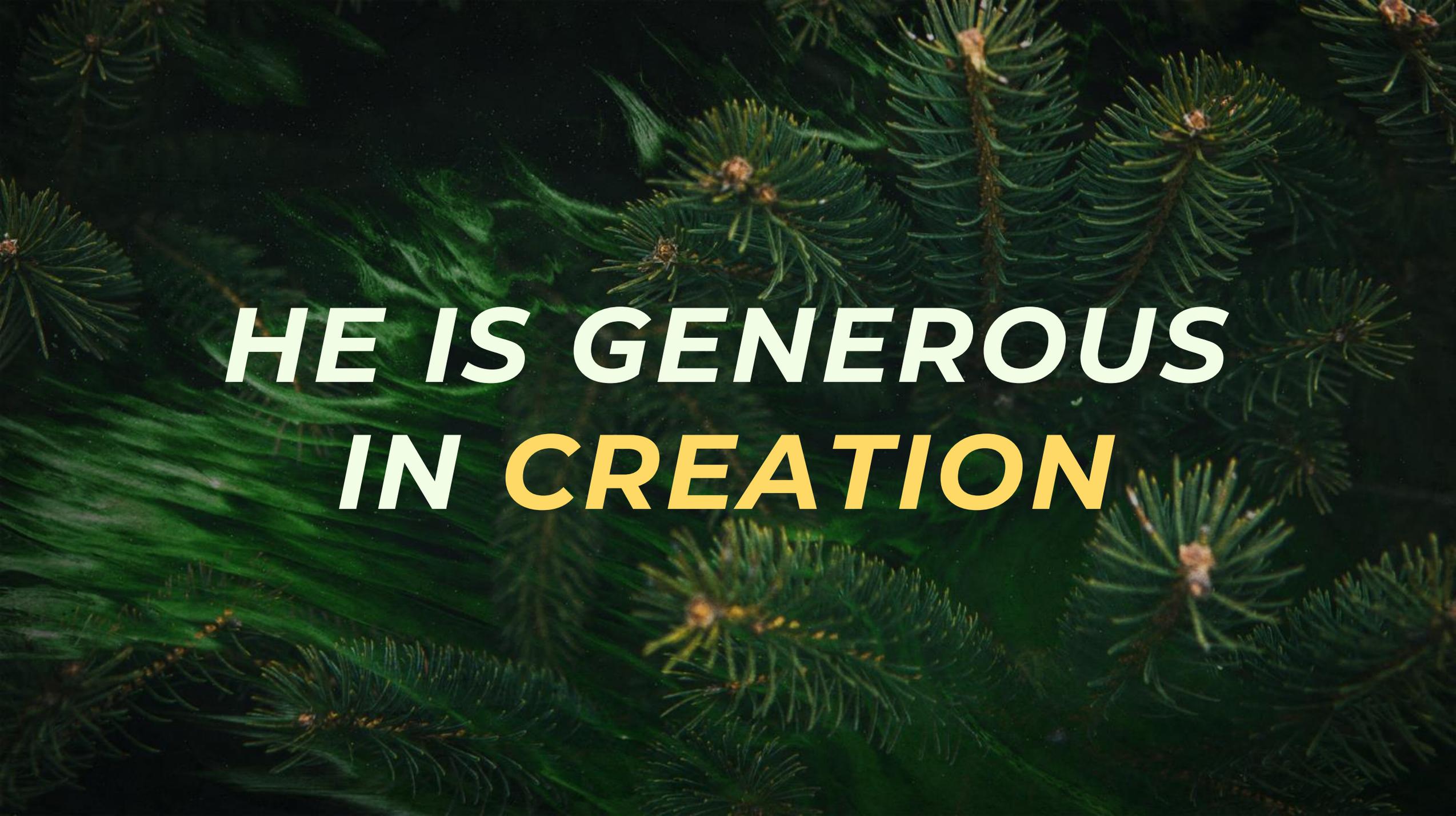




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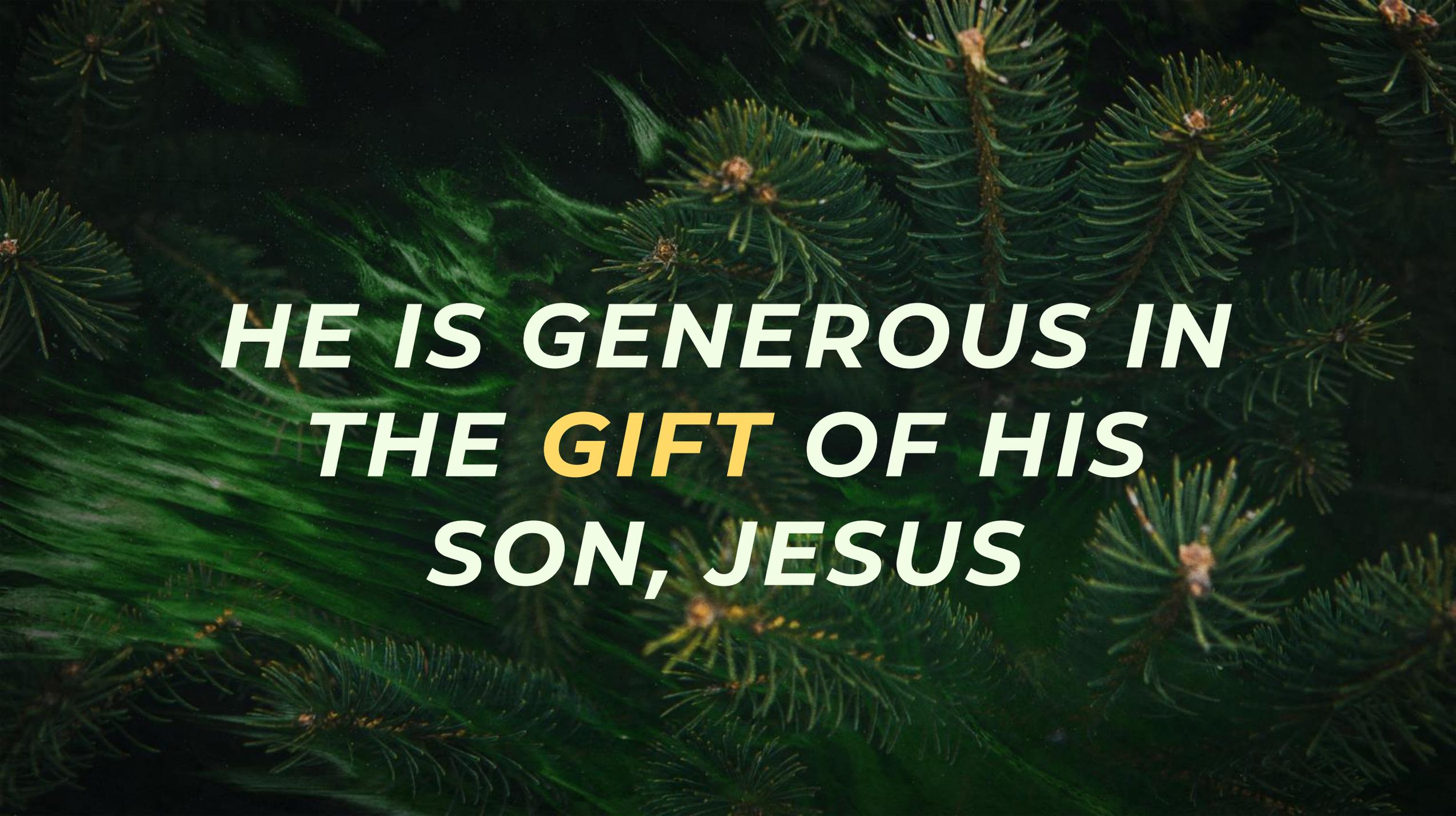
***GOD THE
ULTIMATE GIVER***



***HE IS GENEROUS
IN CREATION***



***HE IS GENEROUS
IN PROVIDENCE***



*HE IS GENEROUS IN
THE **GIFT** OF HIS
SON, JESUS*

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.

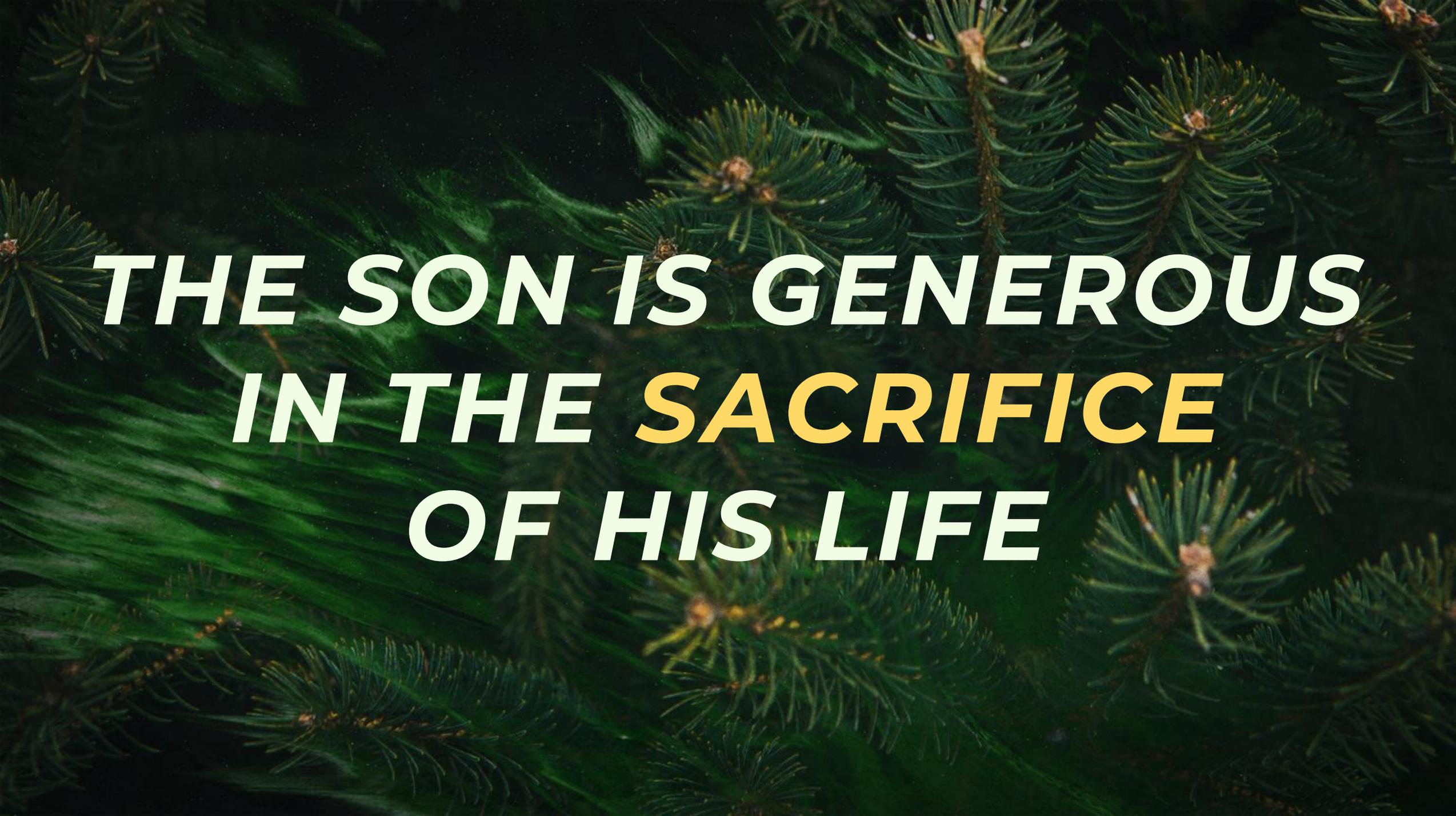
JOHN 3:16

He who did not spare his own
Son, but gave him up for us
all—how will he not also,
along with him, graciously
give us all things?

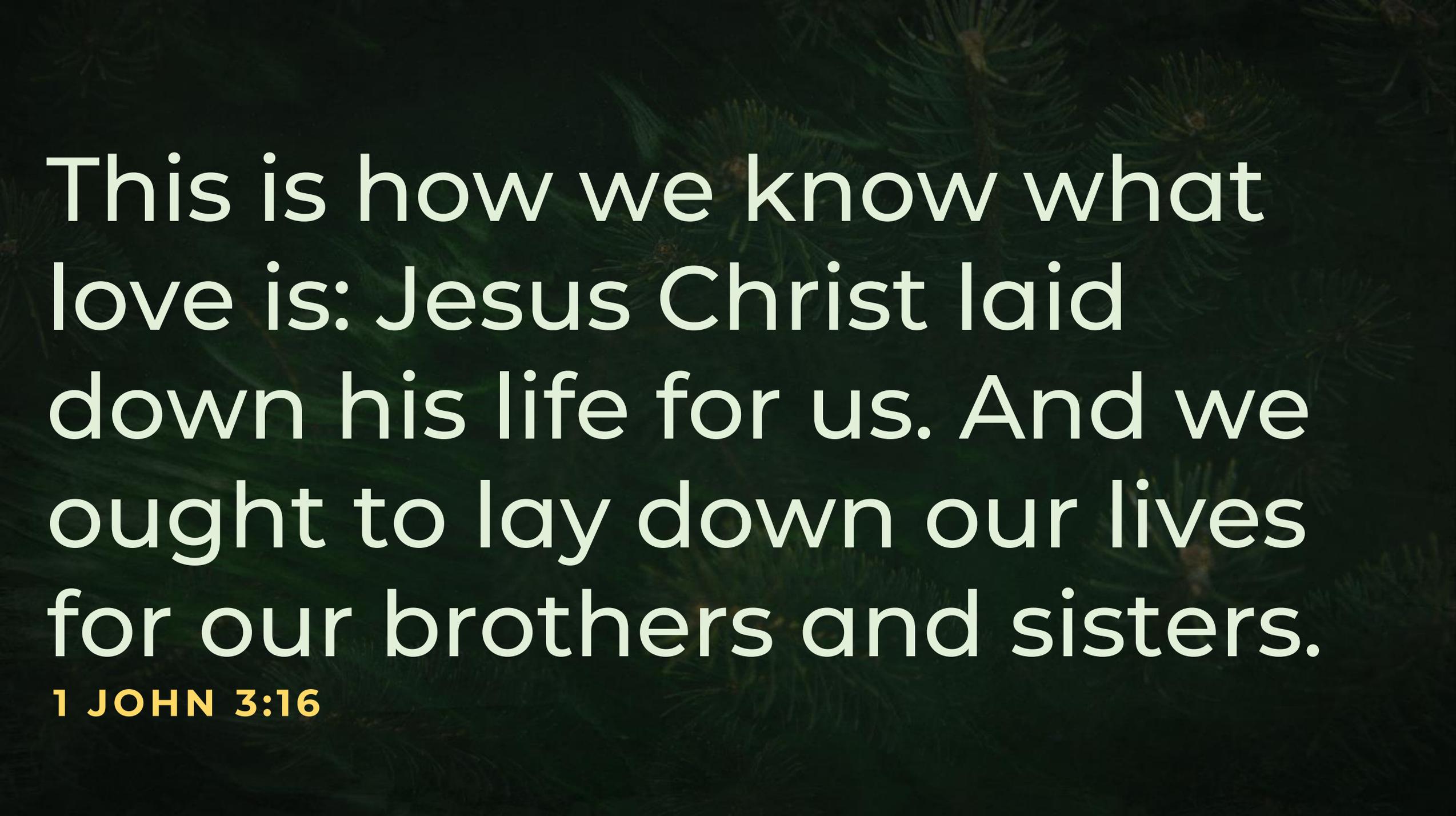
ROMANS 8:32

But God demonstrates his
own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8



***THE SON IS GENEROUS
IN THE SACRIFICE
OF HIS LIFE***

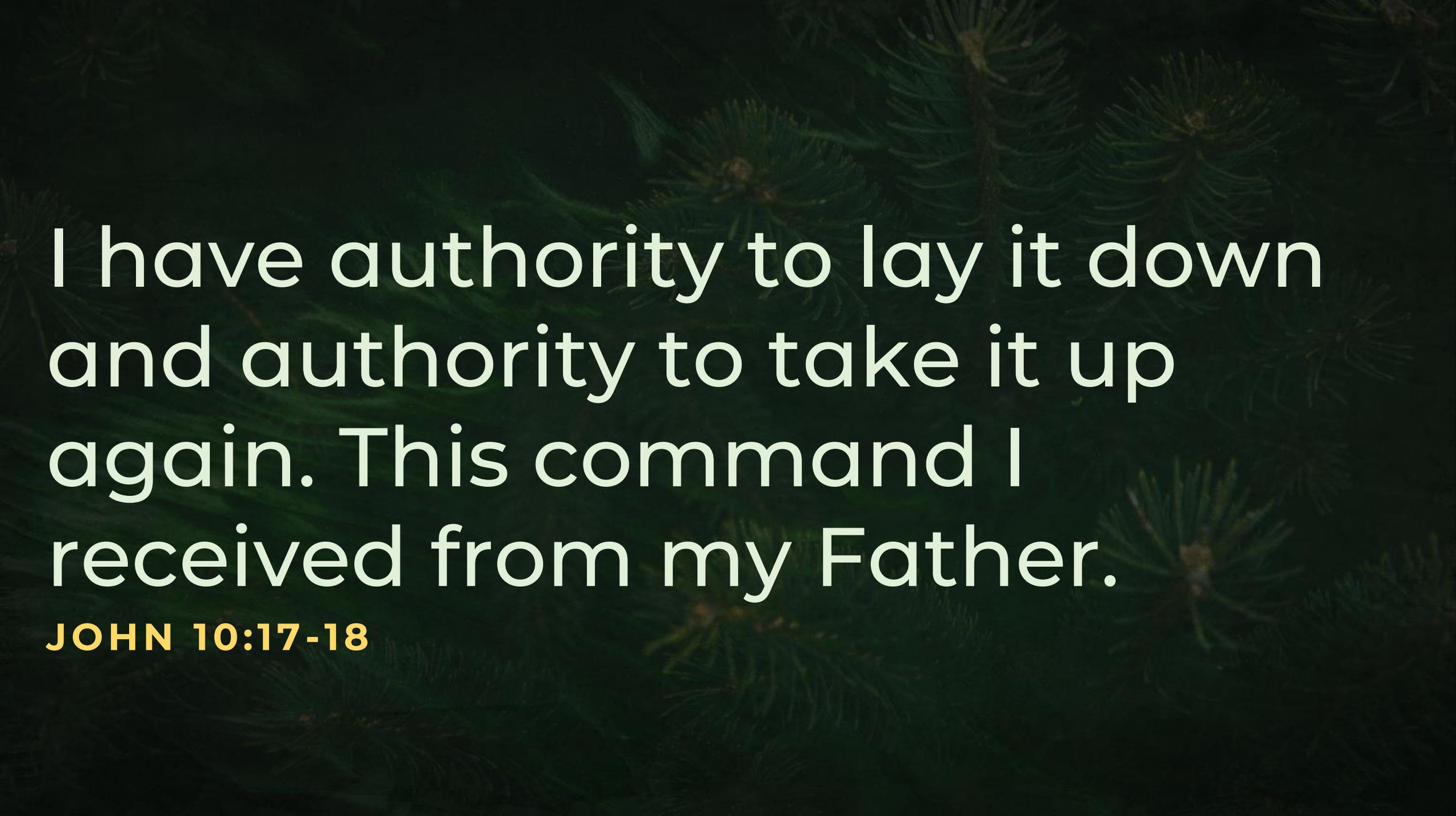


This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 JOHN 3:16

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. ...

JOHN 10:17-18

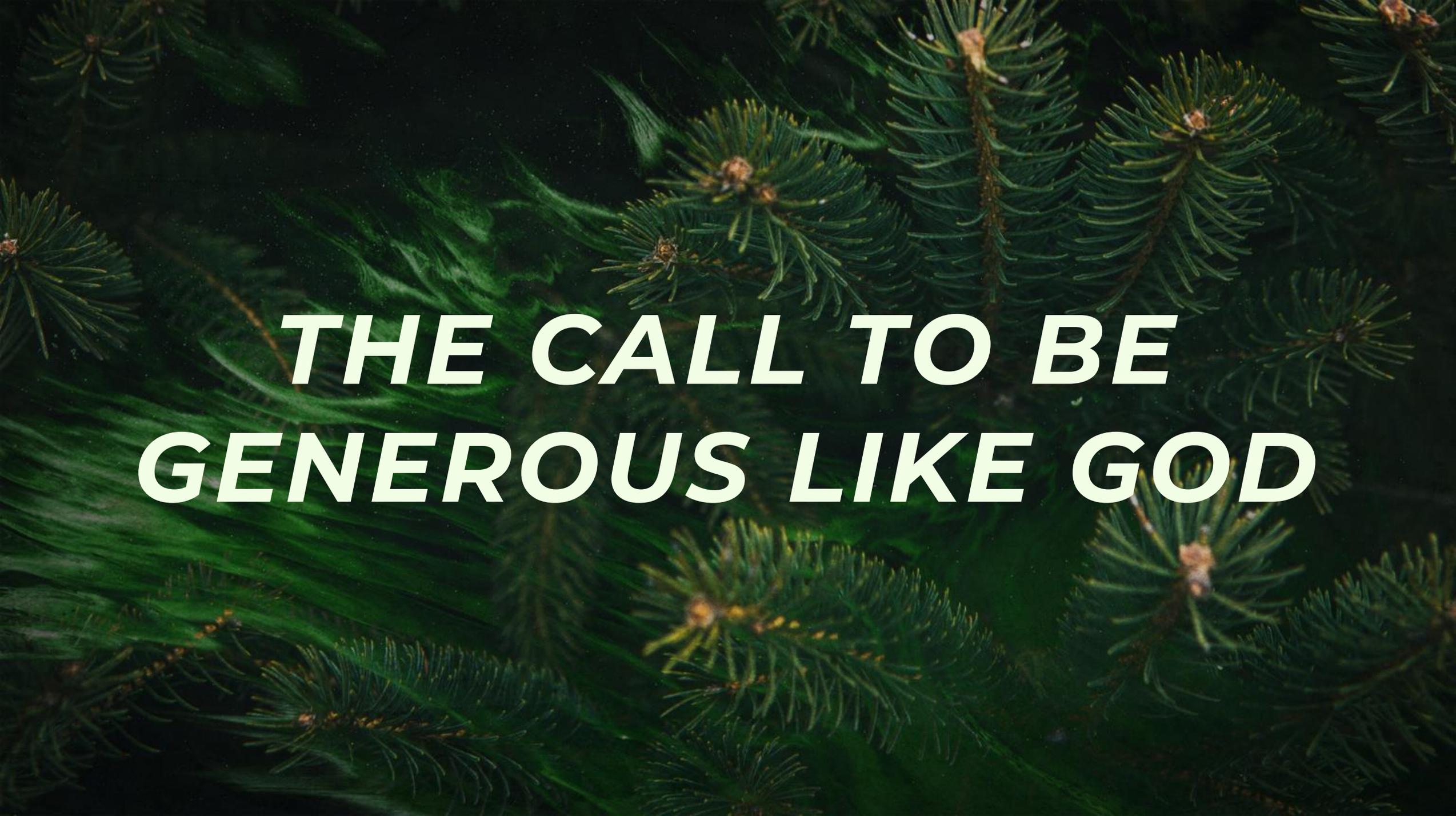


I have authority to lay it down
and authority to take it up
again. This command I
received from my Father.

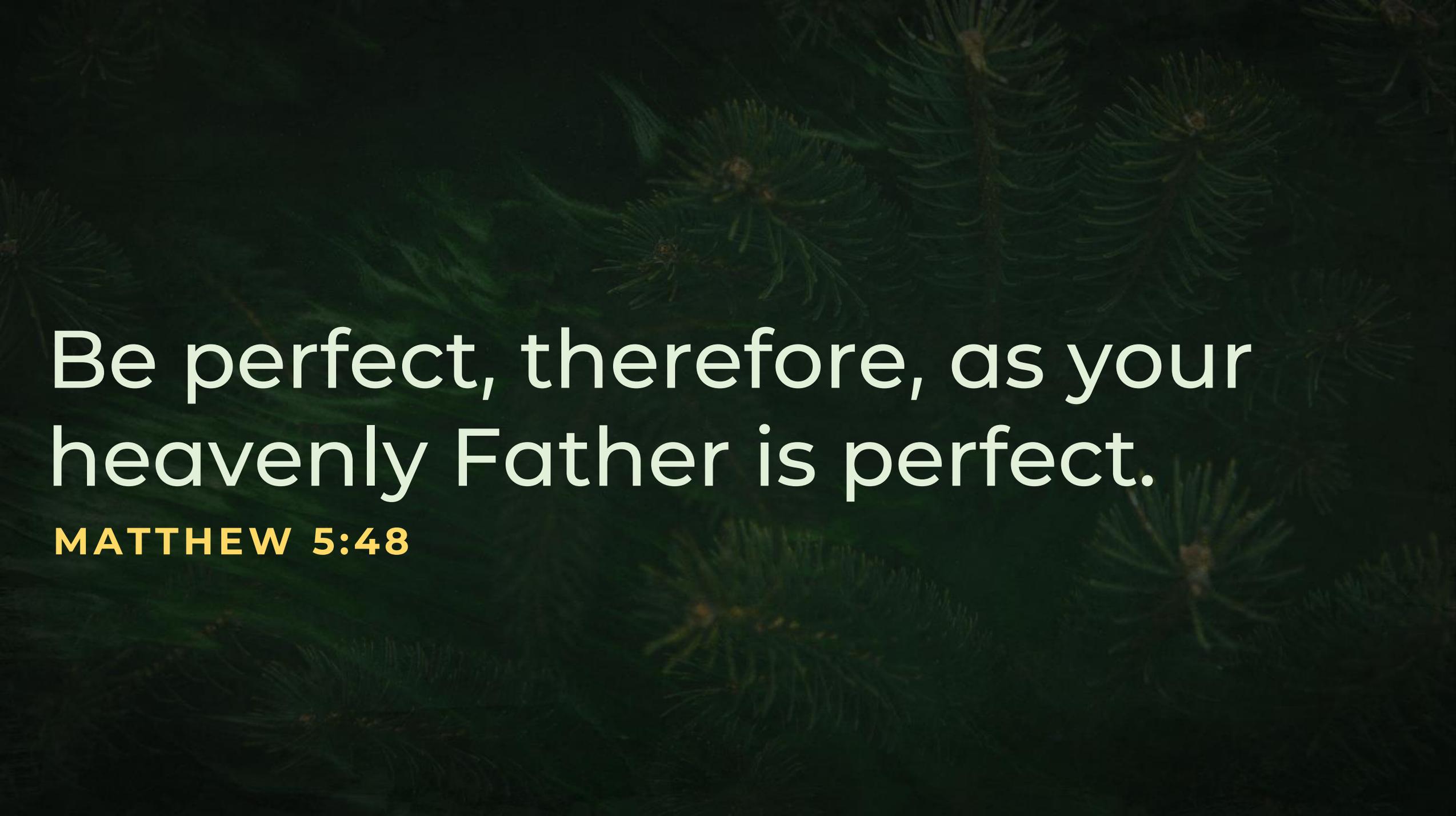
JOHN 10:17-18

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9



***THE CALL TO BE
GENEROUS LIKE GOD***



Be perfect, therefore, as your
heavenly Father is perfect.

MATTHEW 5:48

Follow God's example, therefore,
as dearly loved children and
walk in the way of love, just as
Christ loved us and gave himself
up for us as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

ROMANS 8:29

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***IN GIVING
TO OTHERS***

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:17-18

And now, brothers and sisters,
we want you to know about the
grace that God has given the
Macedonian churches. ...

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4

In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ...

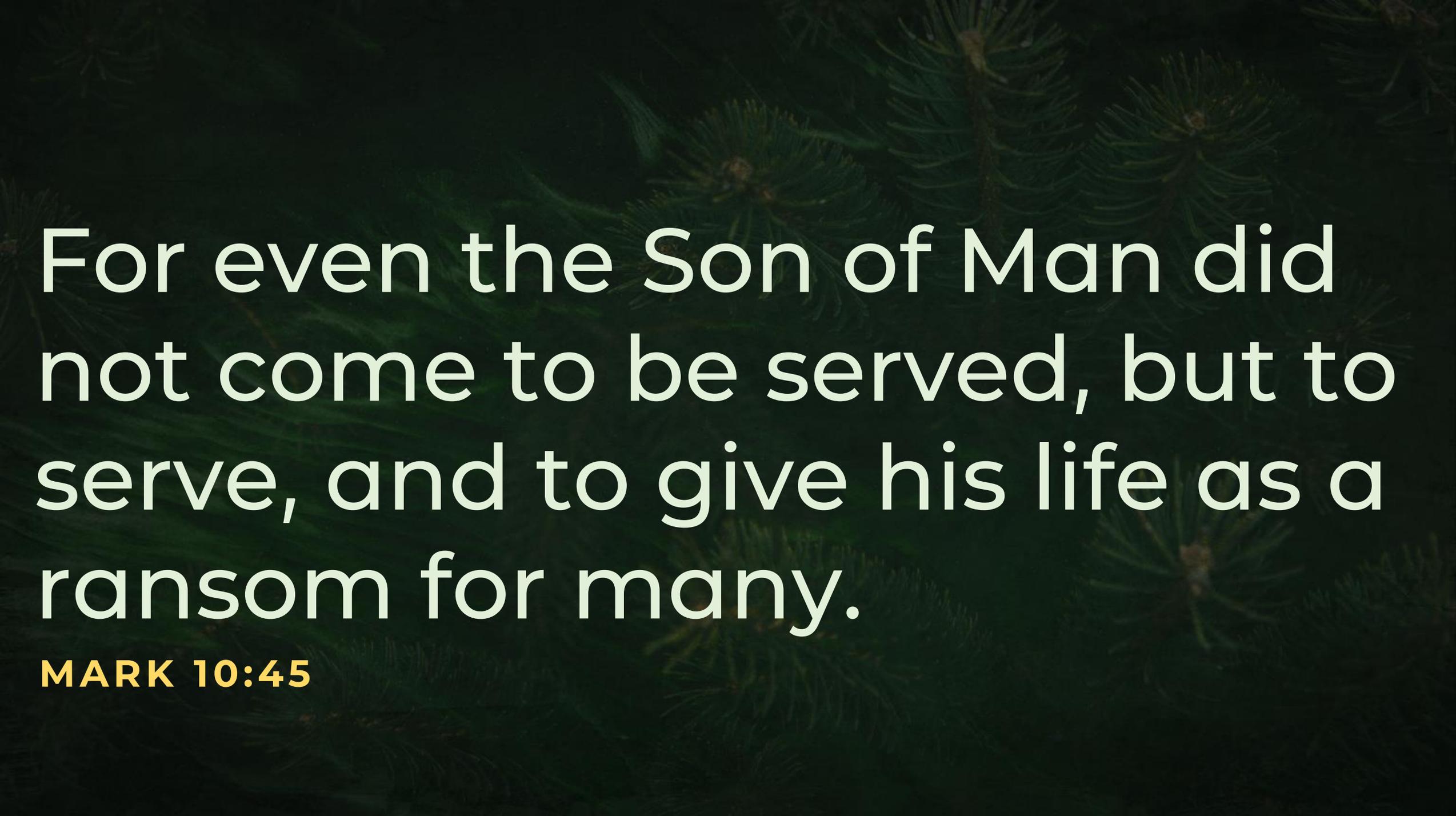
2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4

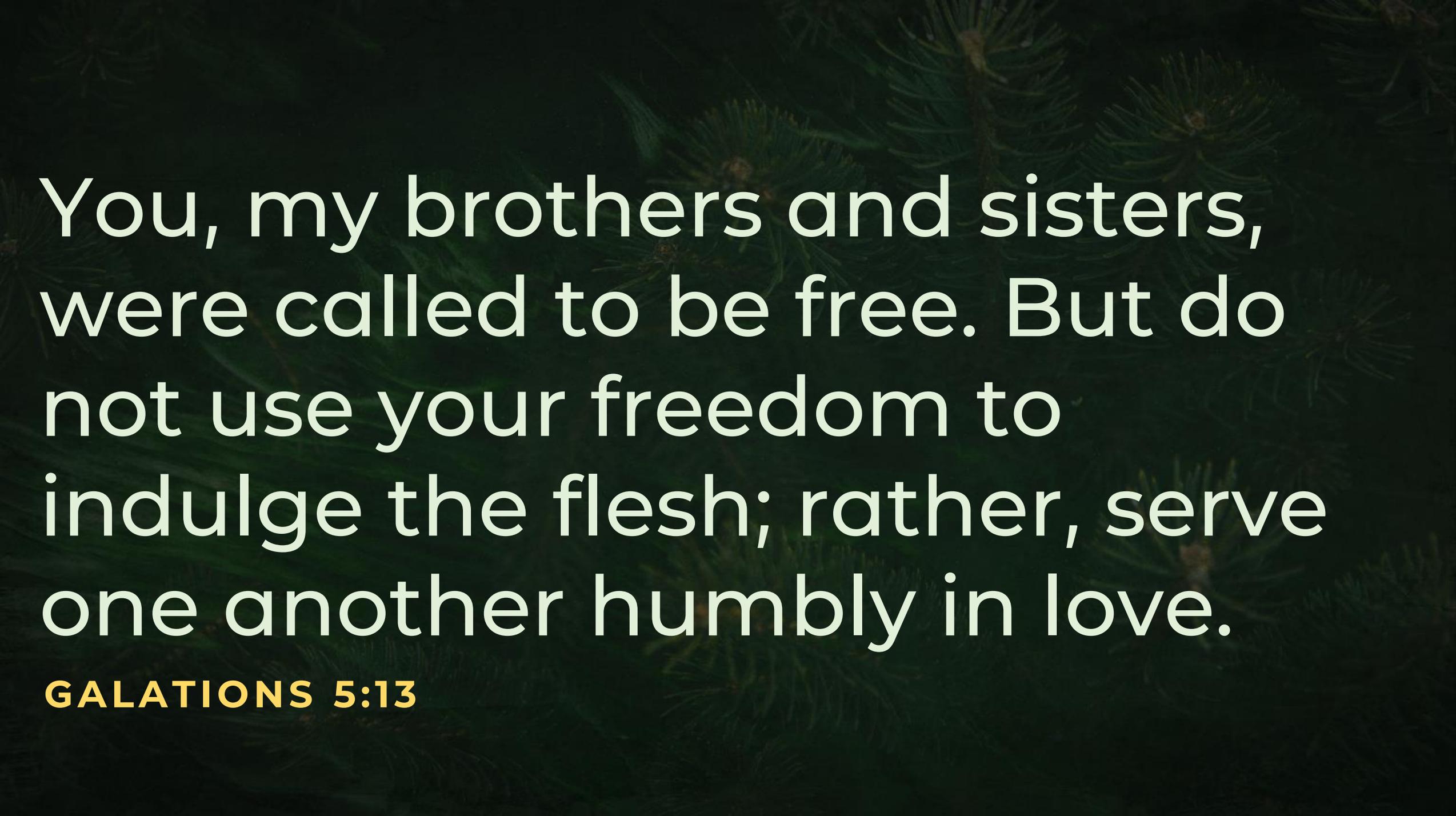


IN SERVICE



For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45



You, my brothers and sisters,
were called to be free. But do
not use your freedom to
indulge the flesh; rather, serve
one another humbly in love.

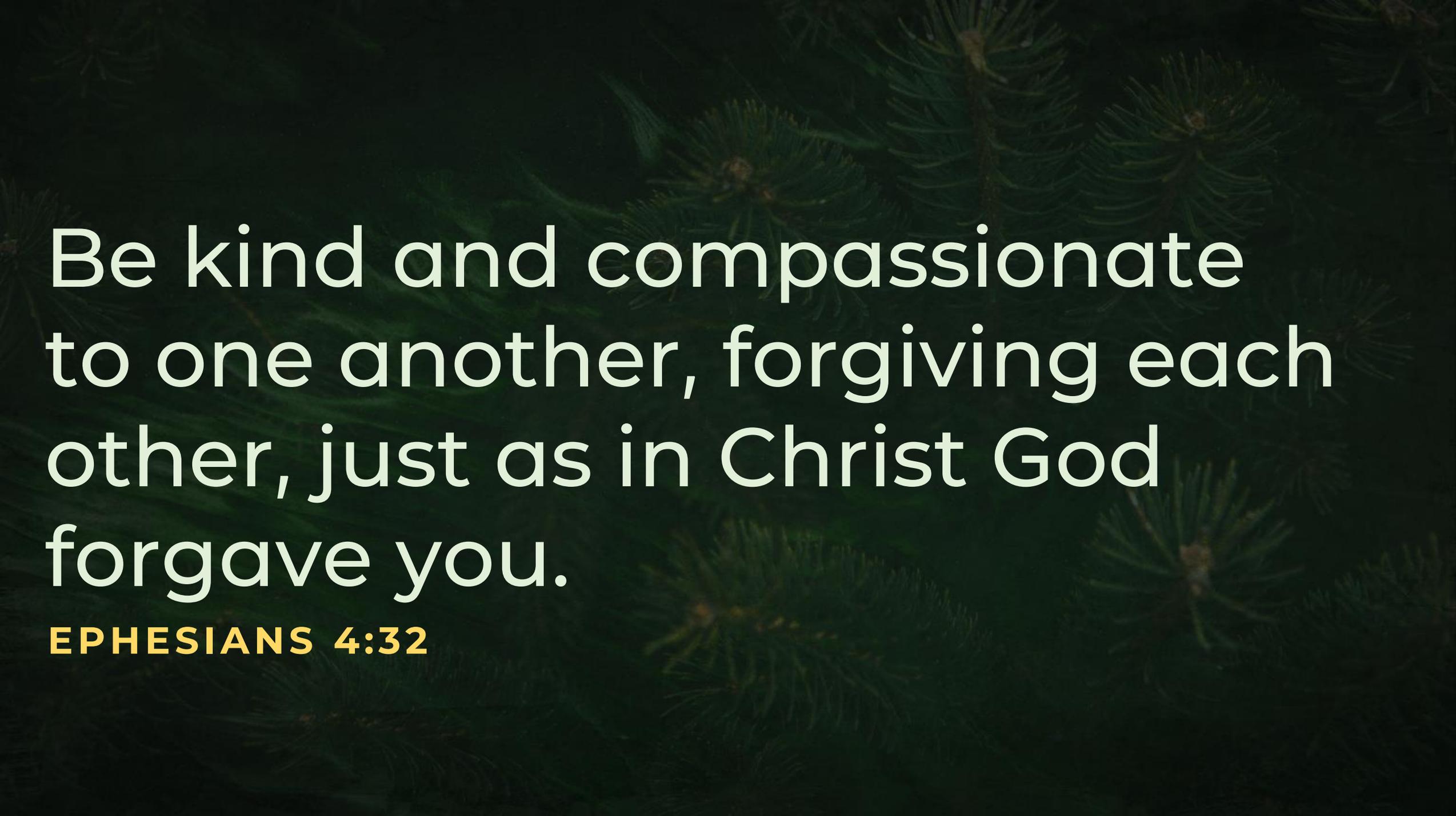
GALATIANS 5:13

A close-up photograph of a pine tree's branches, showing dense clusters of vibrant green needles. The background is a deep, dark green, creating a rich, textured look. The lighting highlights the individual needles, giving them a slight sheen.

IN FORGIVING

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

MATTHEW 18:20-21

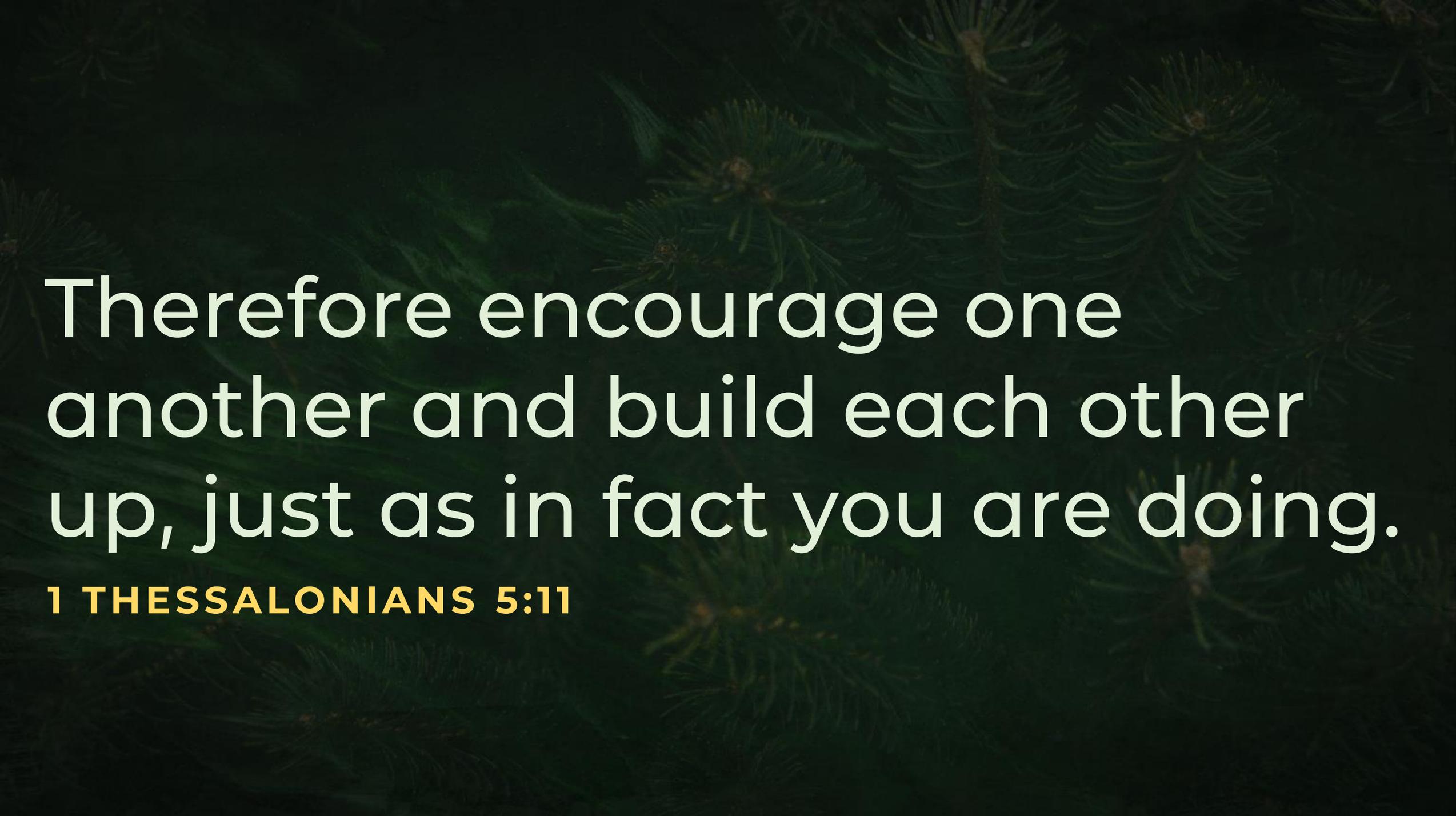


Be kind and compassionate
to one another, forgiving each
other, just as in Christ God
forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:32

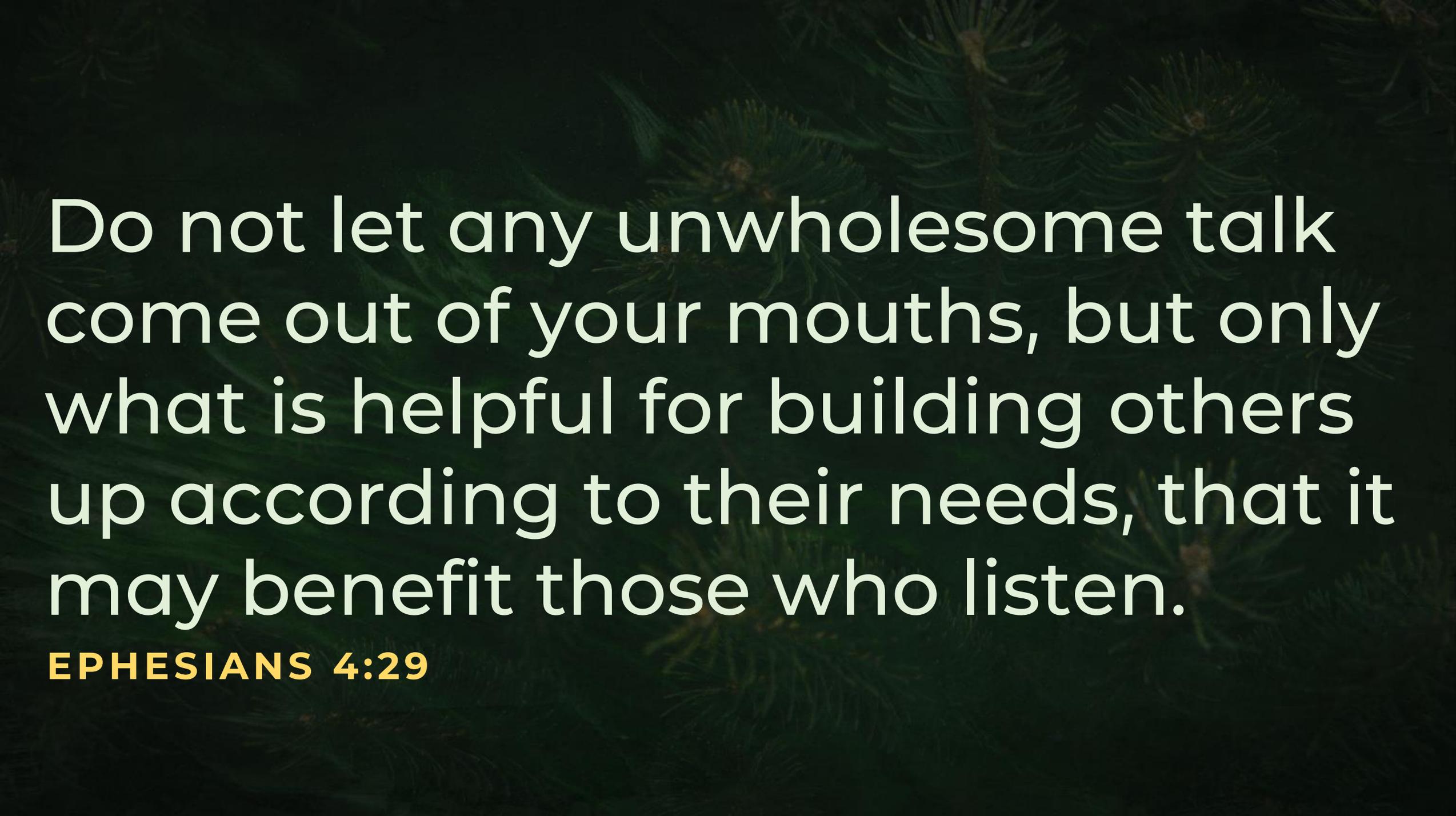
A close-up photograph of a pine tree's branches, showing vibrant green needles and small, developing cones. The background is a deep, dark green, creating a rich, textured look. The lighting highlights the texture of the needles and the structure of the cones.

IN ENCOURAGEMENT



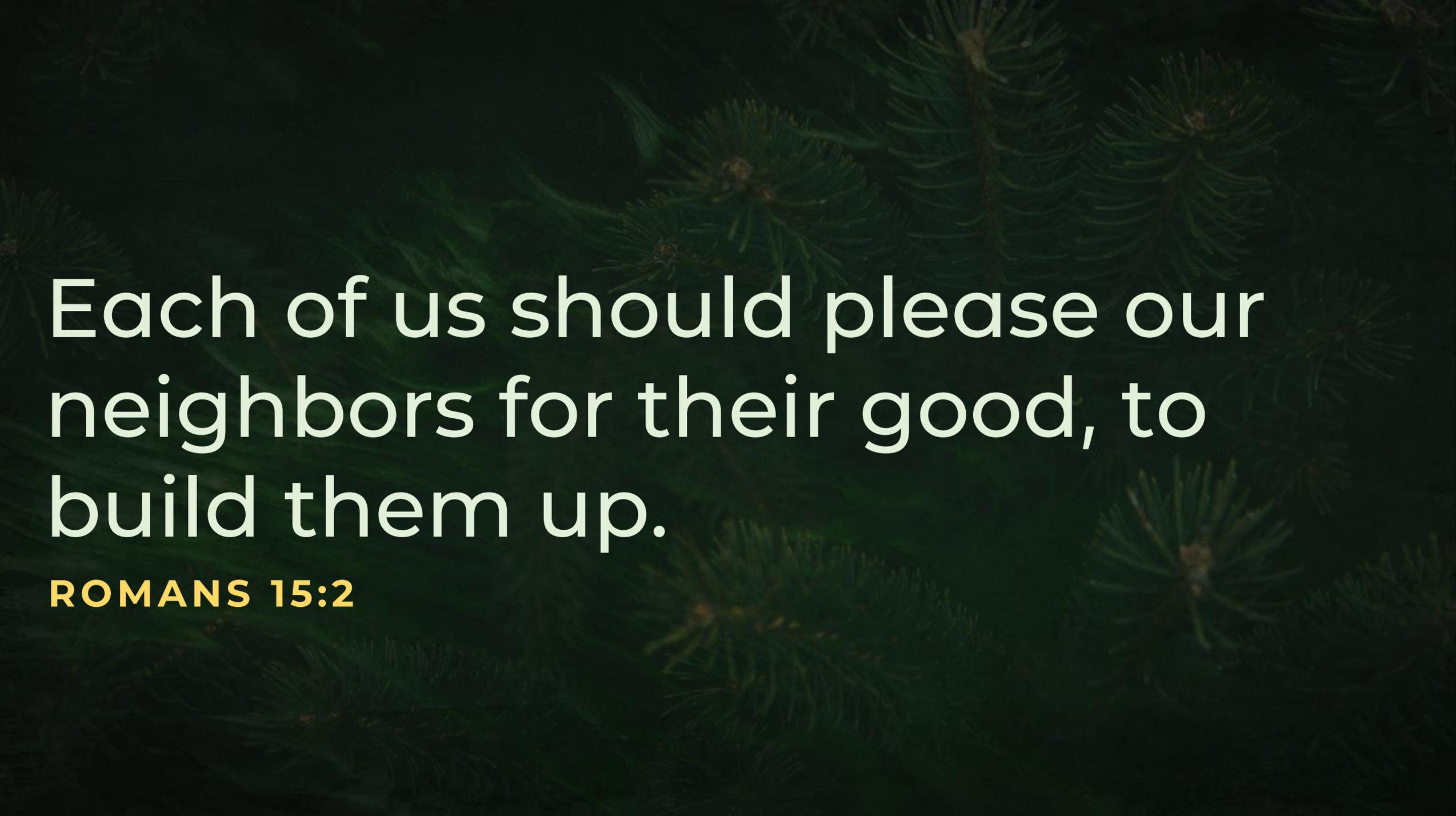
Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

EPHESIANS 4:29



Each of us should please our
neighbors for their good, to
build them up.

ROMANS 15:2



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