

1ATTHEW 5:9-12

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Jesus.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.





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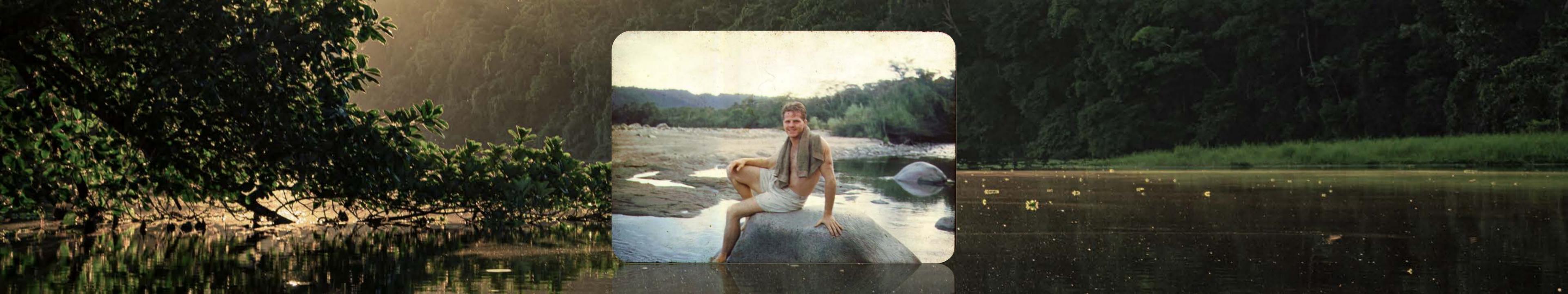
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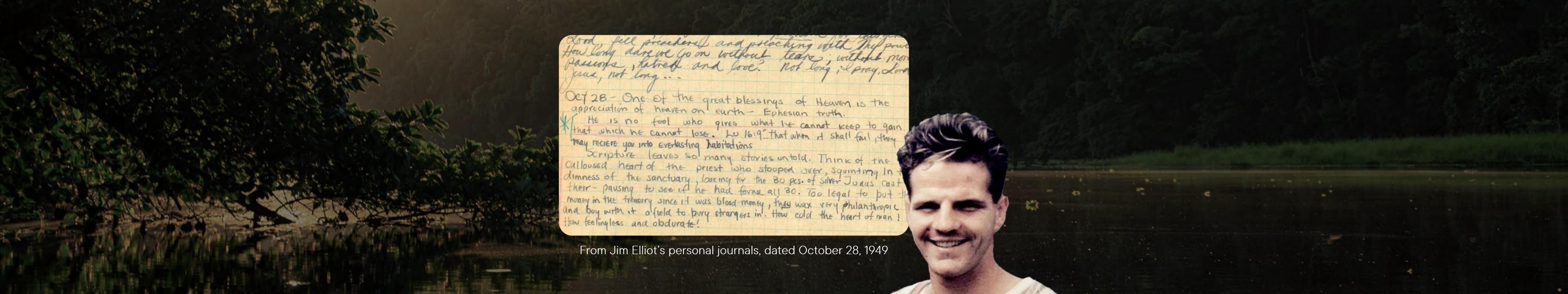


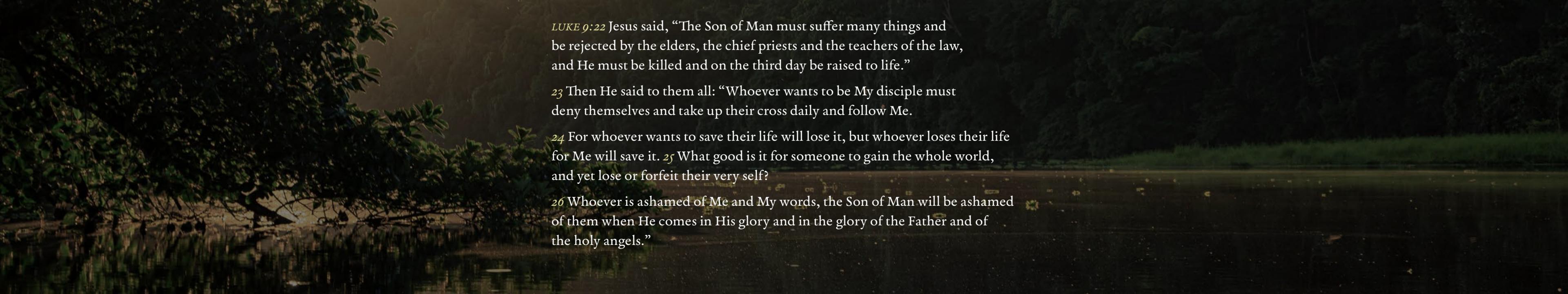


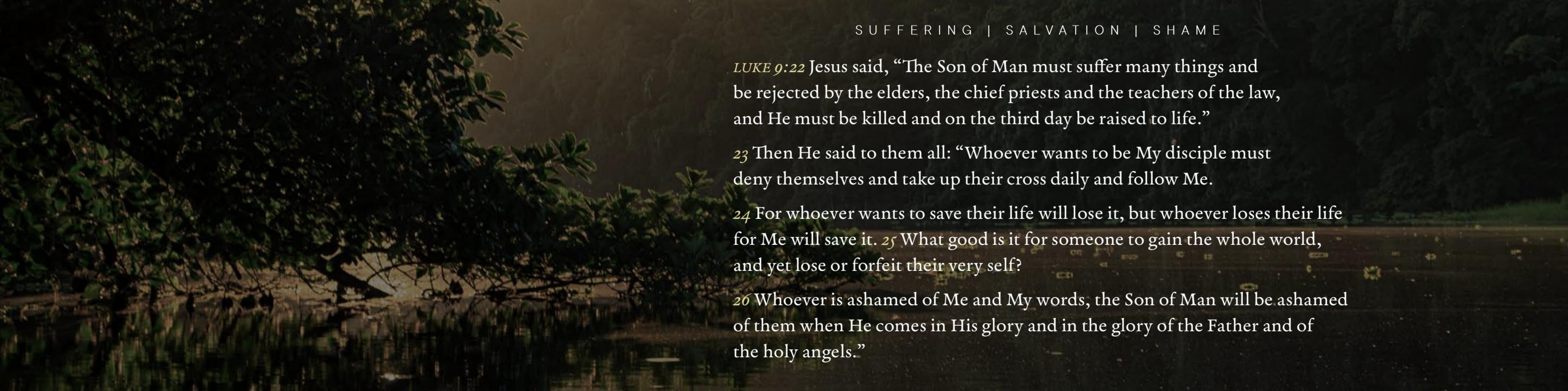


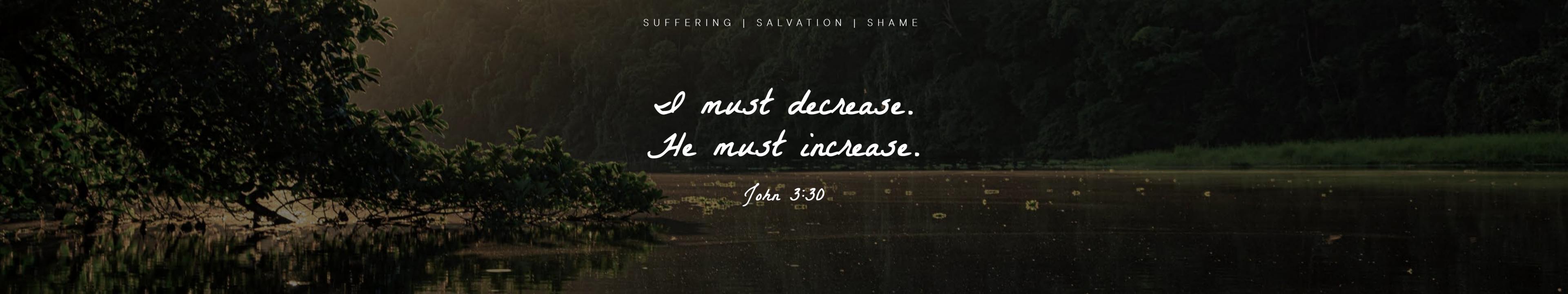


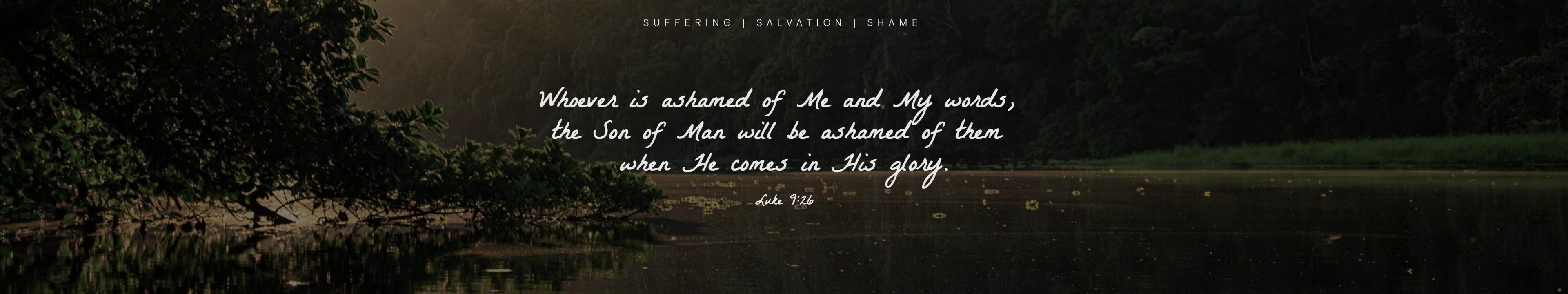


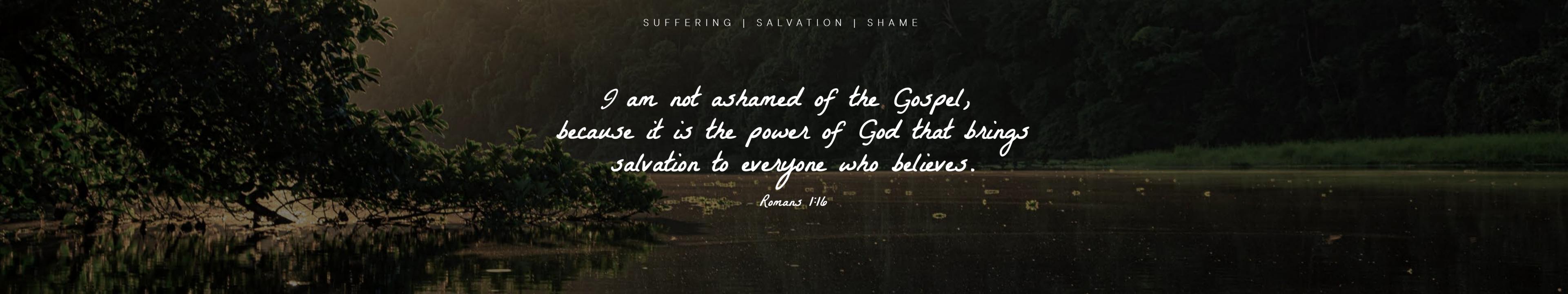


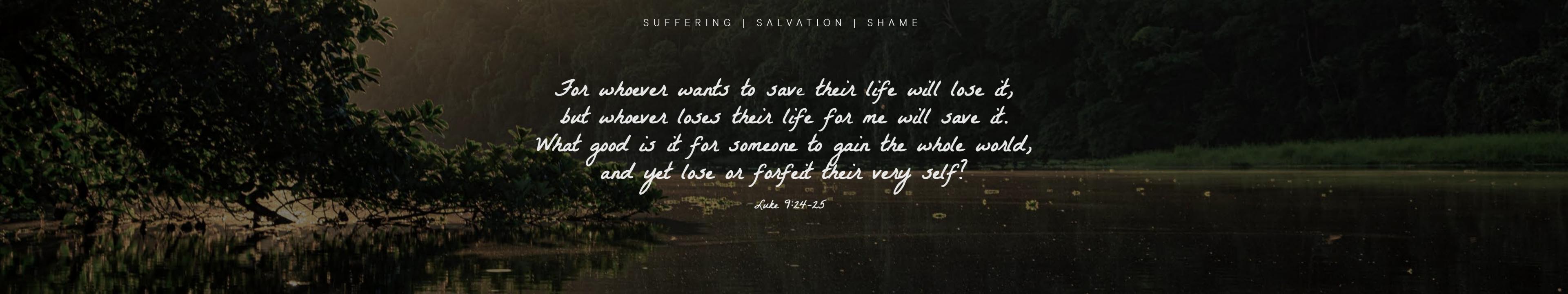


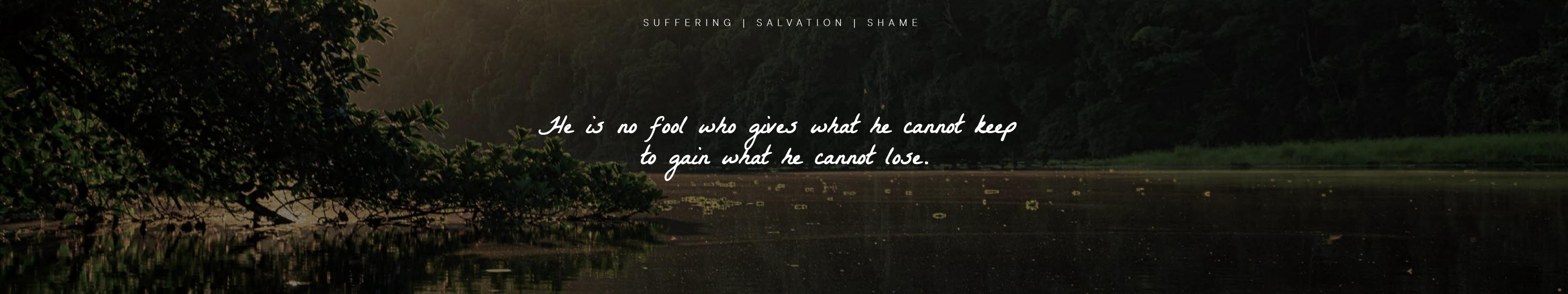


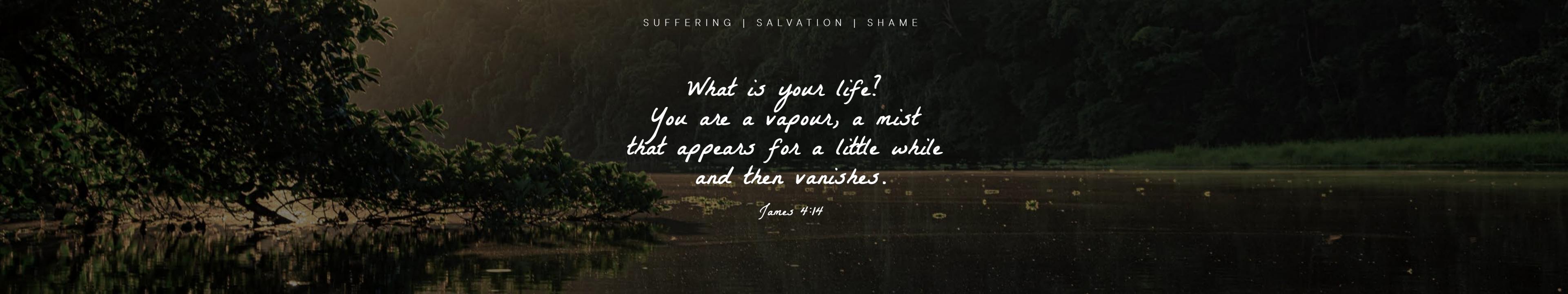


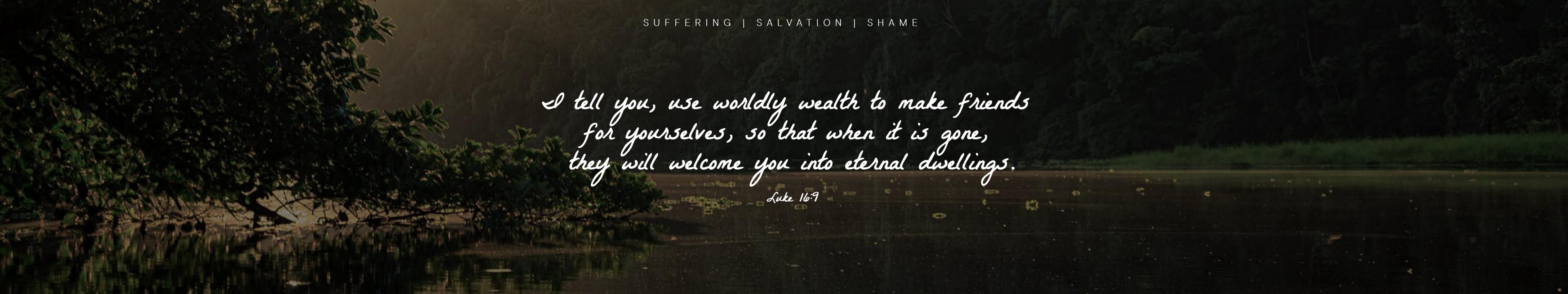


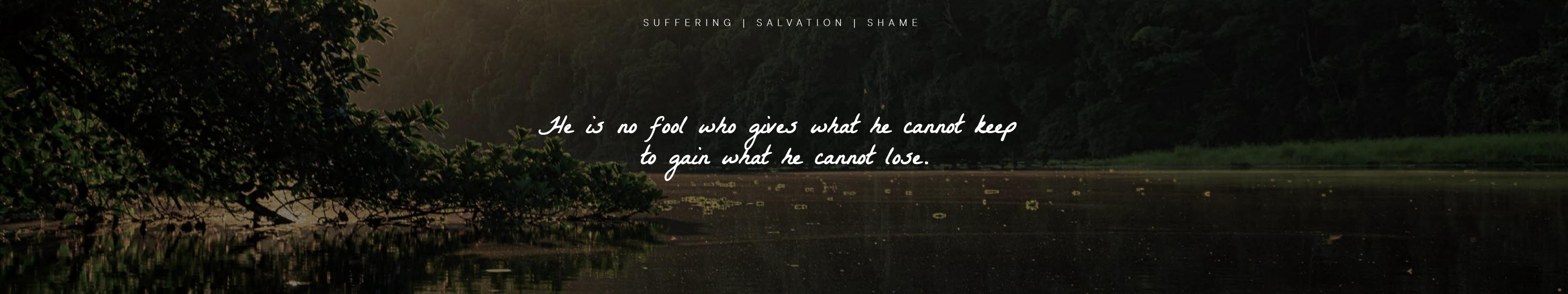
















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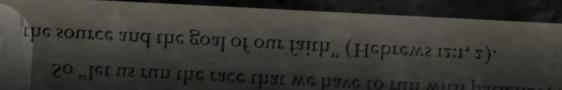
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HEBREWS 11:36-40

Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword.

They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.





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HEBREWS 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

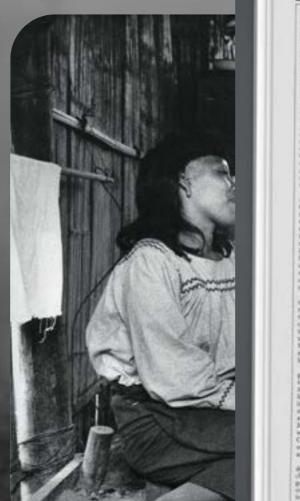
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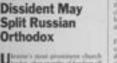












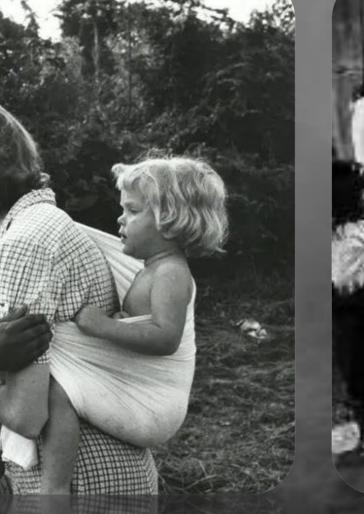
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Words of life: Dedication of the Waorani (Auca) New Testament.

Jim Elliot's Legacy Continues

The Waorani Indians of Ecuador's rain forest, once known as the Aucas and responsible for the deaths of Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, and three other missionaries, now have the New Tes-tament in their own language. After years of work, on June 11 Wycliffe Bible Translators

presented the first Waorani-language New Testament to the tribe in the remote jungle village of Tiweno. Along with several missionaries and visitors, 75 Waorani Christians attended the ceremony, including three of the men who speared the five missionaries and are now church leaders.

Don Johnson, Wycliffe's international-relations director, says it was "very, very special" to present the New Testament to the tribe. Johnson was part of the team sent to find the mission missionaries in 1956.

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"I was looking for the bodies of my friends," recalls Johnson. "And I never dreamed that I'd have the opportunity to share the Bread of Life [with the Aucas] someday."

On January 8, 1956, the Aucas, which means savages,

speared the five American missionaries who had spent months dropping gifts by airplane to the Indians.

Widow Elisabeth Elliot and sister Rachel Saint re-entered the tribe a few years later and began translating the Gospel of Mark into the tribe's language. The Gospel was published in 1965. Five years later, linguists Rosi Jung and Catherine Peeke took over the translation project.





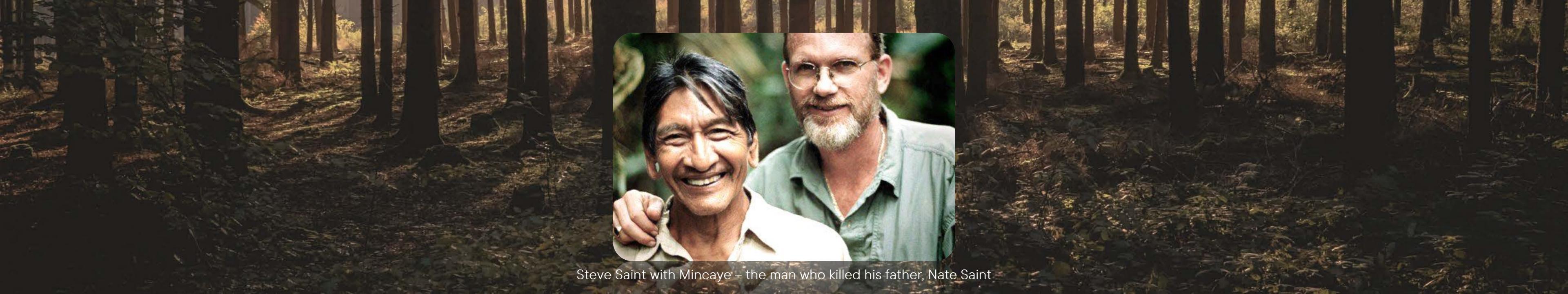


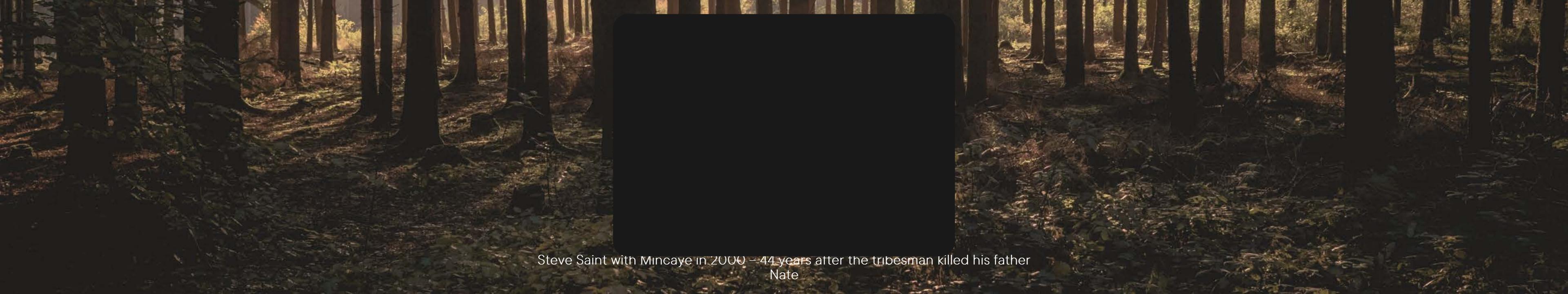
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"We acted badly, badly, until they brought us God's carvings (the Bible). Then, seeing His carvings and following His good trail, now we live happily and in peace.





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