



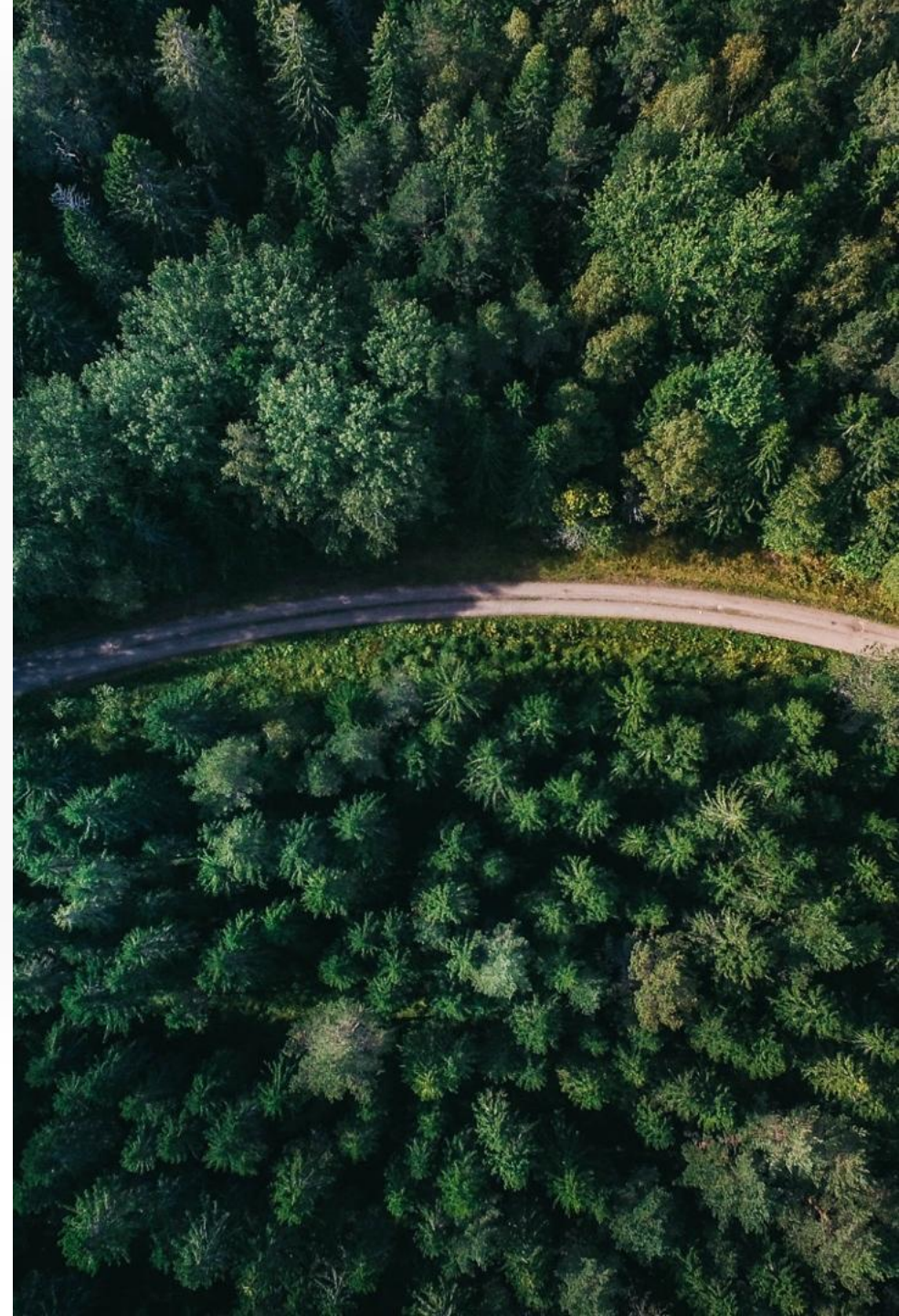
The Gospel of Mark

Understanding Greatness

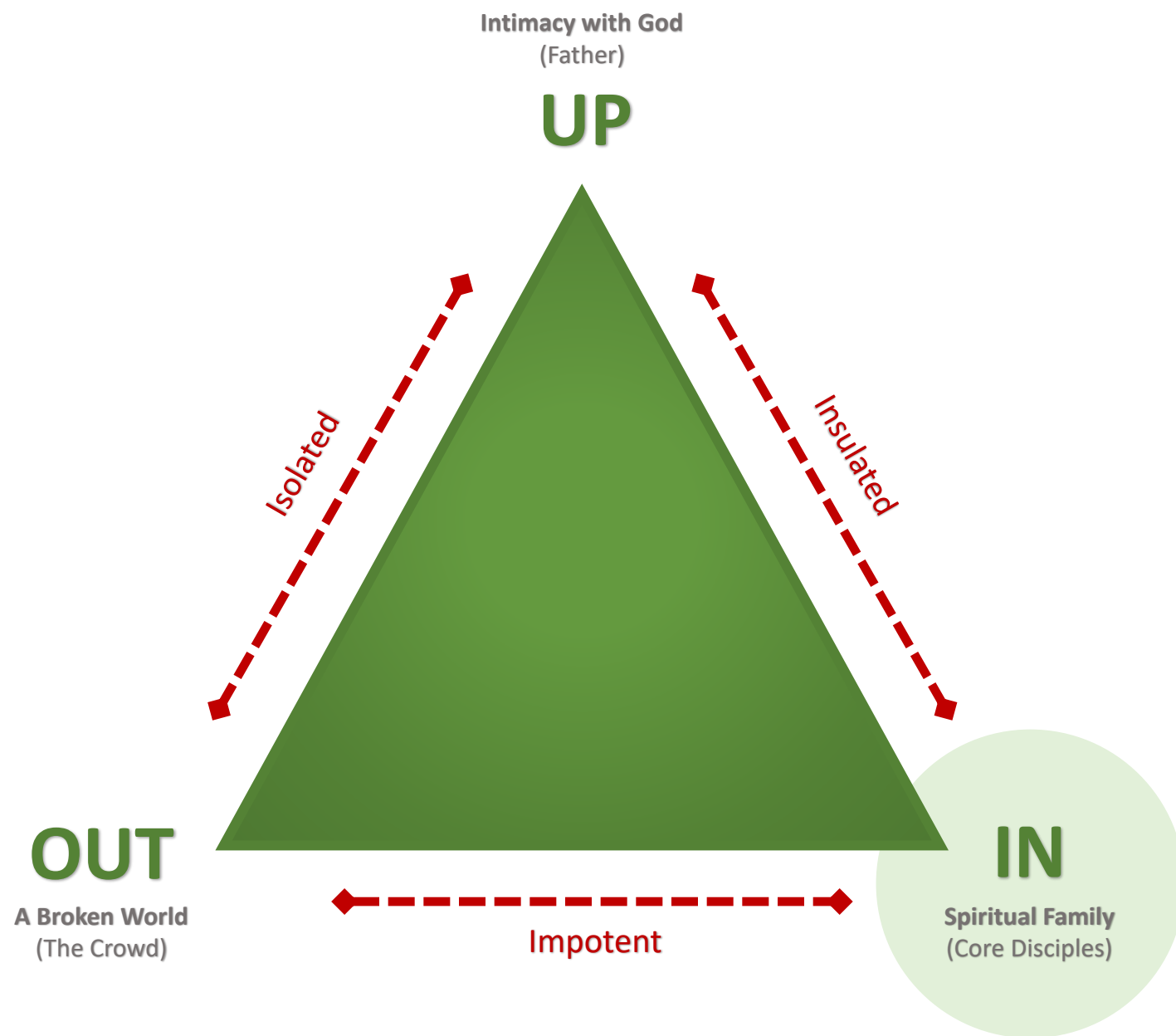
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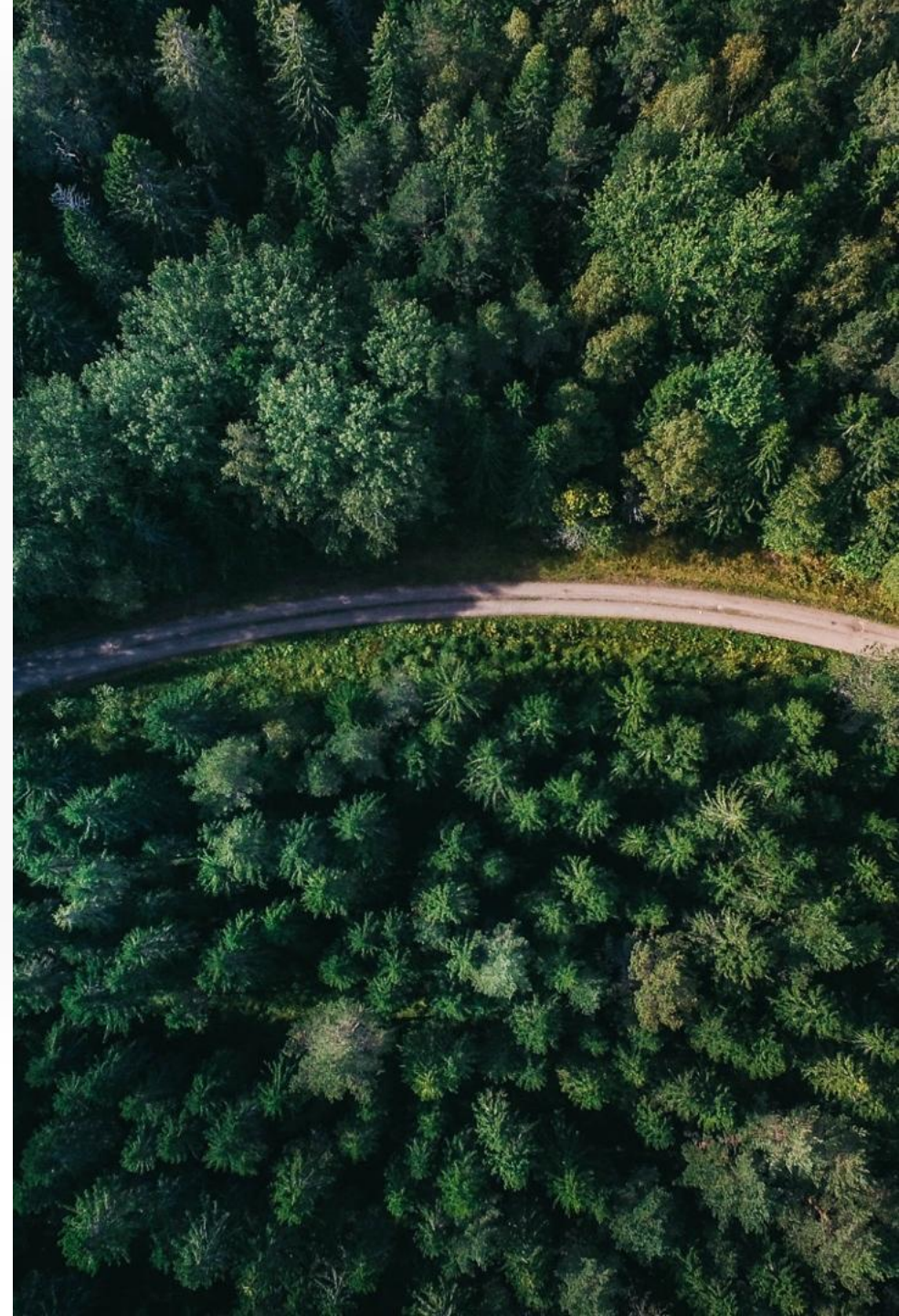


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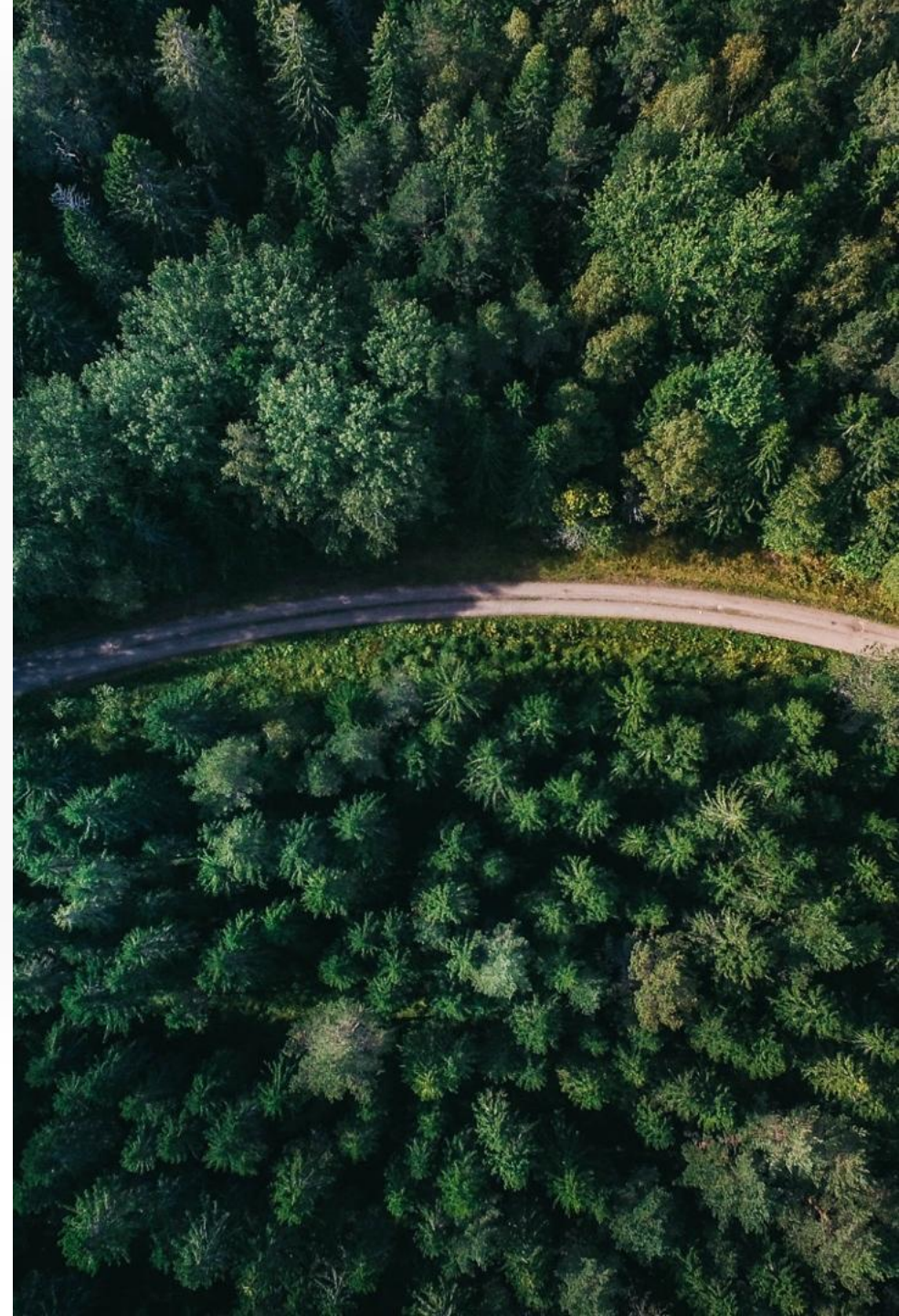
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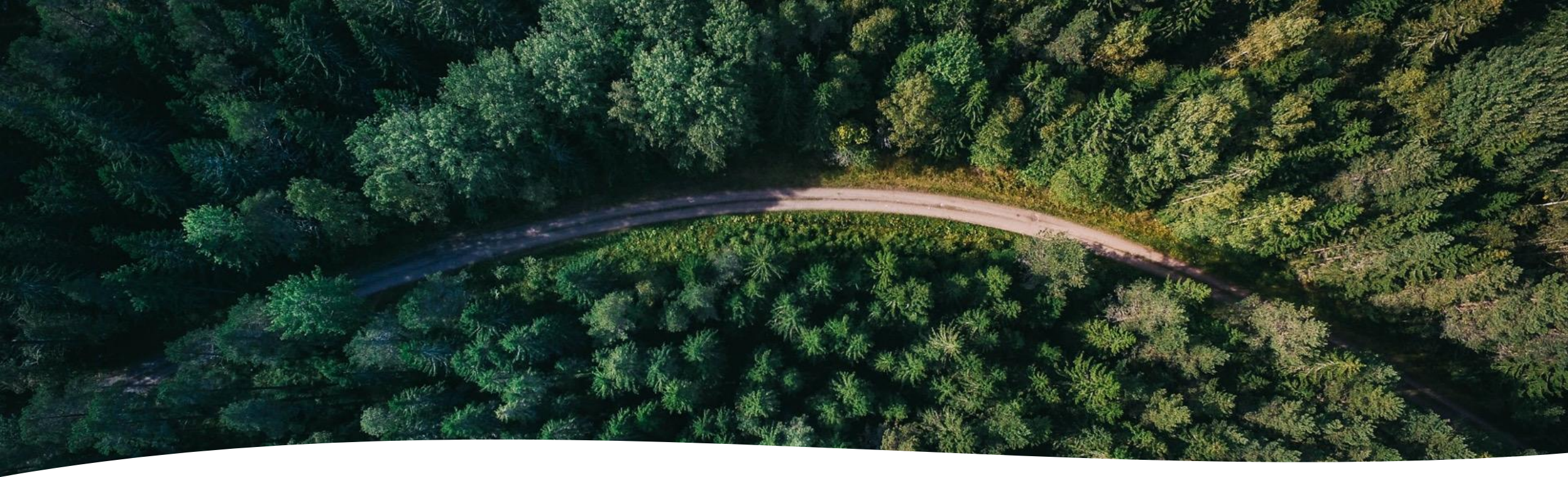
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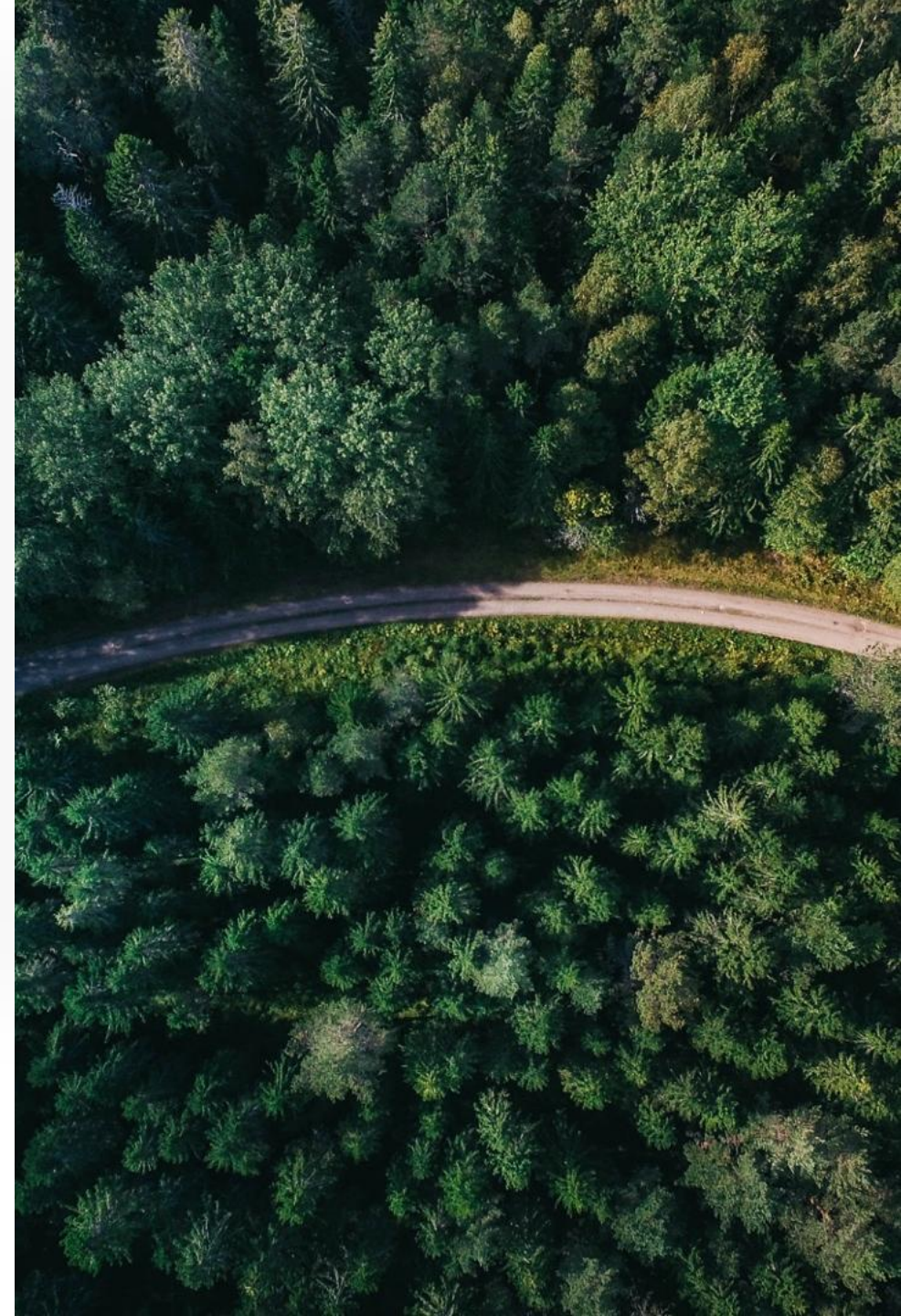


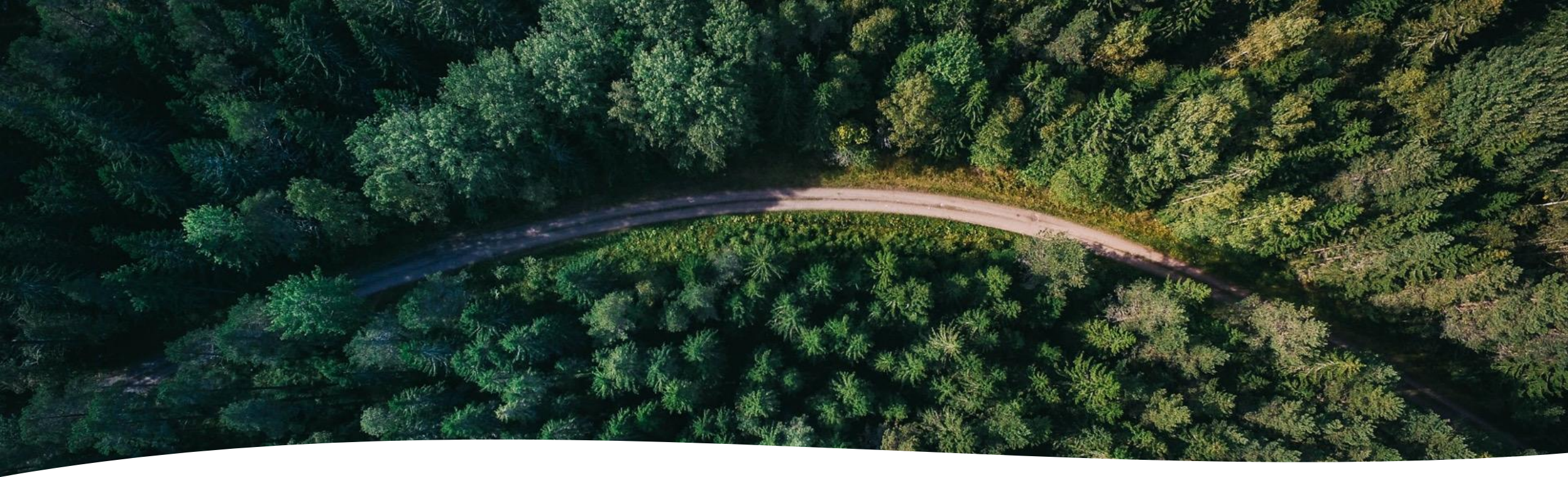
How readily do you **invite Jesus into your arguments** and discussions?

(Reminder: **He's hearing them anyway.**)

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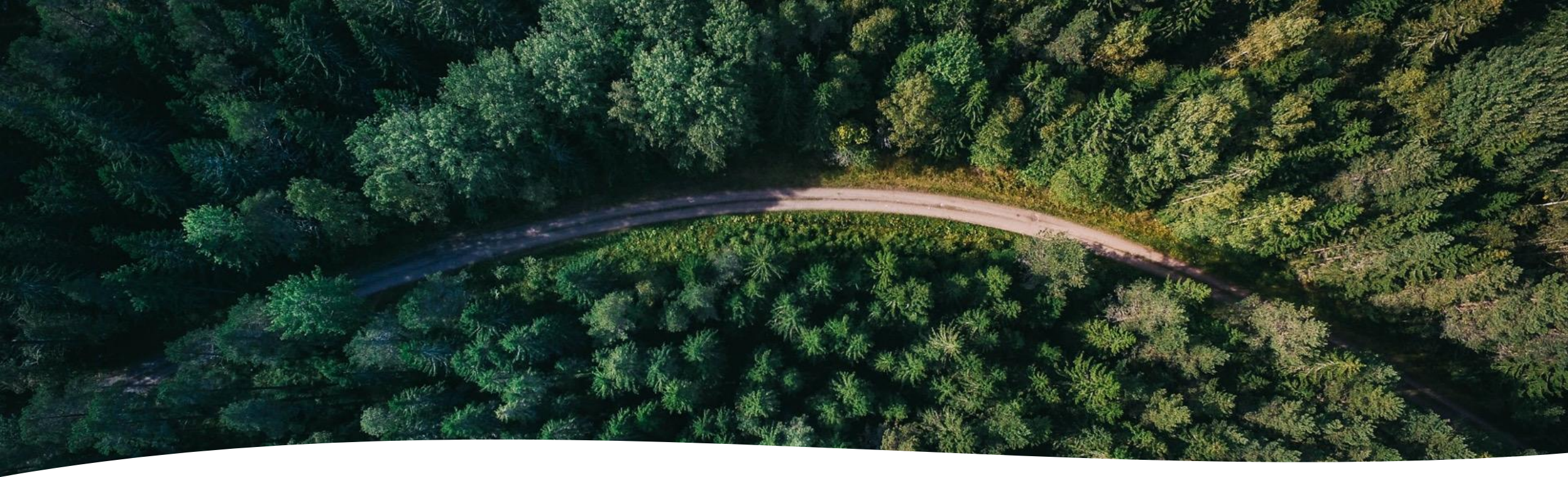
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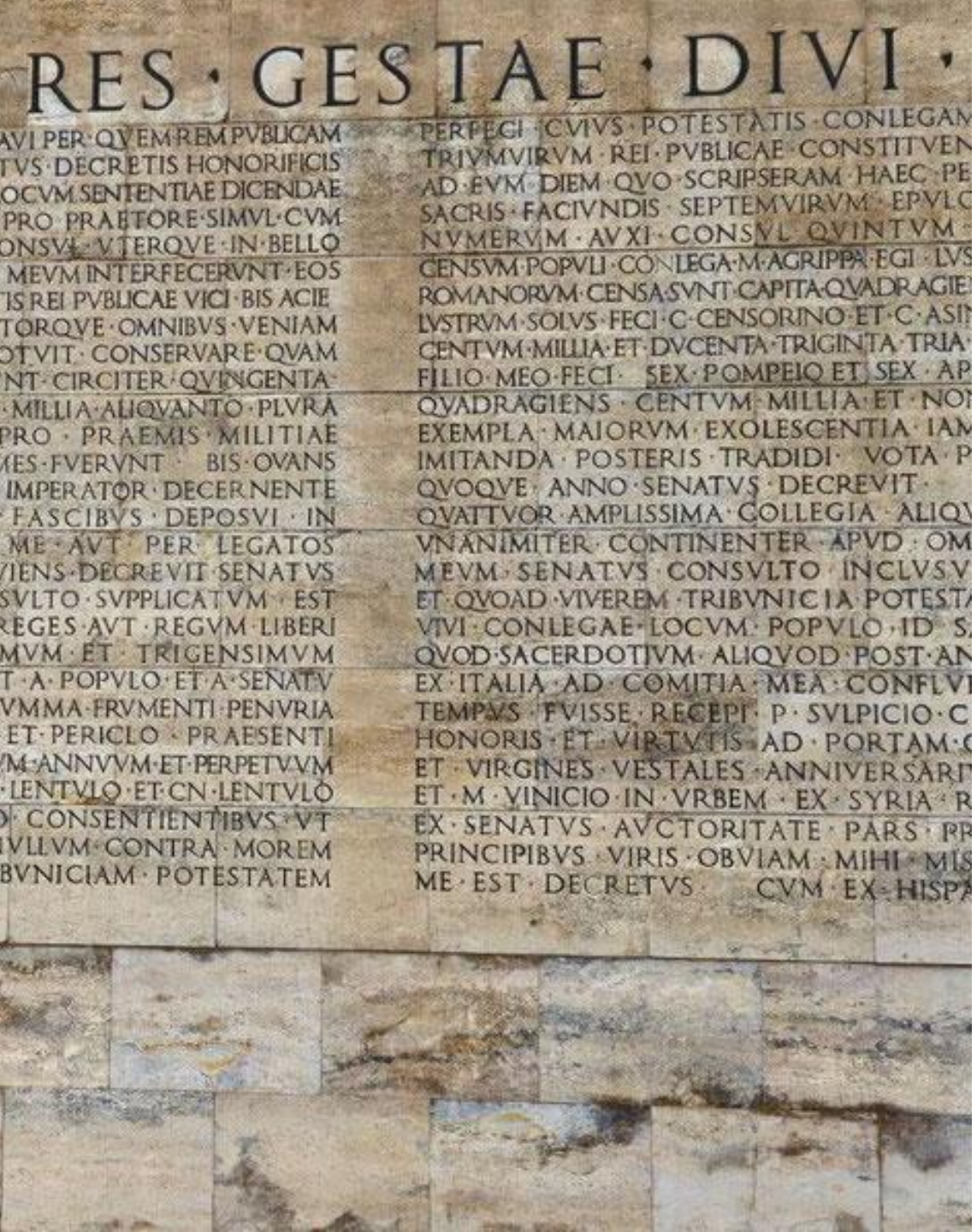
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was shameful.



Philotimia (love of honour)

It was taken for granted that those with merit would seek the honour due to them.

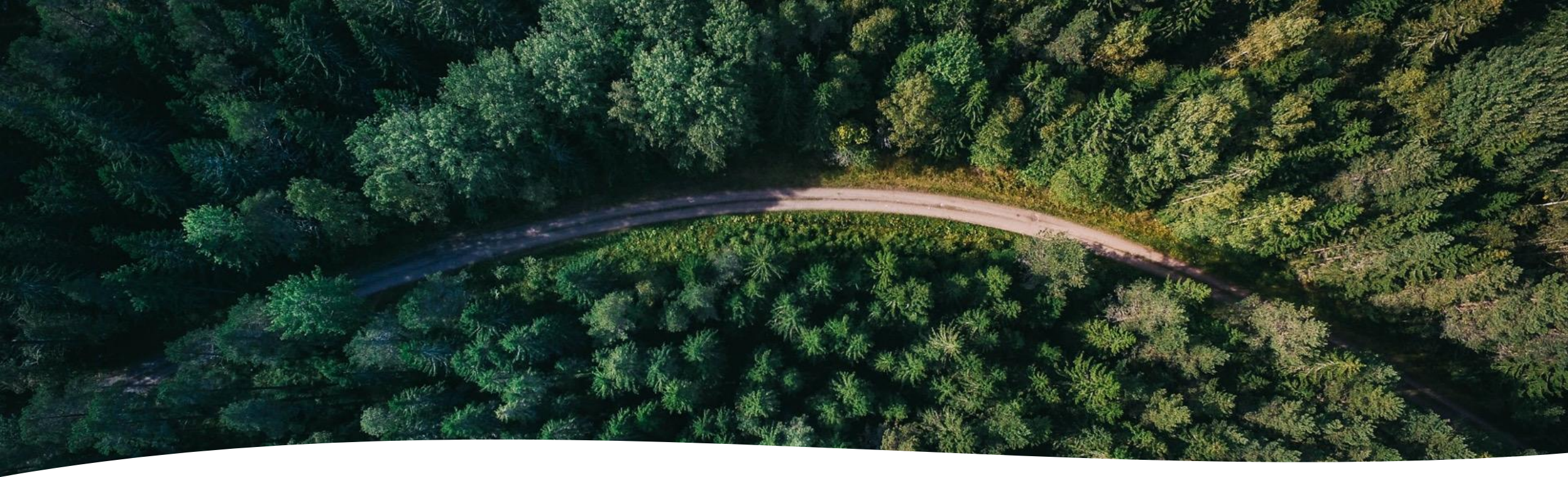
- Military Valour
- Public Works / Construction
- Religious Devotion
- Holding Positions of Public Office

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Matthew 18:1

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”



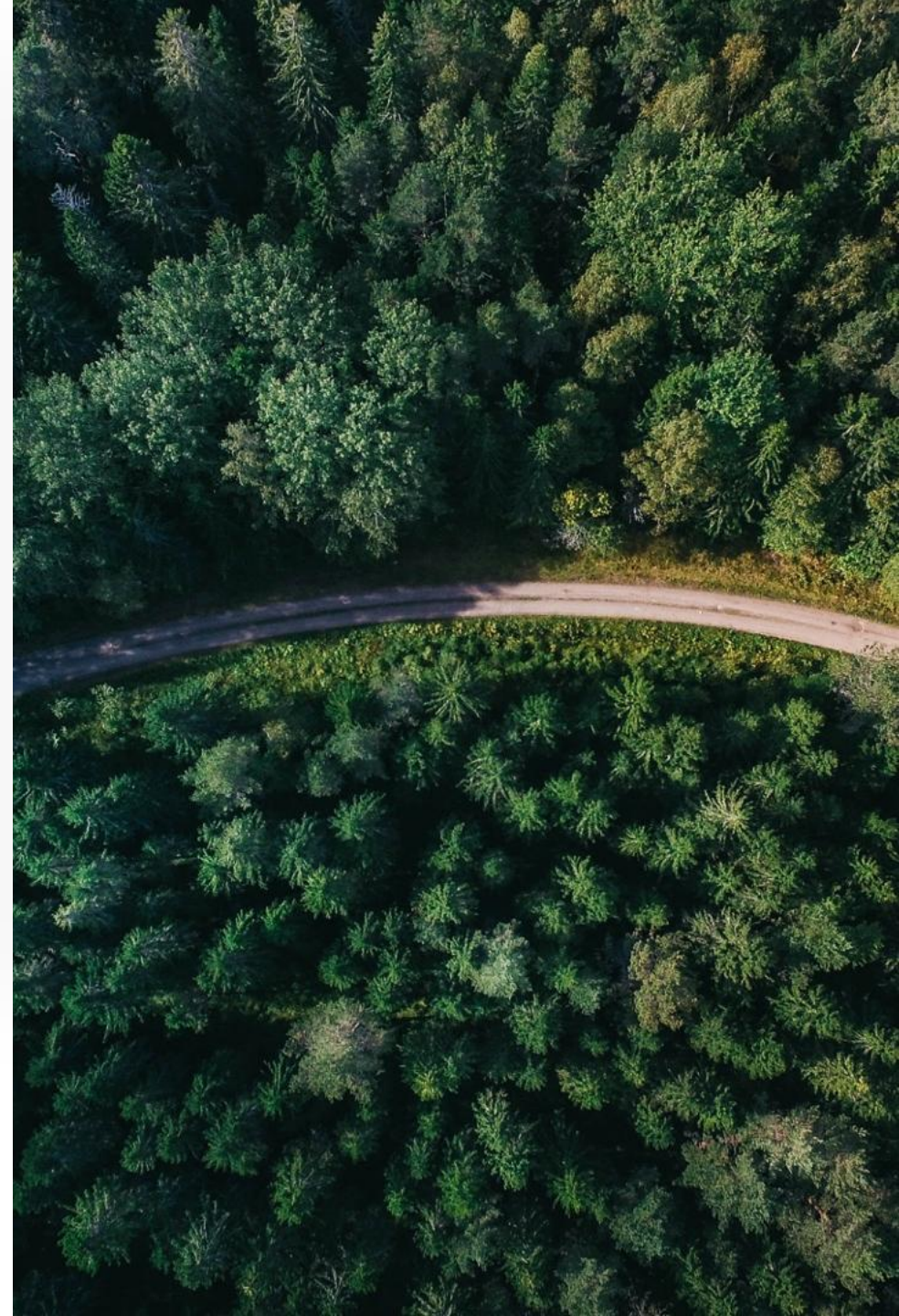
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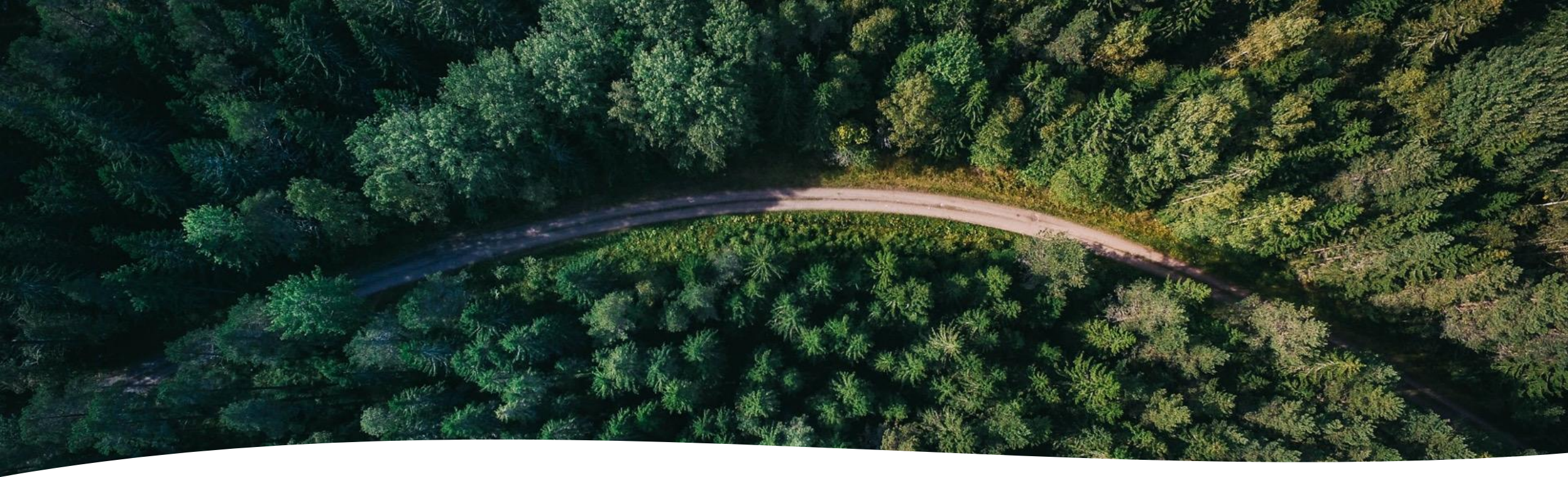
Any culture can hijack our understanding of what makes someone great.

Mark 9:35-37

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,
“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last,
and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among
them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,
³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in
my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me
does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”





You were made for
a different kind of greatness.

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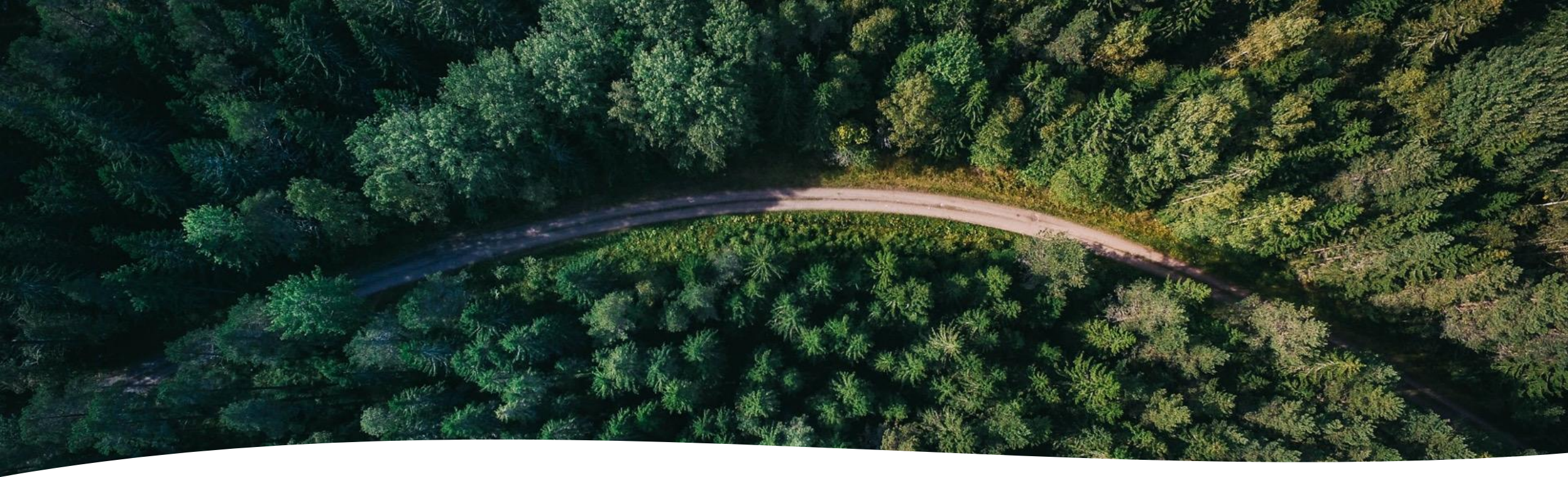




Luke 22:25-27

²⁵ Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’

²⁶ **But among you it will be different.** Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. ²⁷ Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. **But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.”**



THIS WEEK

When you have a choice to either
win for yourself or lose for someone else
which will you choose?