



*The
Gospel of Mark*

Accountable For Your Fruit

Mark 12:1-12

Mark 12:1-4

¹ Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ² At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully.



Mark 12:5-8

⁵ He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

⁶ “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.



Mark 12:9-12

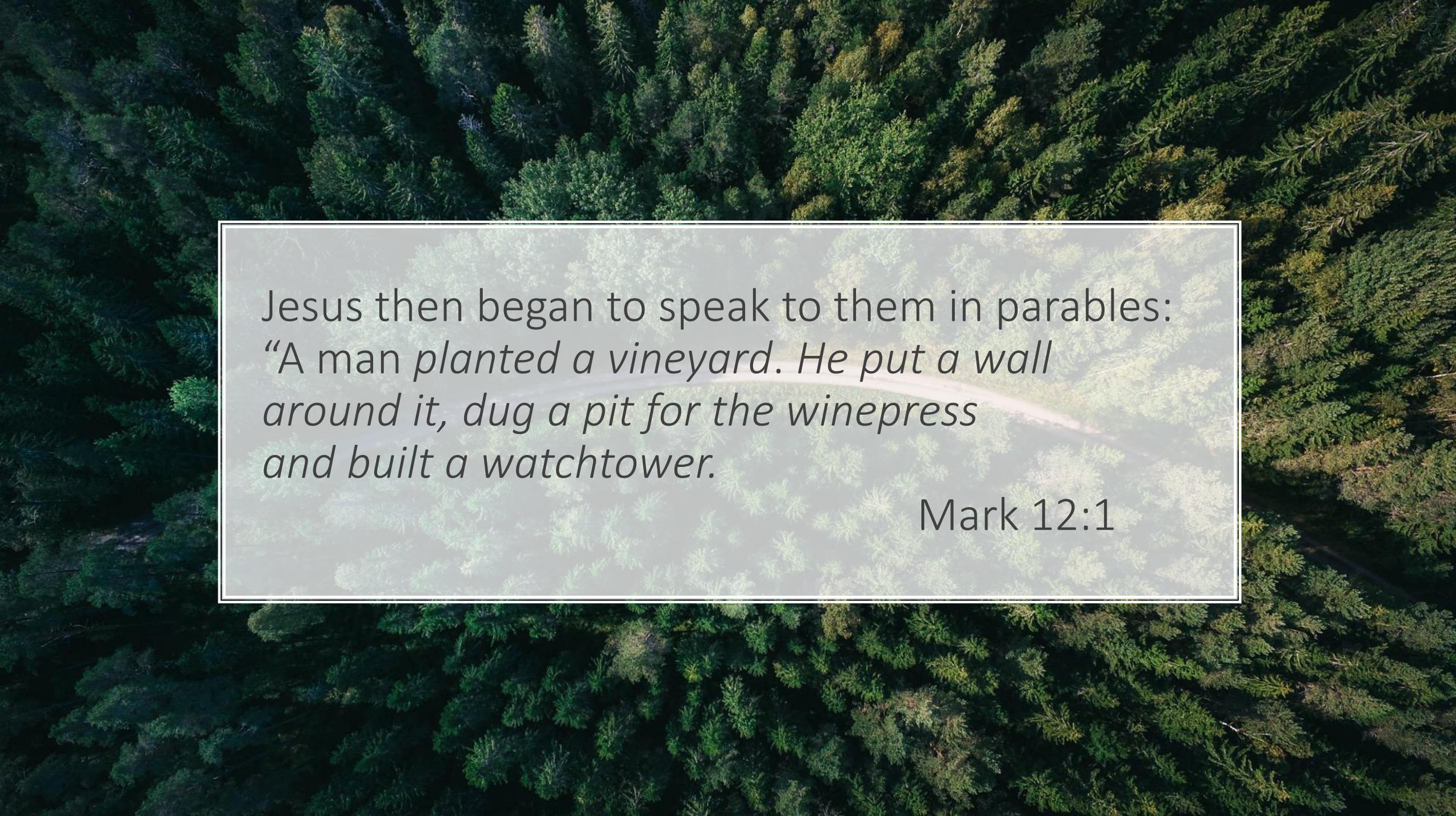
⁹ “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

¹¹ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.



An aerial photograph of a dense forest, likely a coniferous forest, with a central path or clearing. The trees are dark green, and the path is a lighter, sandy or dirt color. The overall scene is lush and natural.

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Mark 12:1

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A narrow, light-colored road or path winds through the trees, curving from the left towards the right. The text is overlaid on the center of the image, following the curve of the road.

The Owner Equips
Them To Produce Fruit

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A narrow, light-colored dirt road winds through the trees, curving from the left towards the right. The trees are tall and closely packed, creating a rich, textured canopy. The lighting is soft, highlighting the various shades of green.

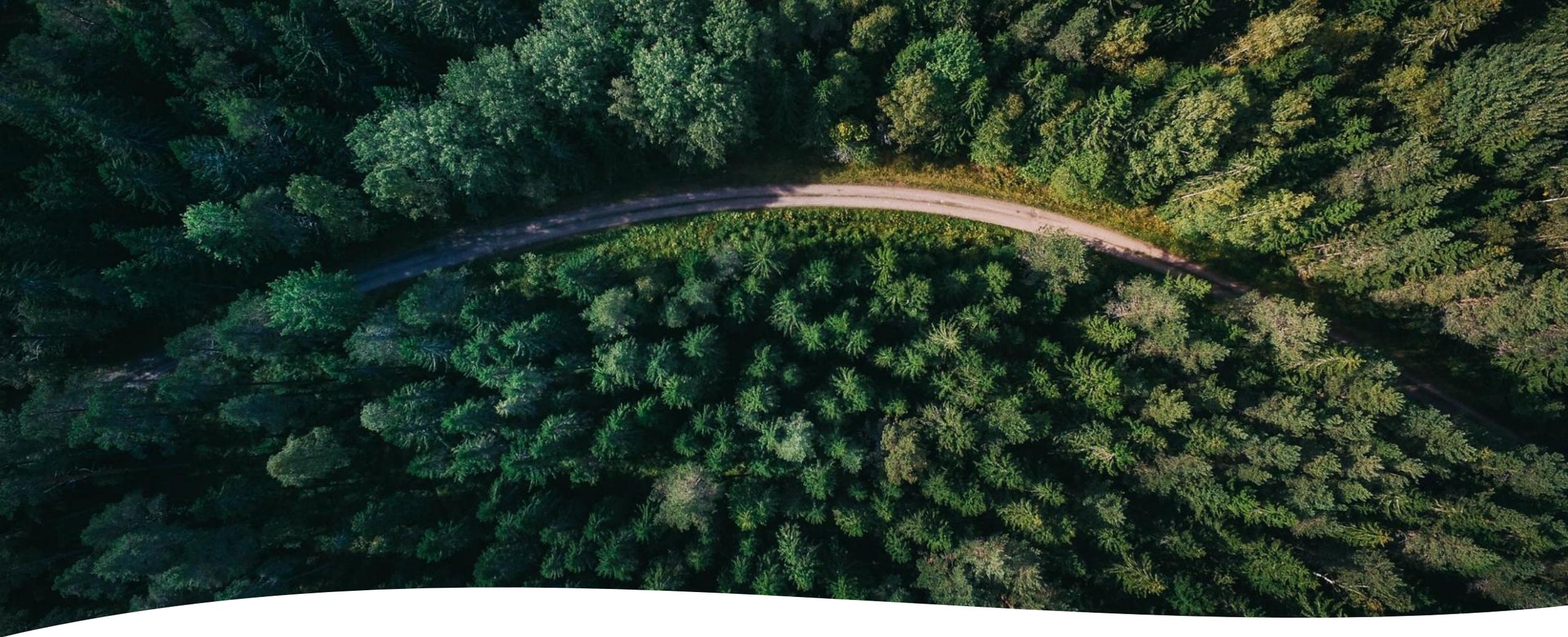
God Equips *US*
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**How Do You Respond
When You Are Kept Accountable?**

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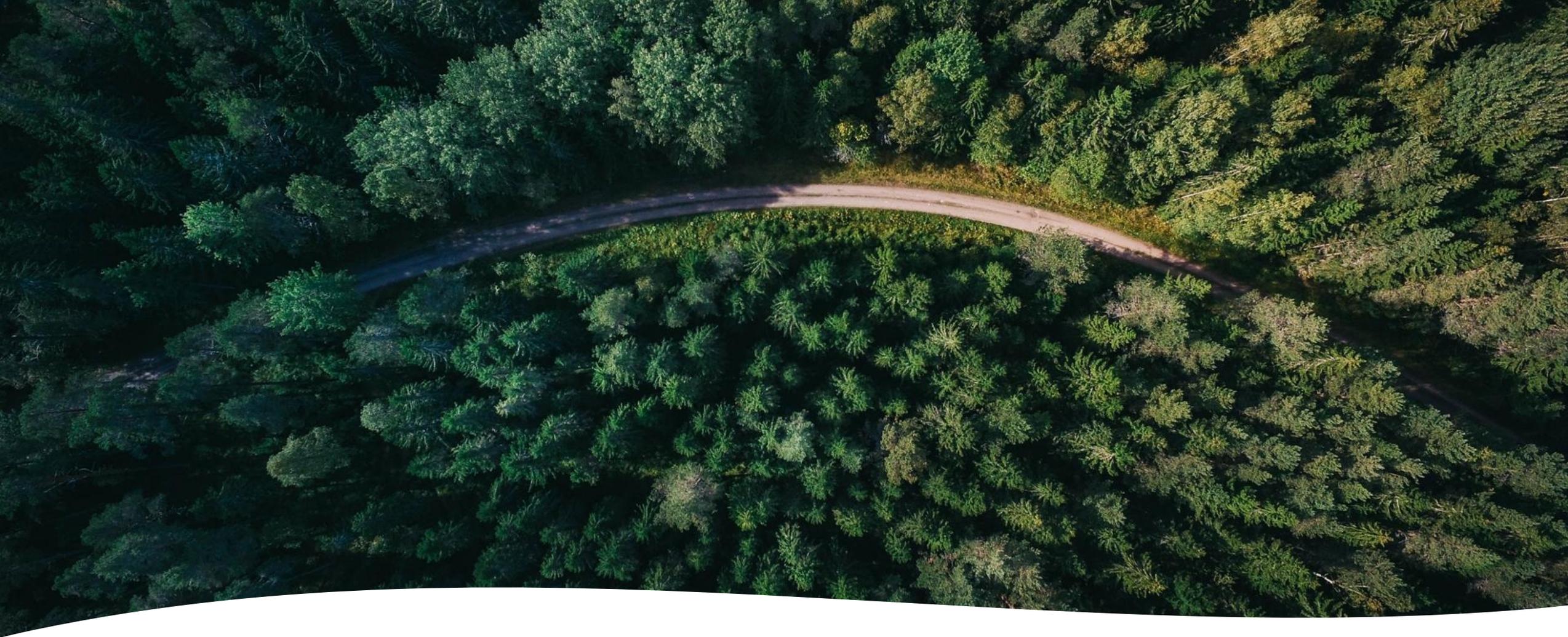
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An aerial photograph of a dense, dark green forest. A paved road curves through the center of the image, disappearing into the trees. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting a shaded or overcast day. The text is overlaid on the road.

We Will Be Held To Account



How Will You Respond?