



Don't Whine, Shine

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Advancing the Gospel ← Unity ← Humility ← ?

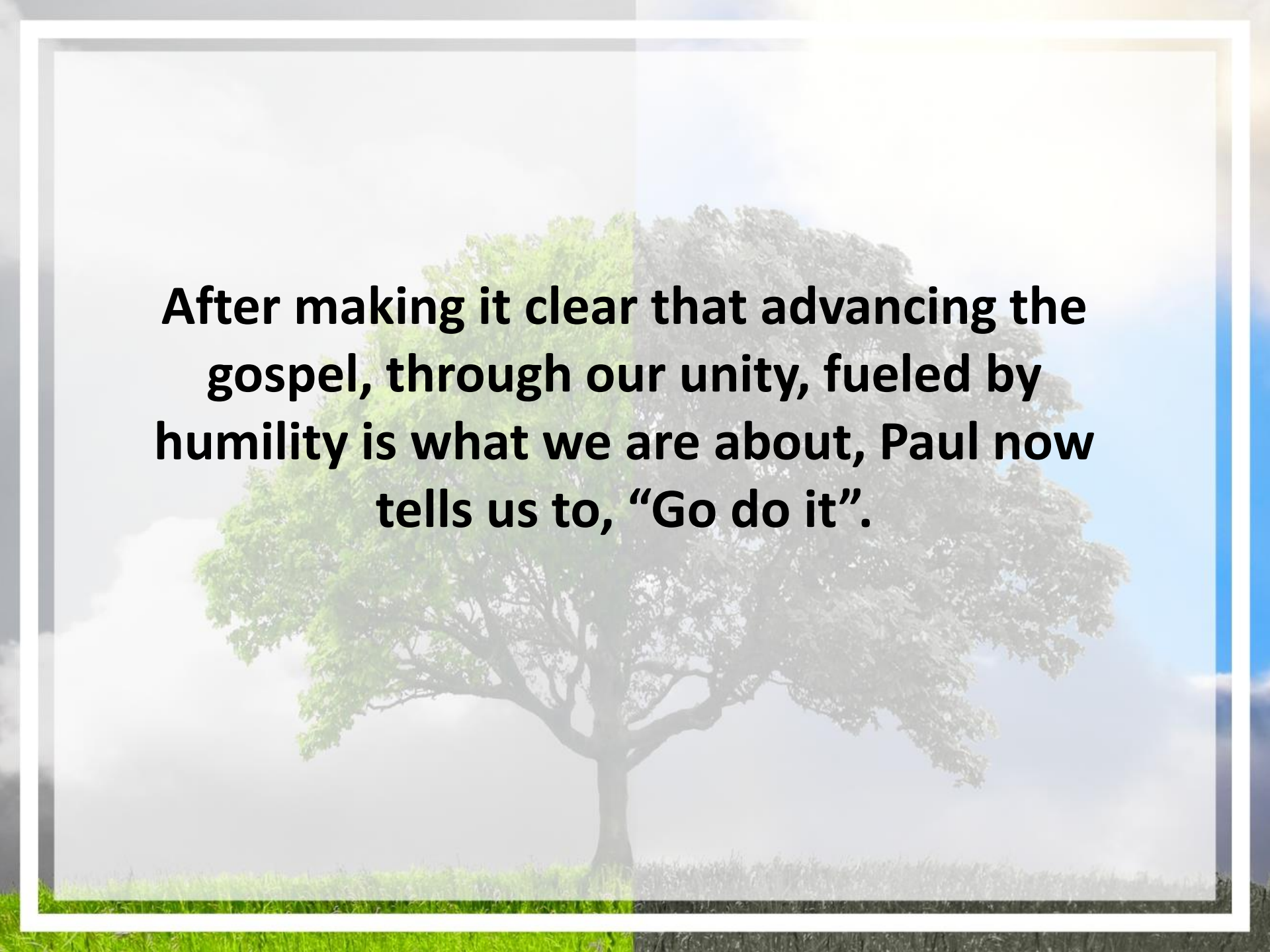
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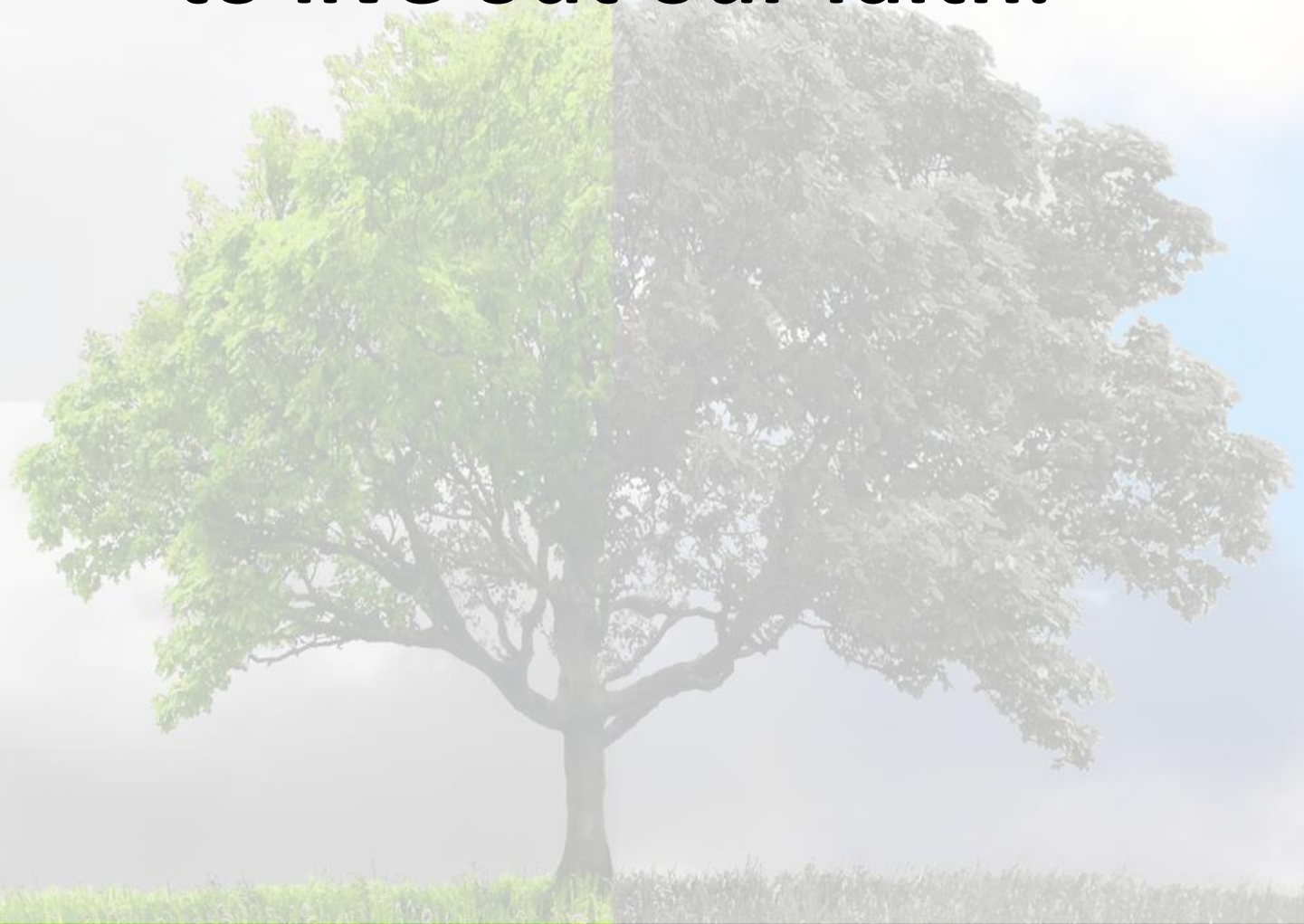
**After making it clear that advancing the gospel, through our unity, fueled by humility is what we are about, Paul now tells us to, “Go do it”.**



**ATG ← Unity ← Humility ← Effort**



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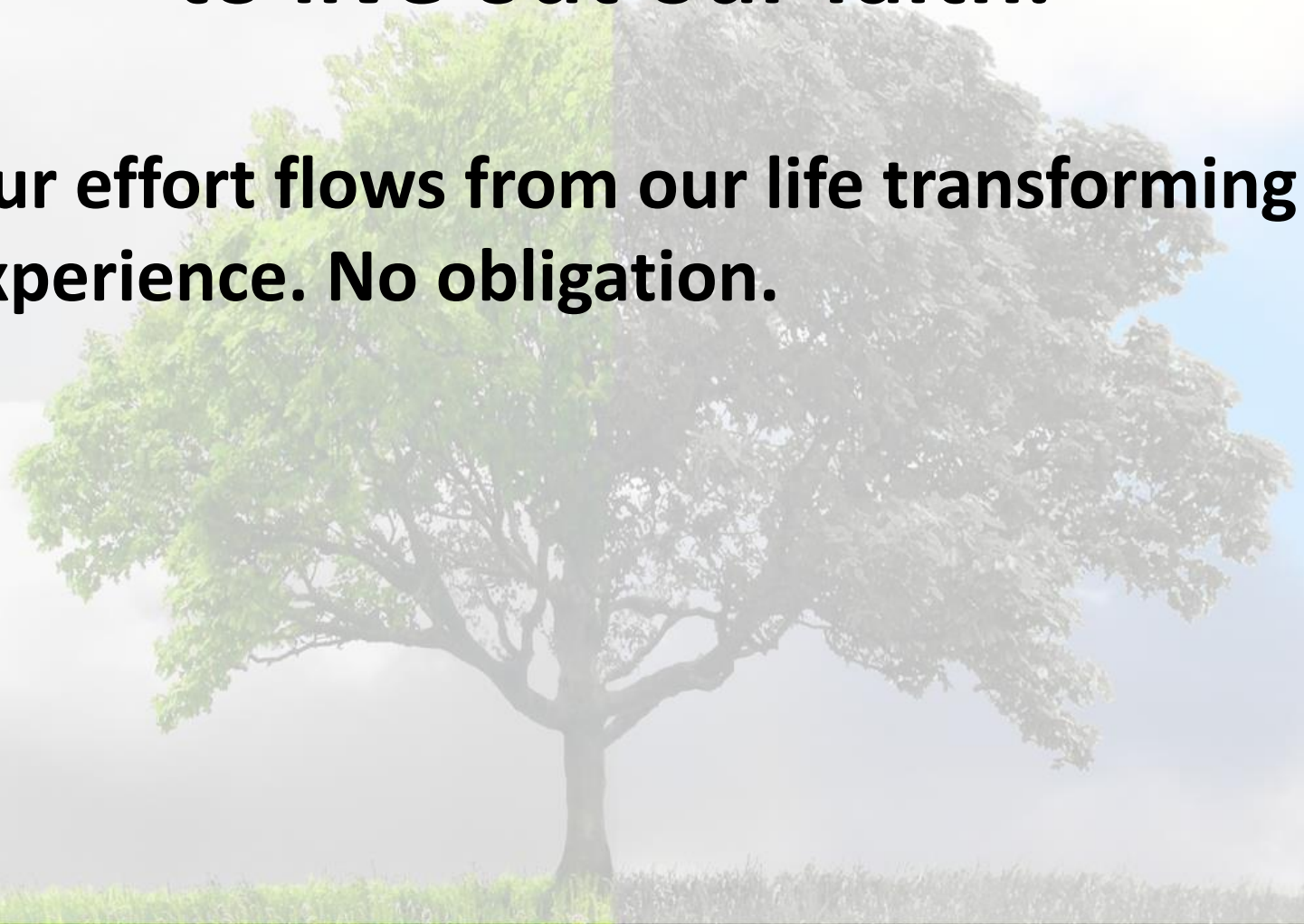
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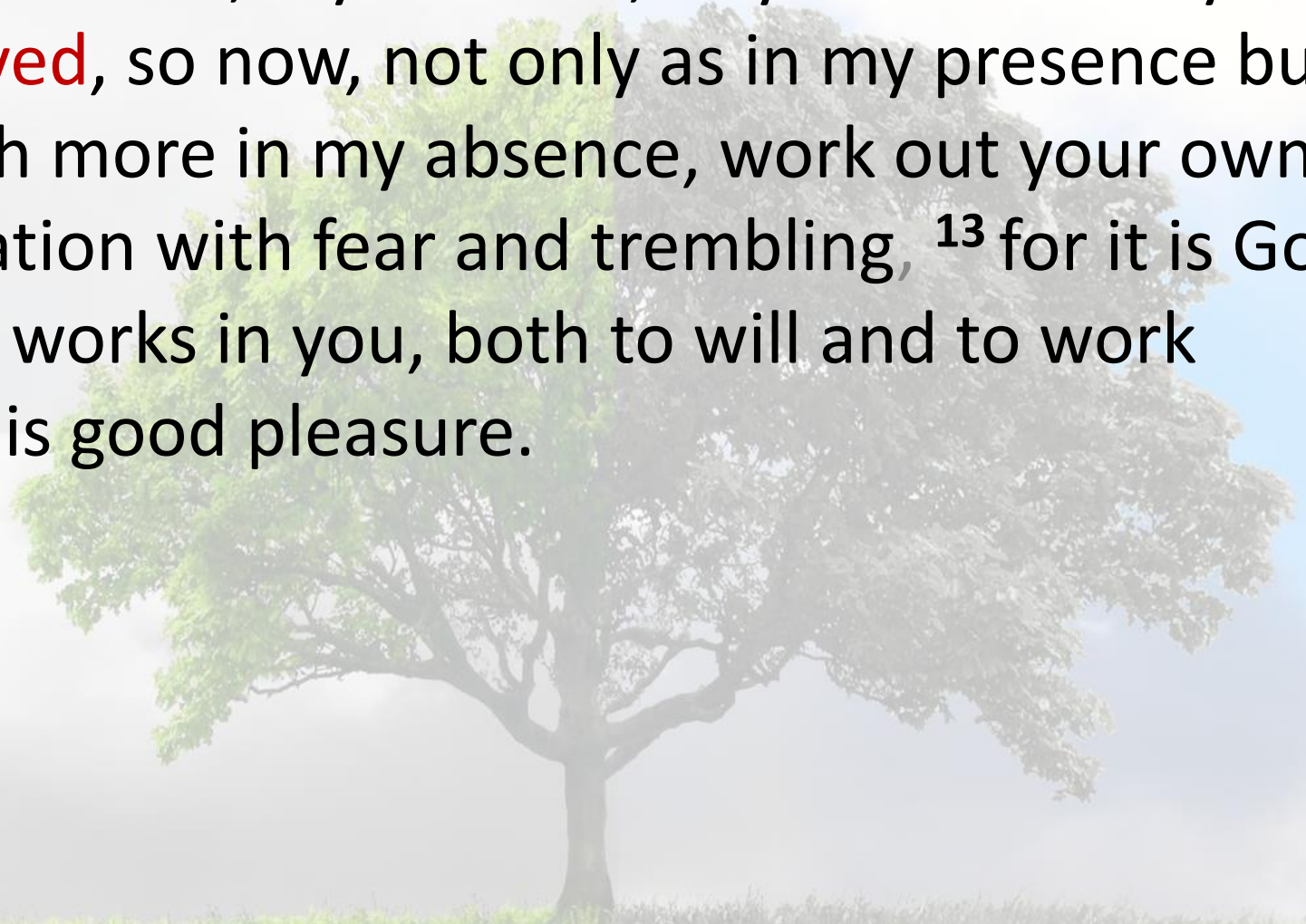
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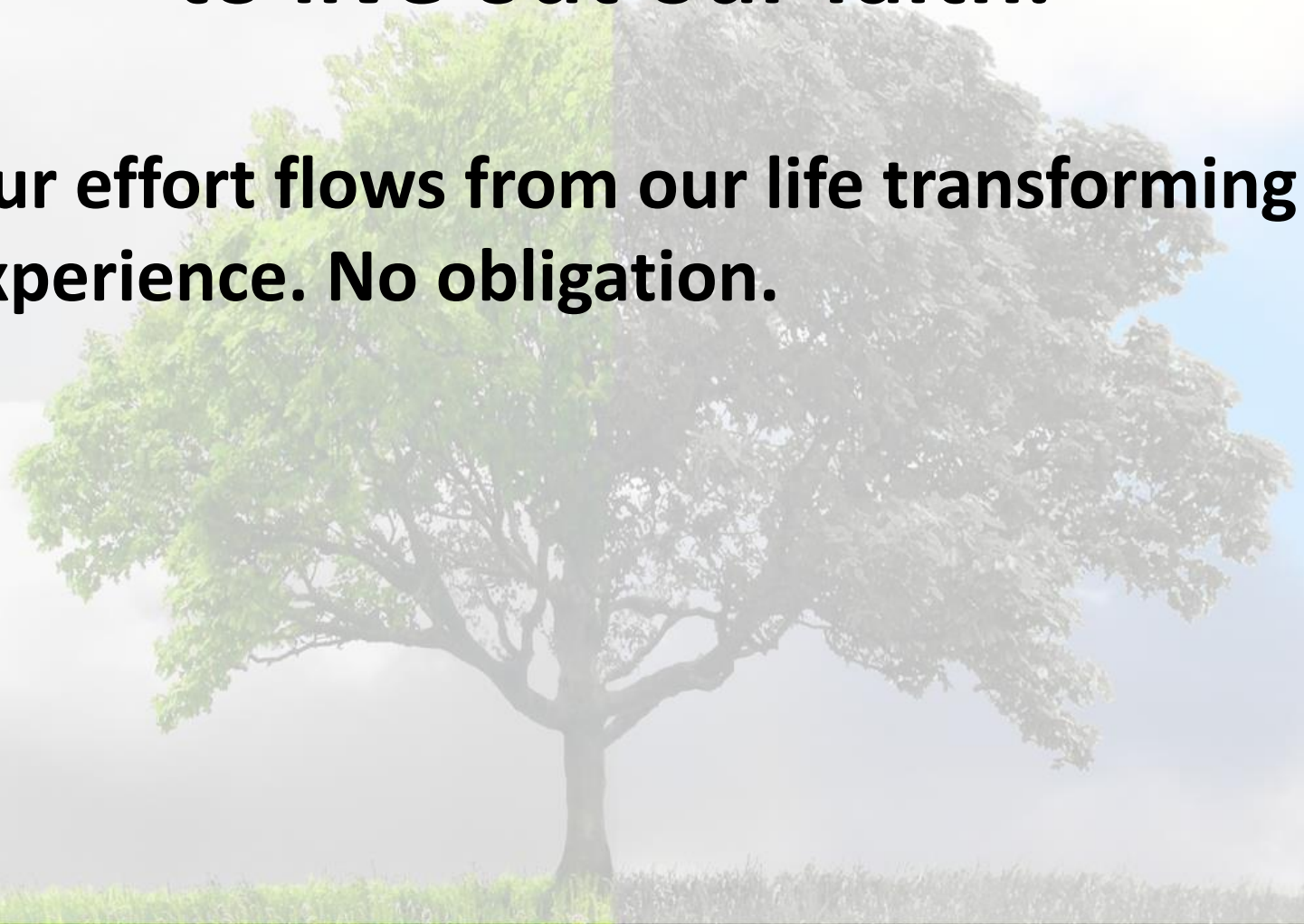
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So if there is any **encouragement in Christ**, any **comfort from love**, any **participation in the Spirit**, any **affection and sympathy**, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.



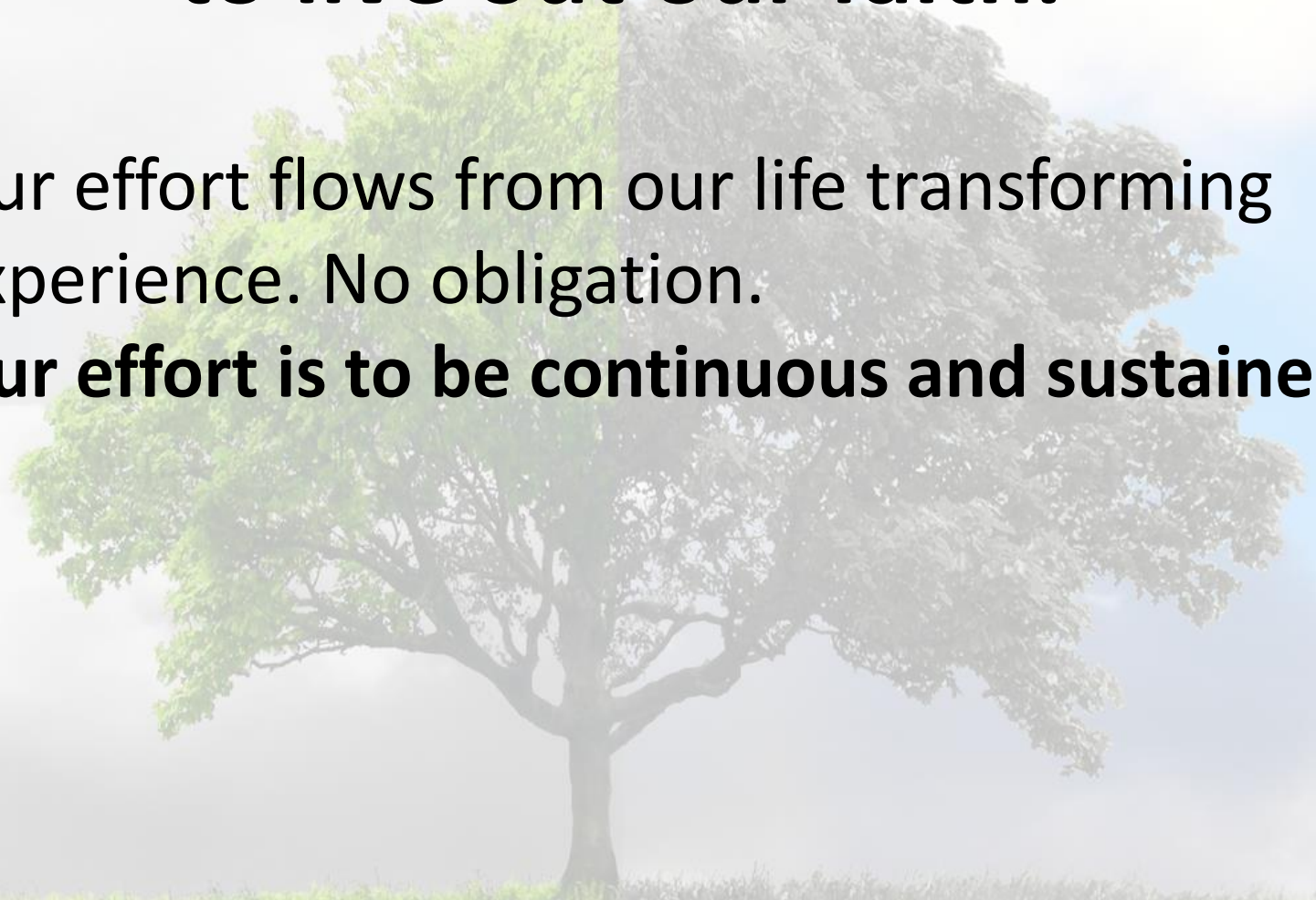
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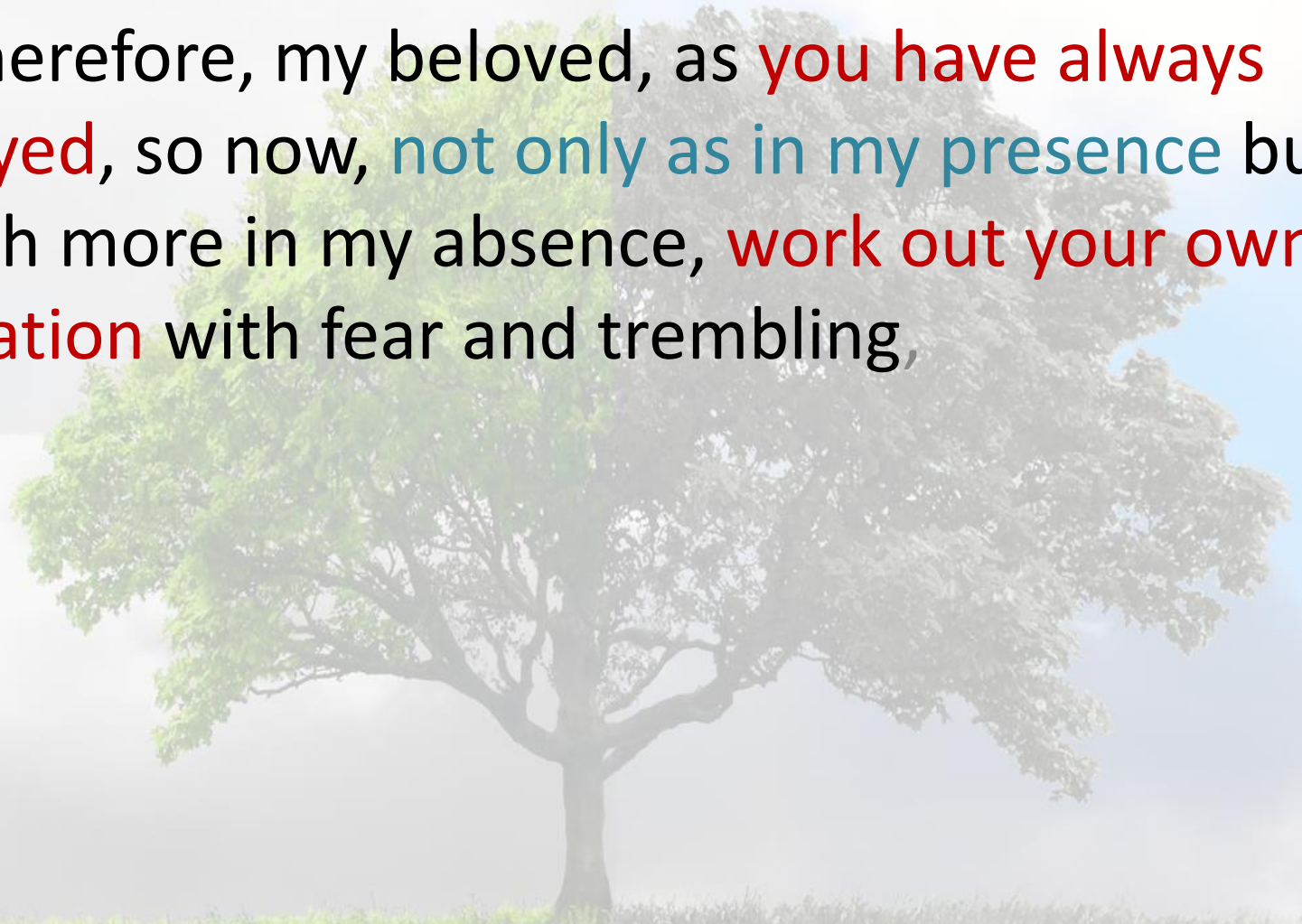
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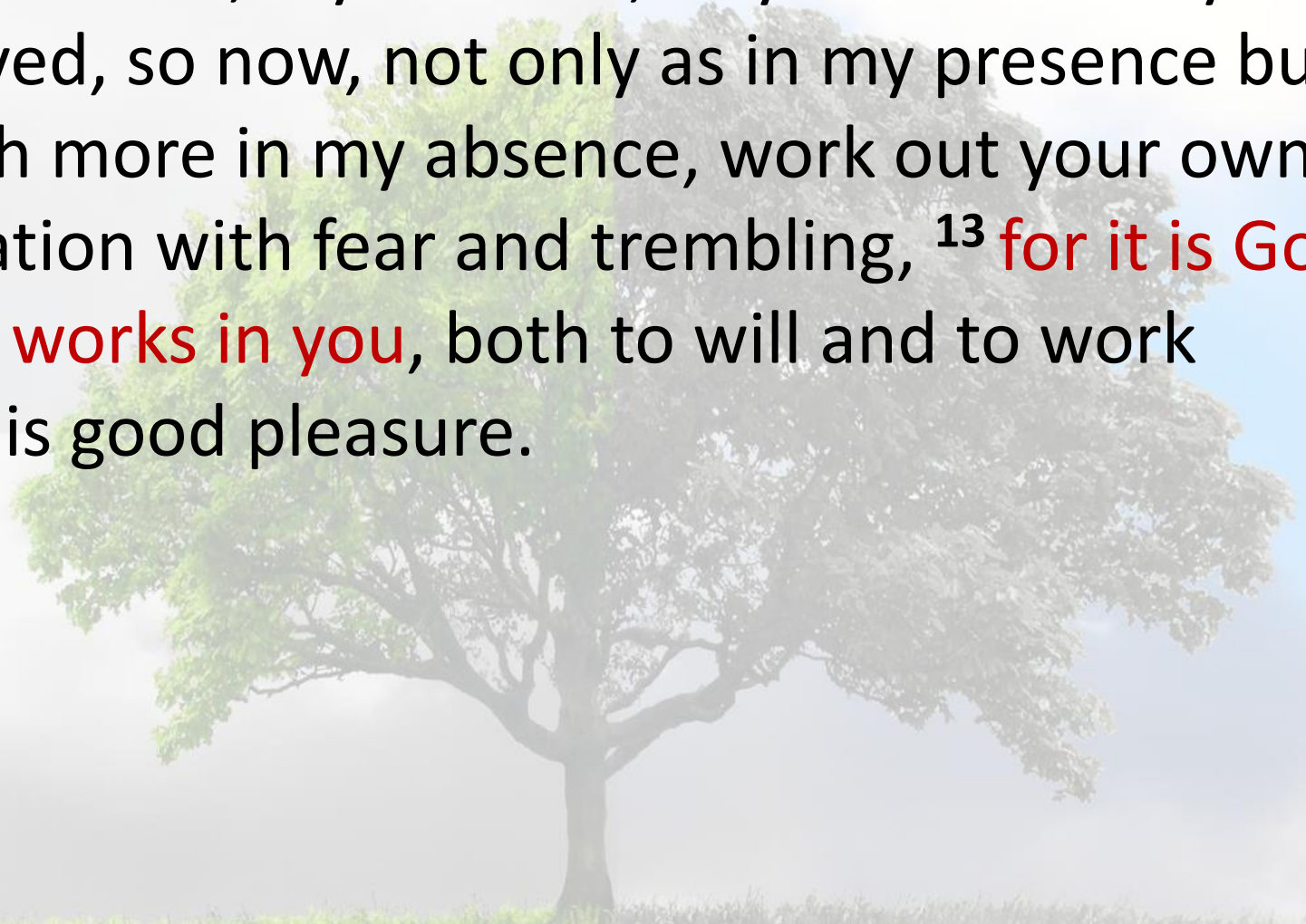
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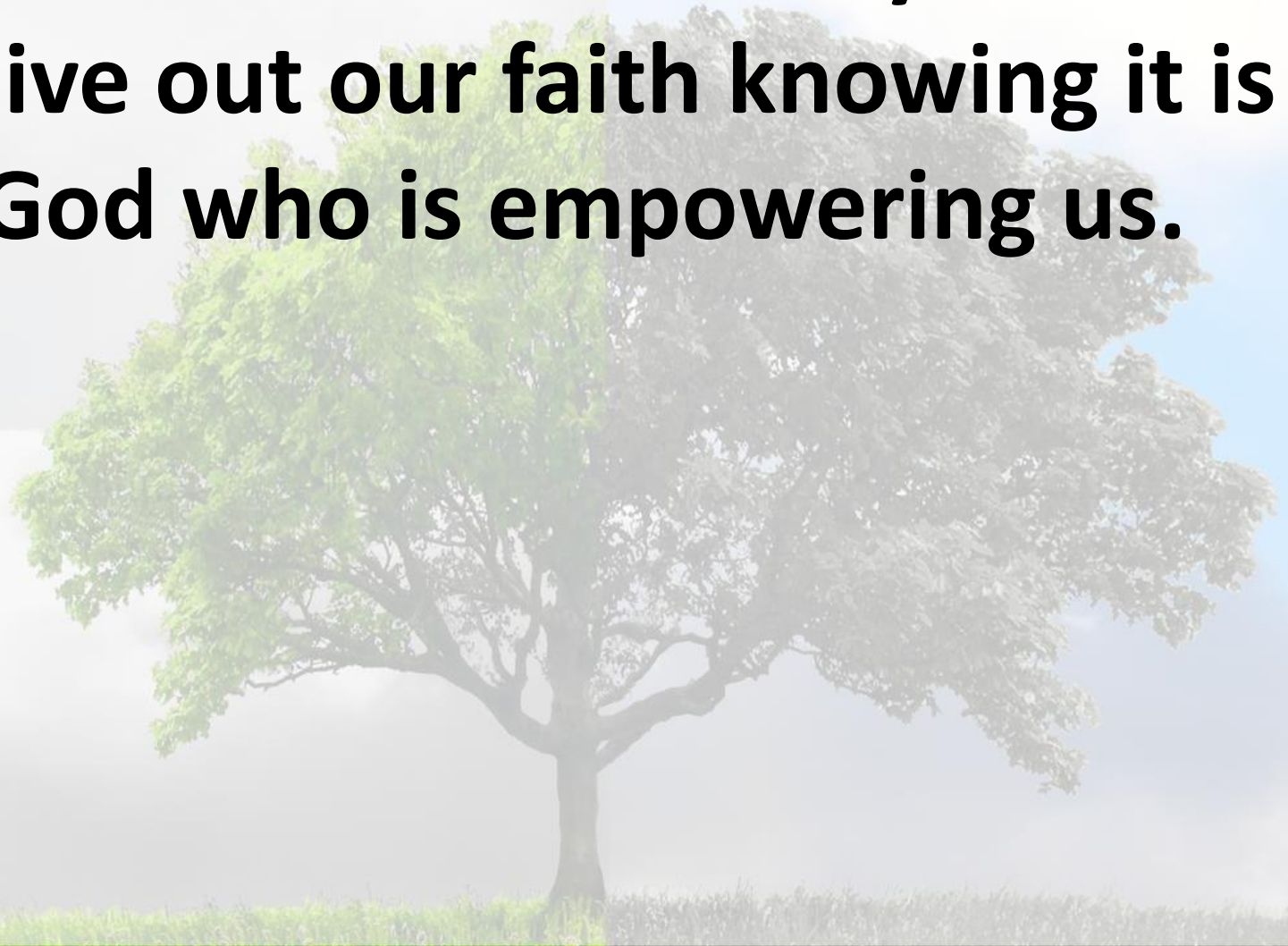
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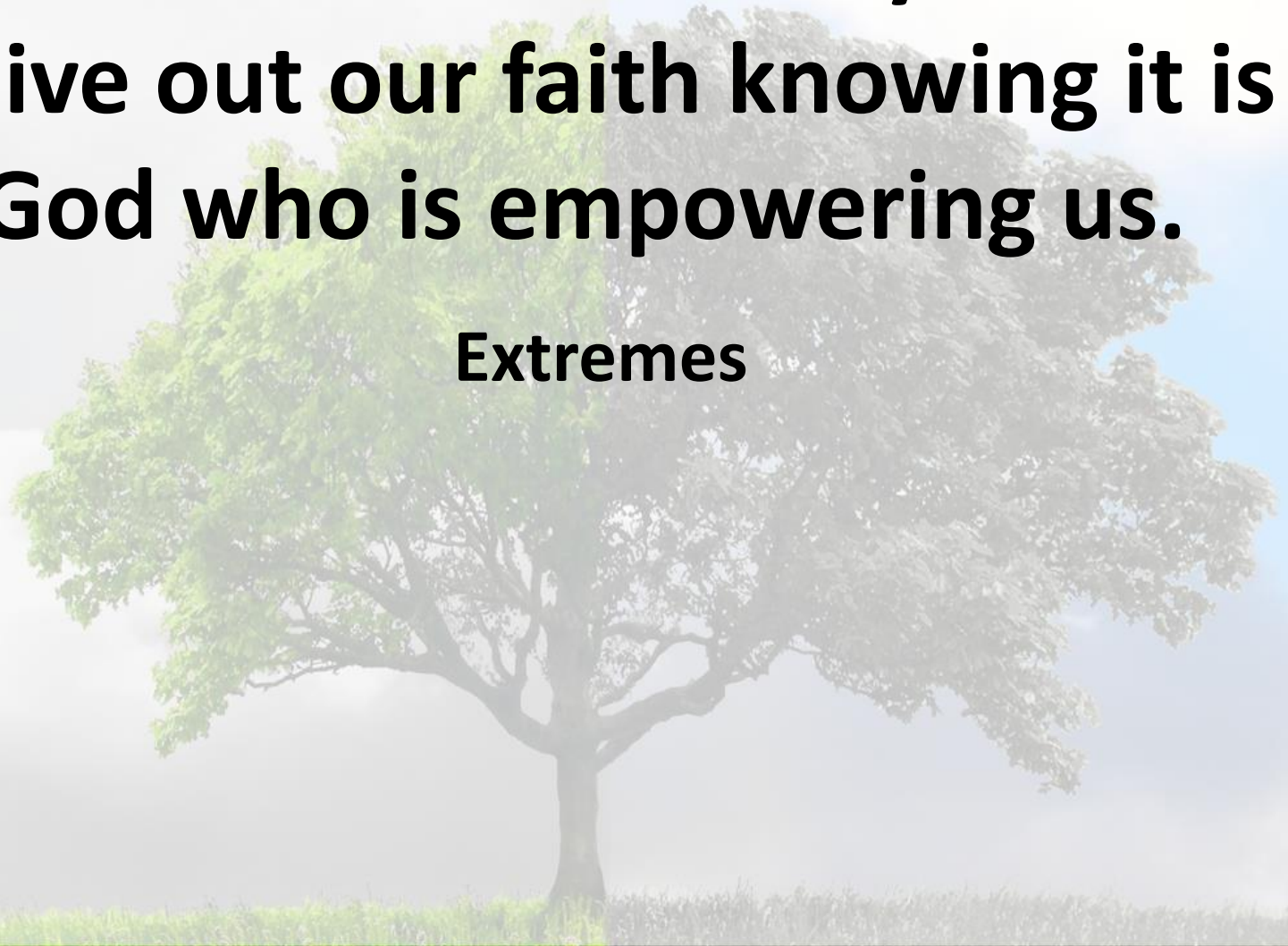




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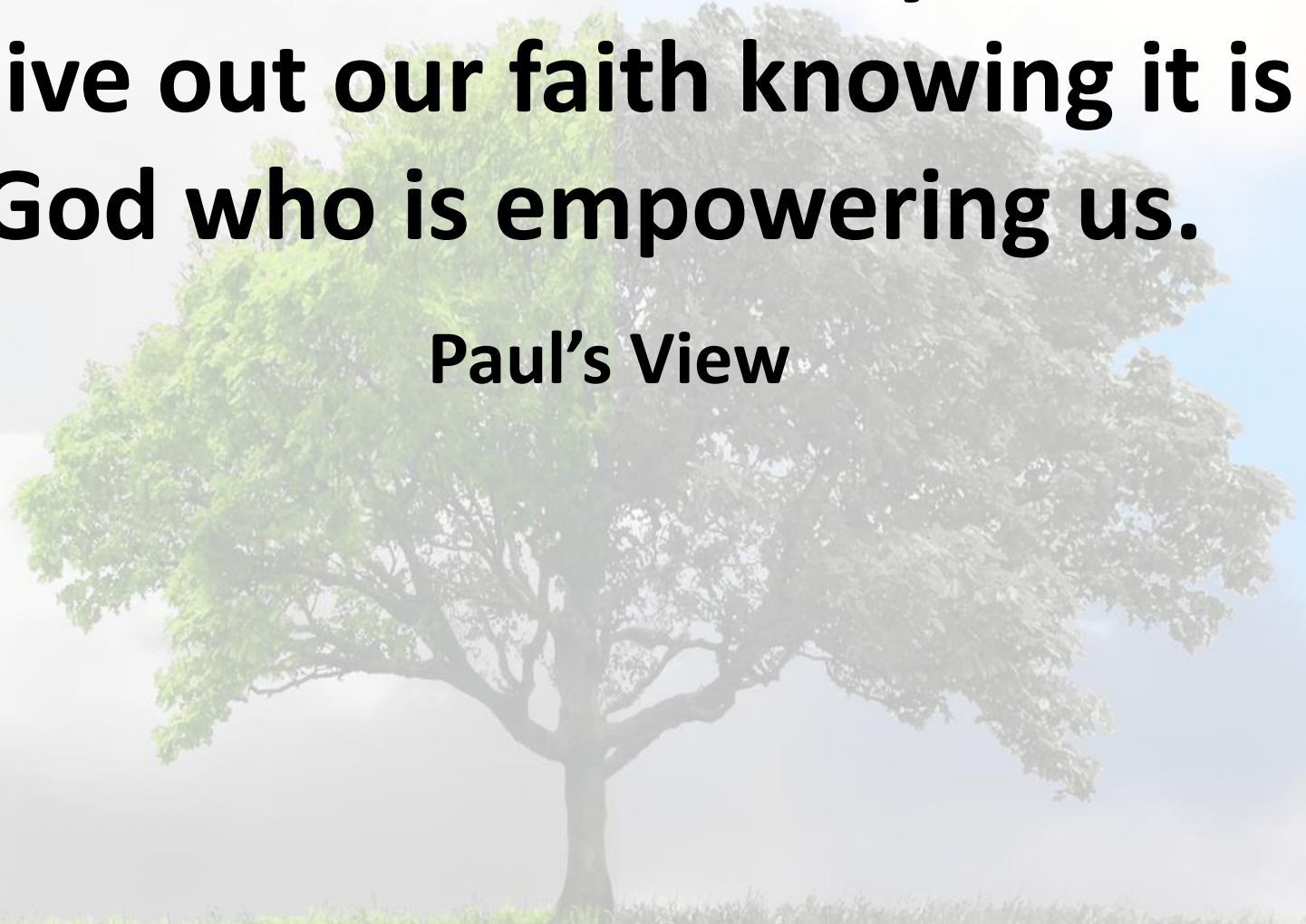
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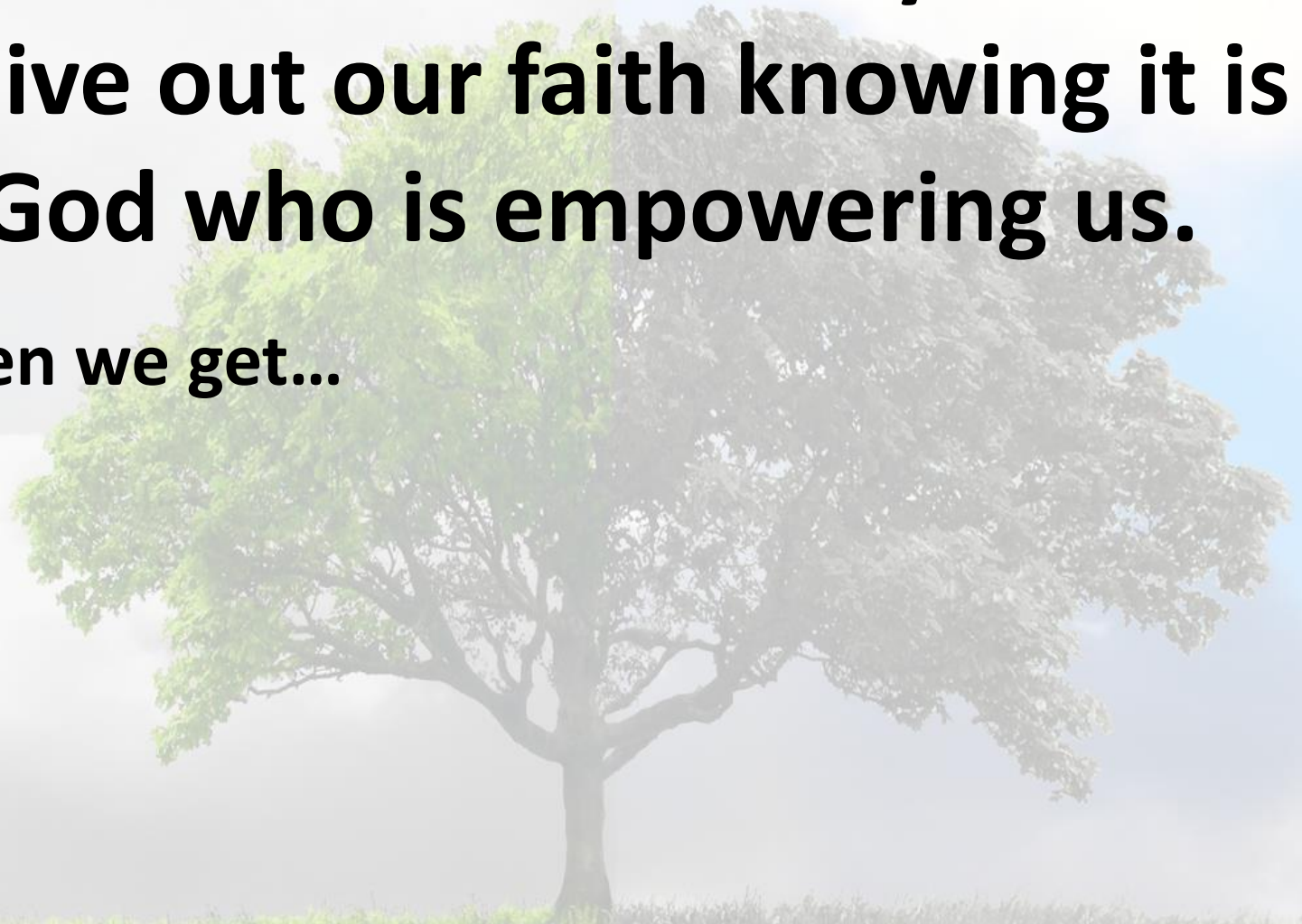
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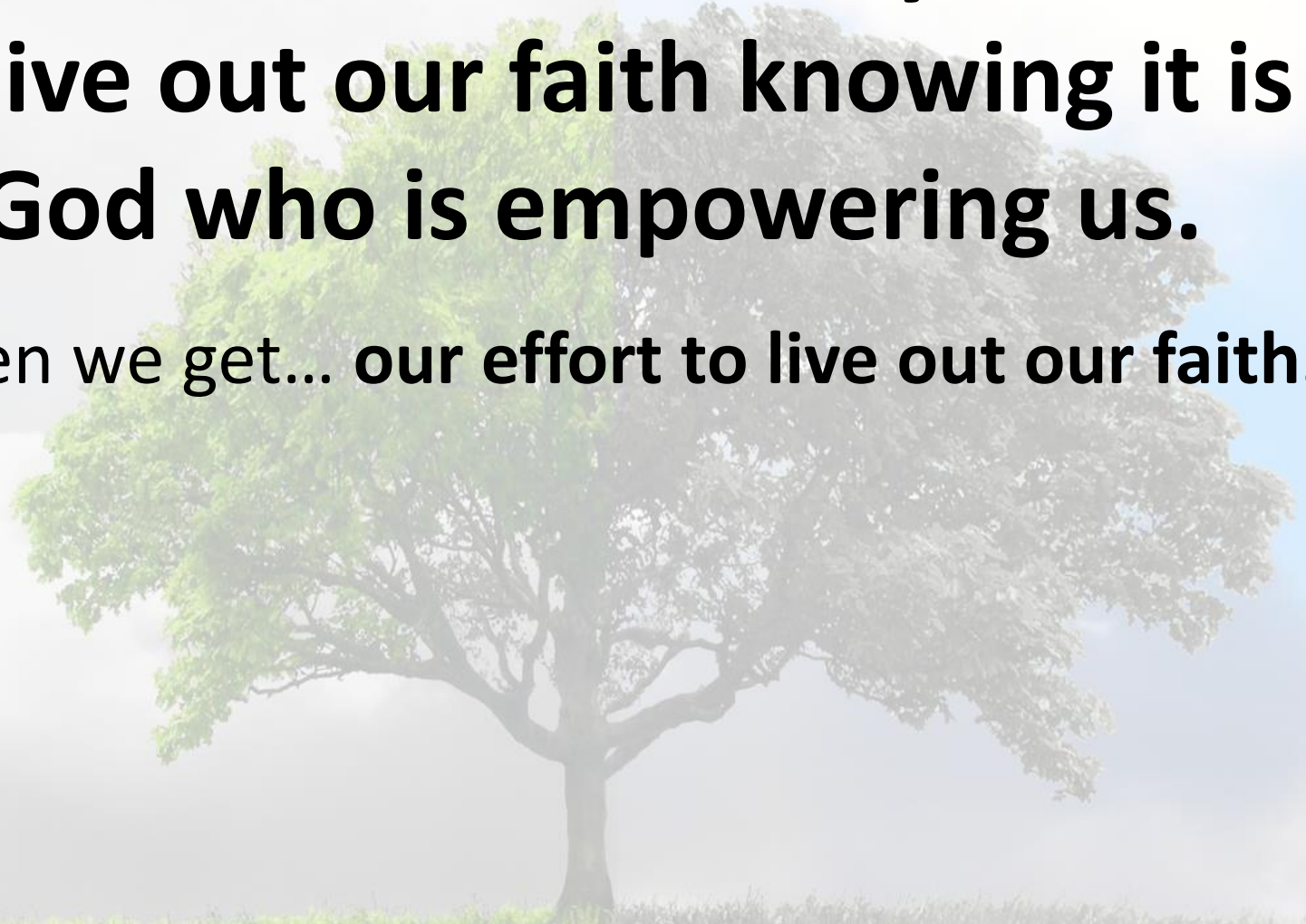
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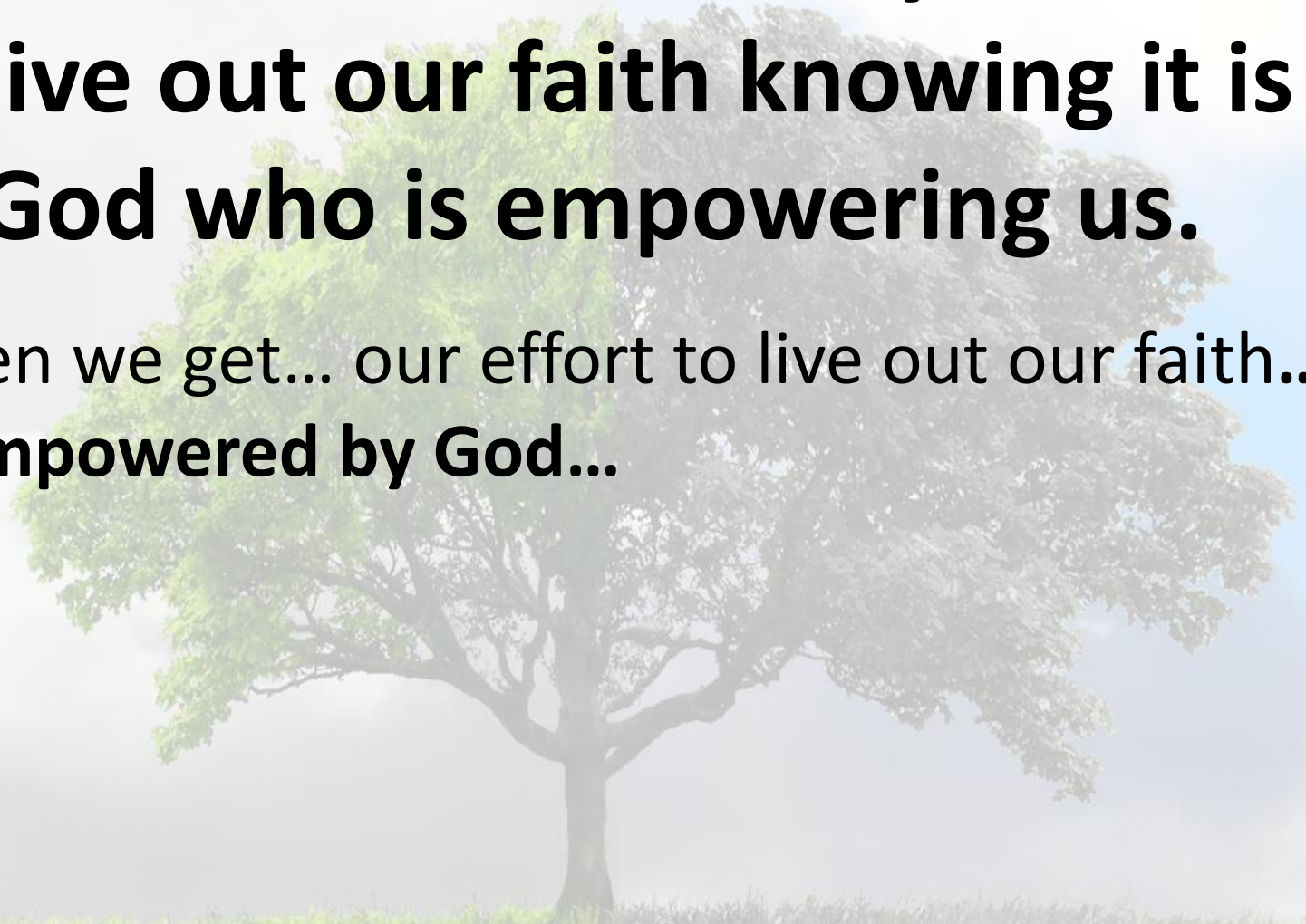




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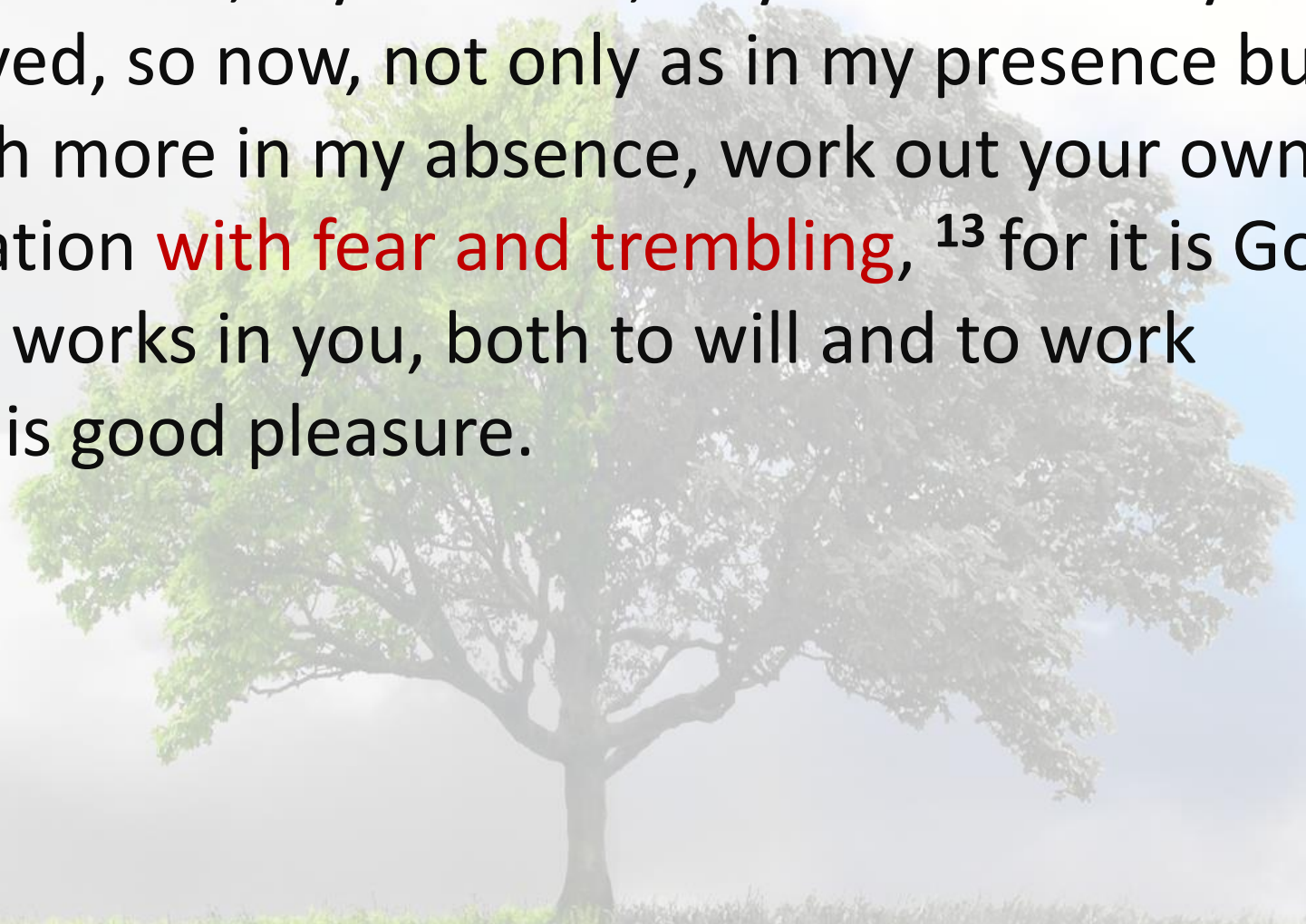
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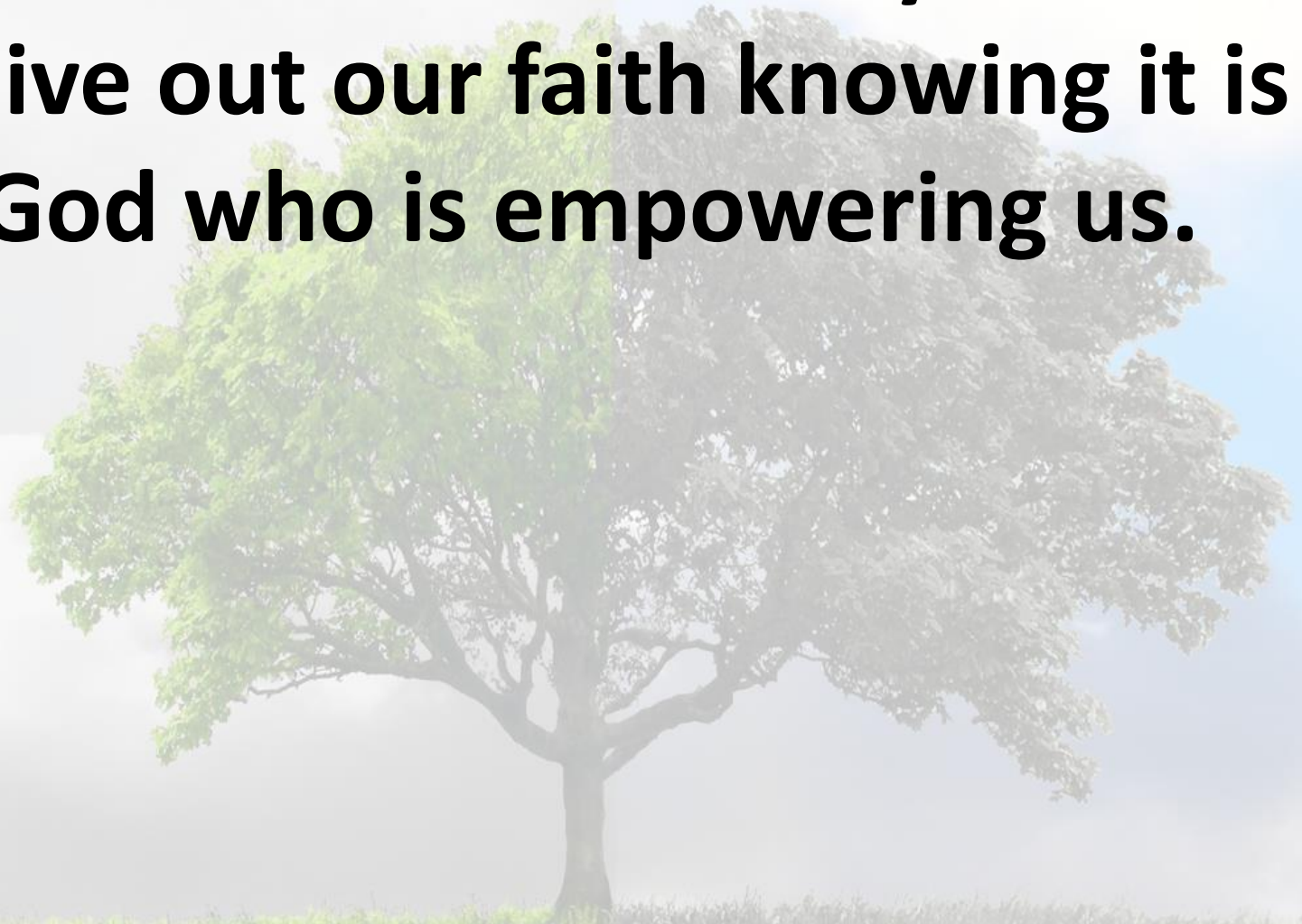
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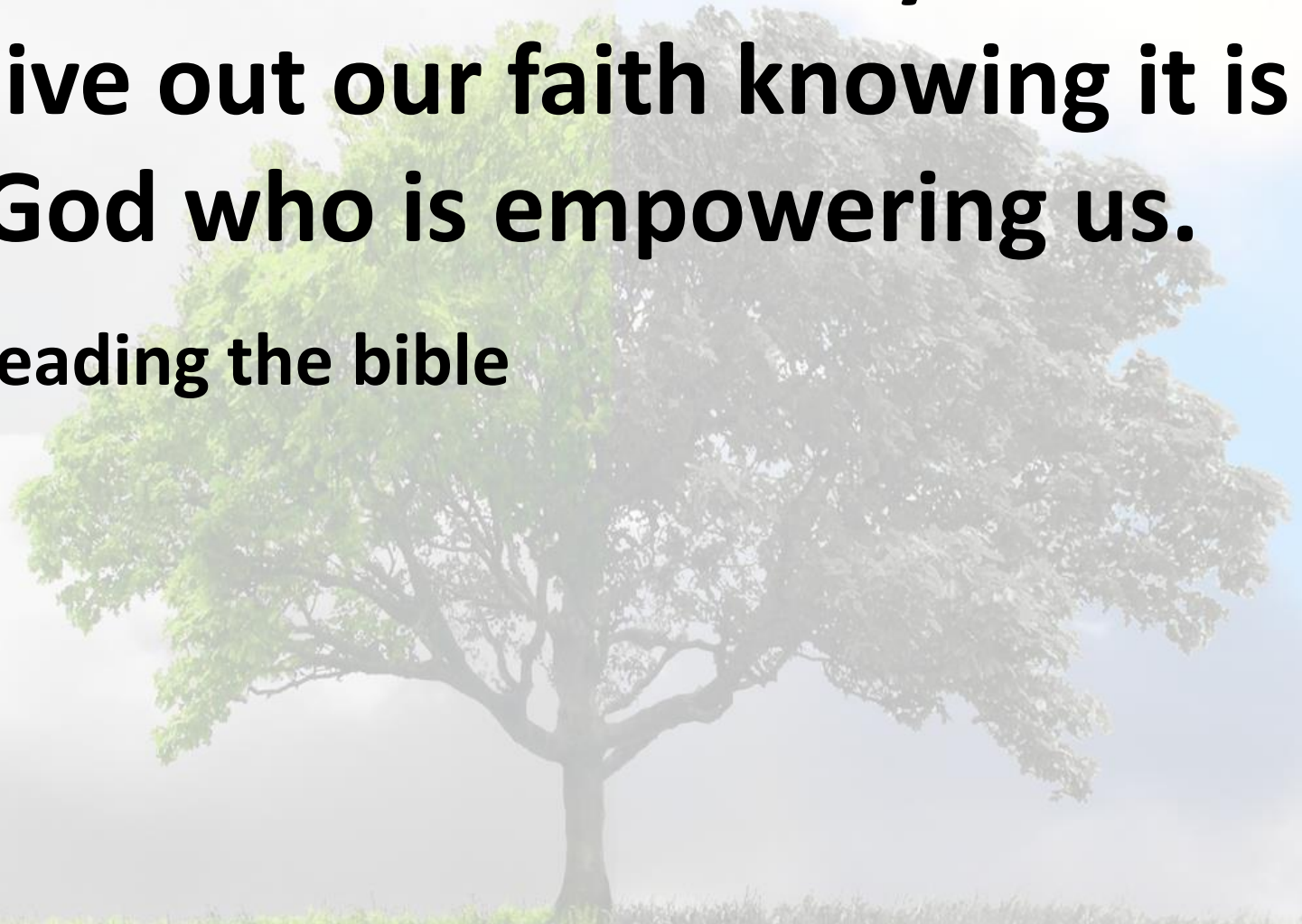
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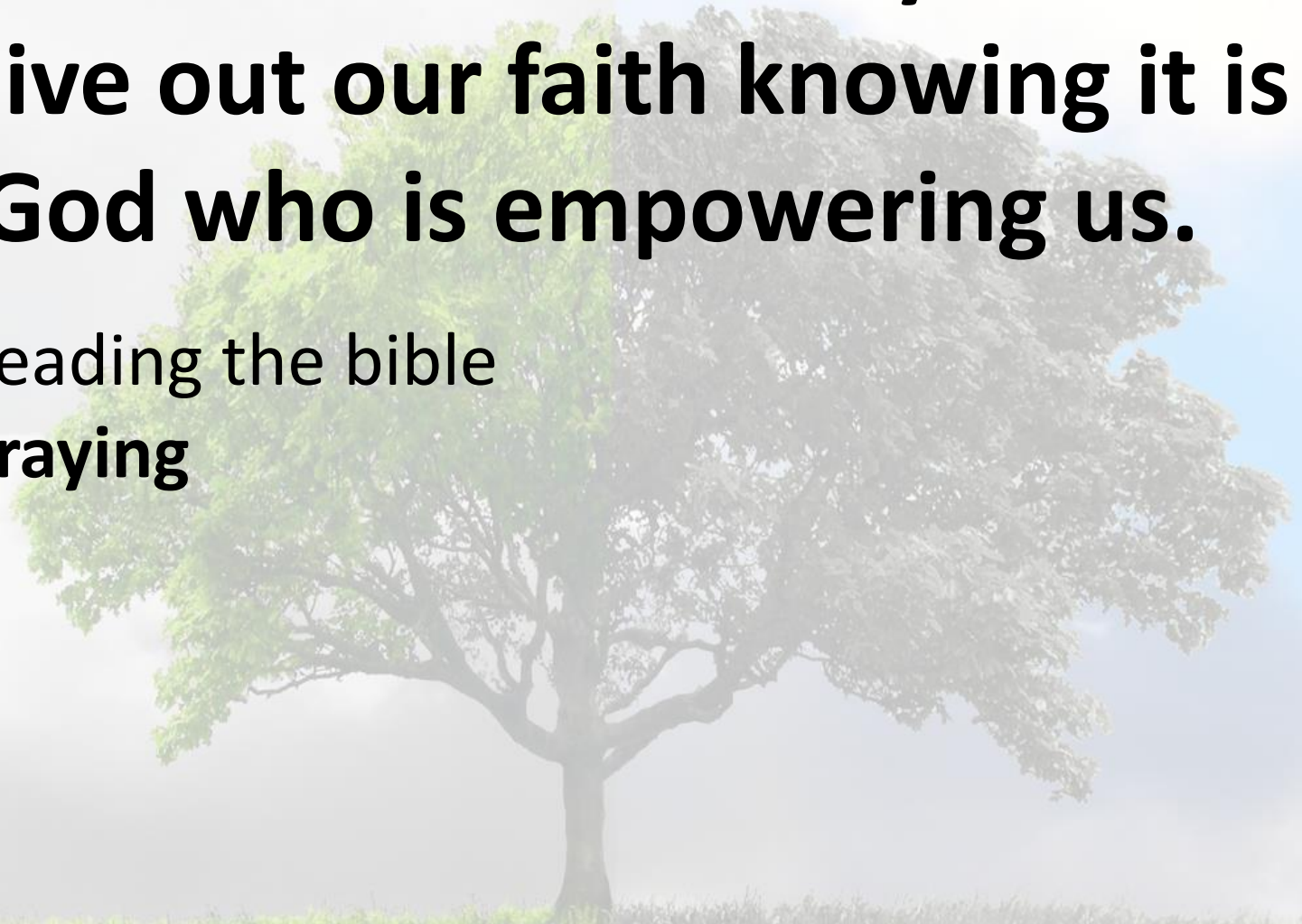
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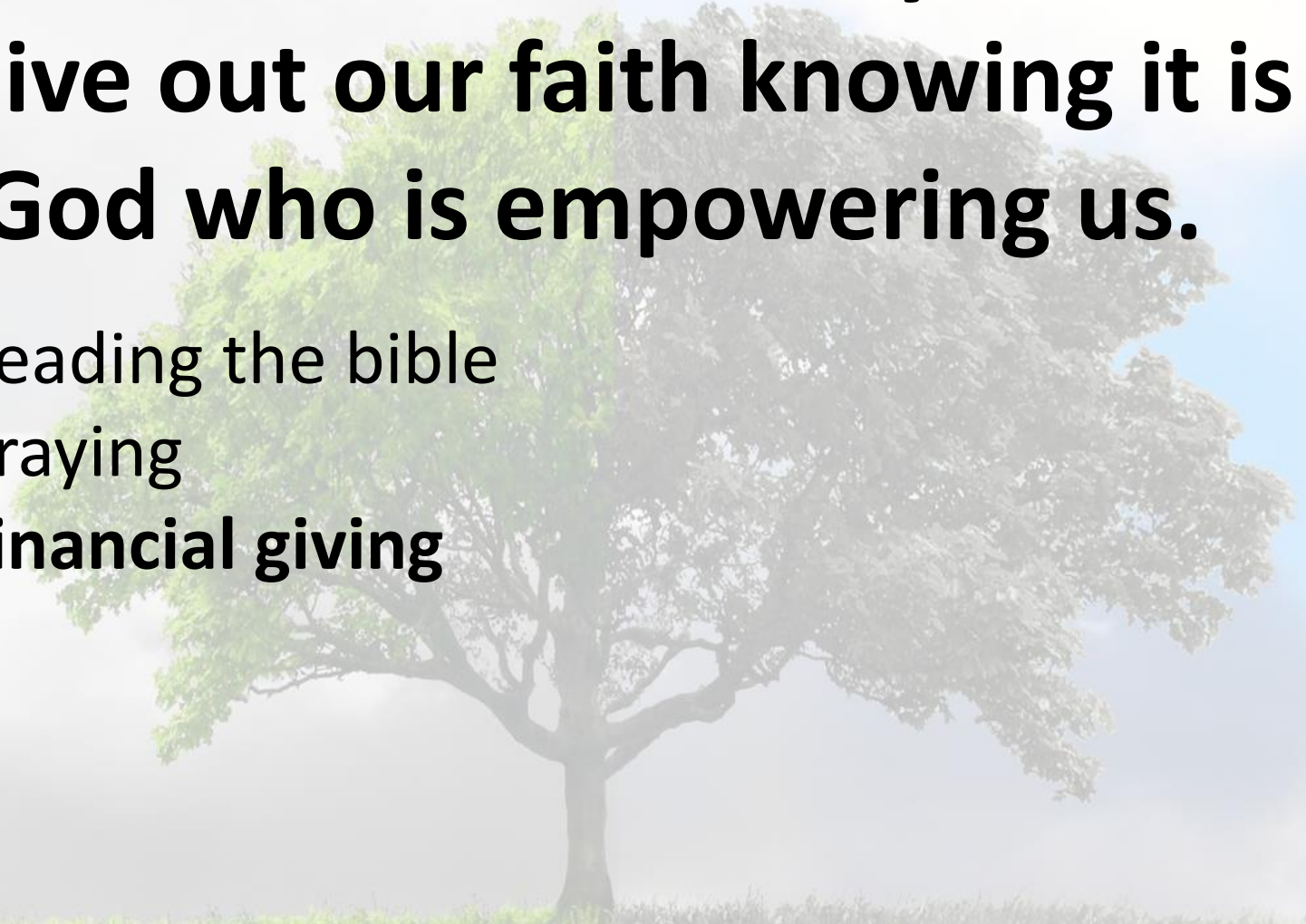




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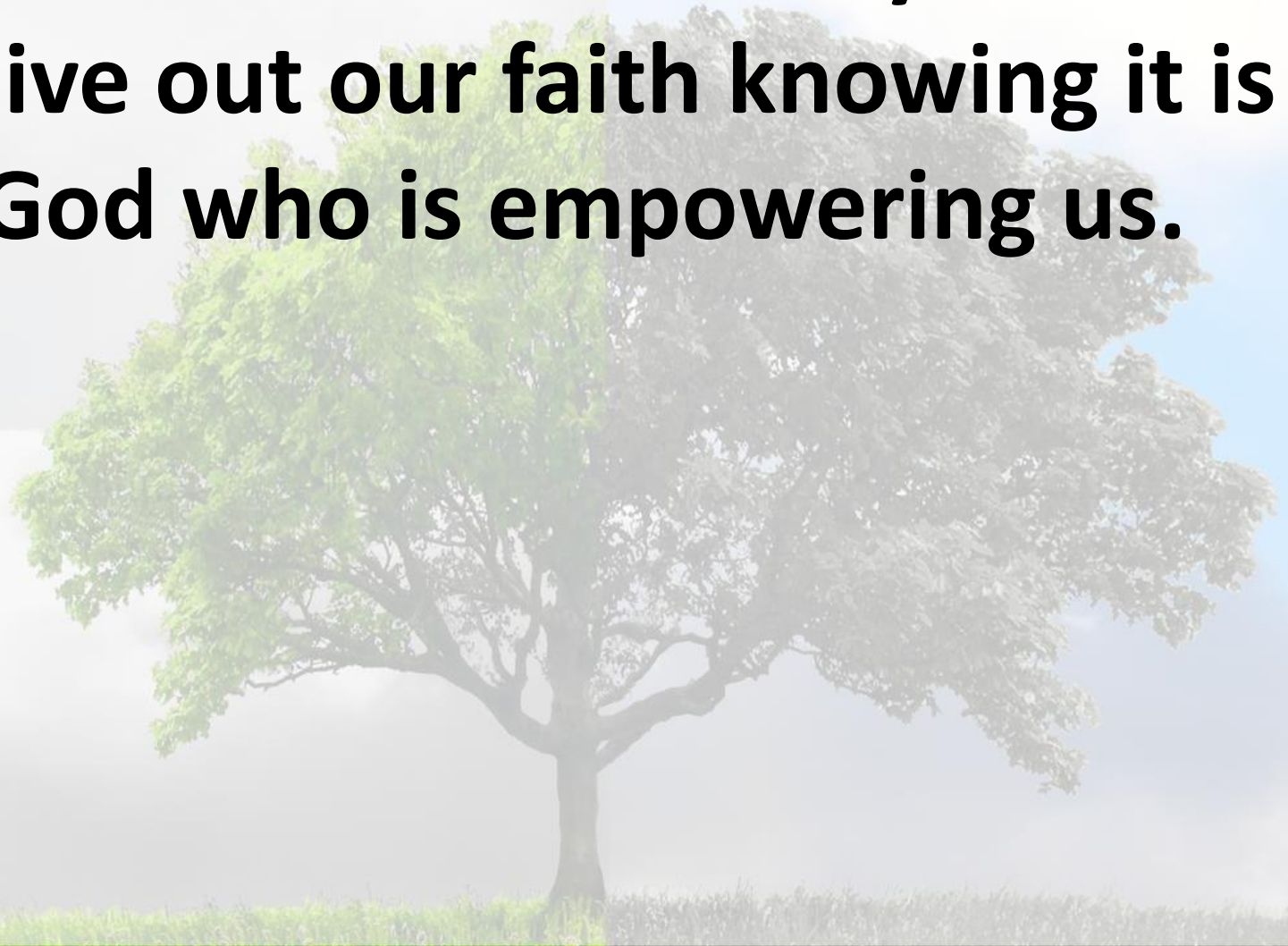
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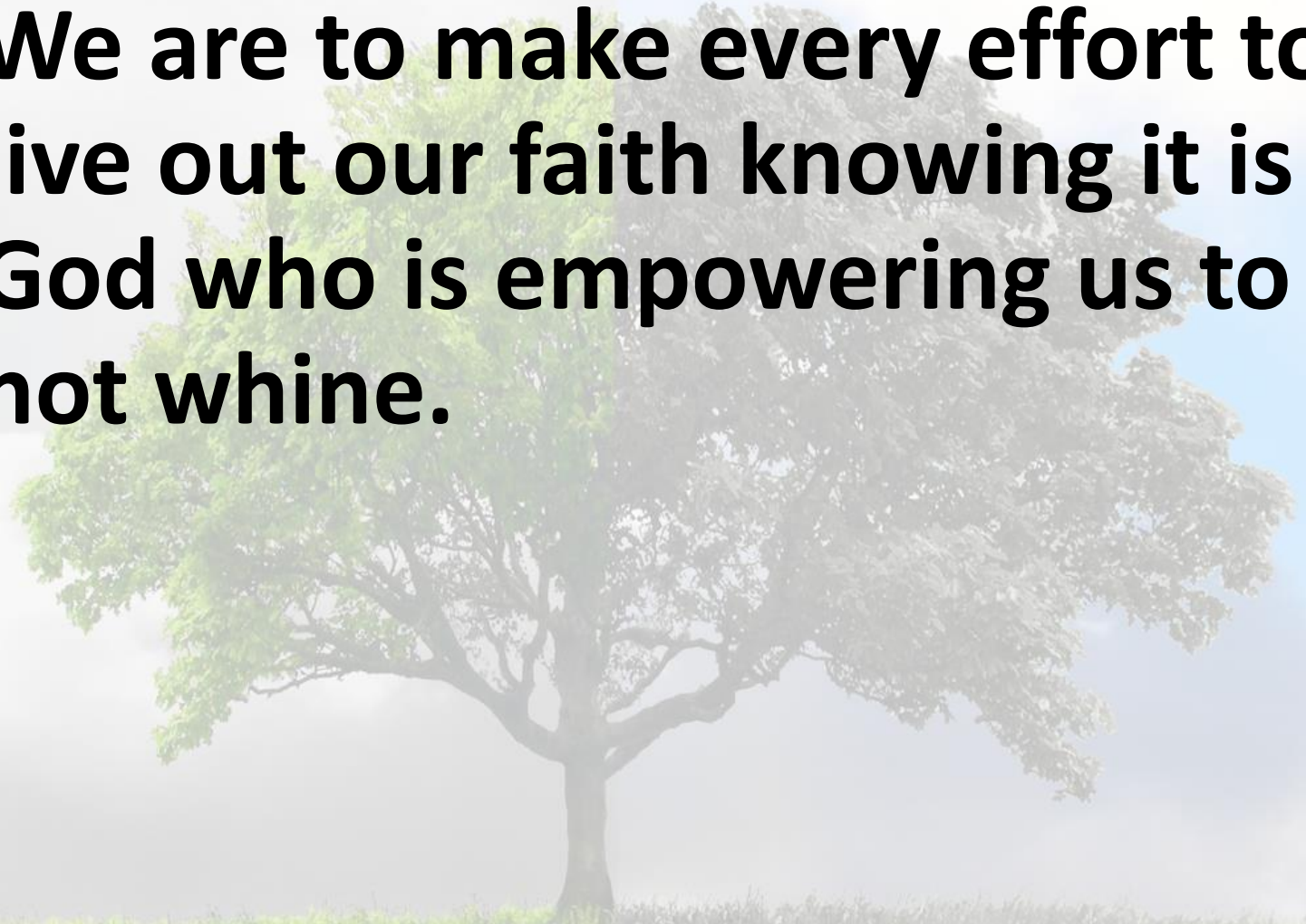
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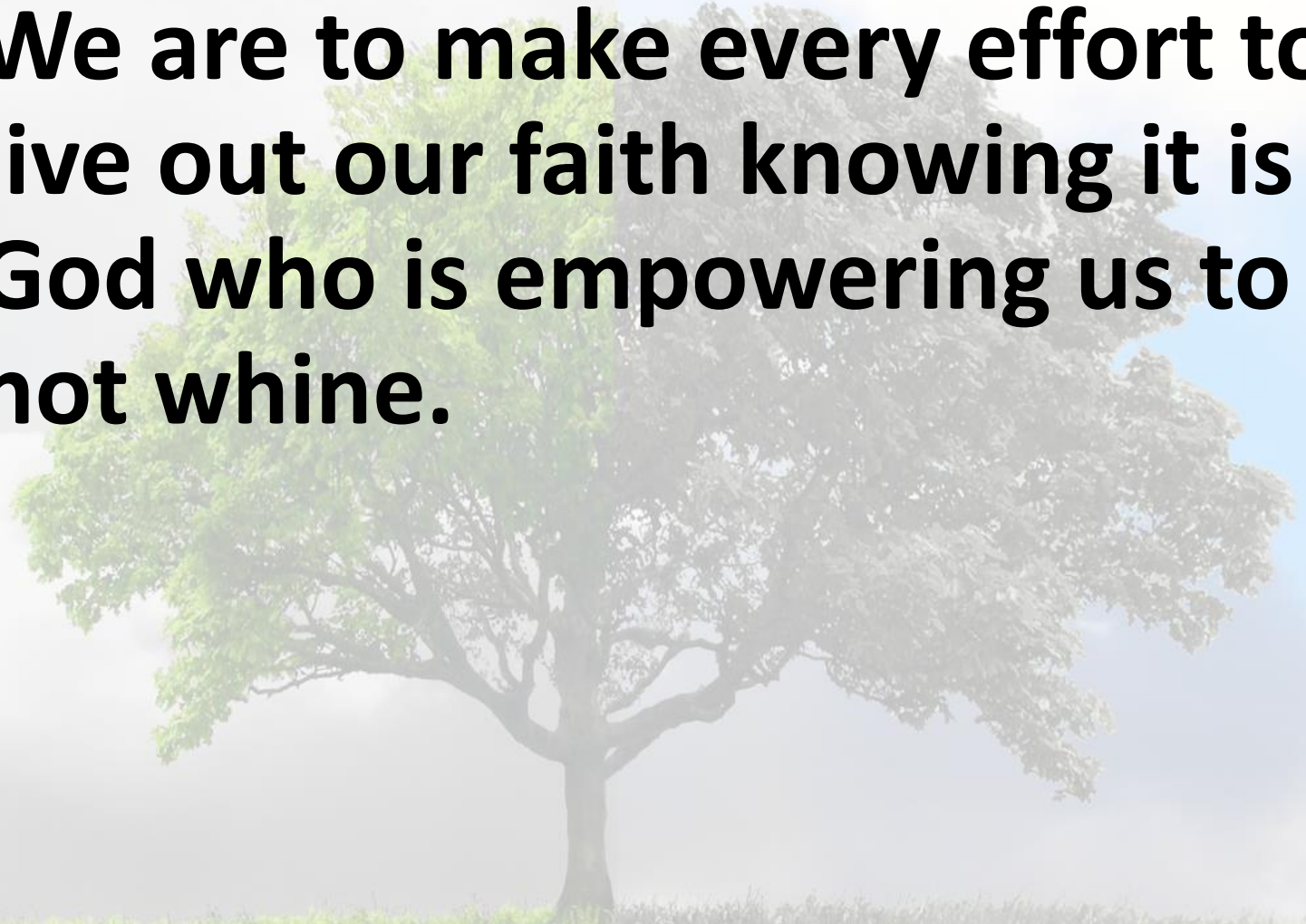


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<sup>18</sup> Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will **not be at all ashamed**, but that with **full courage** now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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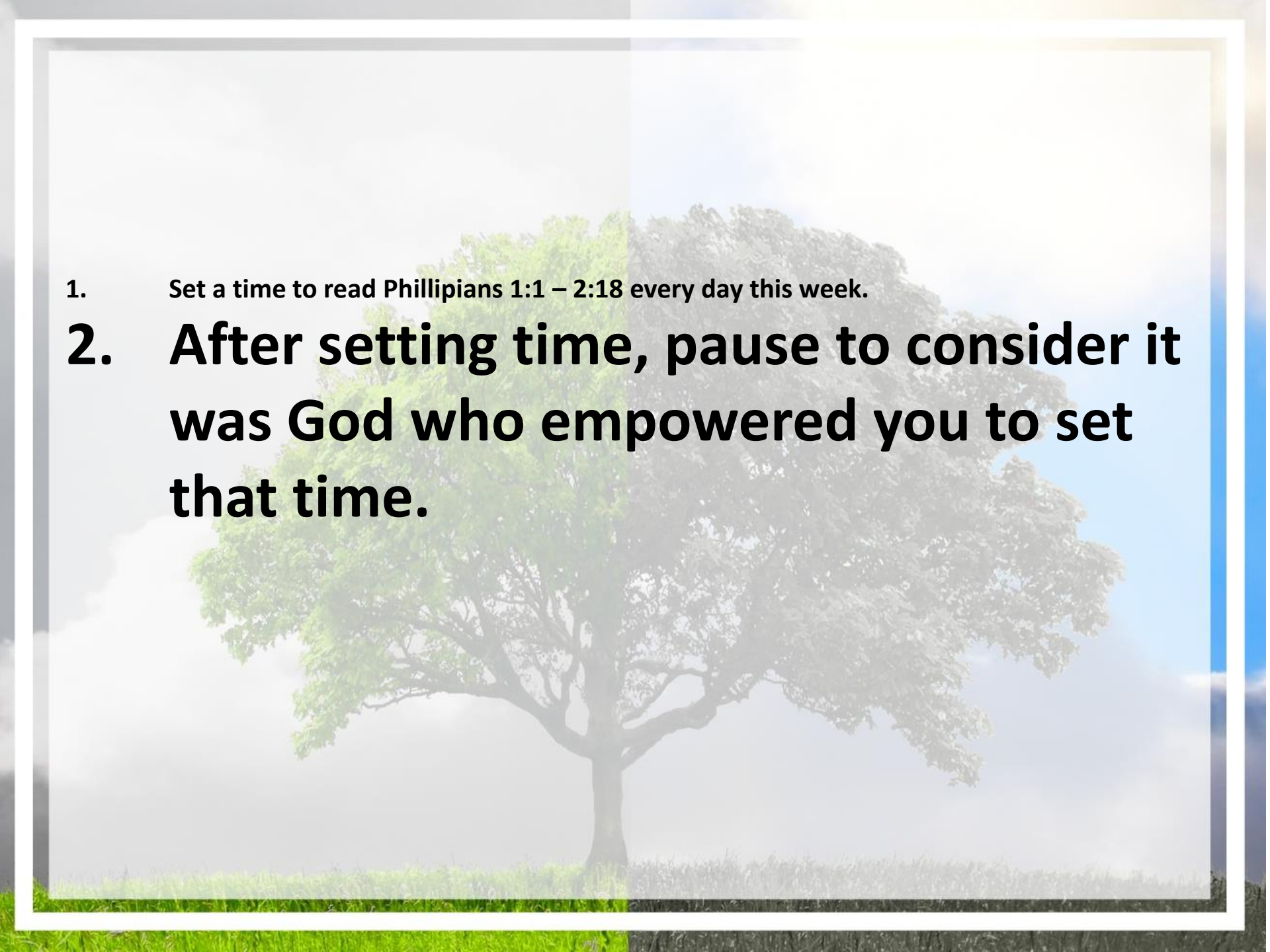
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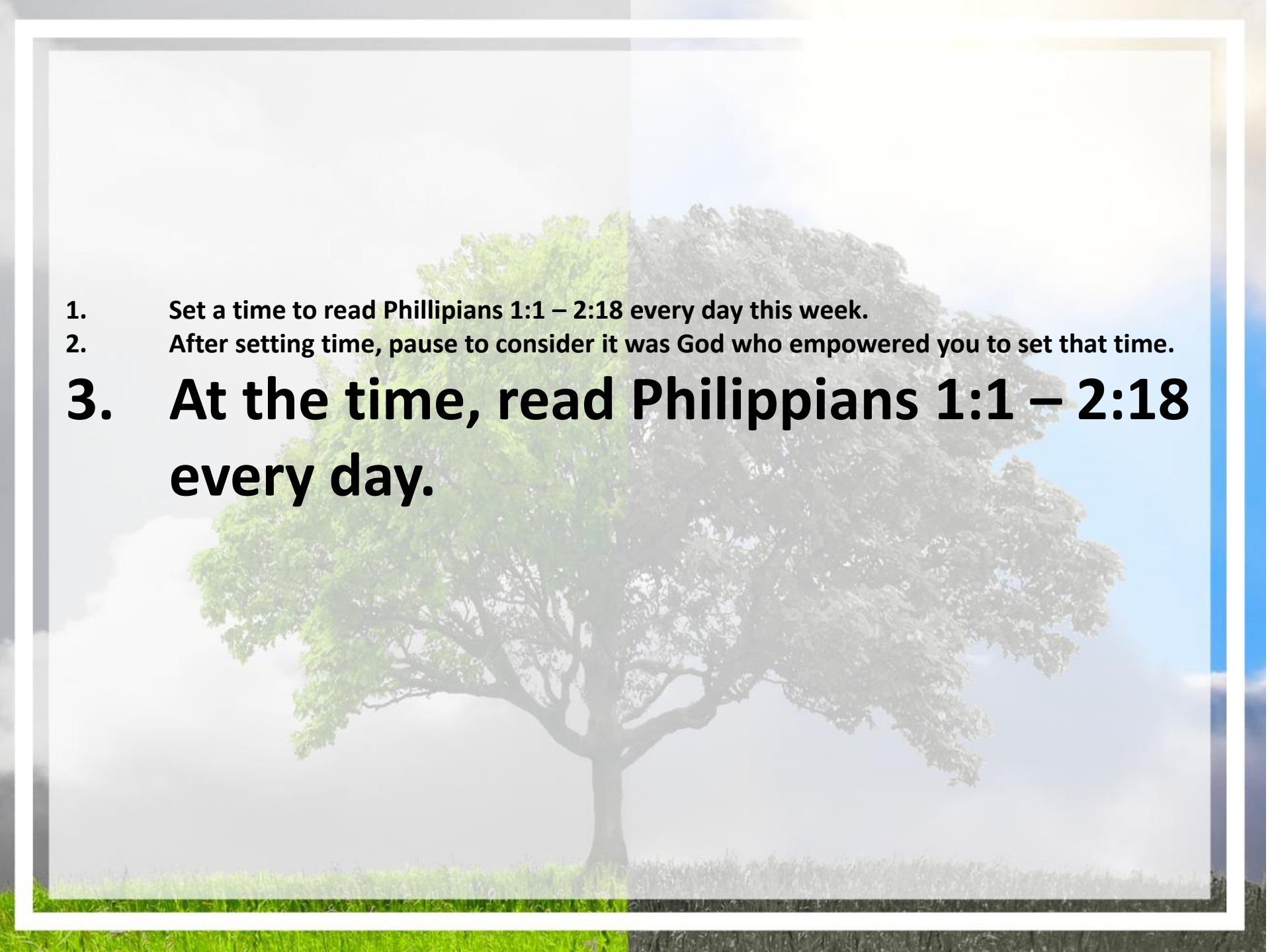
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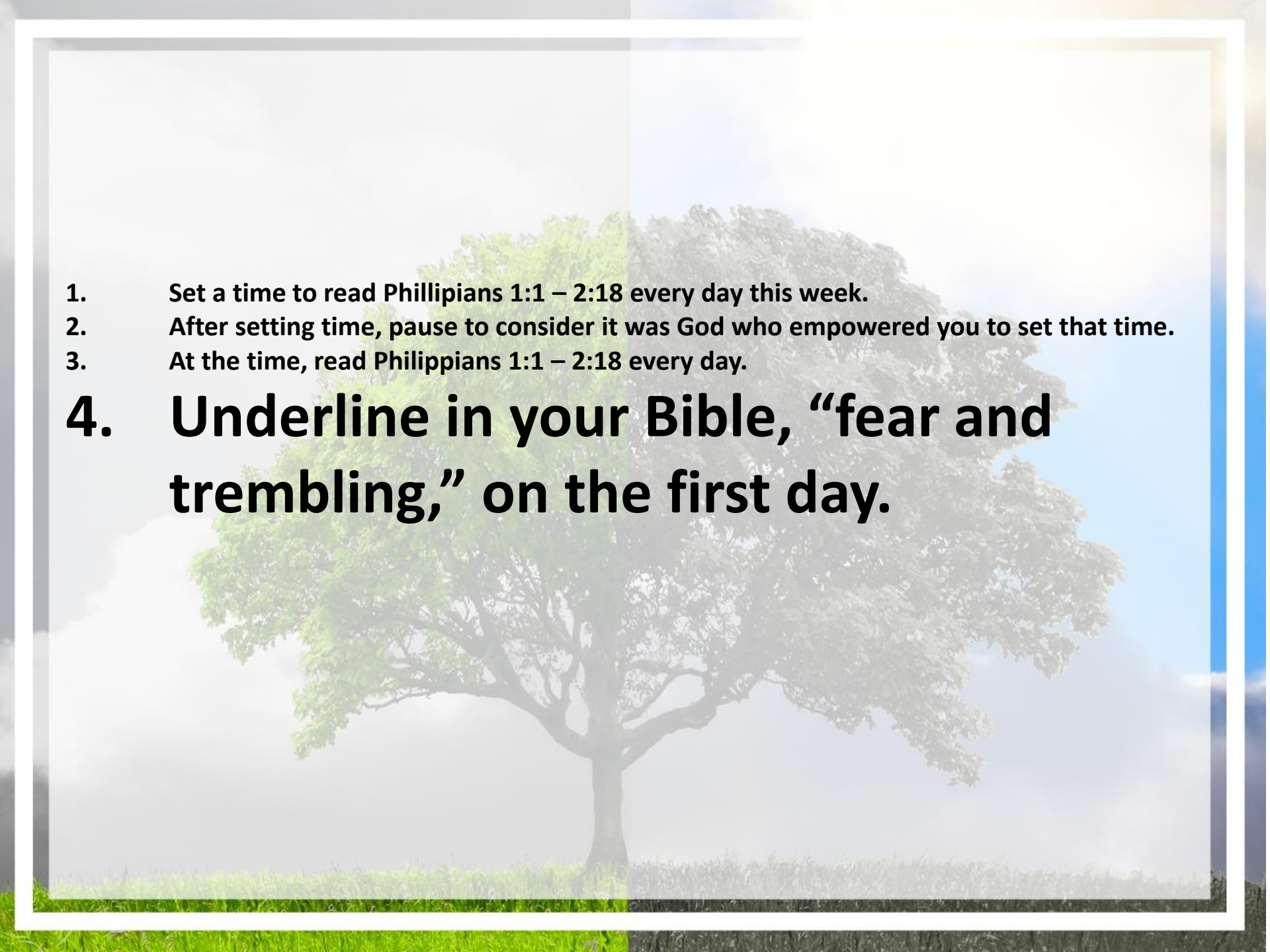
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