



I SAMUEL 18:10-11

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹ and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

I SAMUEL 19:9-10

⁹ But an evil spirit from the Lord came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre, ¹⁰ Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.



I SAMUEL 24:4b-6

⁴Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 5 Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. 6 He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord."

I SAMUEL 26:10-11

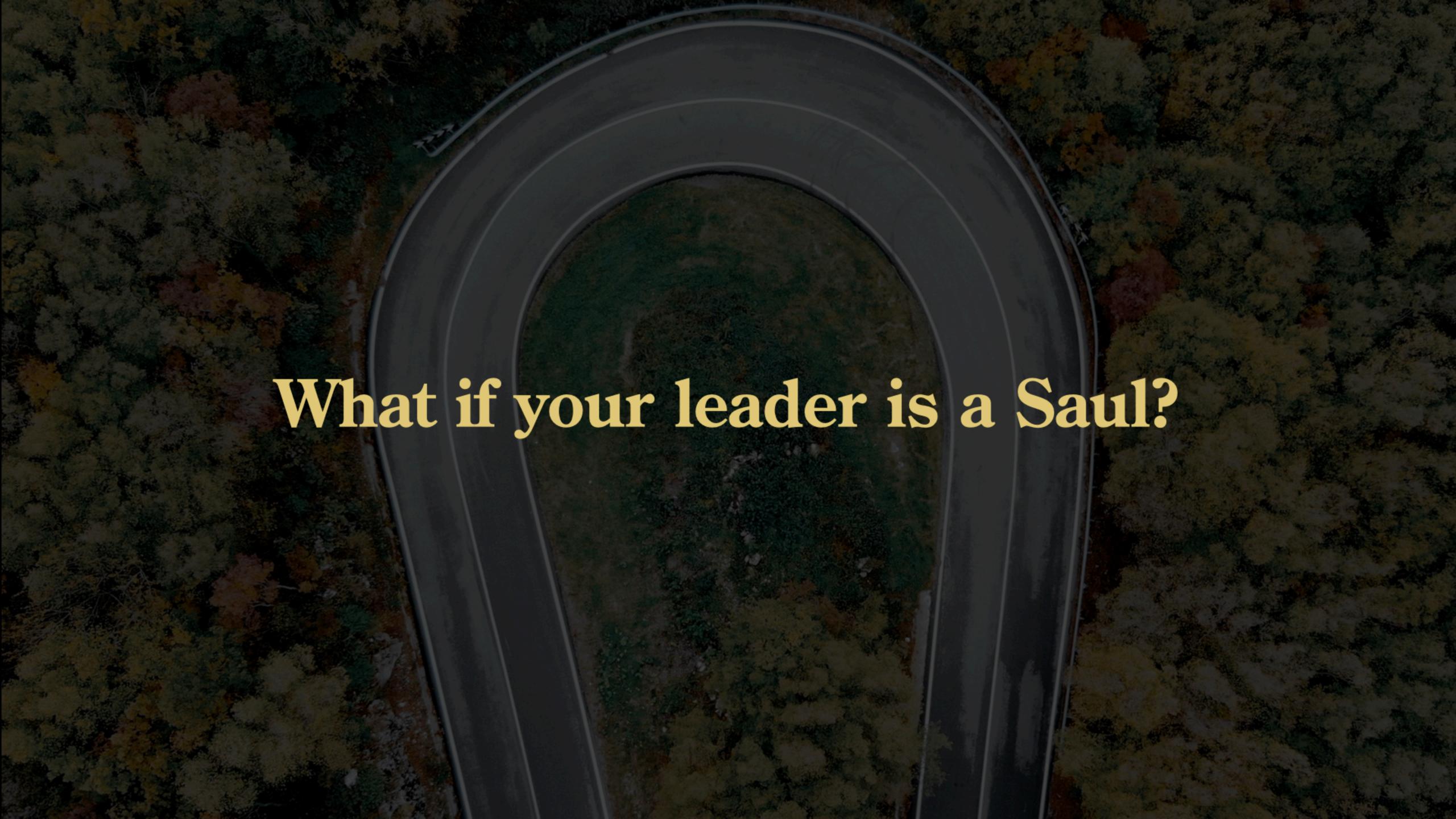
¹⁰ As surely as the Lord lives," he [David] said, "the Lord himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. ¹¹ But the Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

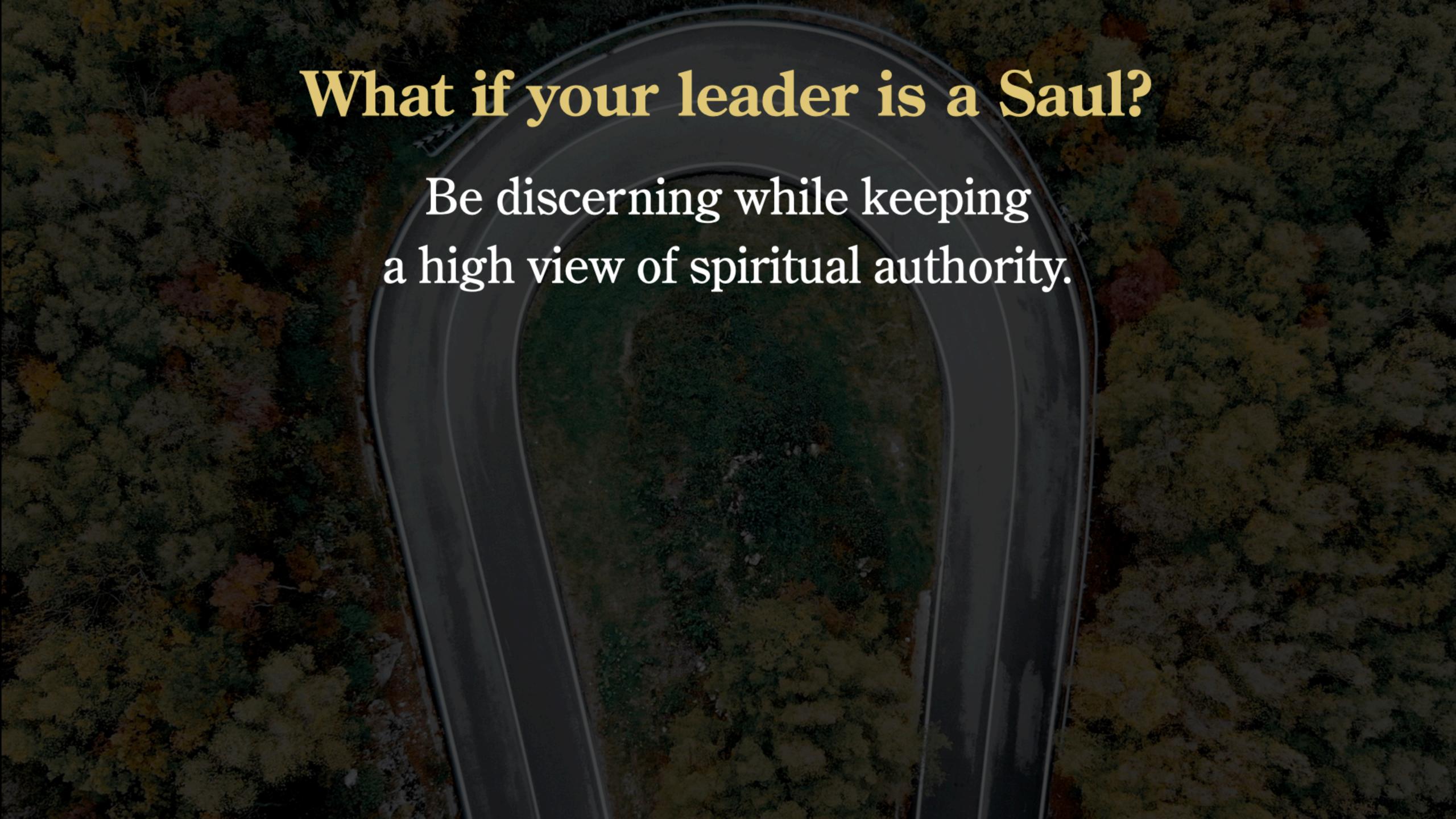
What do Godly leaders look like?

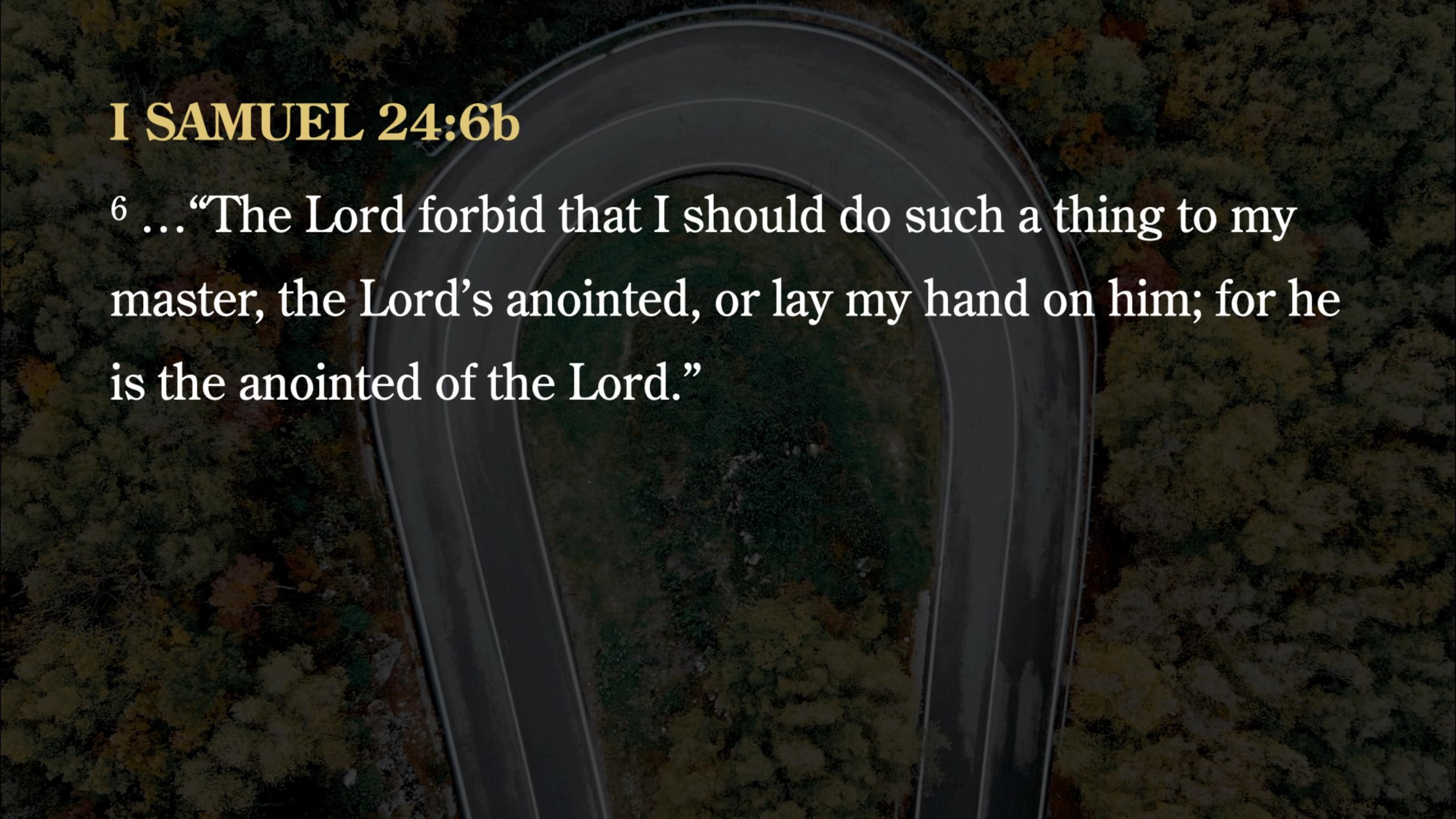
Godly leaders don't control people, they influence them.

Godly leaders don't use people, they serve them.

Godly leaders don't resist accountability, they expect it.

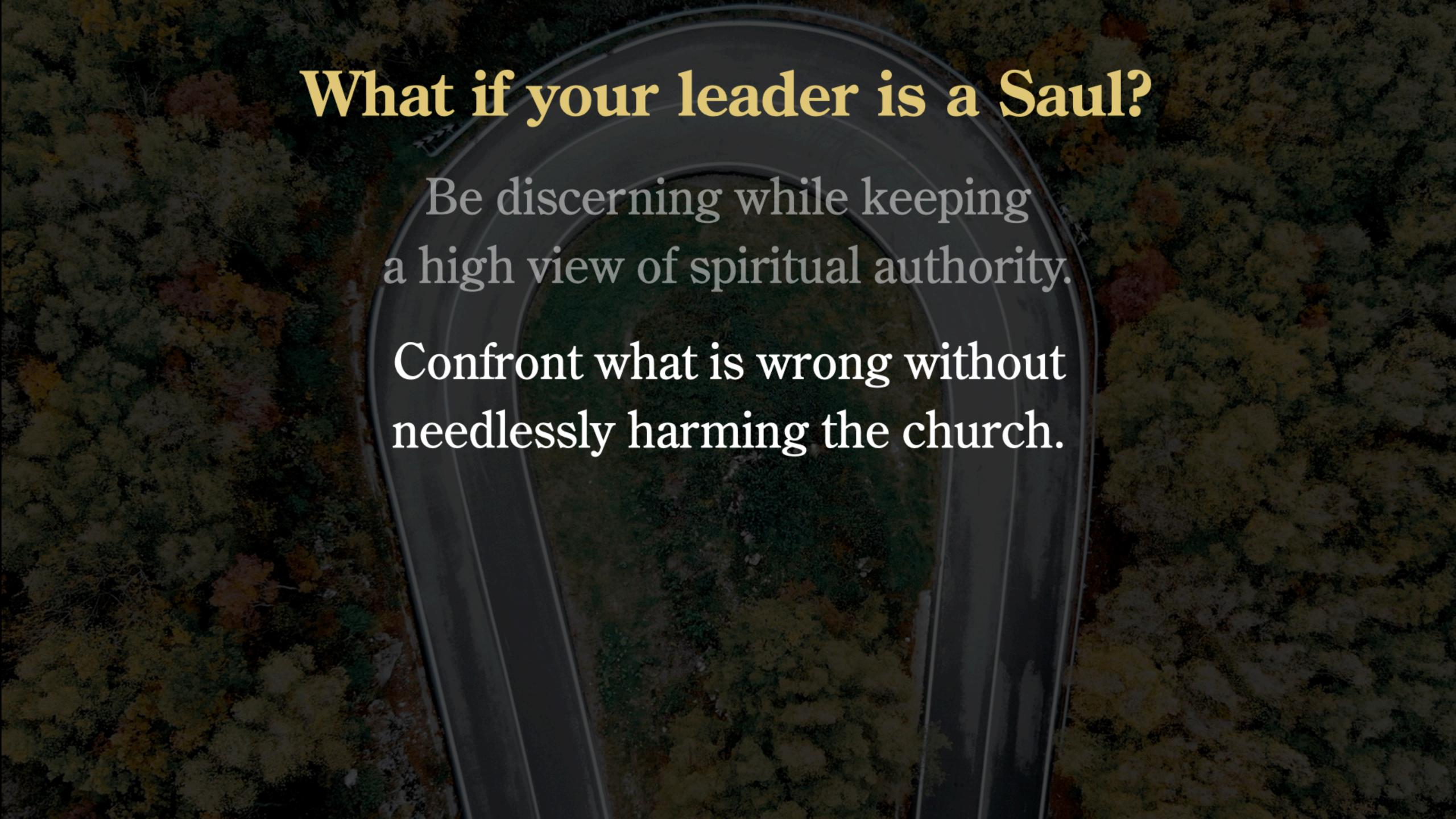








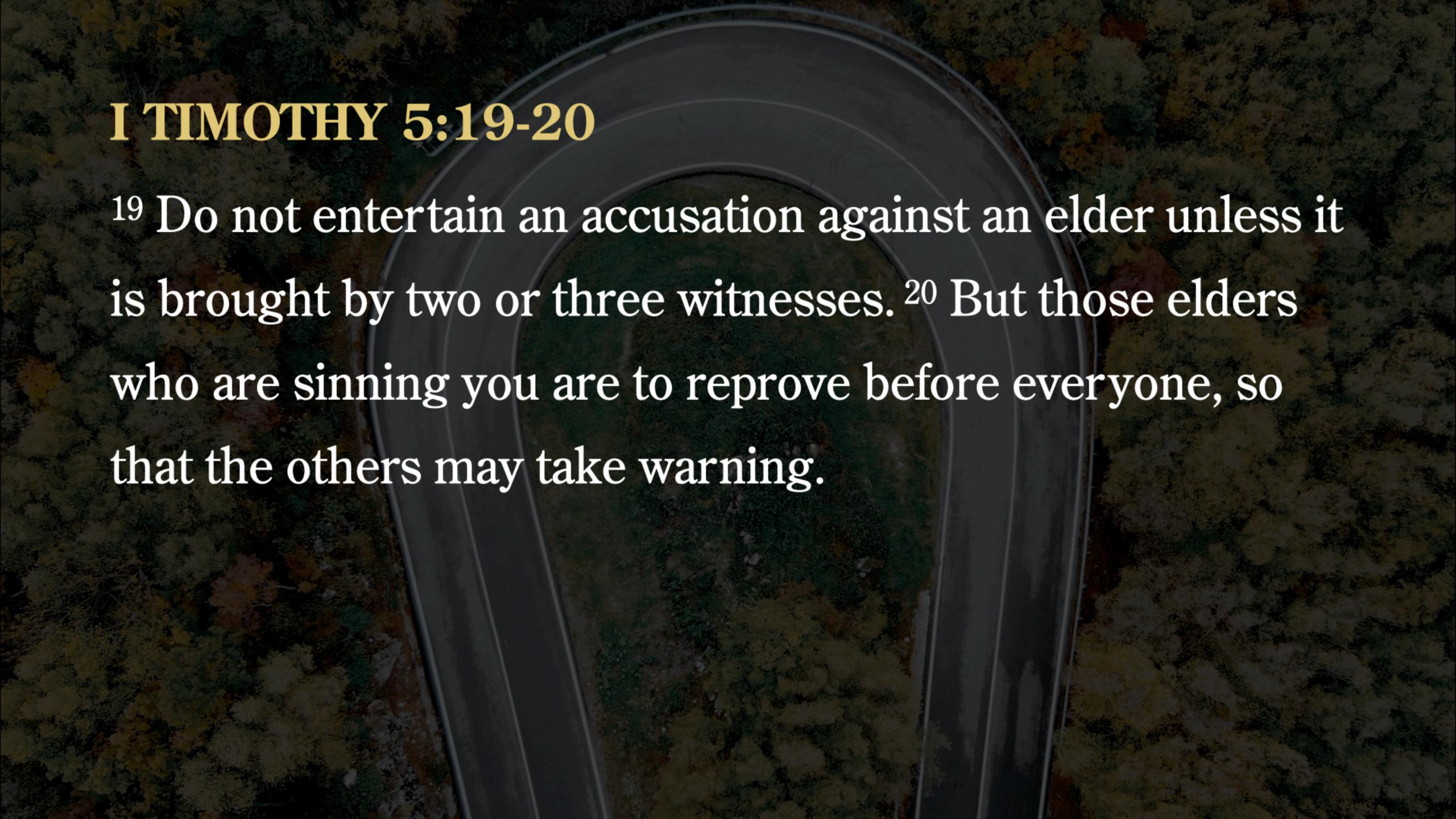
¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

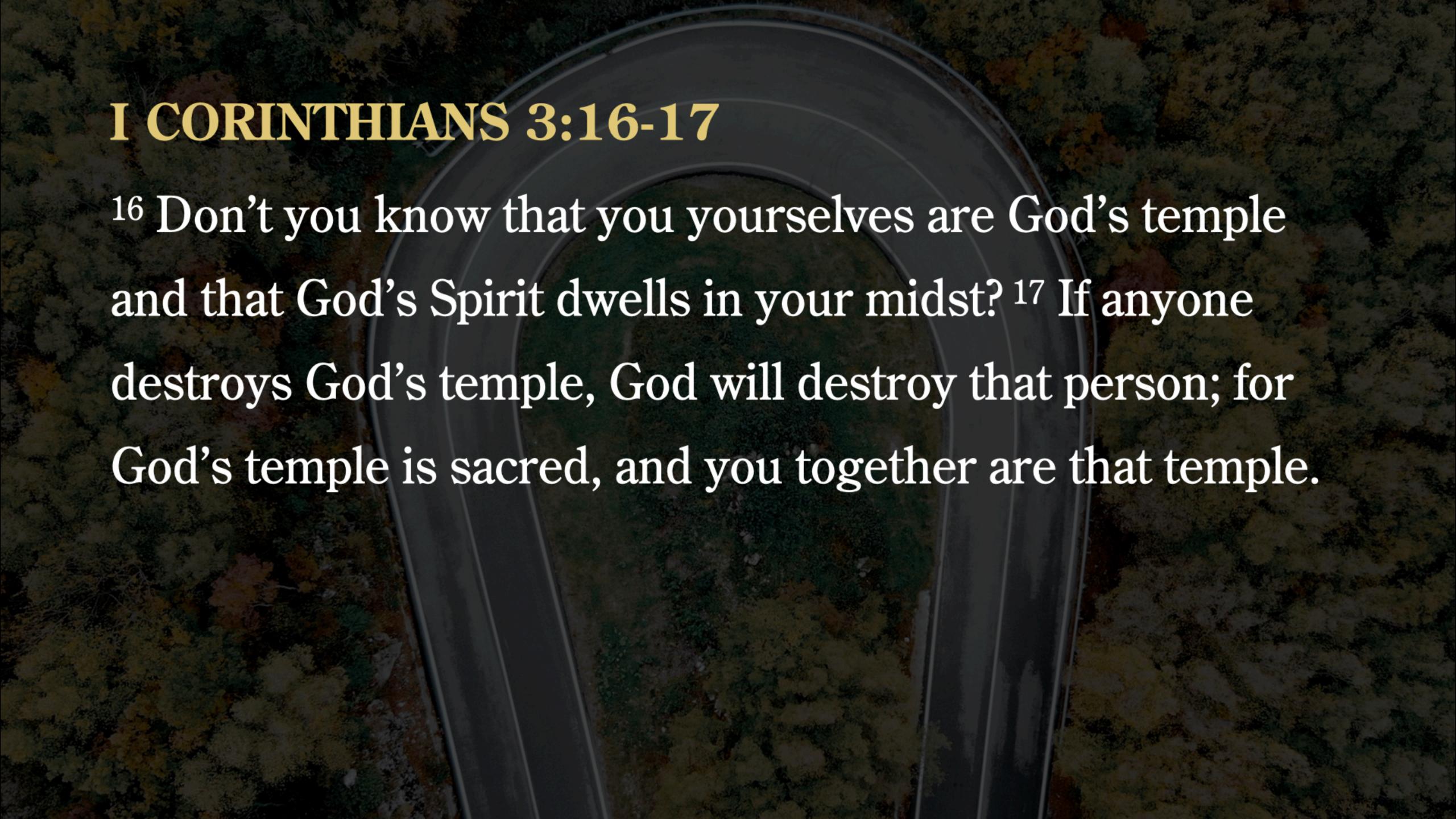


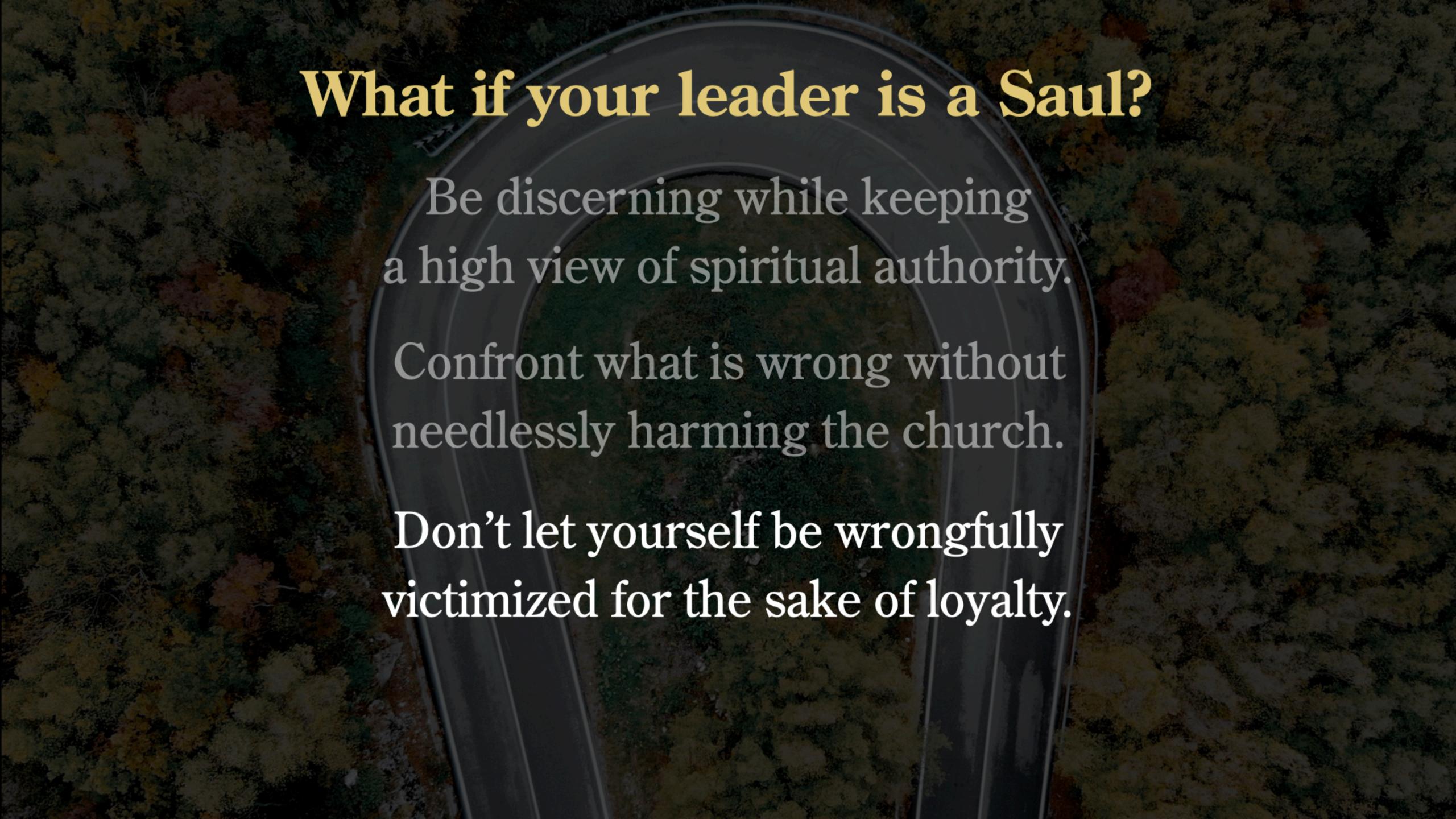
MATTHEW 7:15-16a, 19

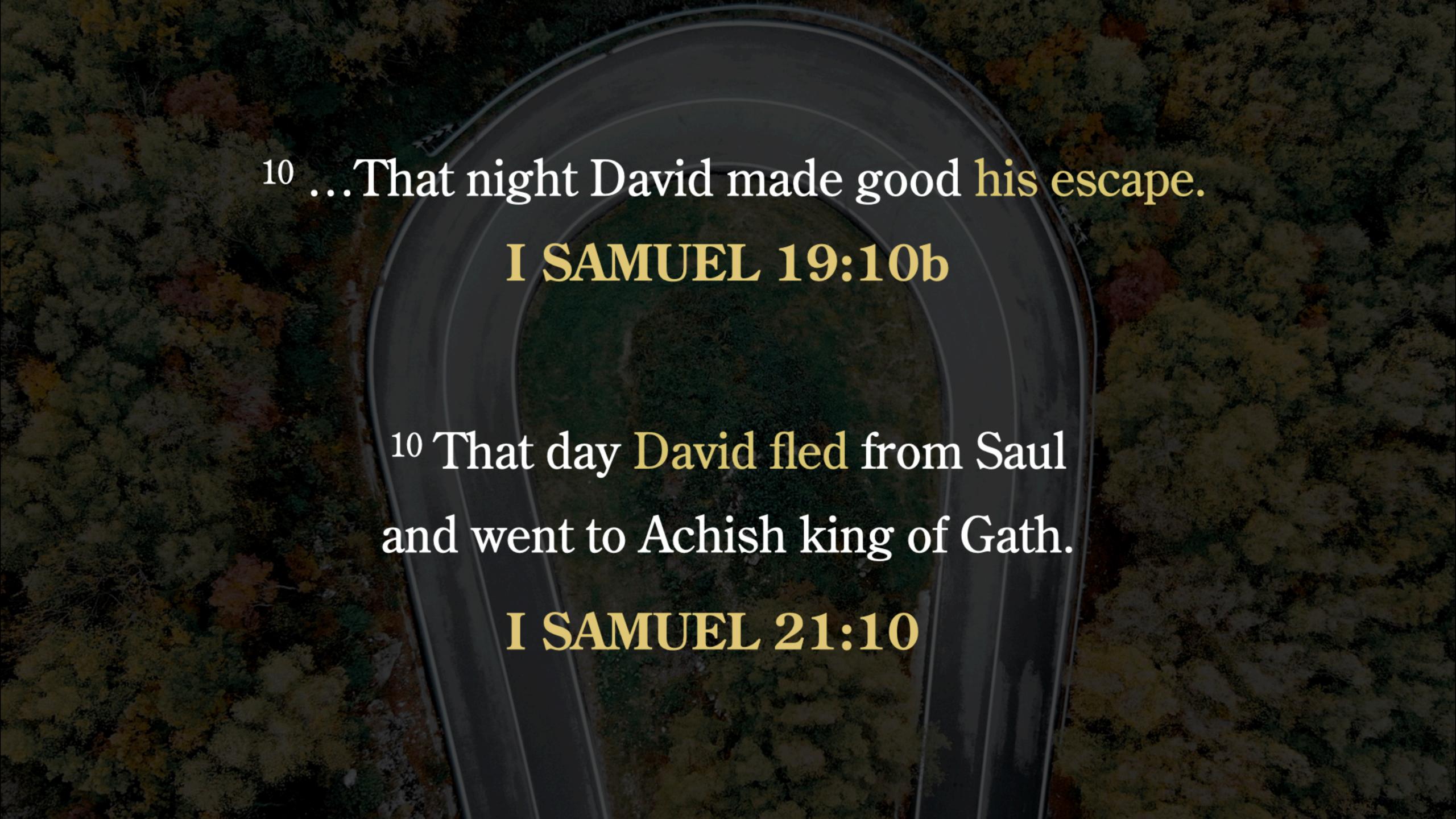
15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

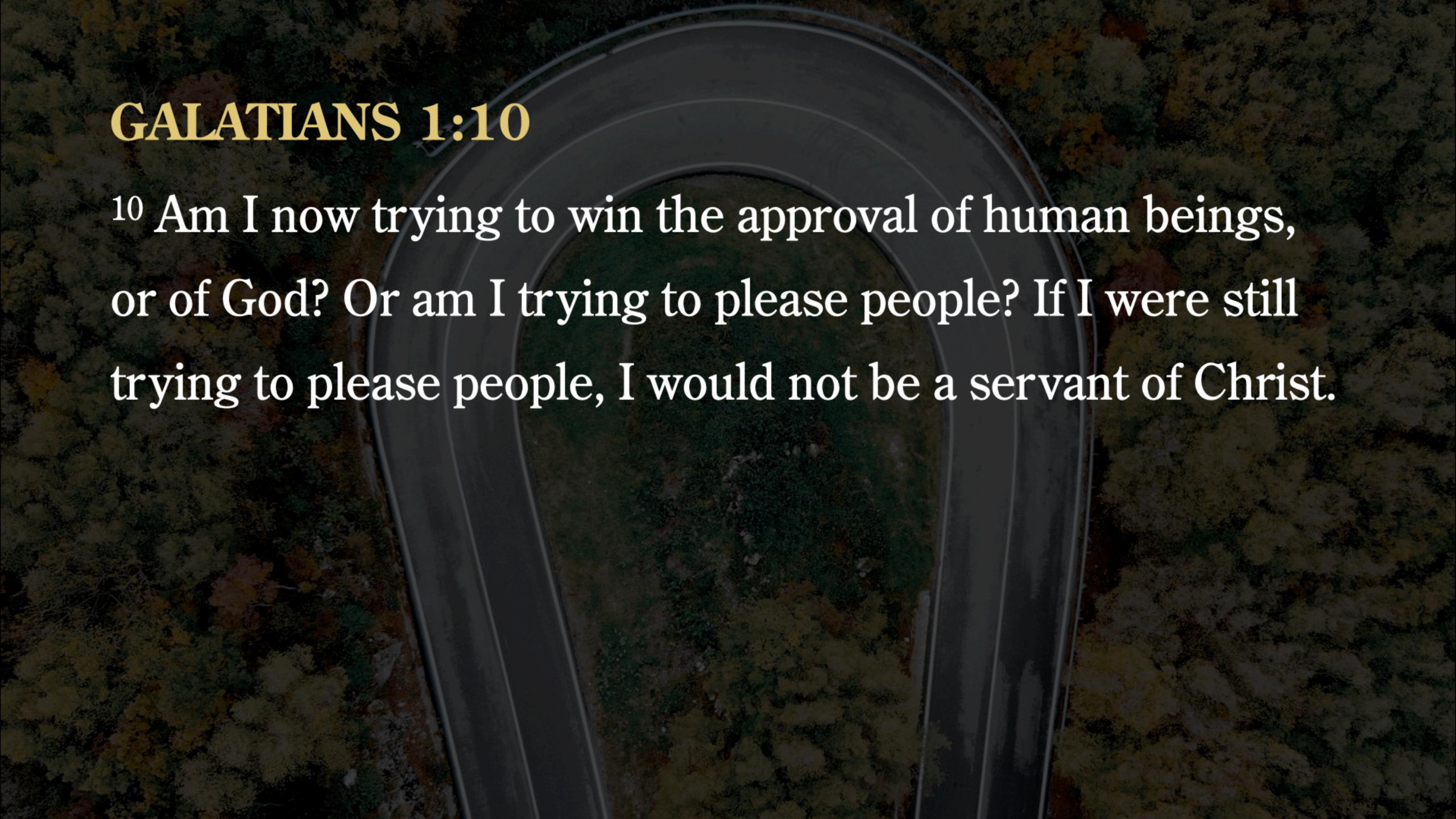
16 By their fruit you will recognize them. ... 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

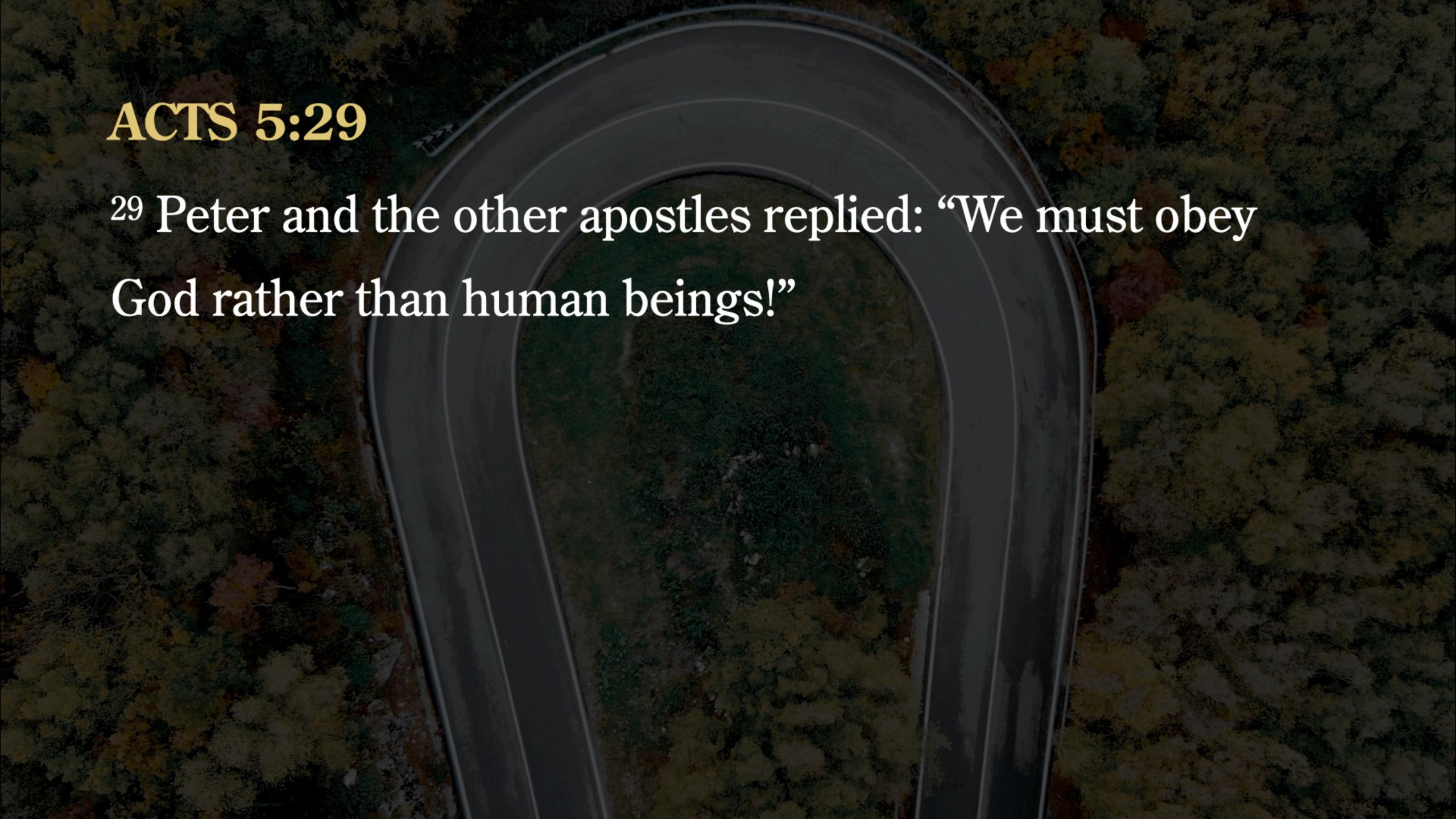














Be discerning while keeping a high view of spiritual authority.

Confront what is wrong without needlessly harming the church.

Don't let yourself be wrongfully victimized for the sake of loyalty.

Stay focused on Jesus, not those who fail him.



¹⁷ He [Jesus] is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

