



I was a Dog

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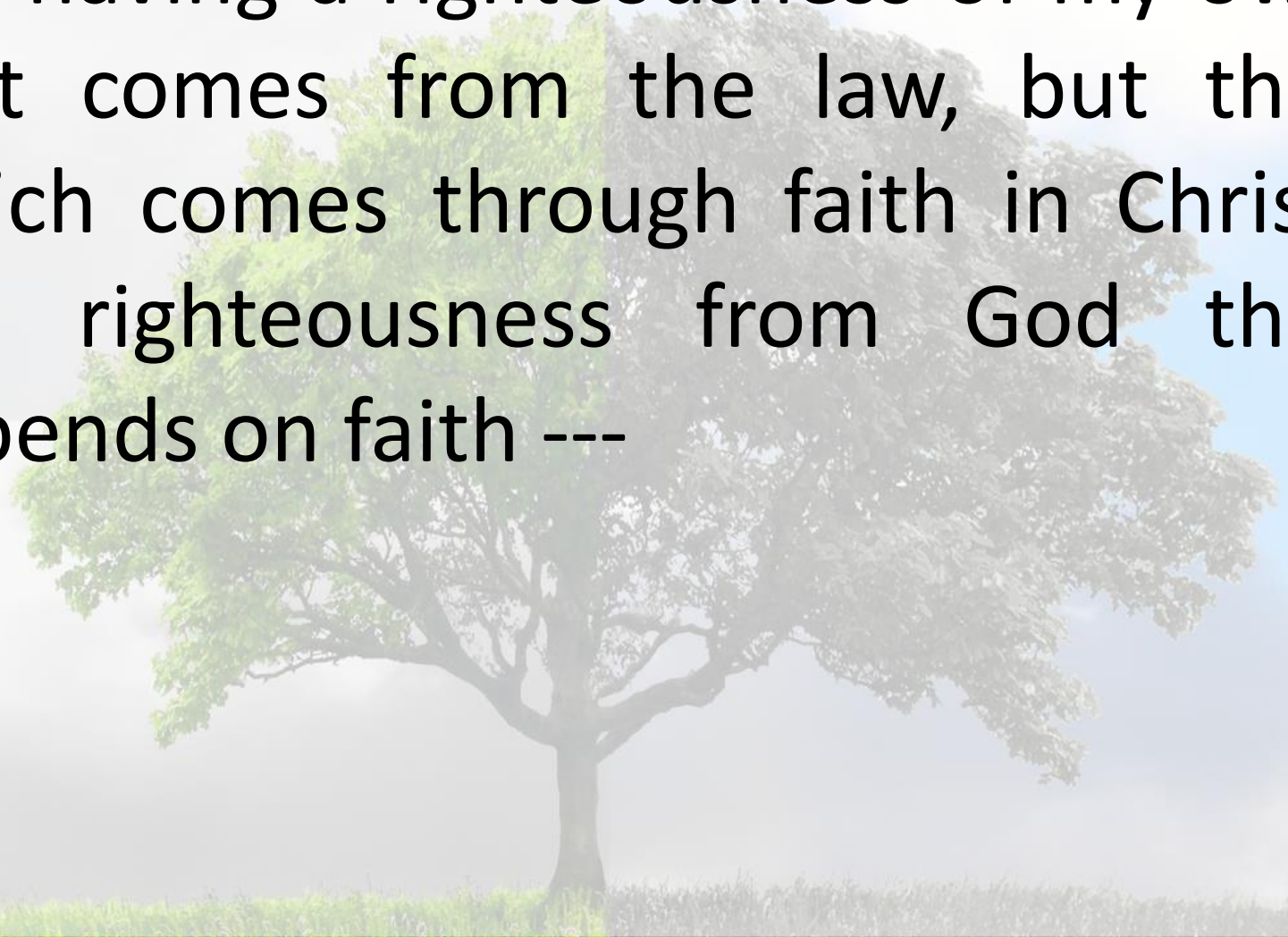
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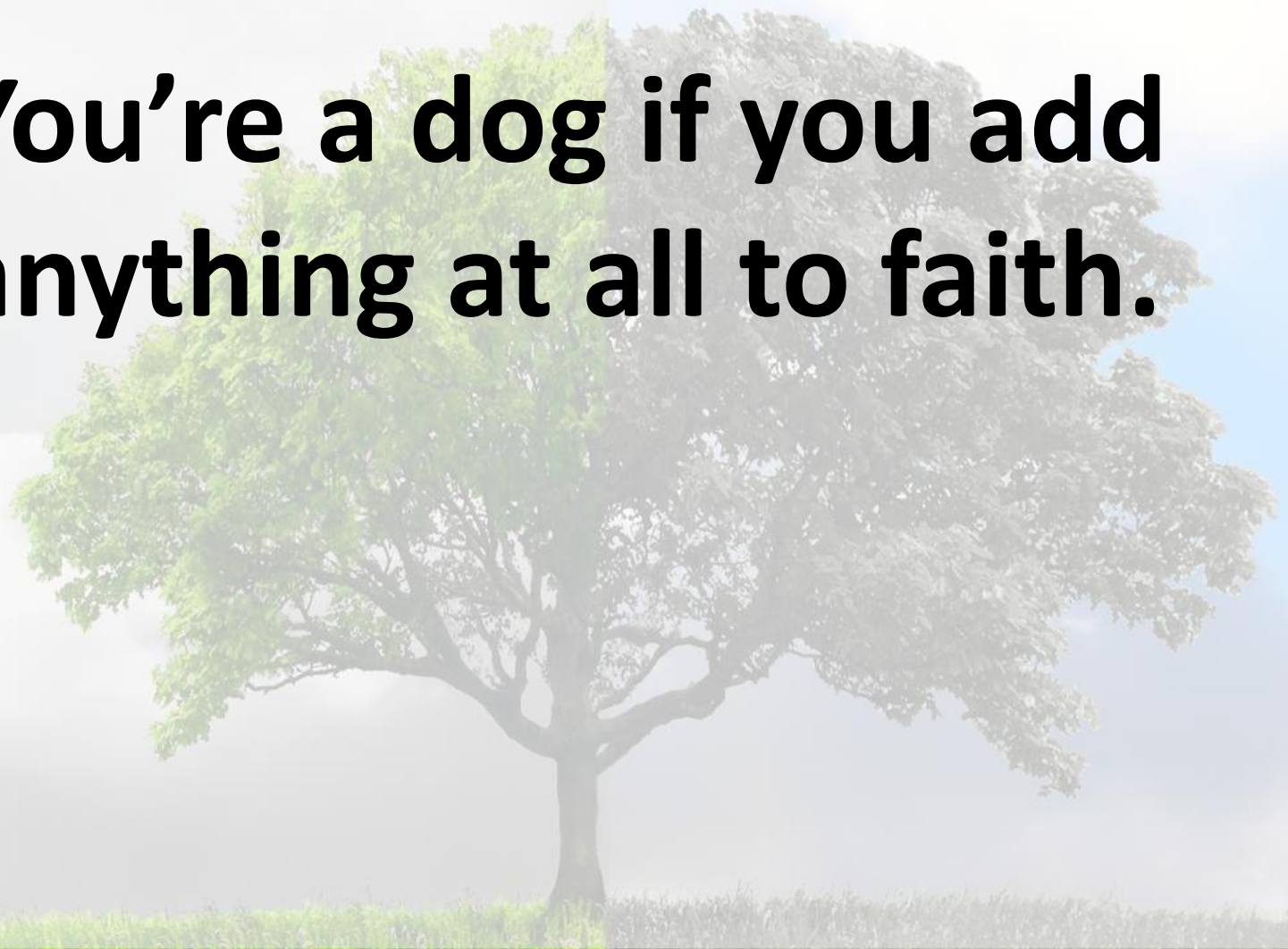
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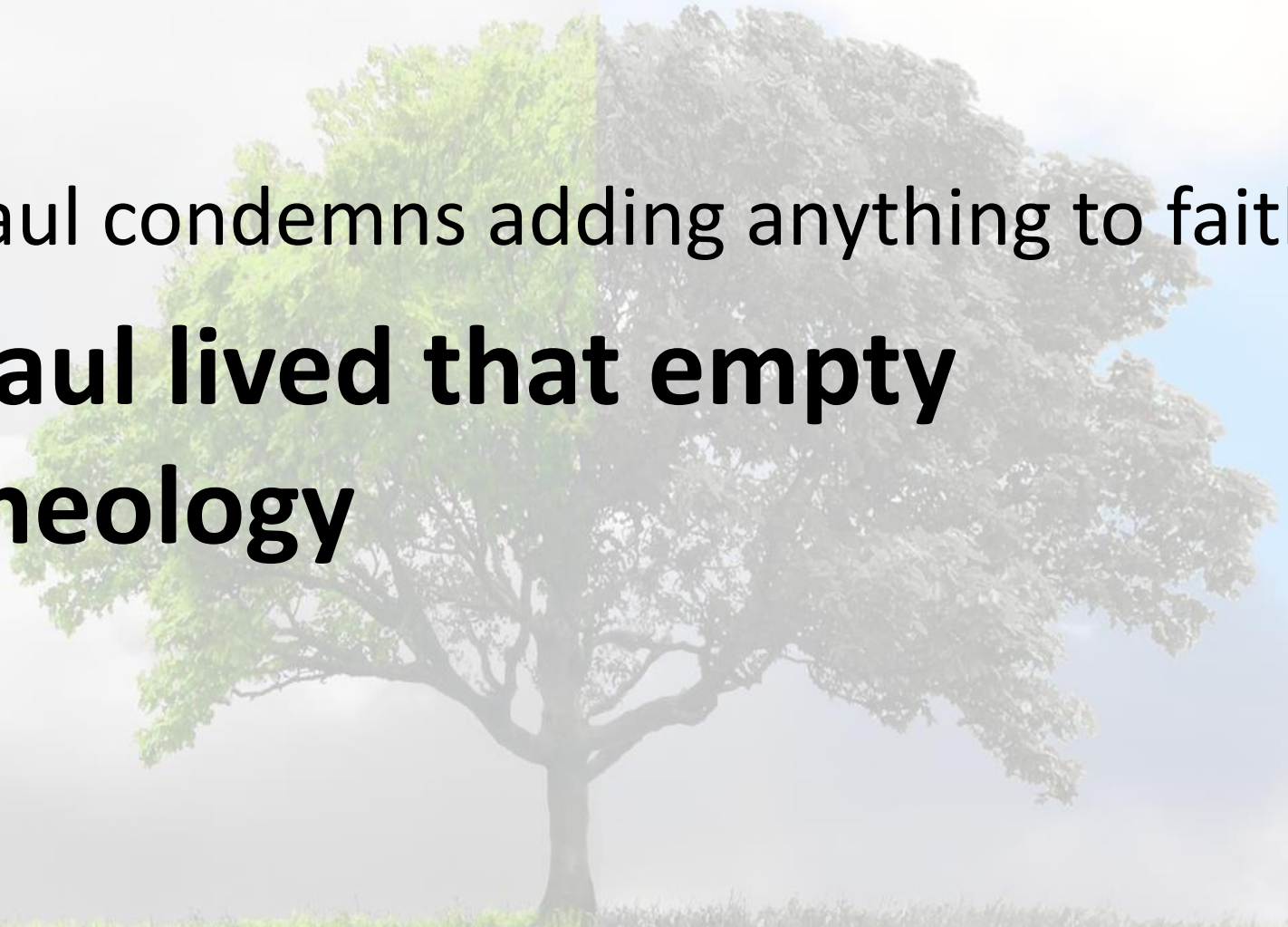
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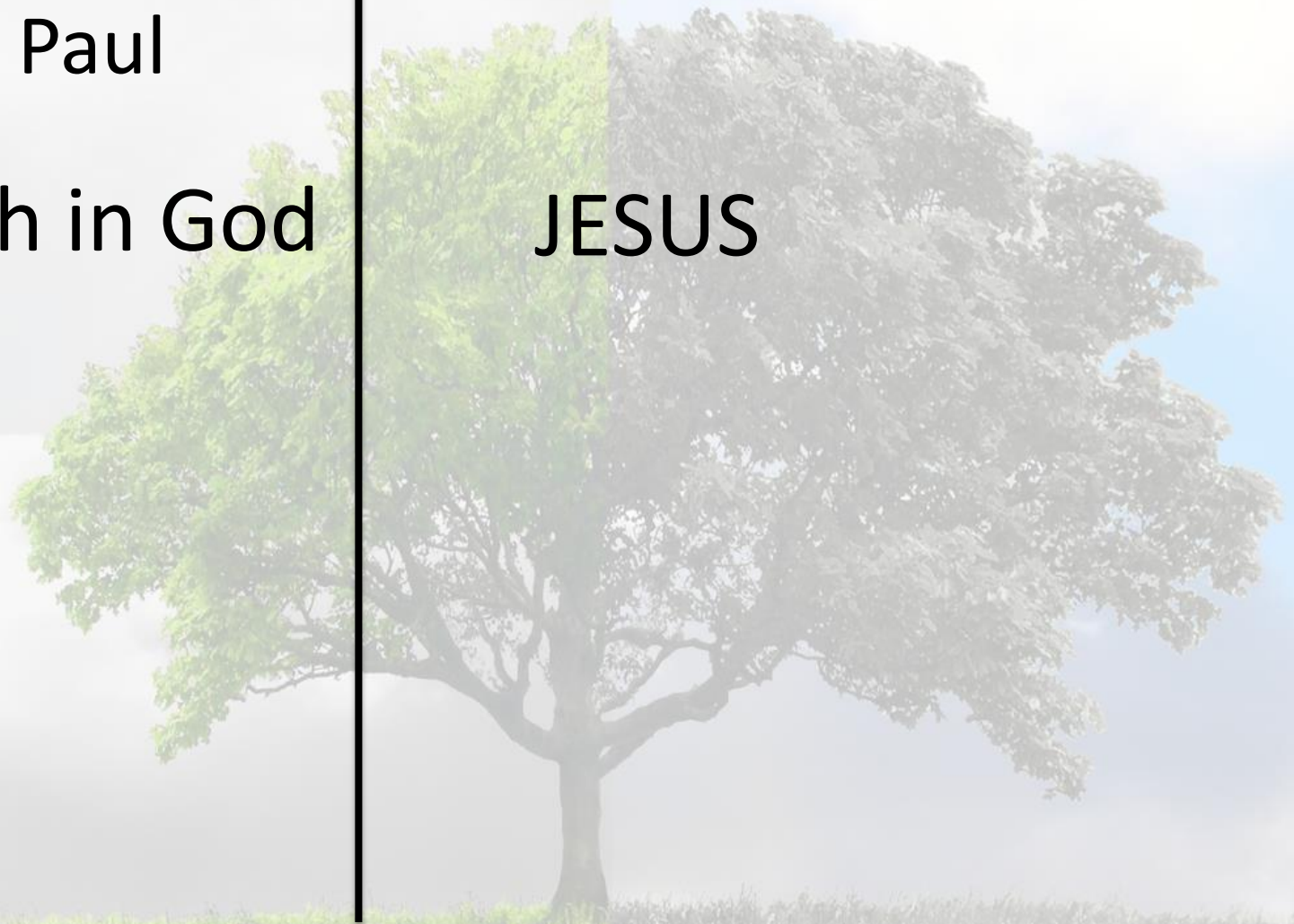


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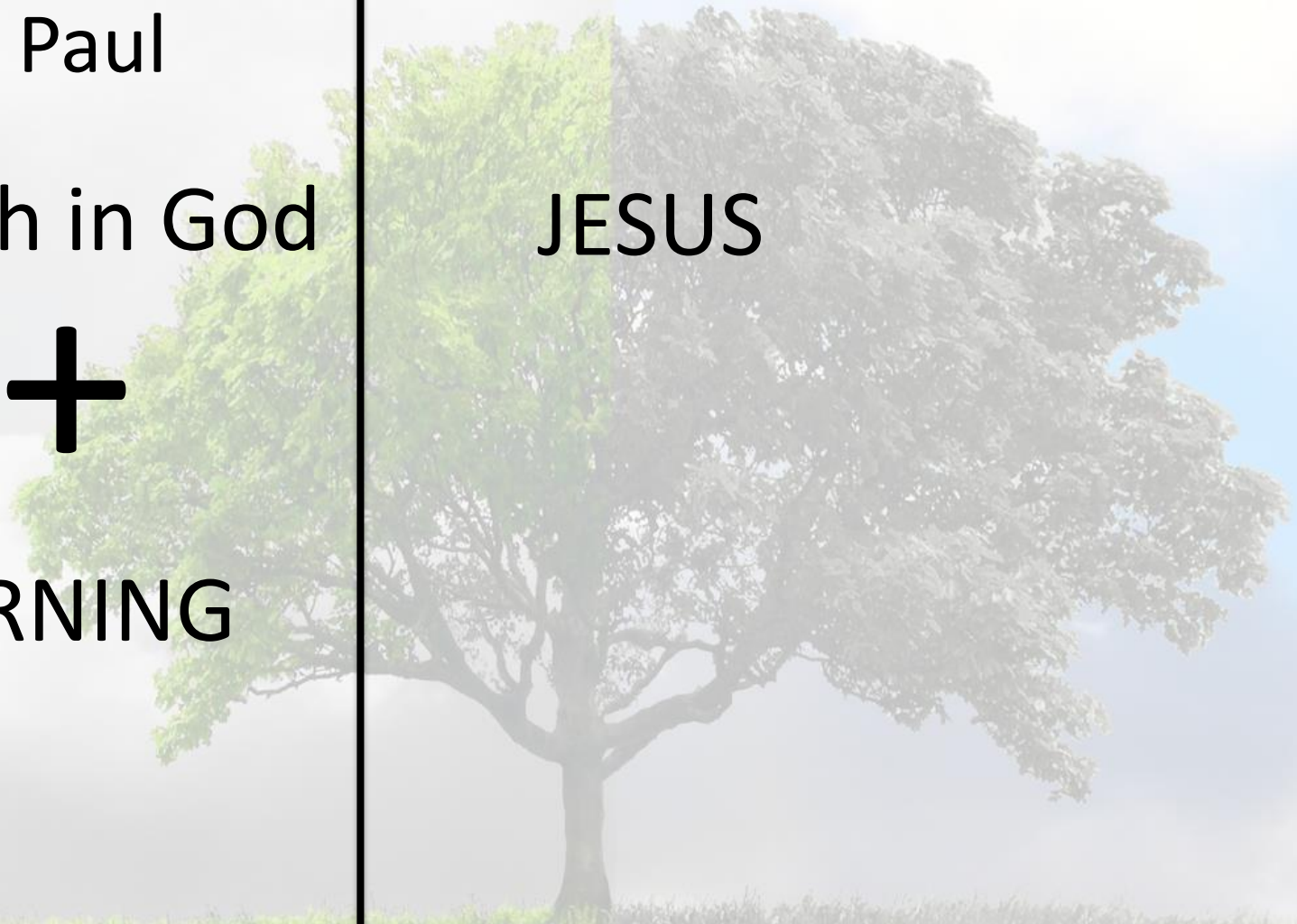
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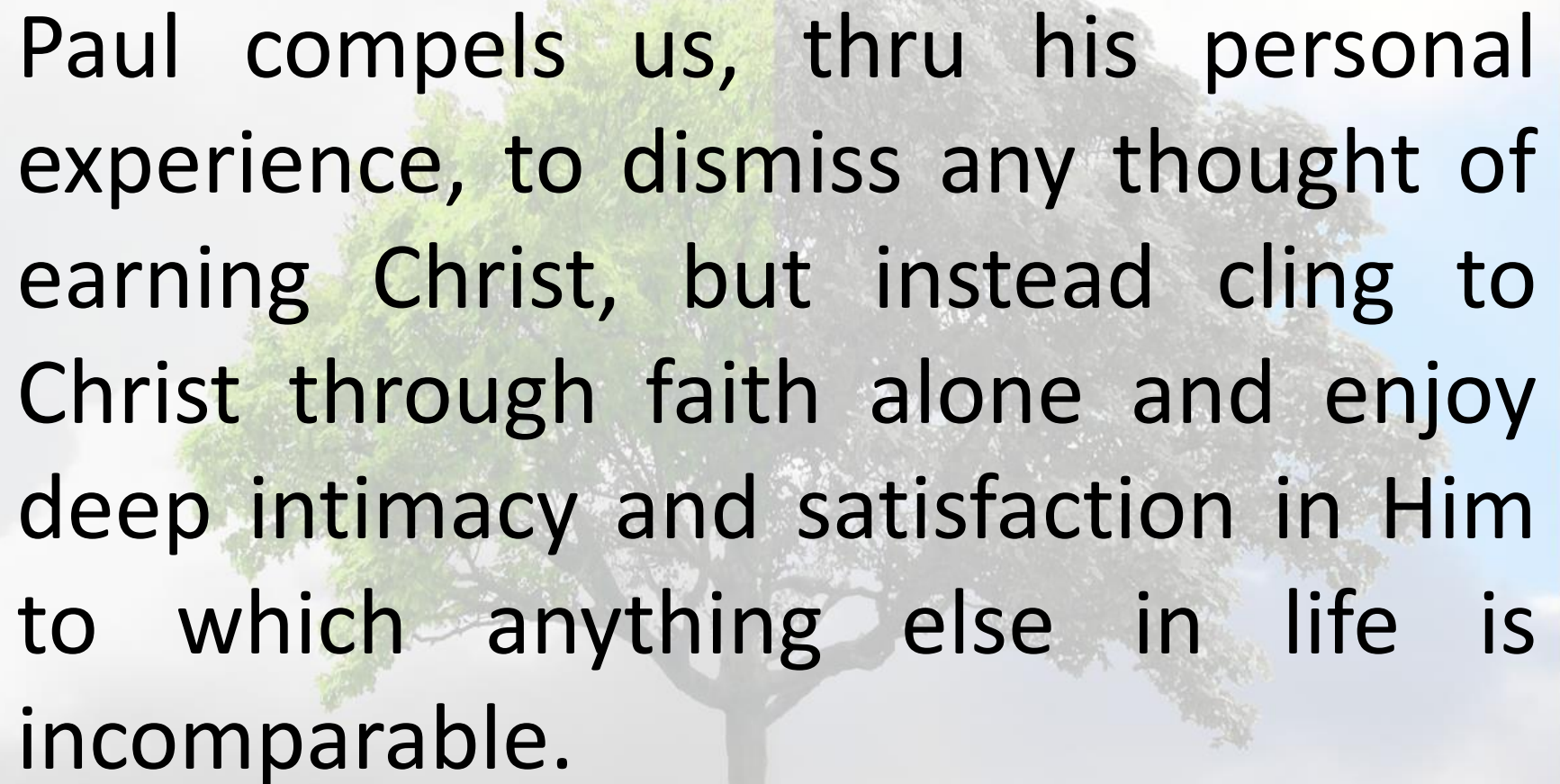
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A large, leafy tree in a grassy field under a blue sky with soft clouds.

Paul compels us, thru his personal experience, to dismiss any thought of earning Christ, but instead cling to Christ through faith alone and enjoy deep intimacy and satisfaction in Him to which anything else in life is incomparable.

Acts 9:1-6

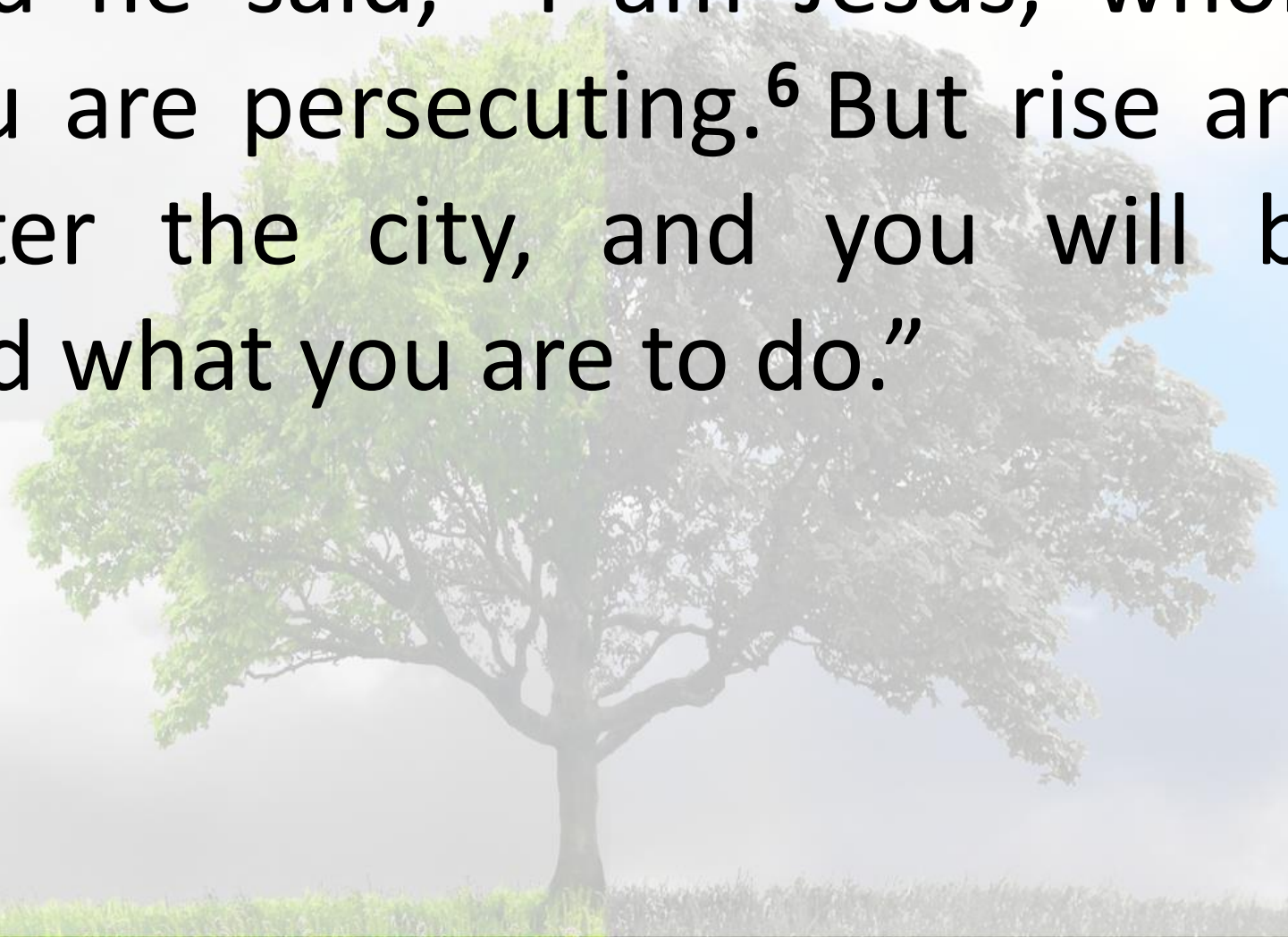
But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

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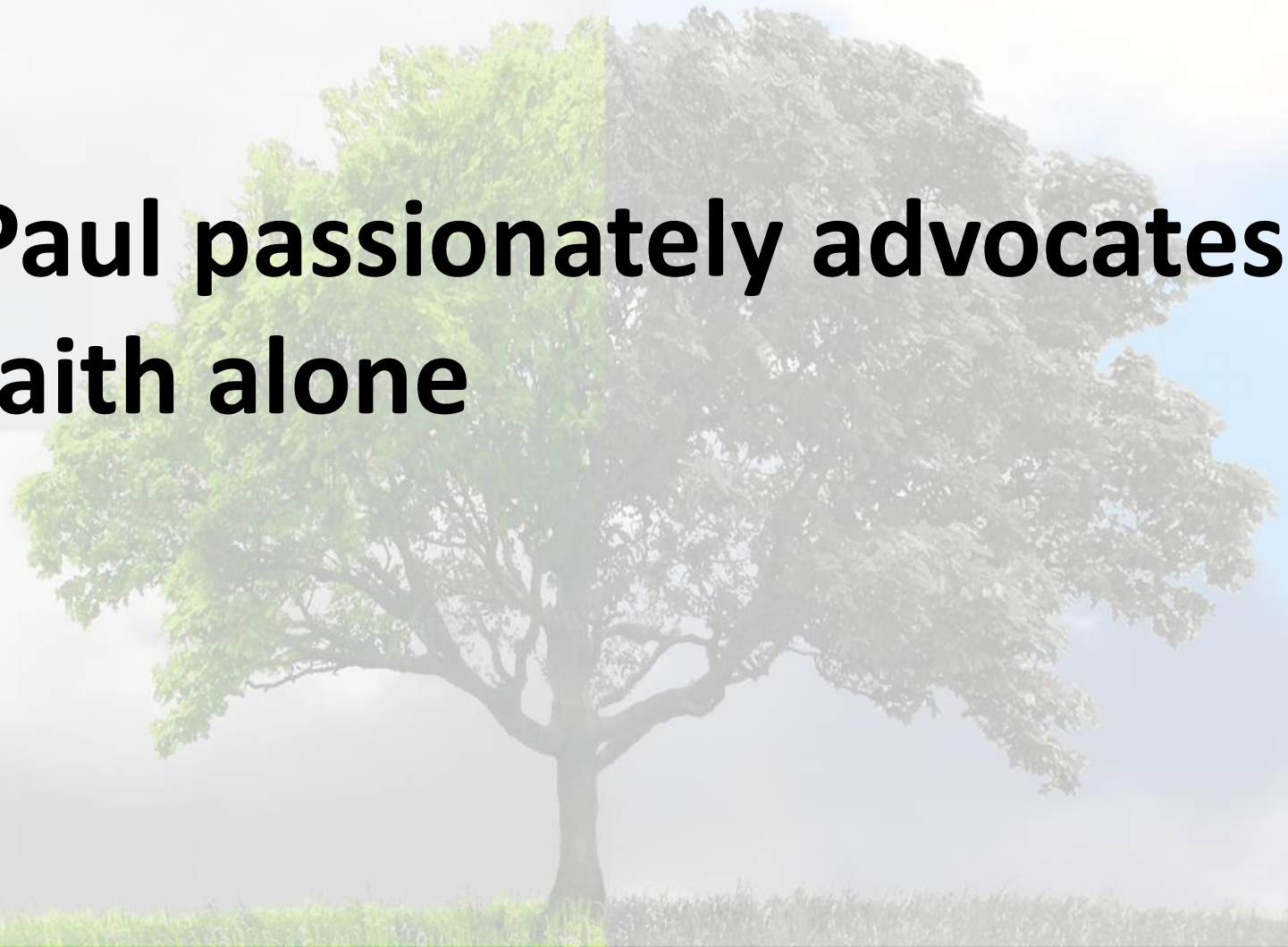


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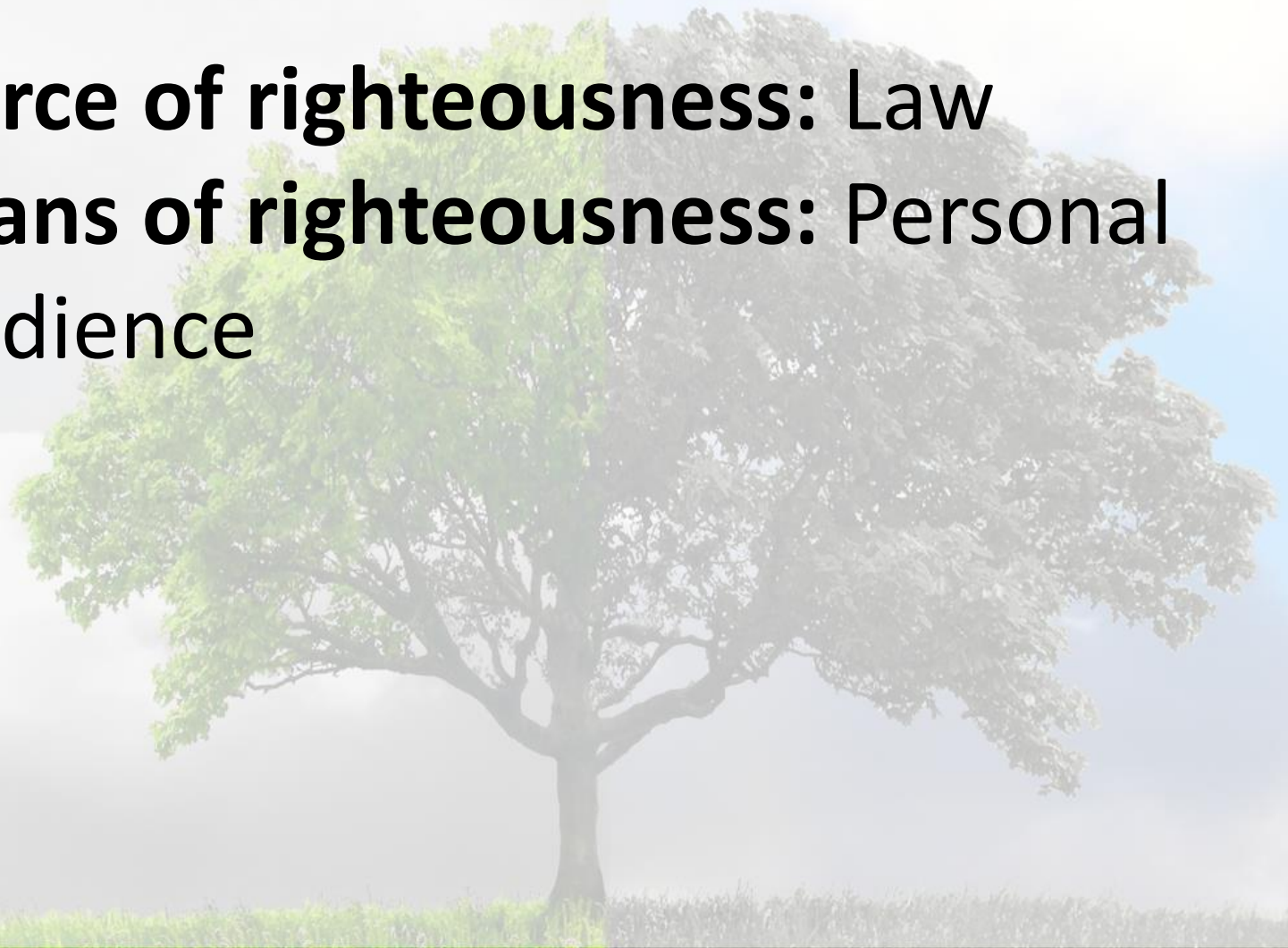
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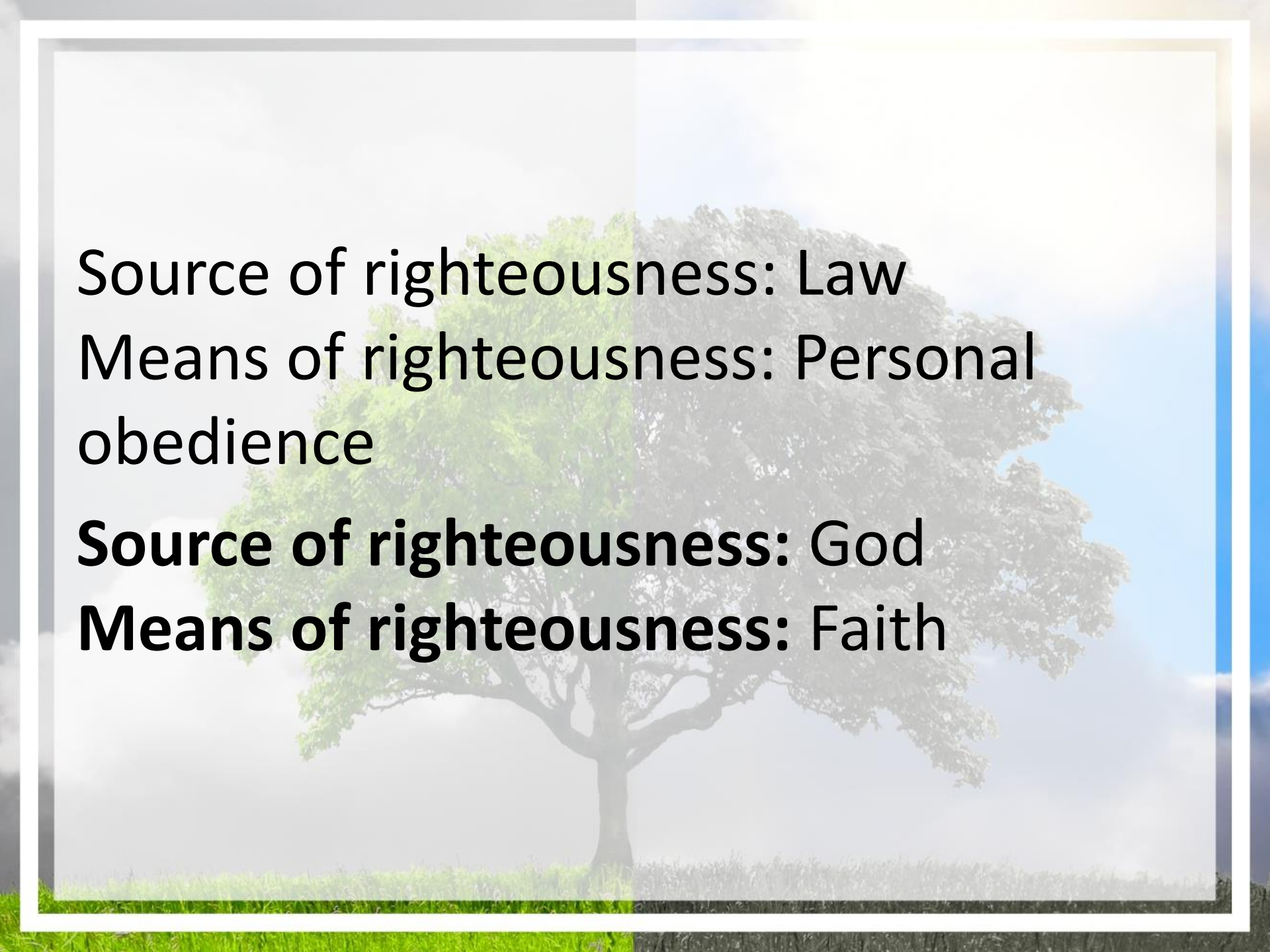
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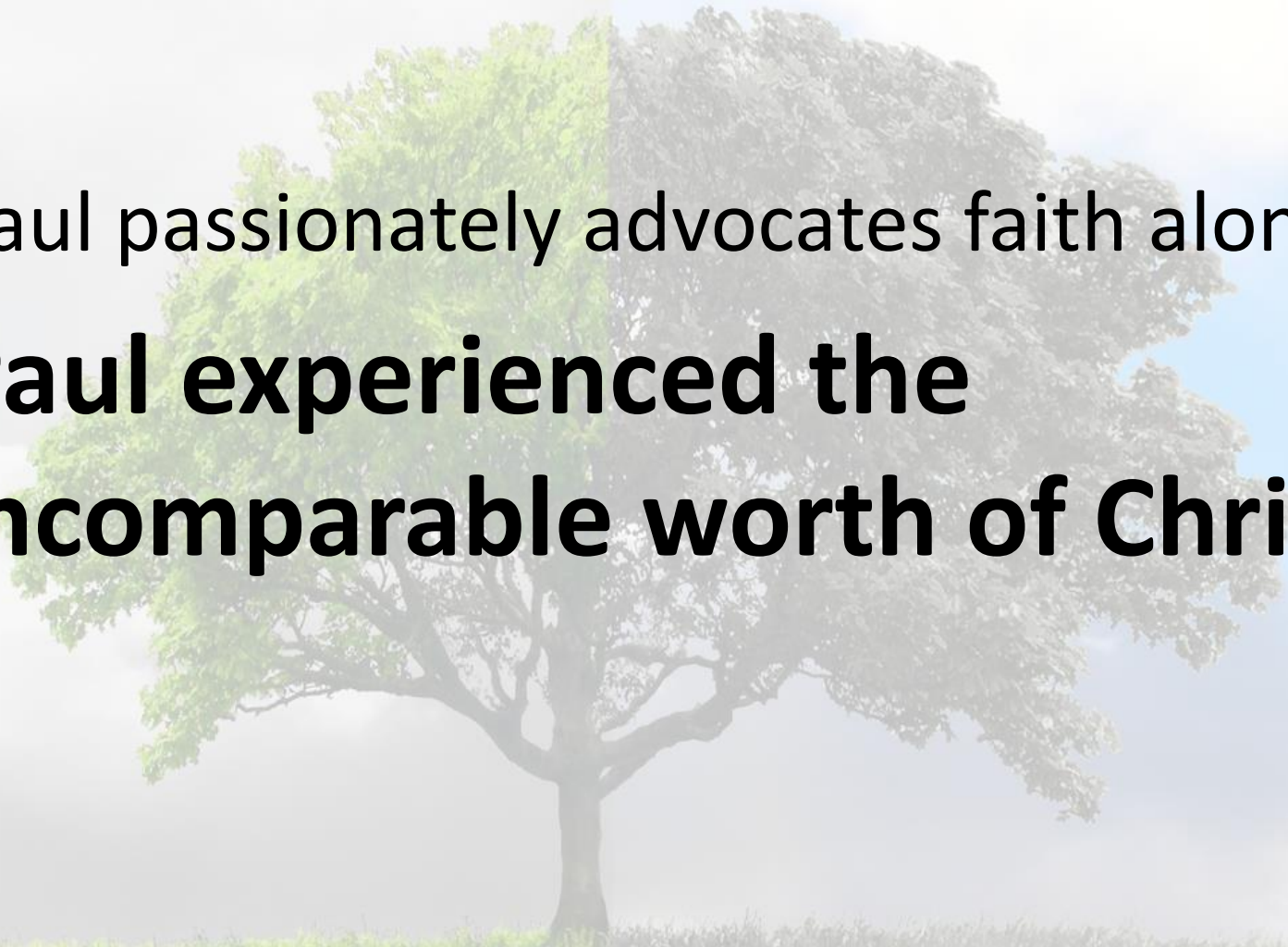
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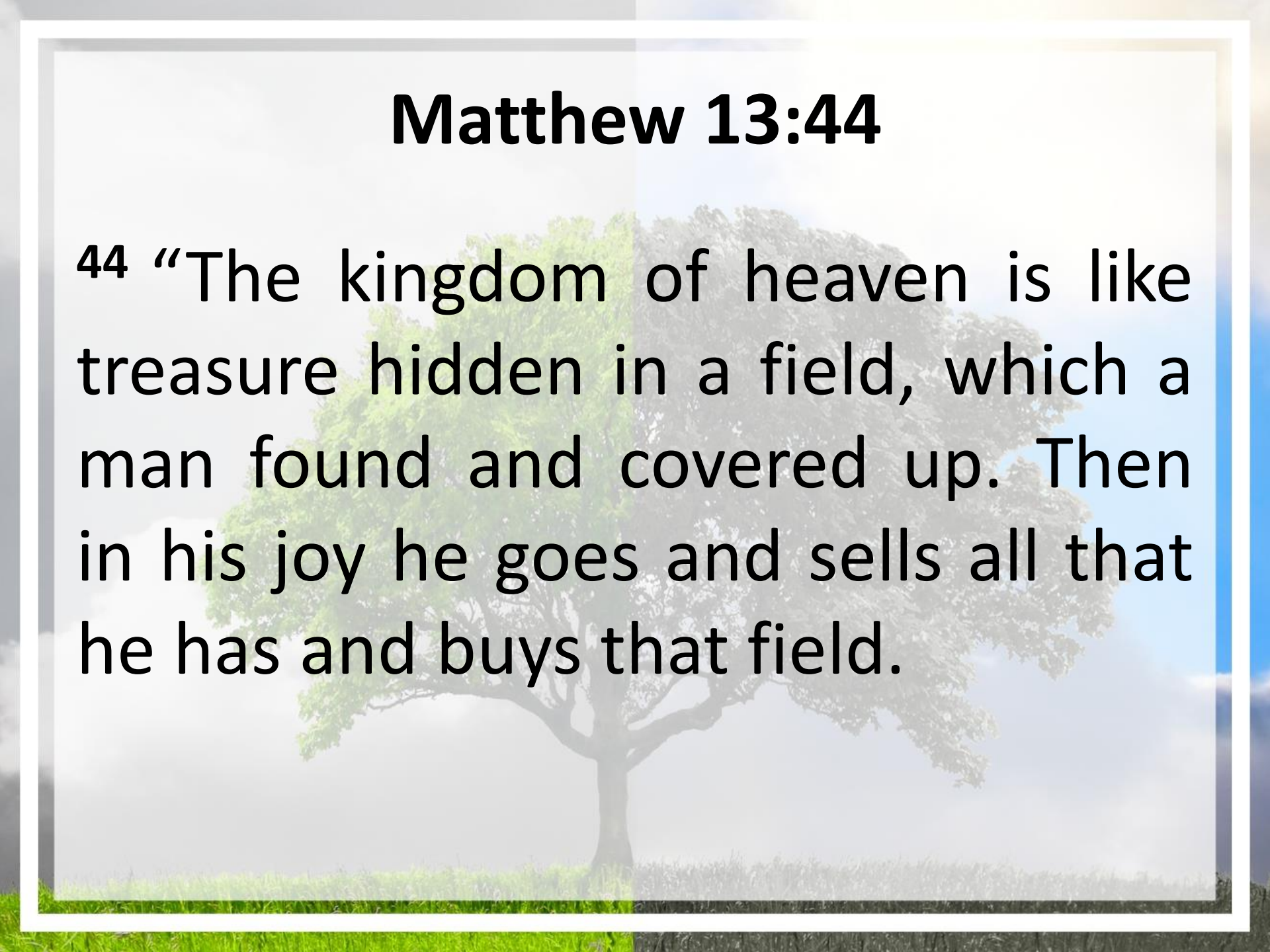
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Matthew 13:44

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

A large, leafy tree stands in a field under a blue sky with clouds. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. The field is green and grassy. The sky is a mix of light blue and white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.



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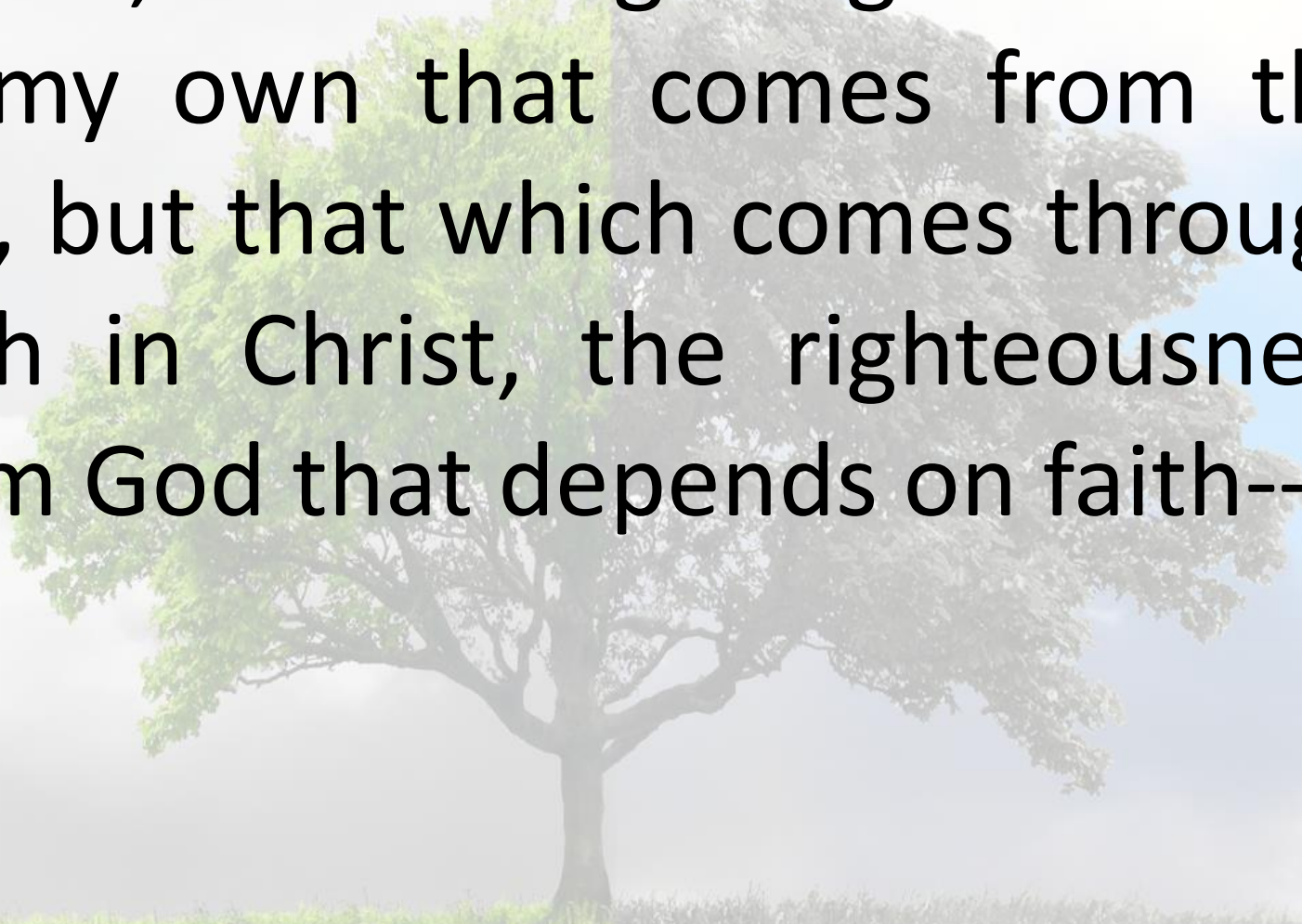
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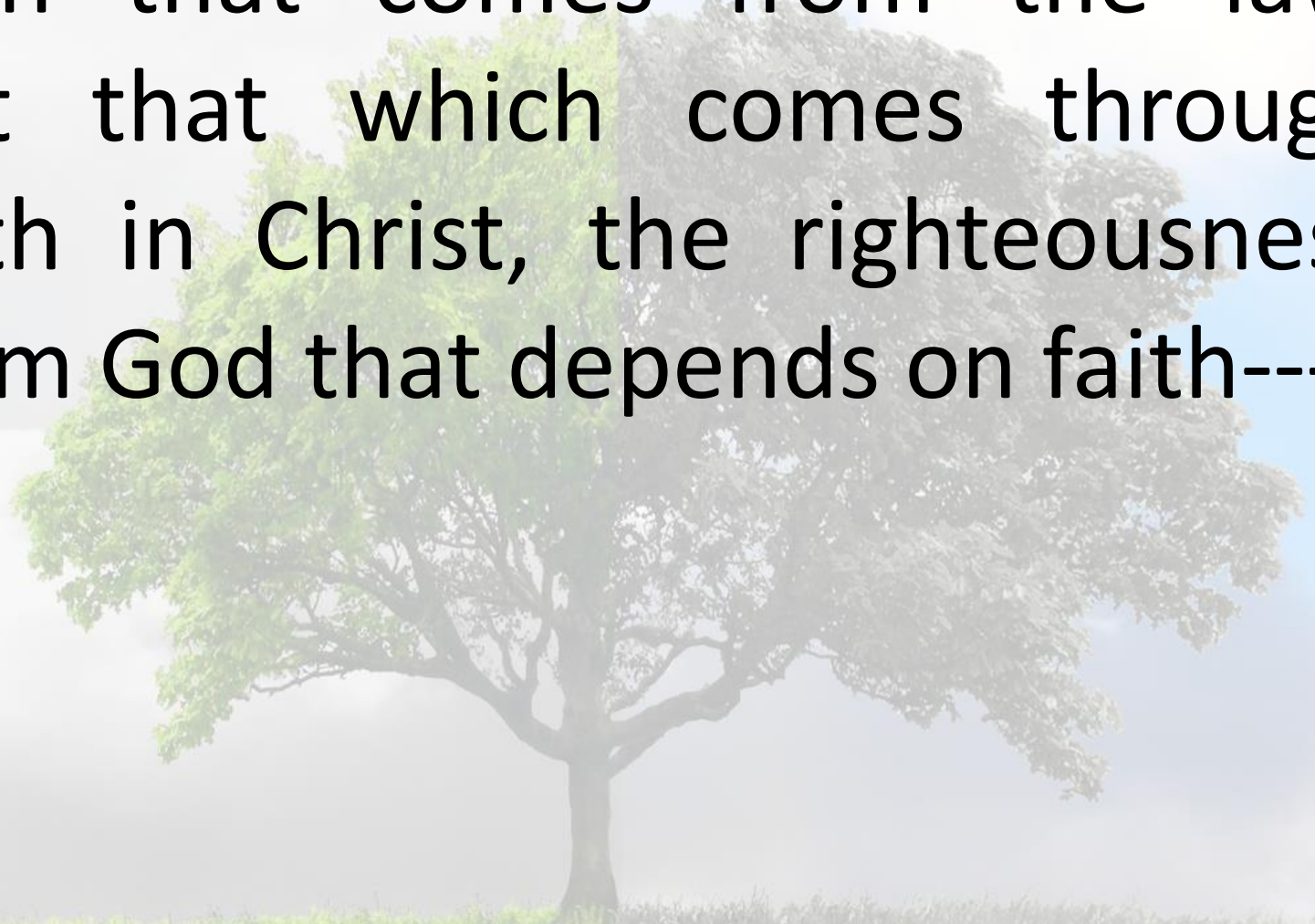
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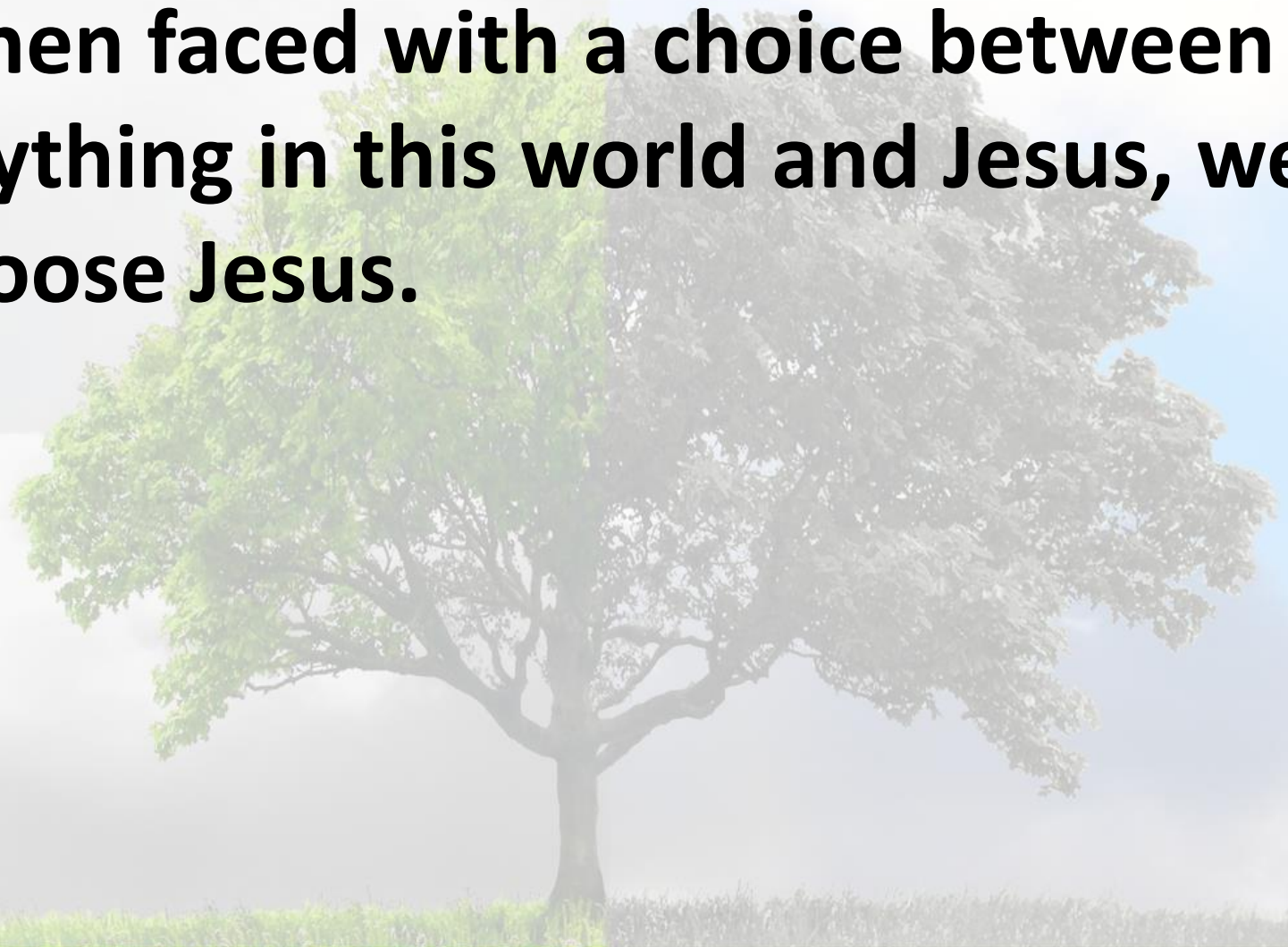


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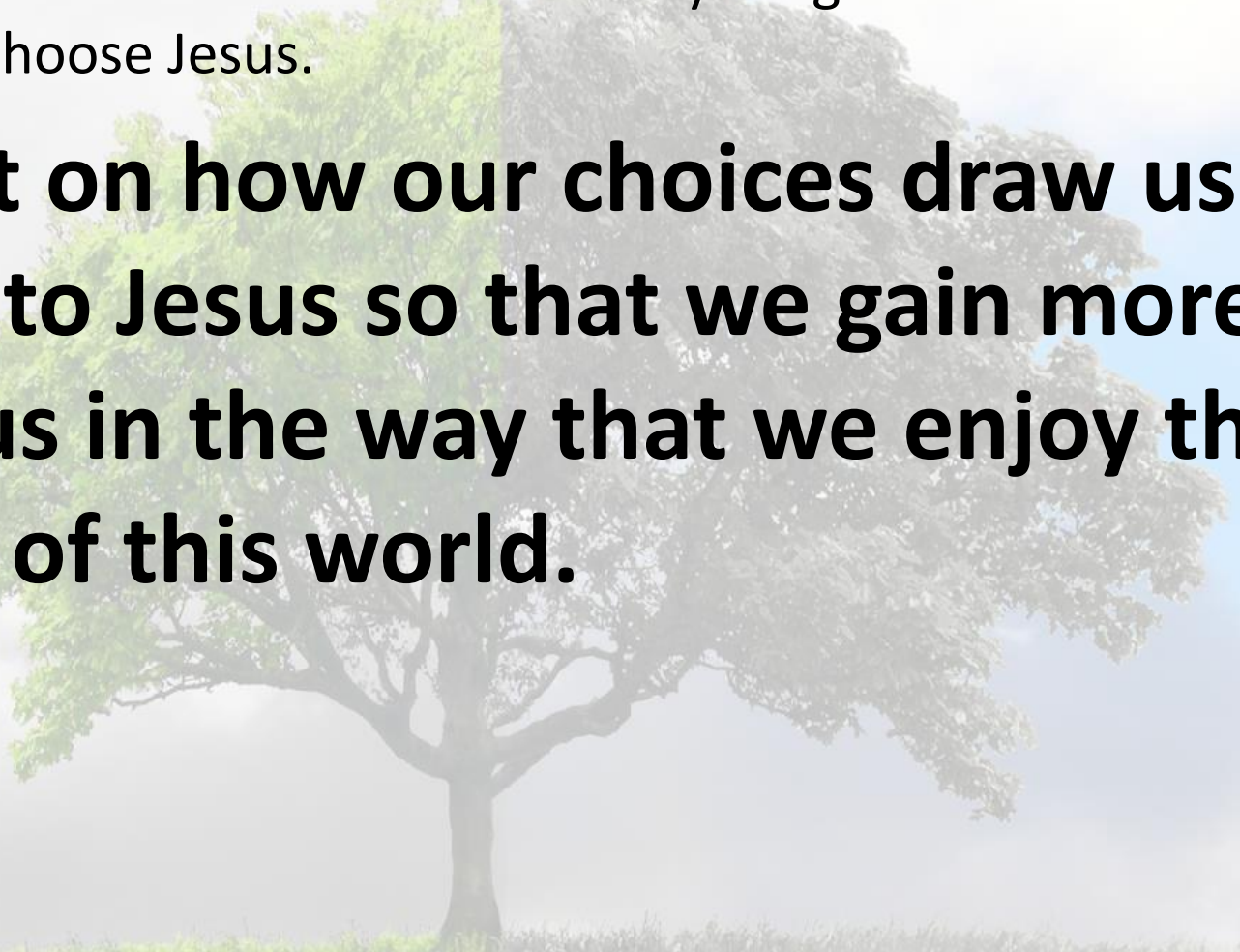
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