

Pioneers



Haggai 1:1-15

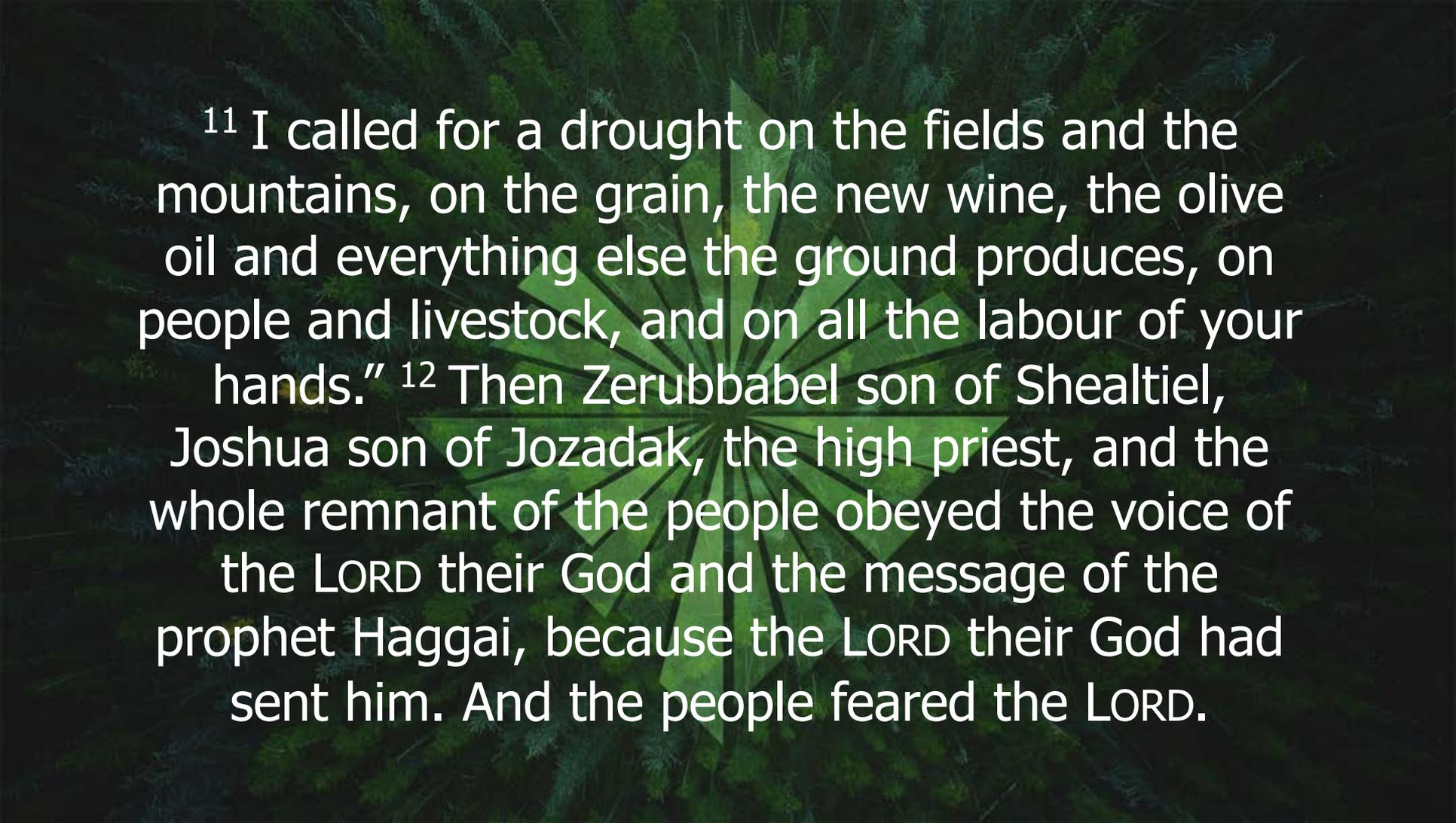
¹ In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:

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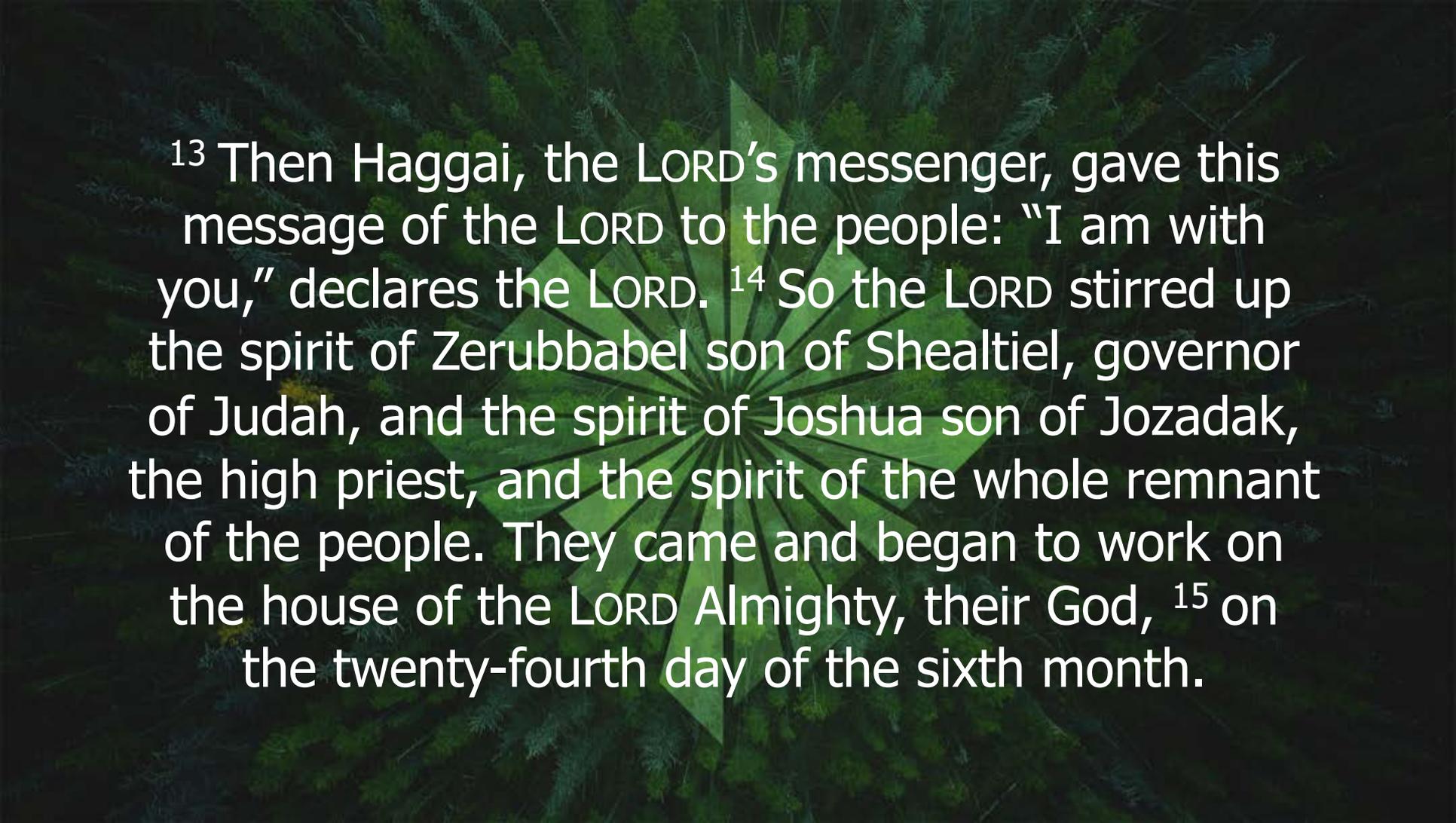
³ Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

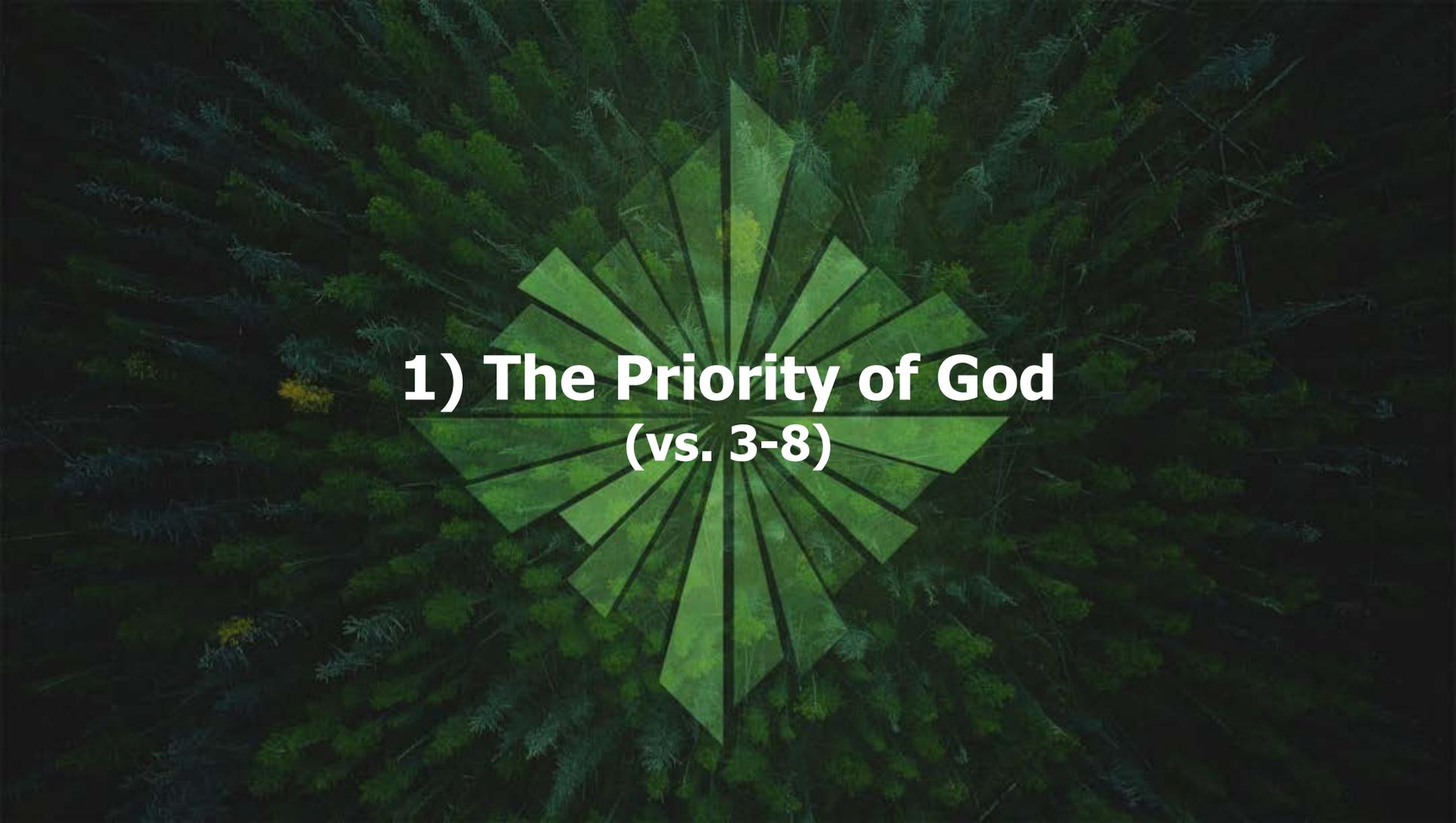
⁷ This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured," says the LORD. ⁹ "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. ¹⁰ Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops.

The background features a dark green, textured forest scene with a prominent green starburst or sunburst graphic in the center. The text is overlaid on this background in a white, sans-serif font.

¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labour of your hands.” ¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.



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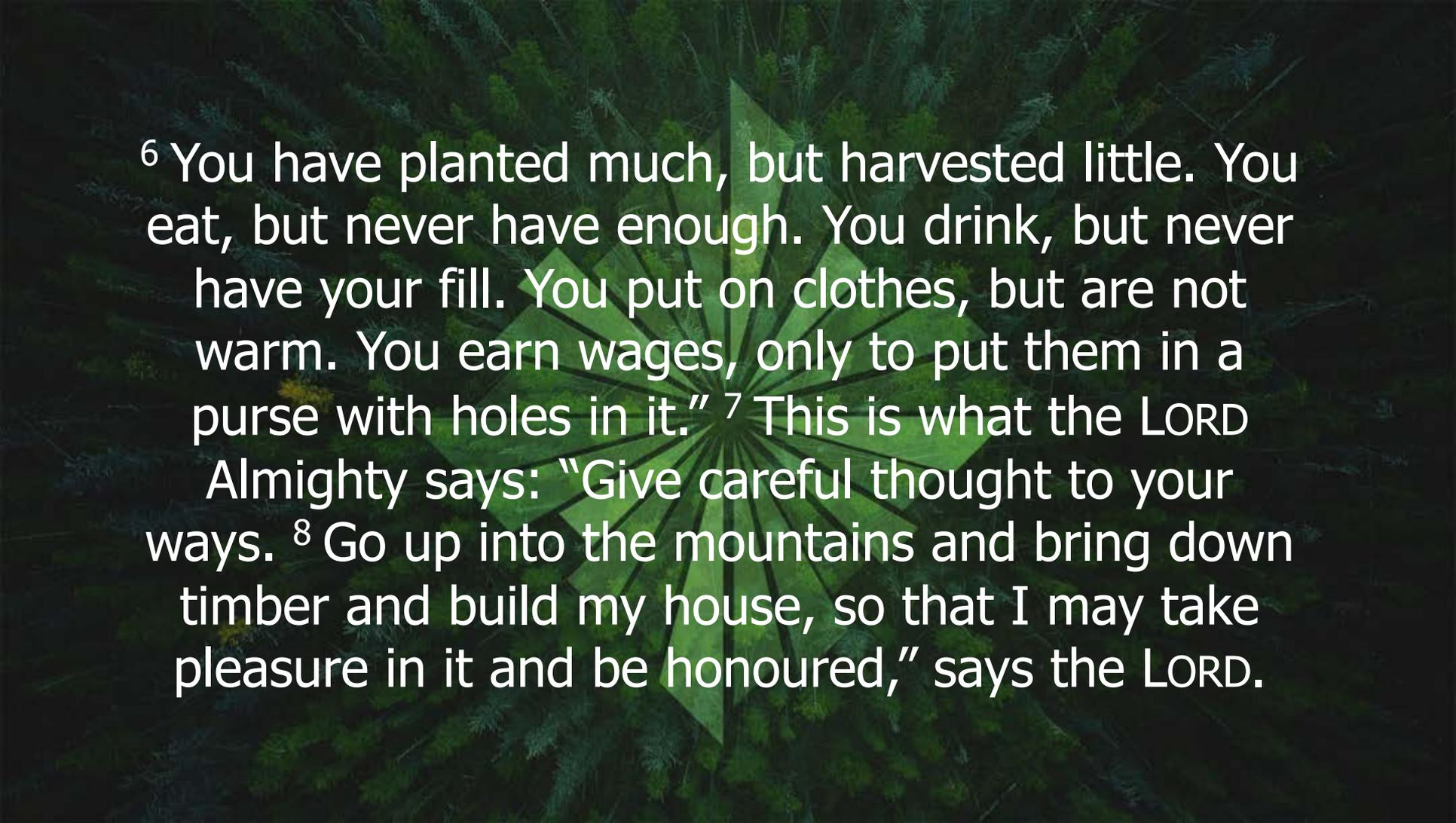
An aerial photograph of a dense forest of evergreen trees, viewed from above. The trees are dark green and densely packed. In the center of the image, there is a large, semi-transparent green graphic. This graphic is a fan-like shape composed of many thin, triangular segments radiating from a central point, resembling a stylized sunburst or a compass rose. The text is overlaid on this graphic.

1) The Priority of God
(vs. 3-8)

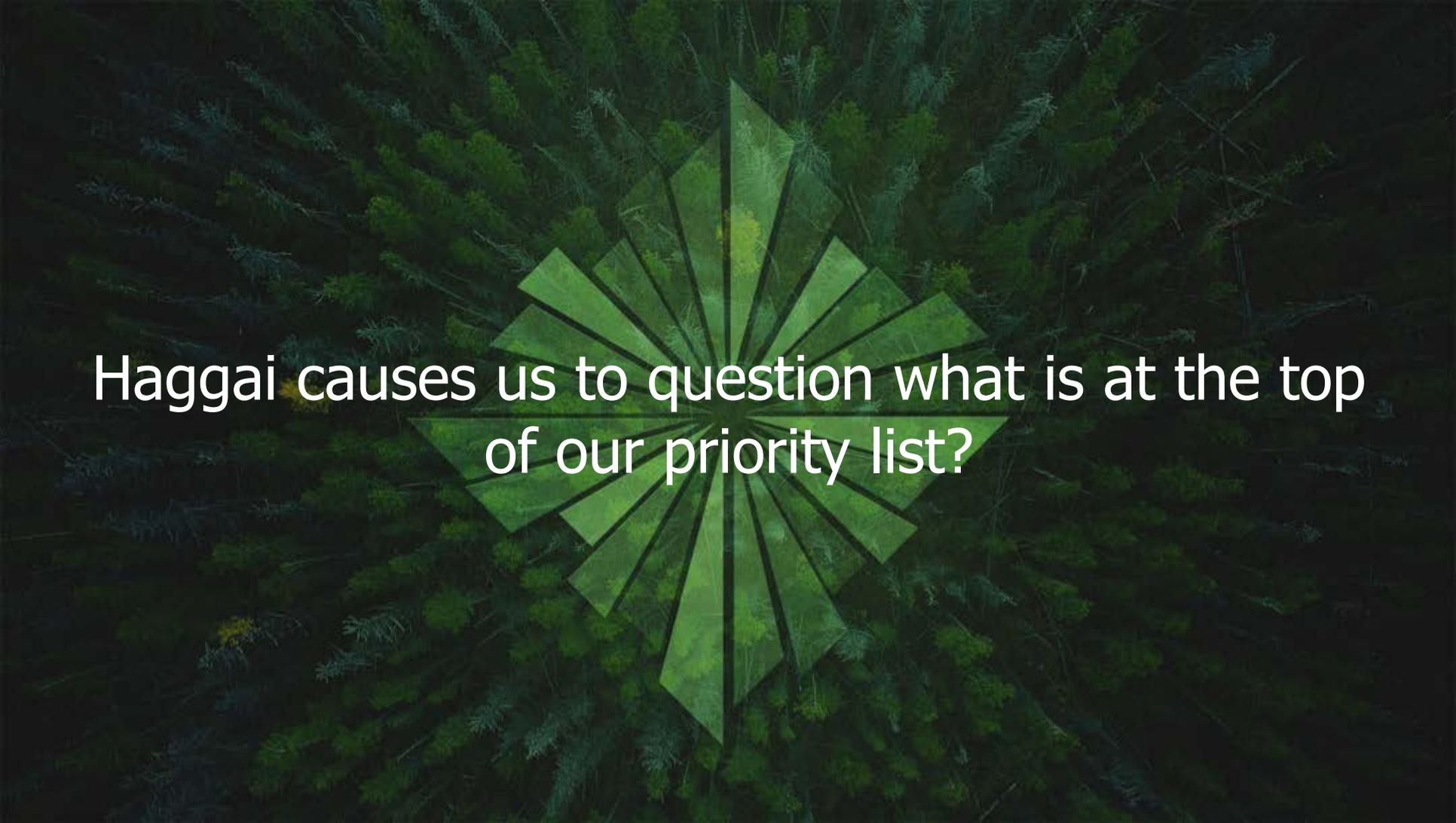
Haggai 1:2-8

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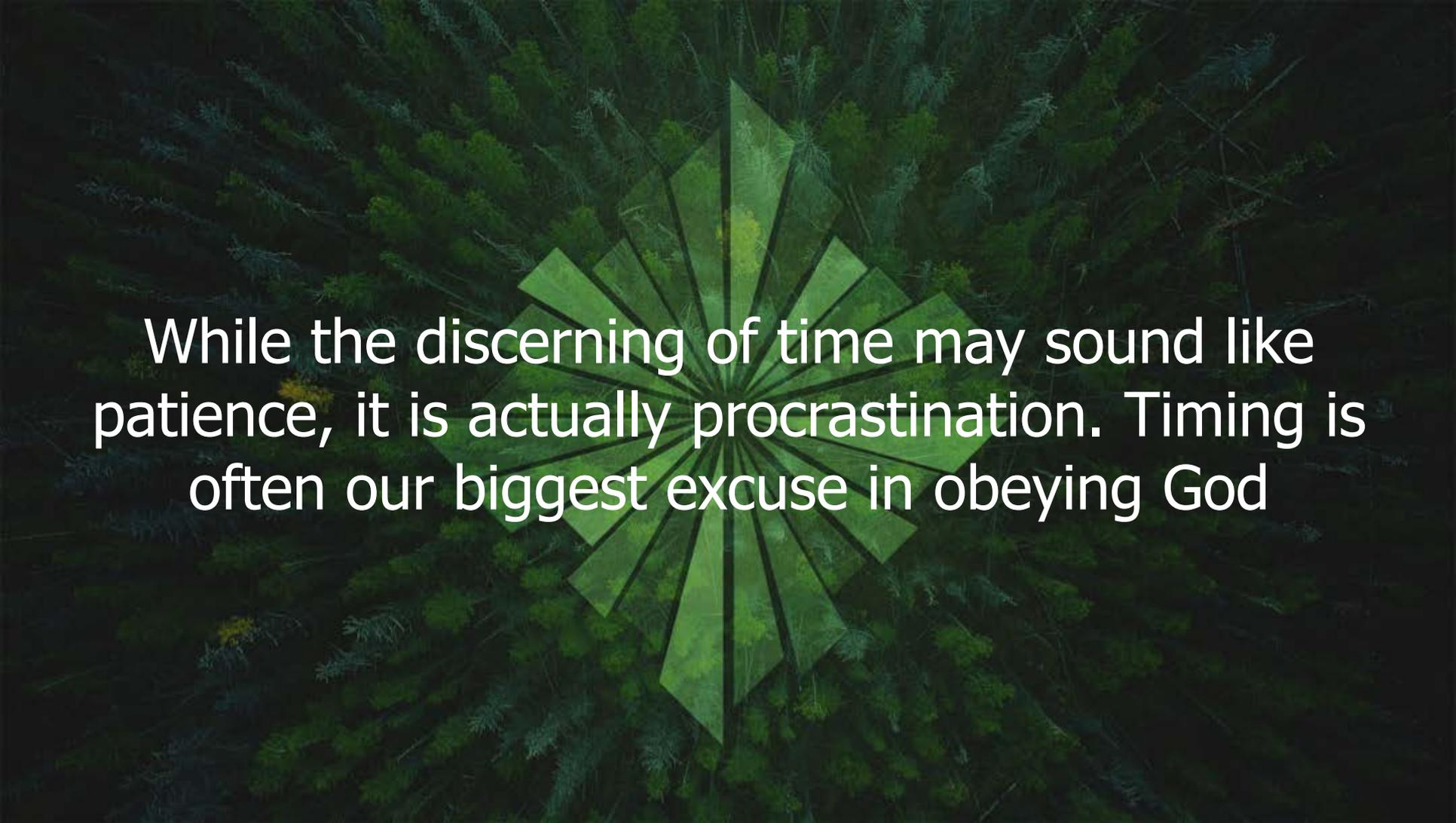
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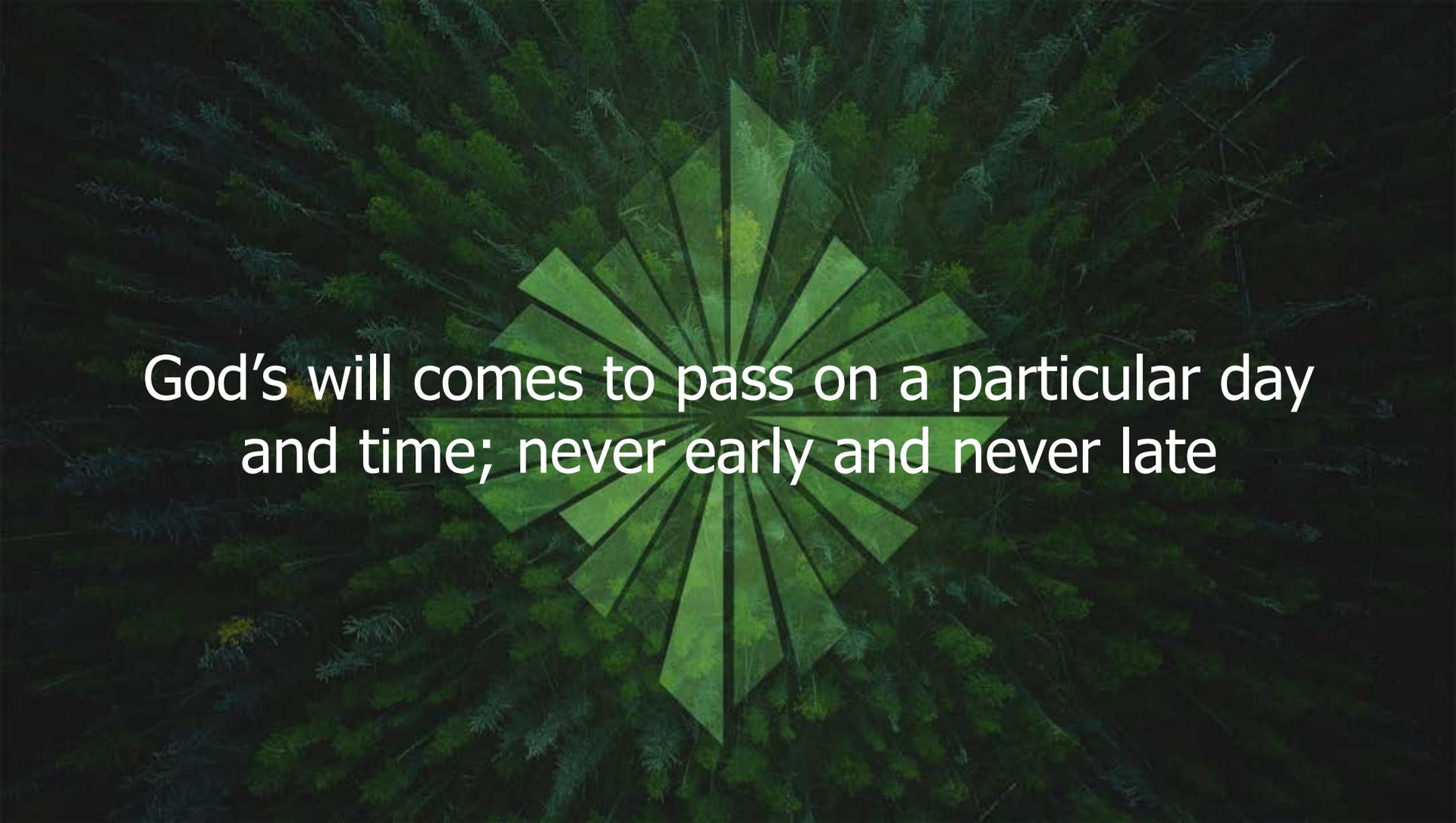
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Haggai causes us to question what is at the top
of our priority list?

An aerial photograph of a dense forest of evergreen trees, viewed from directly above. The trees are arranged in a radial pattern, creating a starburst effect in the center. The colors range from dark green to a lighter, almost yellowish-green in the center. The text is overlaid on this image.

While the discerning of time may sound like patience, it is actually procrastination. Timing is often our biggest excuse in obeying God

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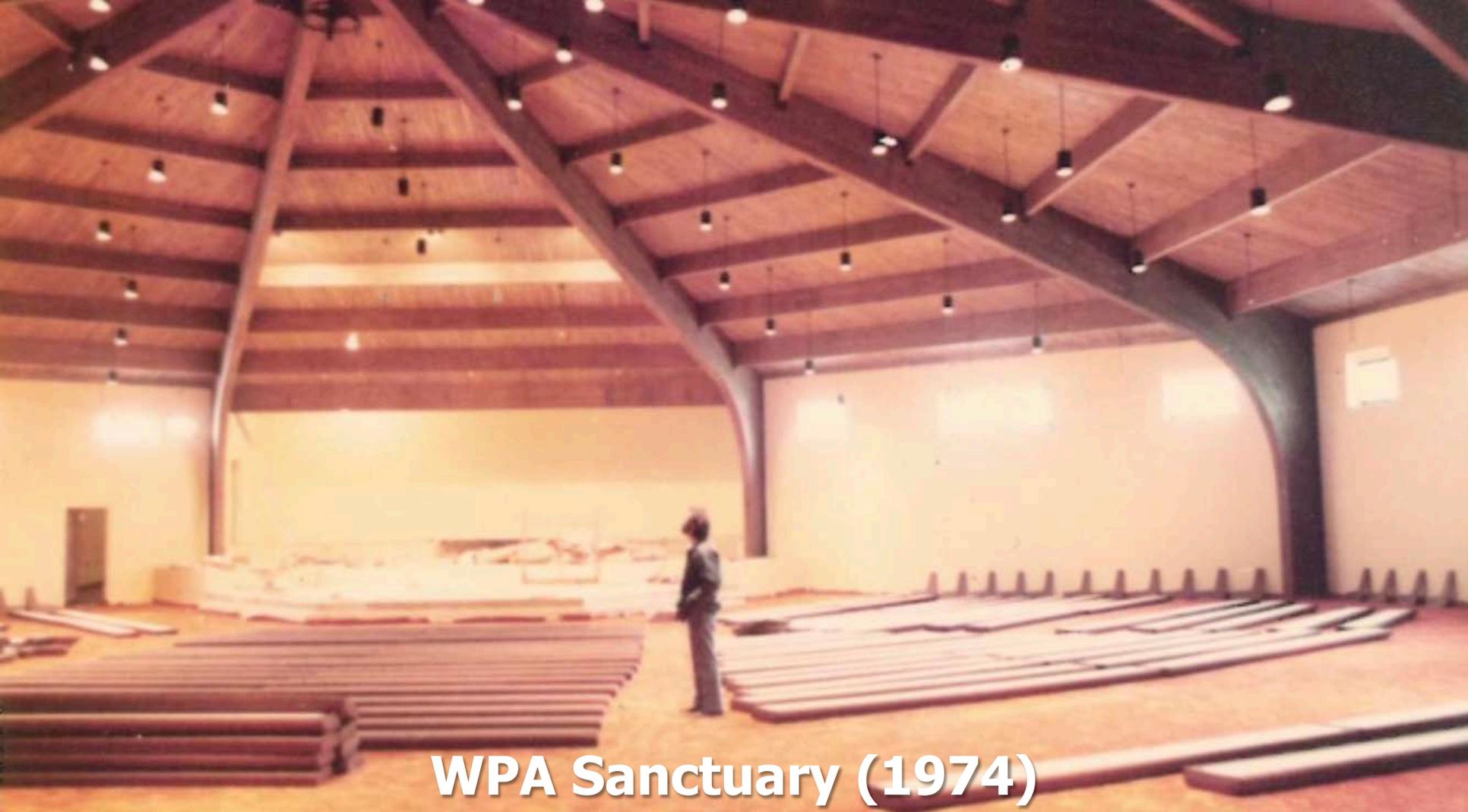
God's will comes to pass on a particular day
and time; never early and never late

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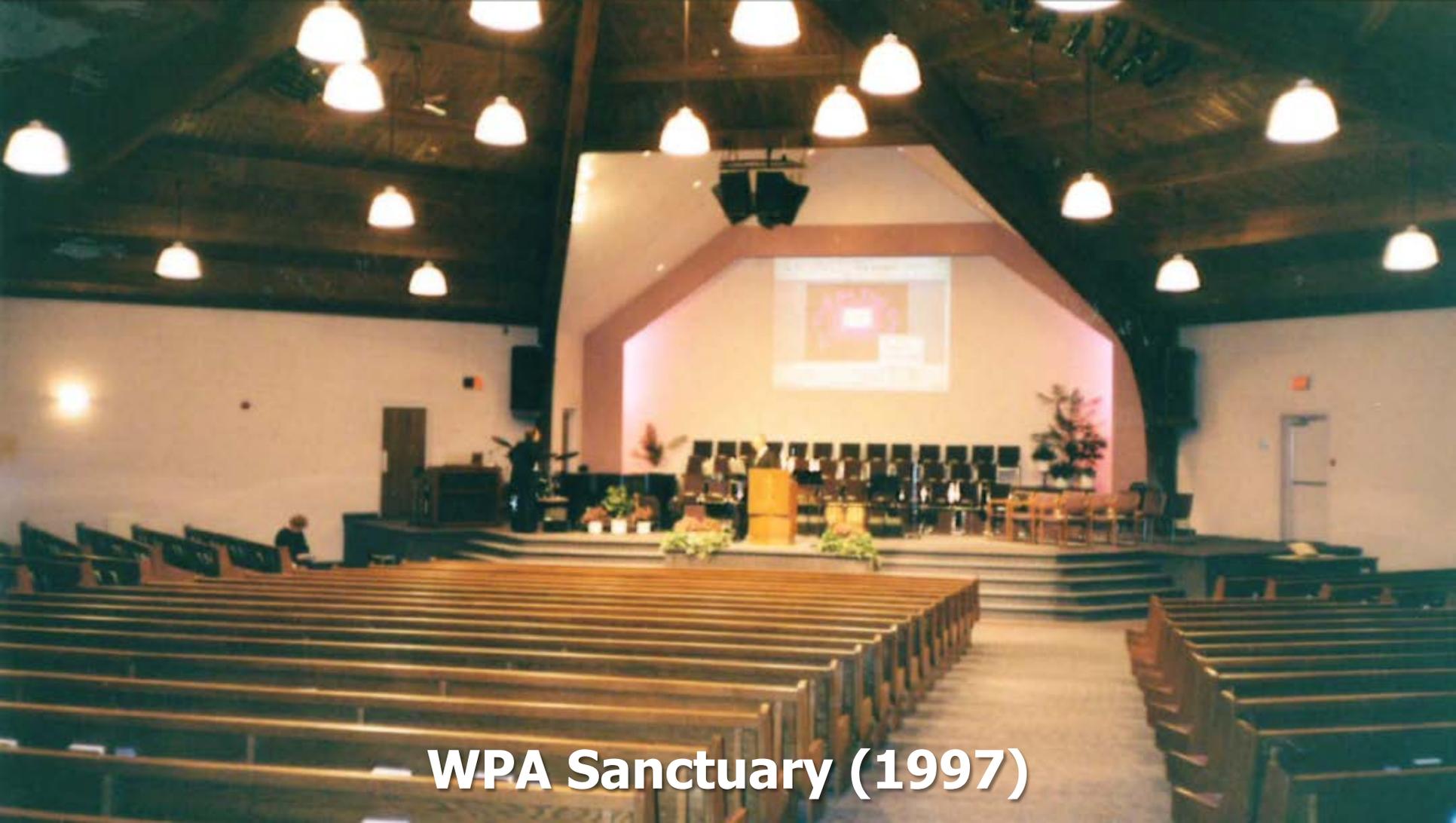
When we put first things first, God is first and
we are second

An aerial photograph of a dense forest of evergreen trees, viewed from directly above. The trees are dark green and tightly packed. In the center of the image, there is a graphic element consisting of numerous thin, dark lines radiating outwards from a central point, creating a sunburst or starburst effect. The lines are slightly thicker in the center and become thinner as they extend outwards. The overall lighting is somewhat dim, giving the forest a deep, dark green appearance.

Only investments in portfolios managed by God
yield a return of true blessings



WPA Sanctuary (1974)

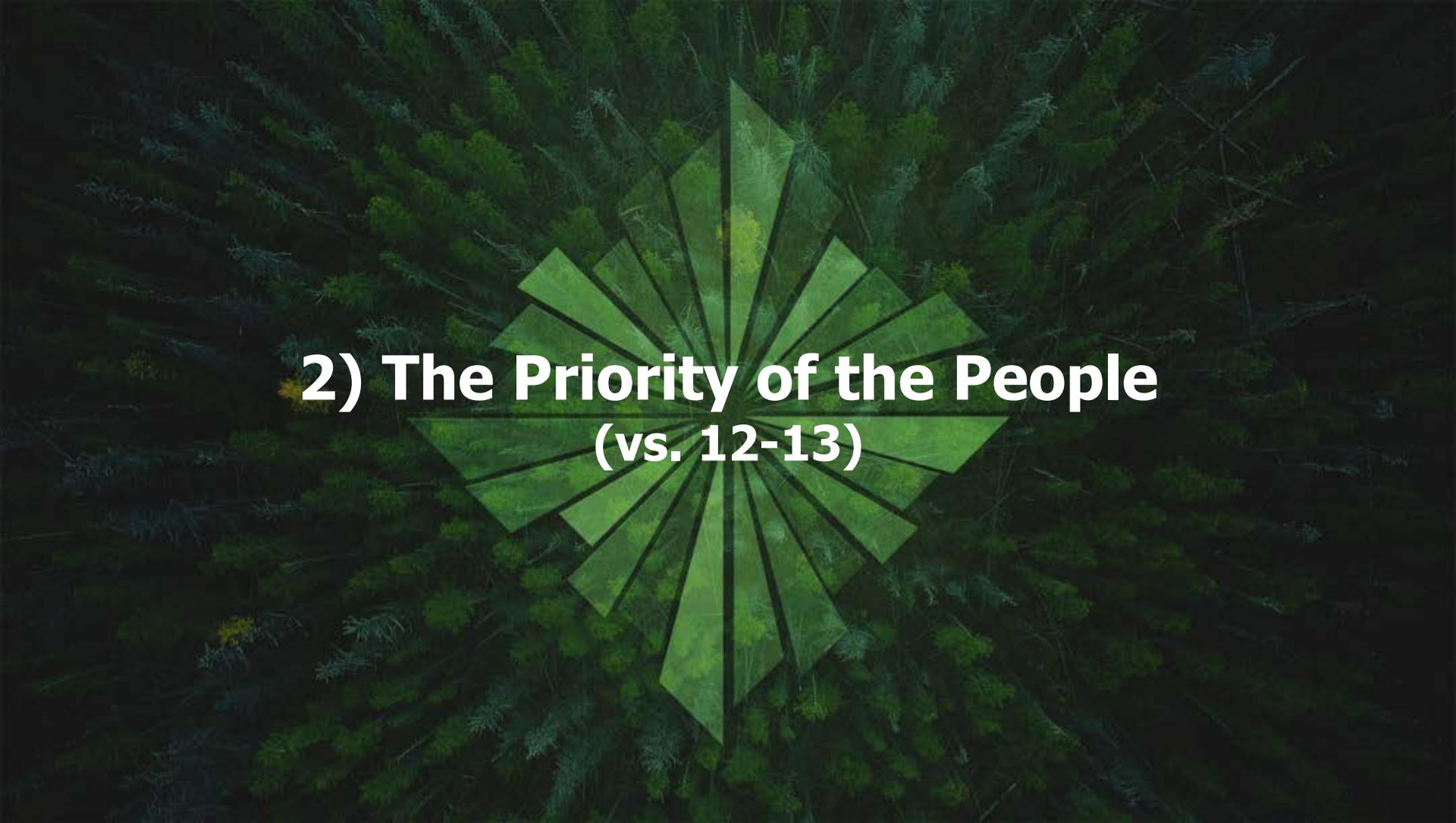


WPA Sanctuary (1997)



YOU ARE
ALIVE IN US
NOTHING COULD
TAKE **YOUR PLACE**

WPA Sanctuary (2019)

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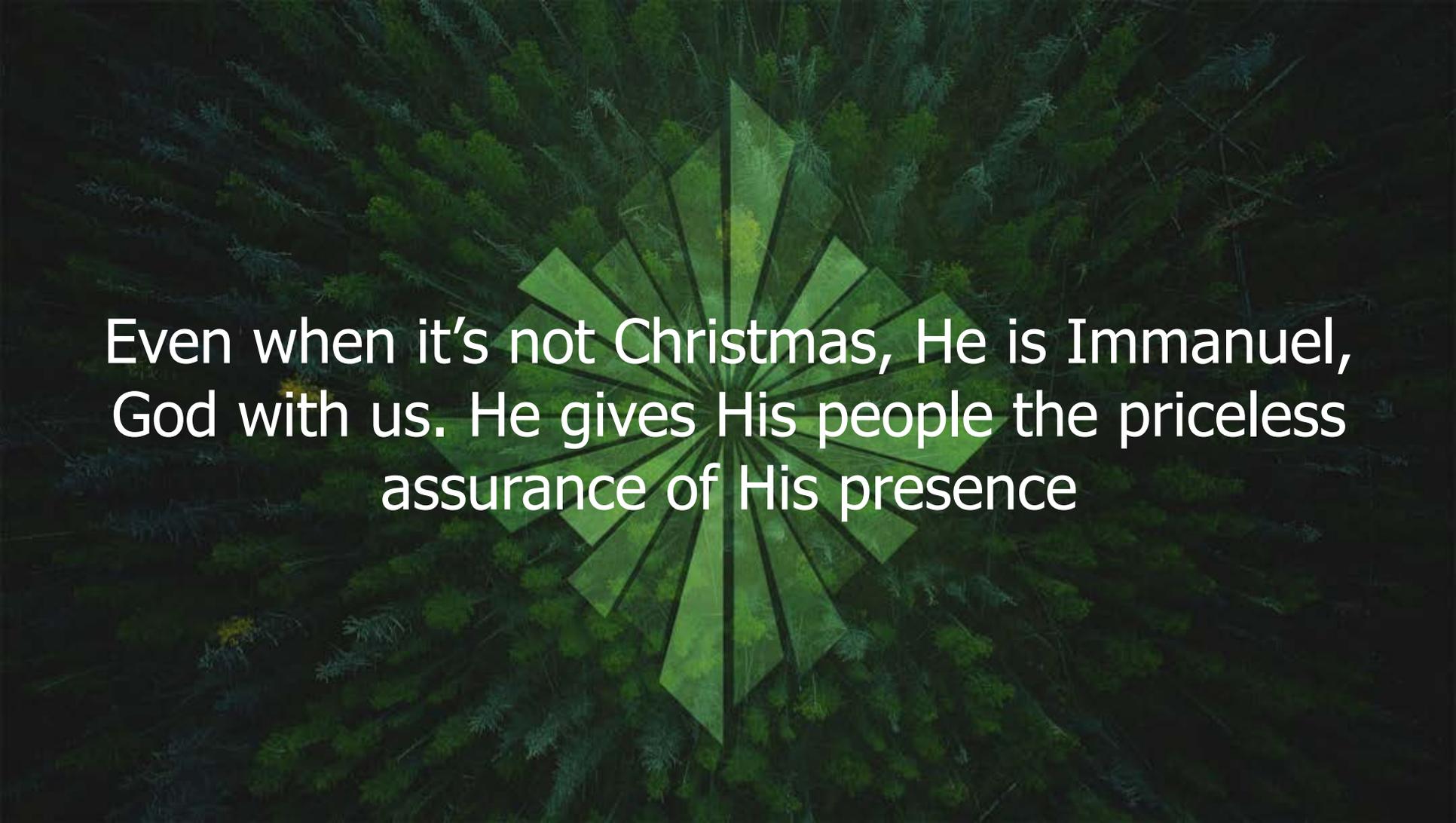
2) The Priority of the People
(vs. 12-13)

Haggai 1:12-13

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. ¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD.

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This was more than a decision to renovate, it
was a decision to realign their hearts with God

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Even when it's not Christmas, He is Immanuel,
God with us. He gives His people the priceless
assurance of His presence

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3) The Priority of the Holy Spirit
(vs. 14-15)

Haggai 1:14-15

¹⁴ So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

Ephesians 4:4-6

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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Psalm 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders
labour in vain.

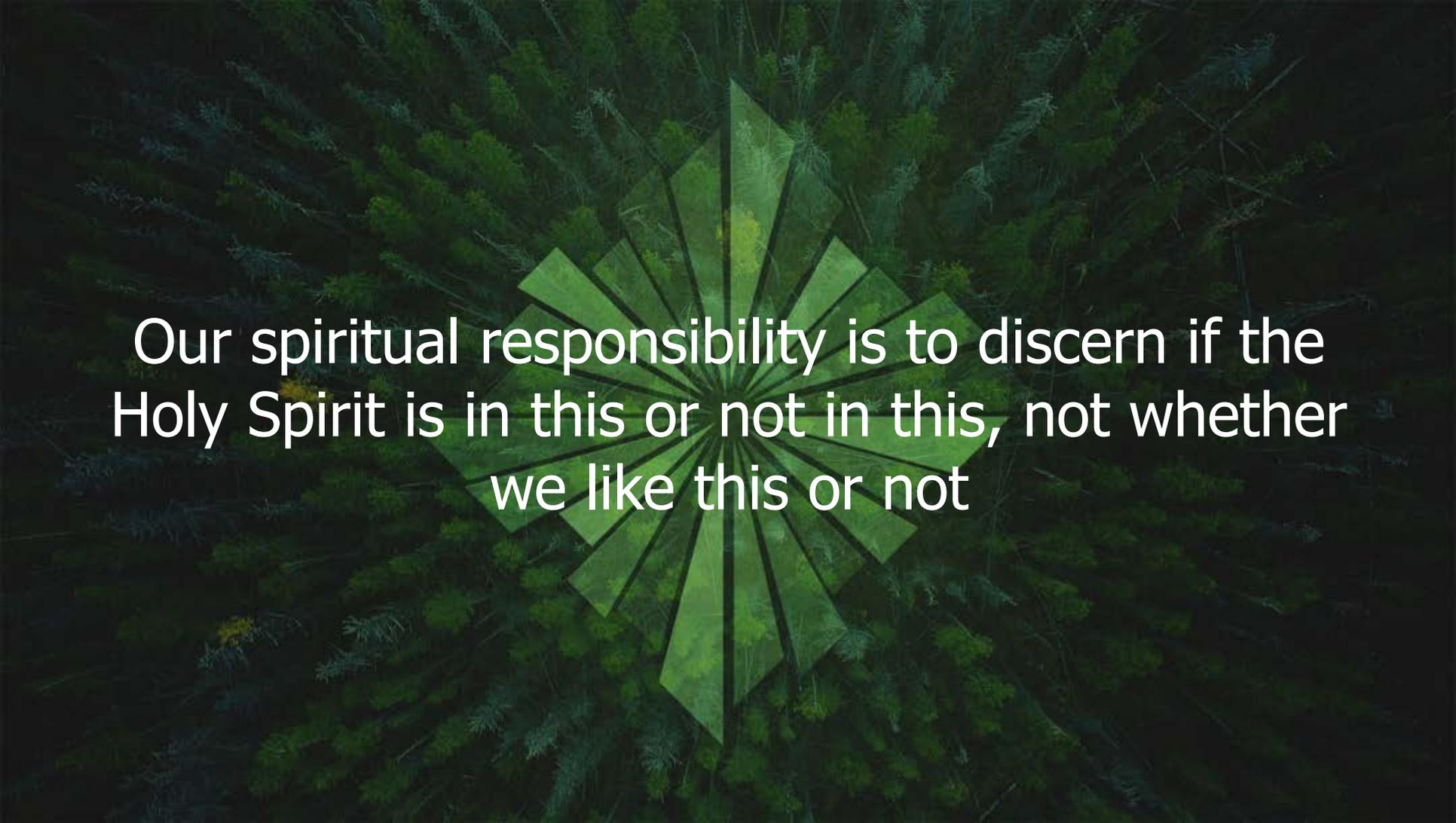
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The Holy Spirit becomes the project manager
between God's people and the renovation of
God's house

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Zechariah 4:6

⁶ So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

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Our spiritual responsibility is to discern if the Holy Spirit is in this or not in this, not whether we like this or not

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