



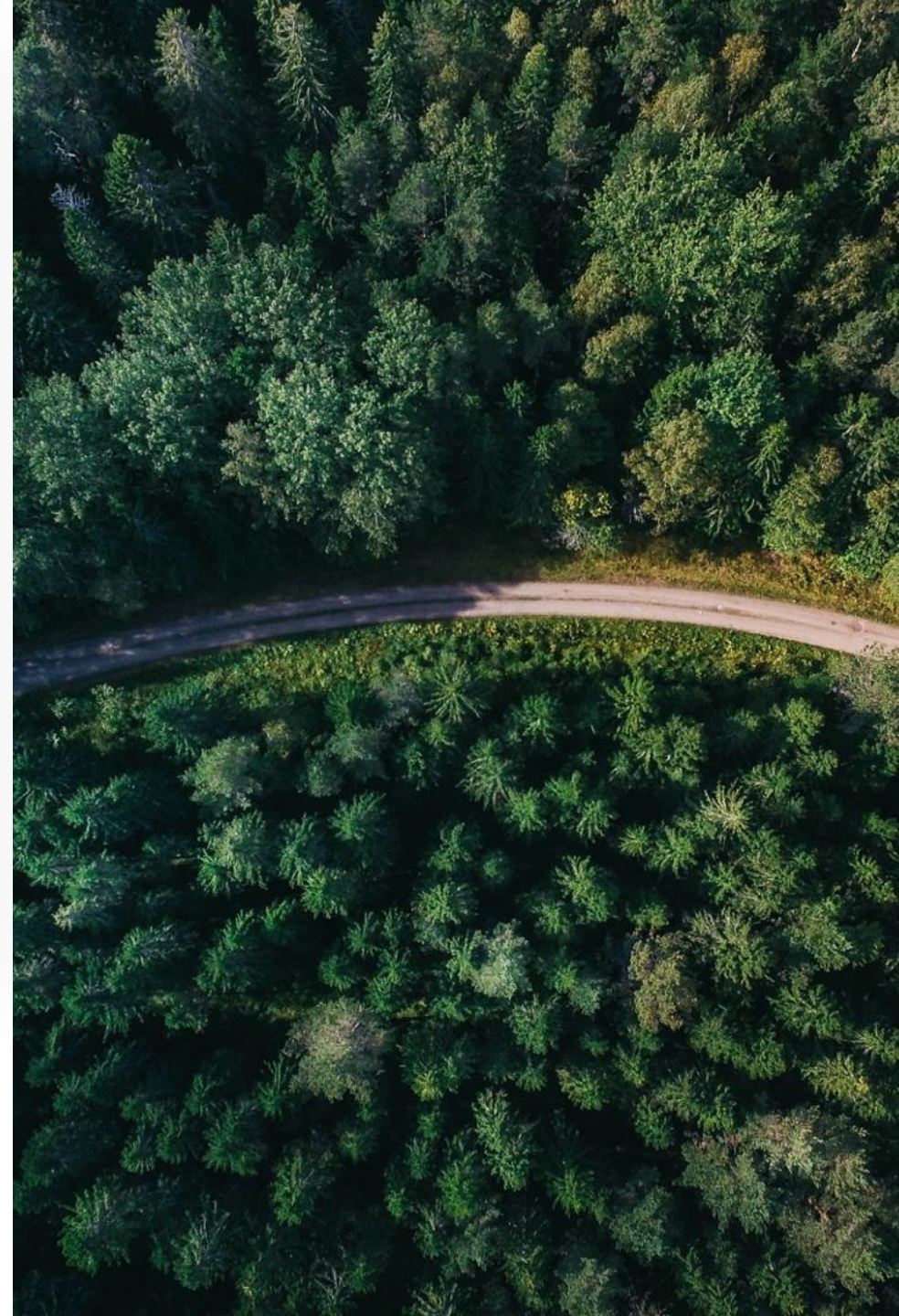
*The
Gospel of Mark*

Tripped by Tradition

Mark 7:1-23

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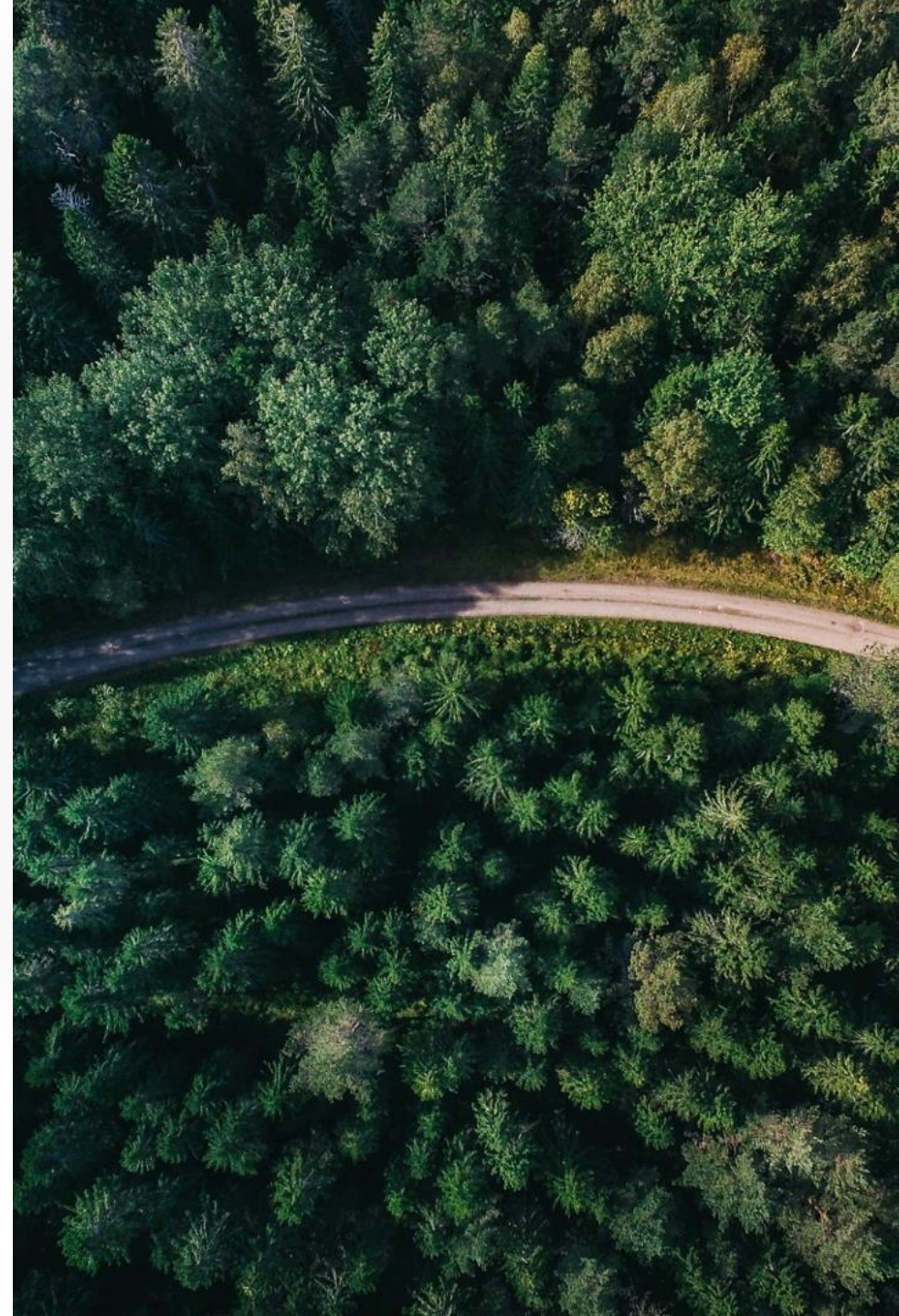


Mark 7:1-4

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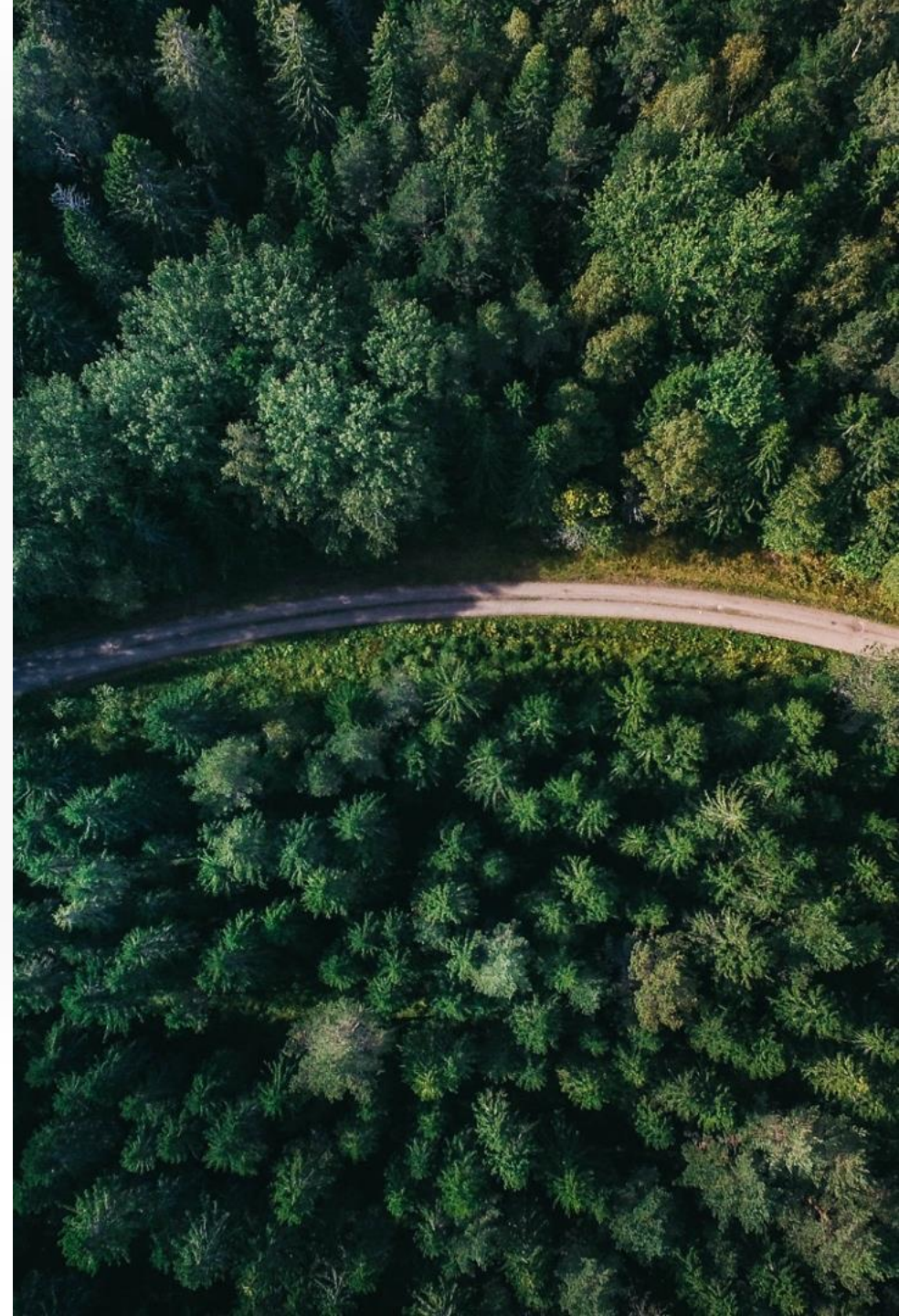
³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a **ceremonial washing**, holding to the **tradition of the elders**.)

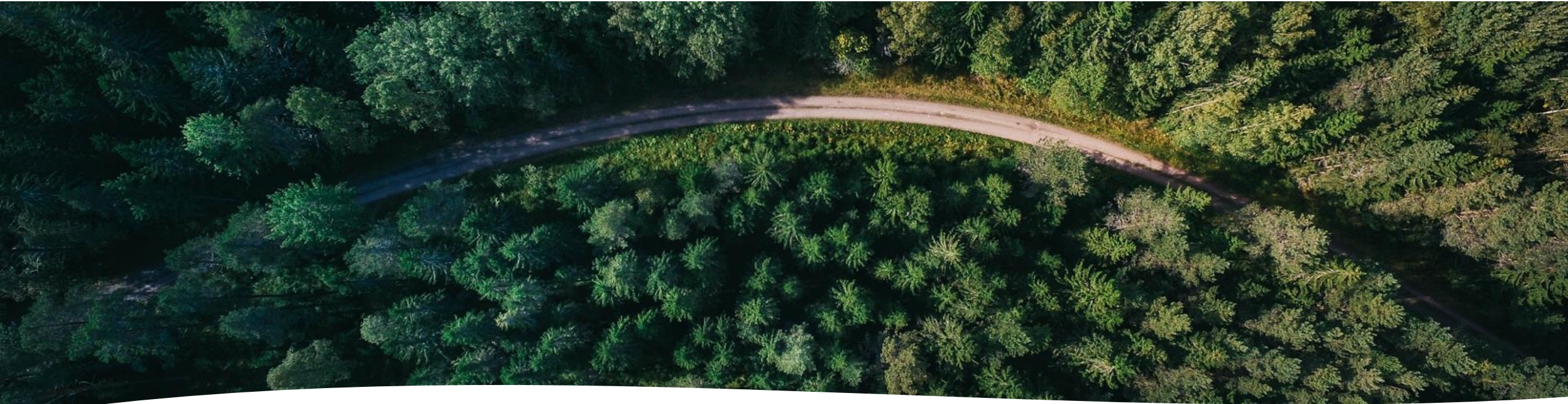
⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)



Mark 7:5

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the **tradition of the elders** instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”





“TRADITION OF THE ELDERS”

Written Law/Torah = *Mikra* “that which is read”

Oral Law/Torah = *Mishnah* “that which is repeated”
(interpretations)

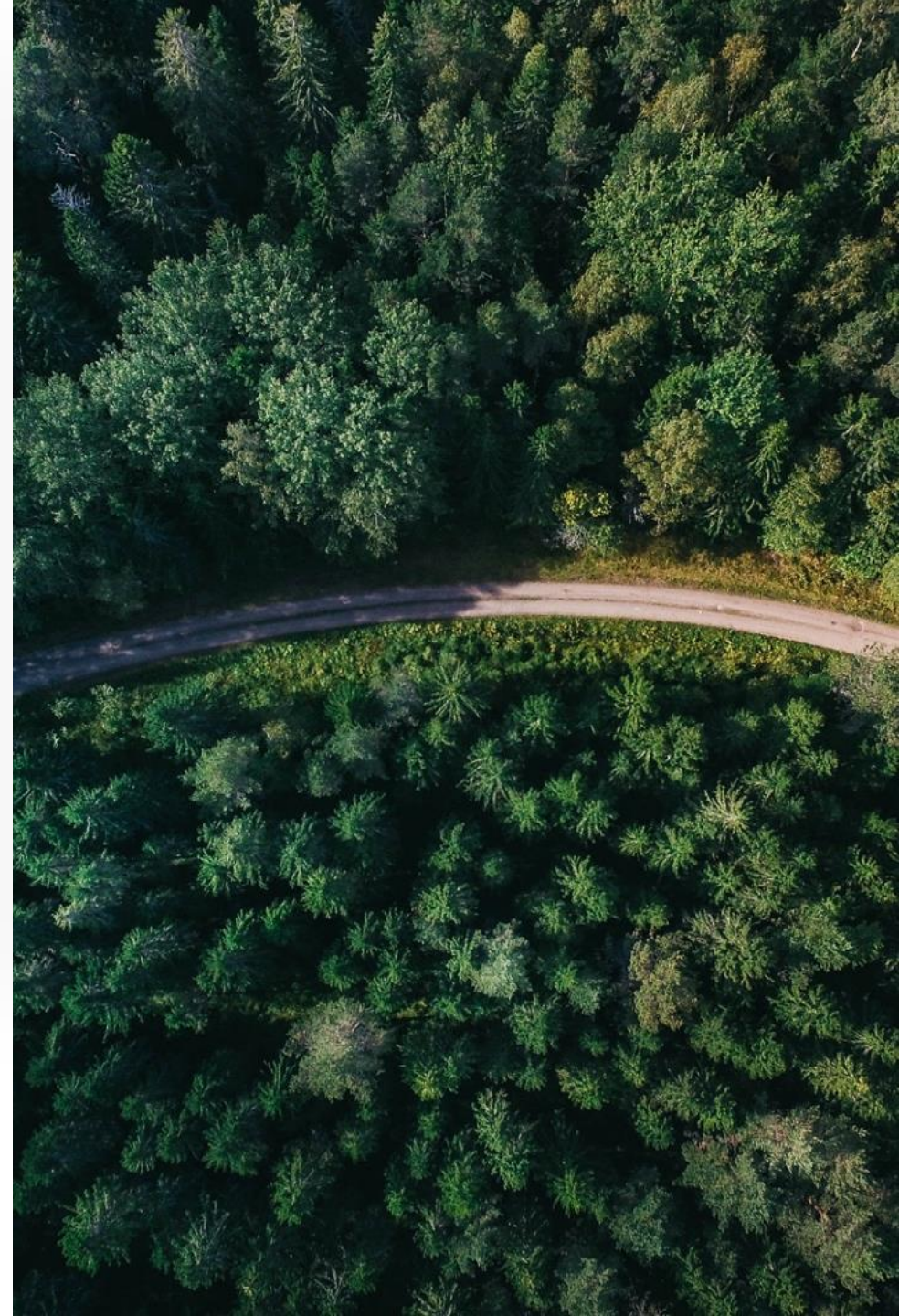
Mark 7:6-8

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you **hypocrites**; as it is written:

““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ [Isaiah 29:13]

⁸ You have let go of the **commands of God** and are holding on to **human traditions**.”

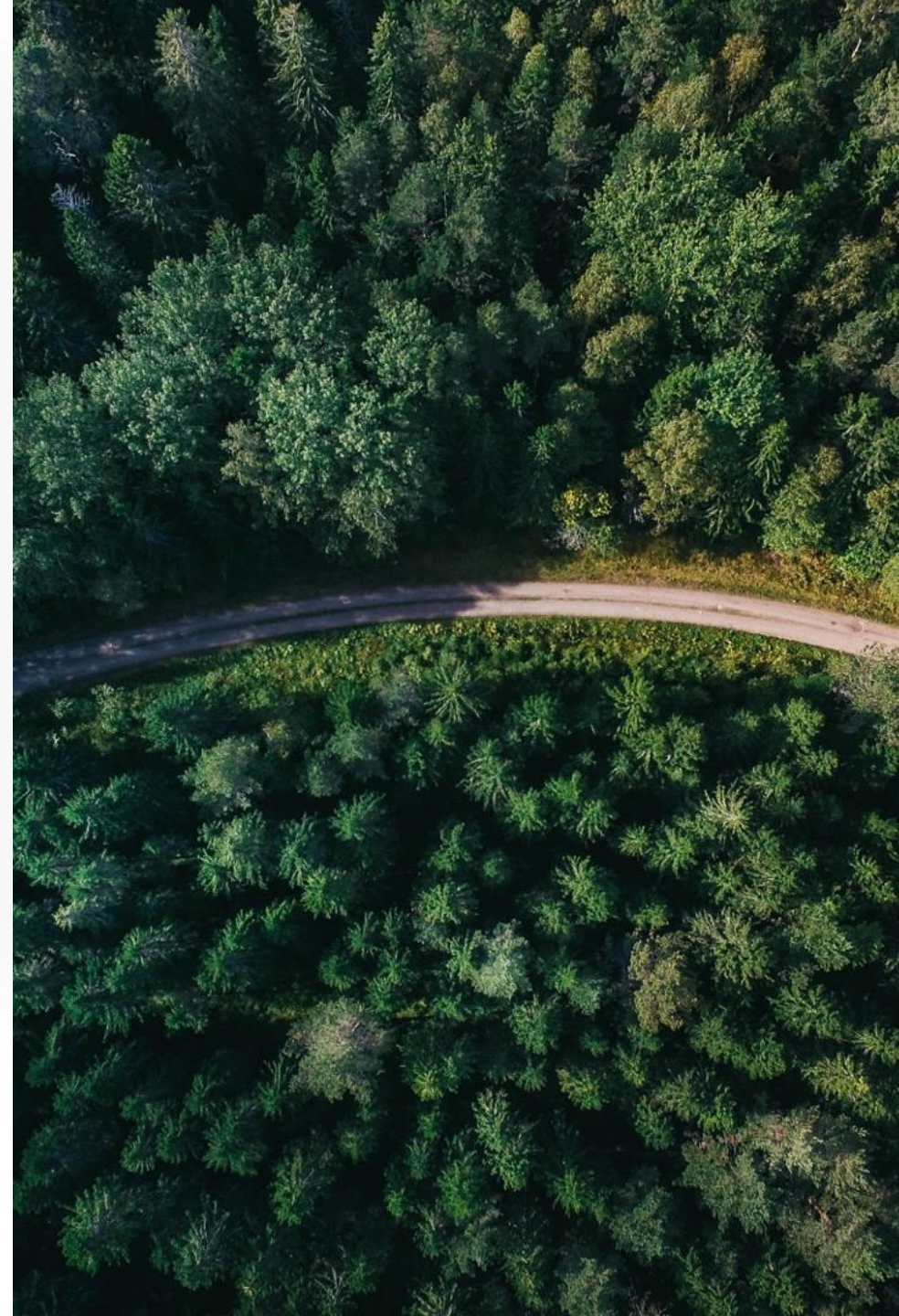


Mark 7:9-13

⁹ And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!

¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ [Exodus 20:12] and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ [Exodus 21:17]

¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is **Corban** (that is, devoted to God)— ¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ **Thus you nullify the word of God** by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

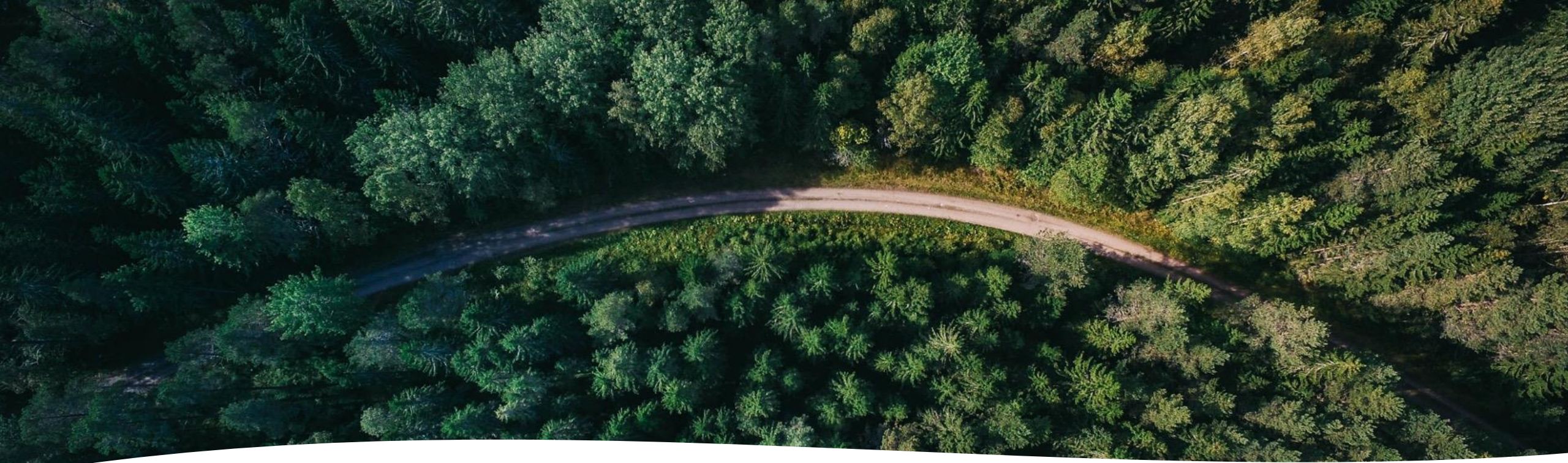




Mishnah, Nedarim 3:1

A man spots a crowd of people eating figs from his trees and shouts, “Corban to you!”

What if his father and brothers are in the crowd?



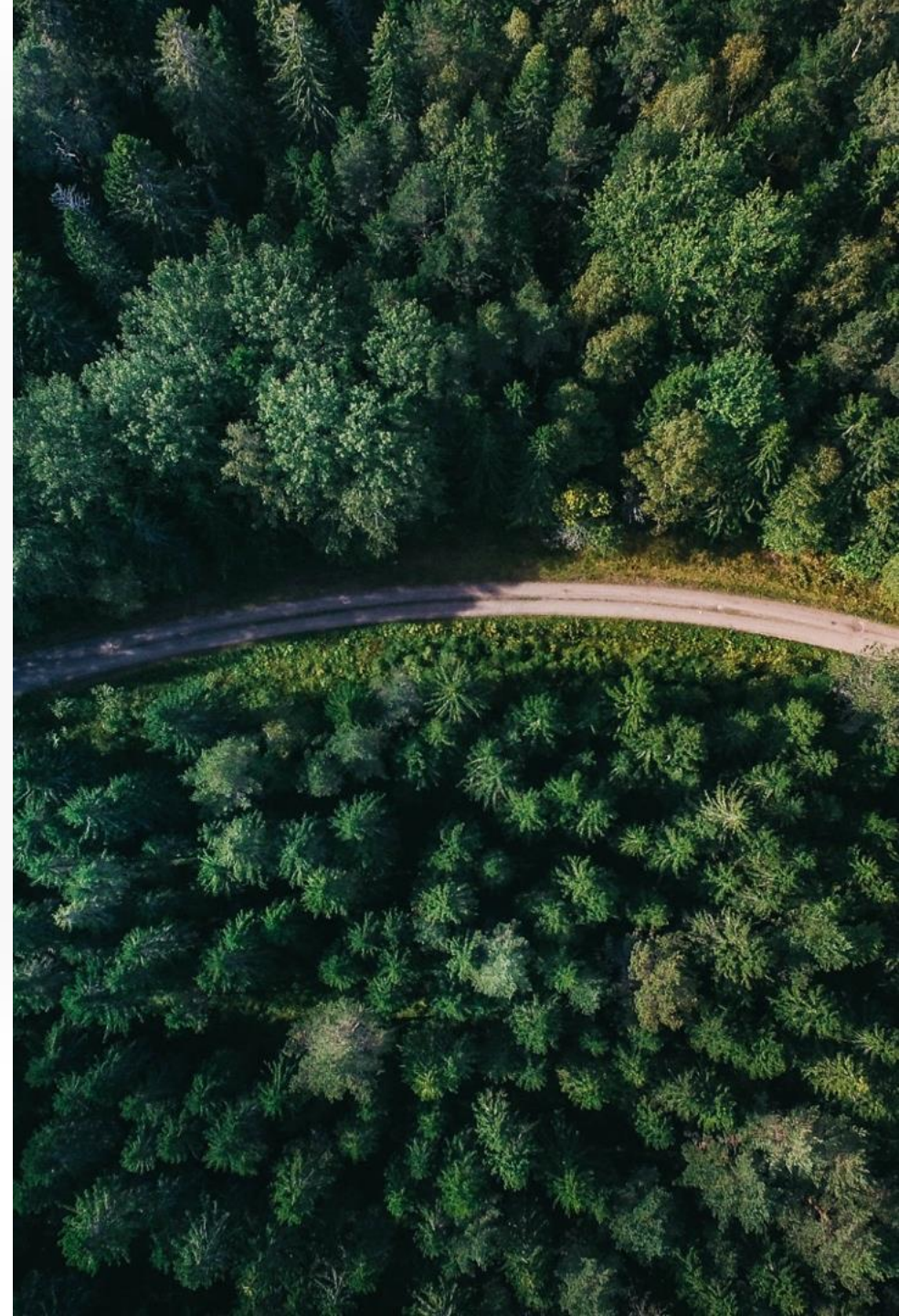
Are there any traditions/practices we have adopted
that sabotage the word of God?

Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed
down. And you do many things like that.” (Mark 7:13)

Mark 7:14-15

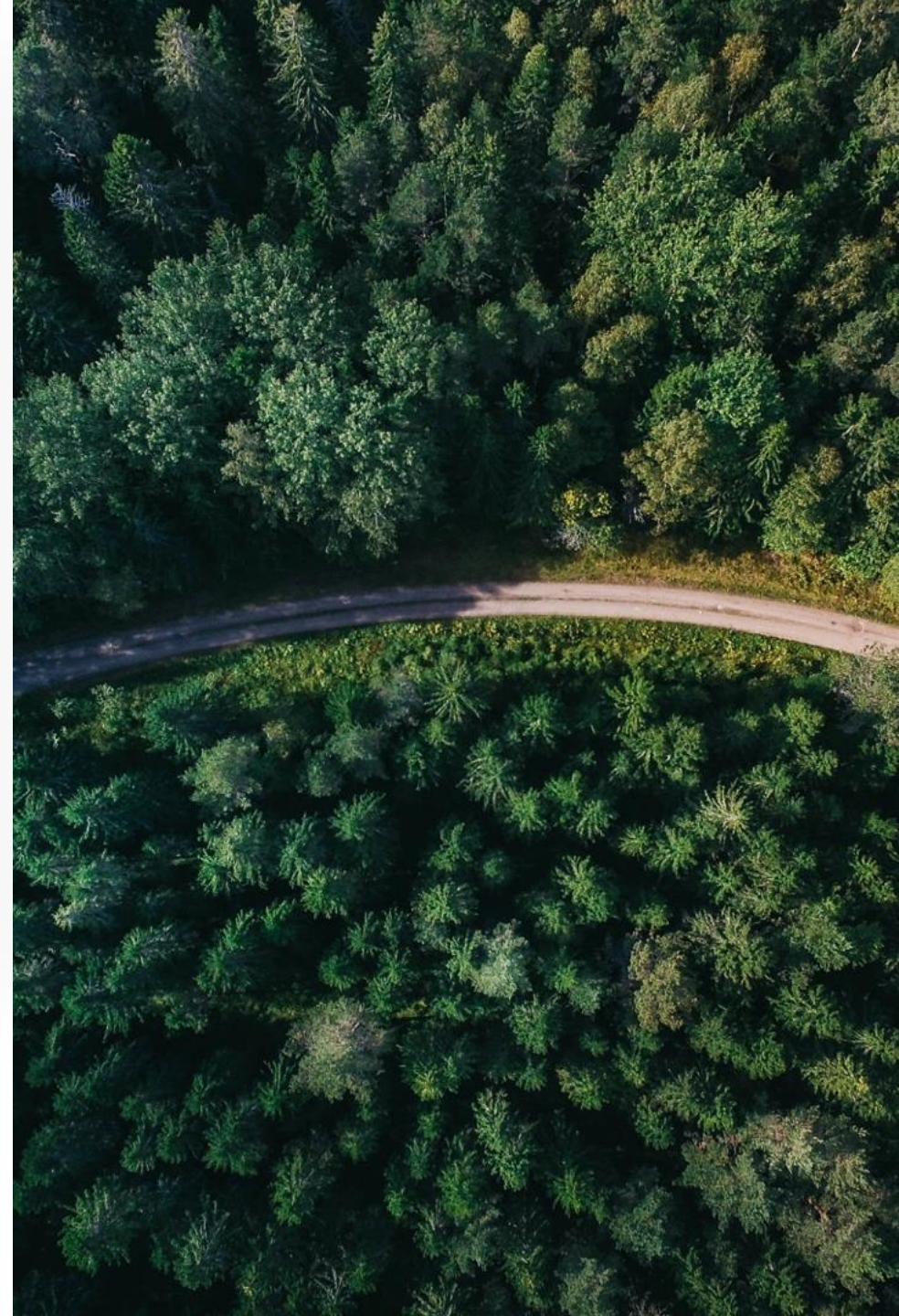
¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

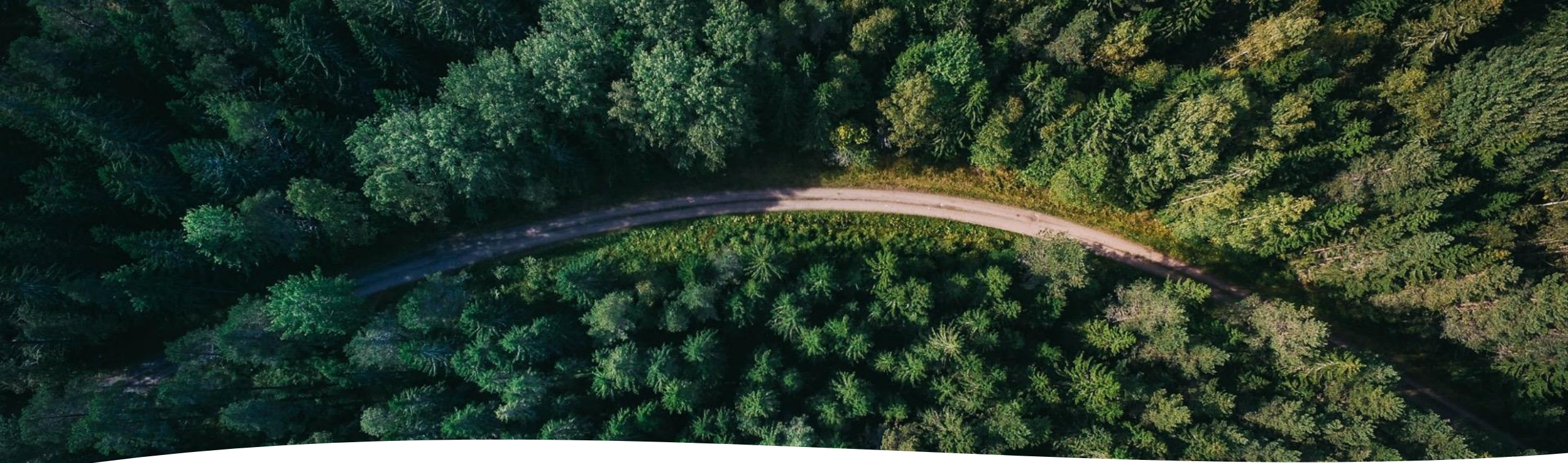
¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.



Mark 7:20-23

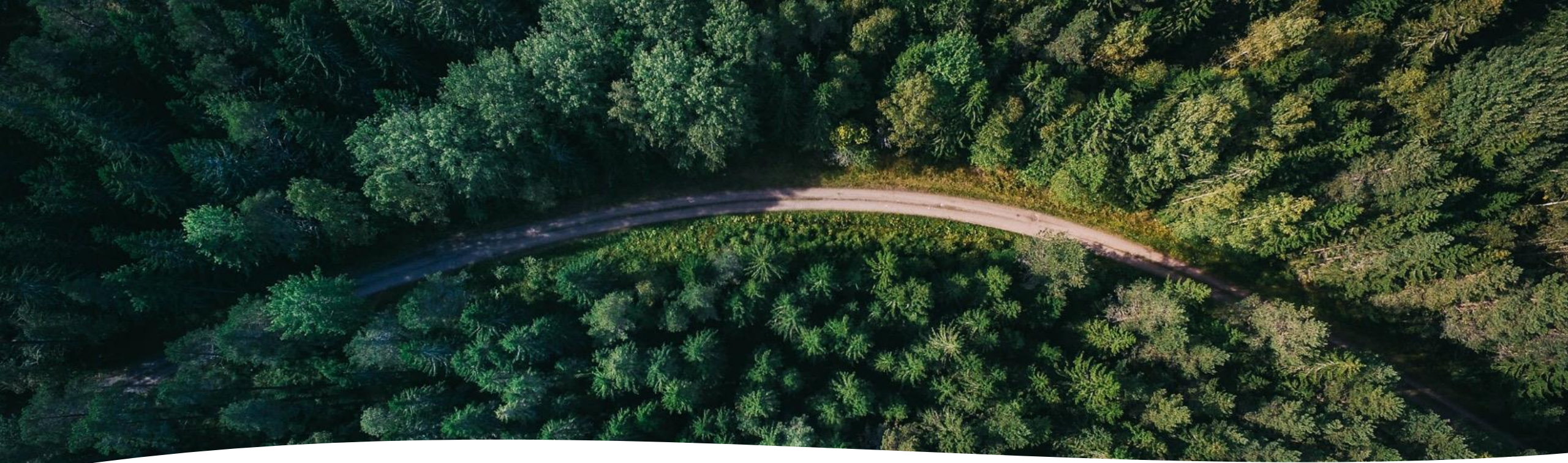
²⁰ He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, **out of a person’s heart**, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”





Take a Moment and Check Your Heart

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Christian baptism is a public declaration of allegiance to Jesus and a commitment to his way.