

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A dirt road winds through the trees, curving from the left towards the right. The text "The Gospel of Mark" is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive font with a soft green glow. "The" is small and positioned above "Gospel". "of" is small and positioned between "Gospel" and "Mark".

*The
Gospel of Mark*

Trees Walking Around

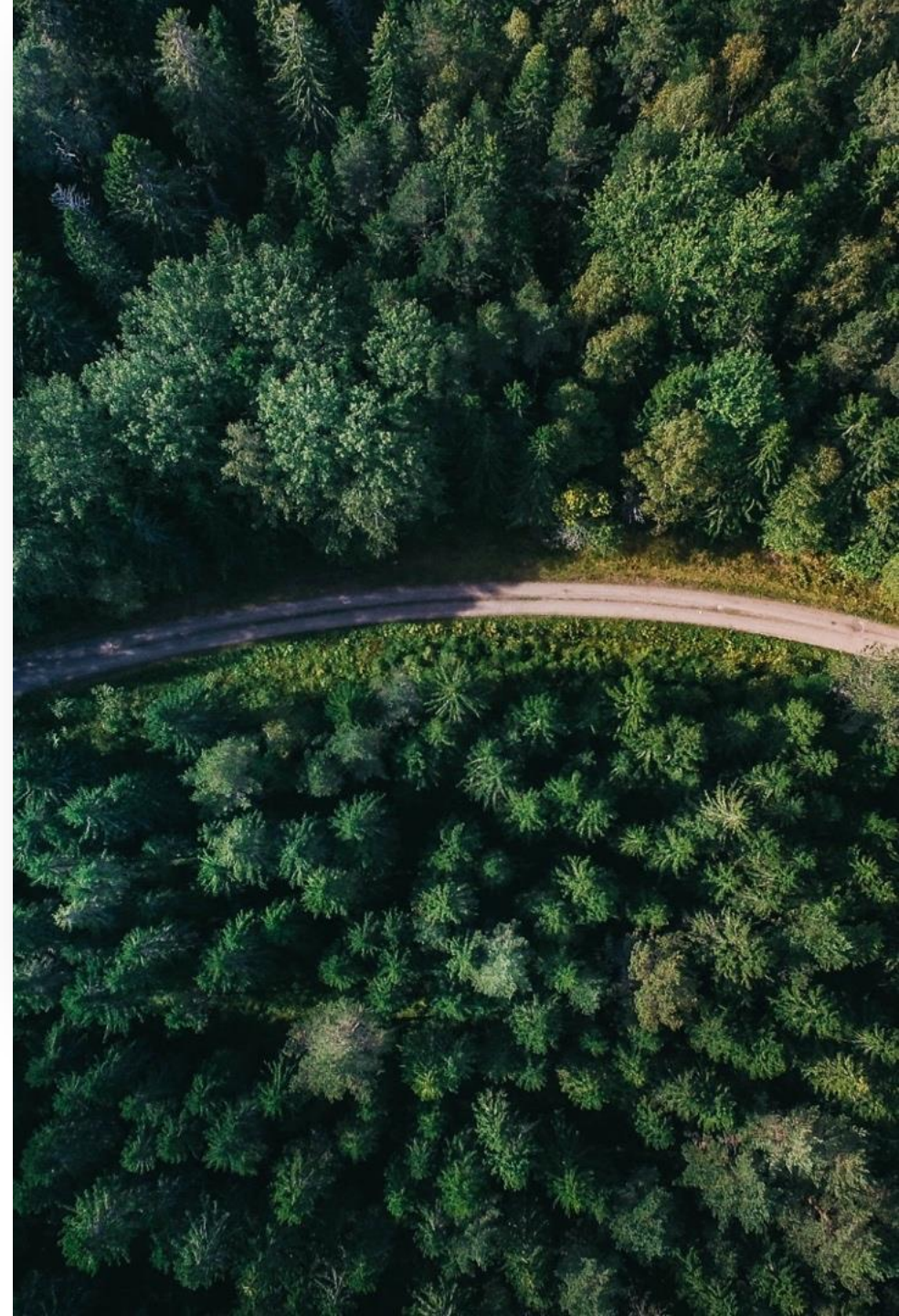
Mark 8:22-26

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²⁴ He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

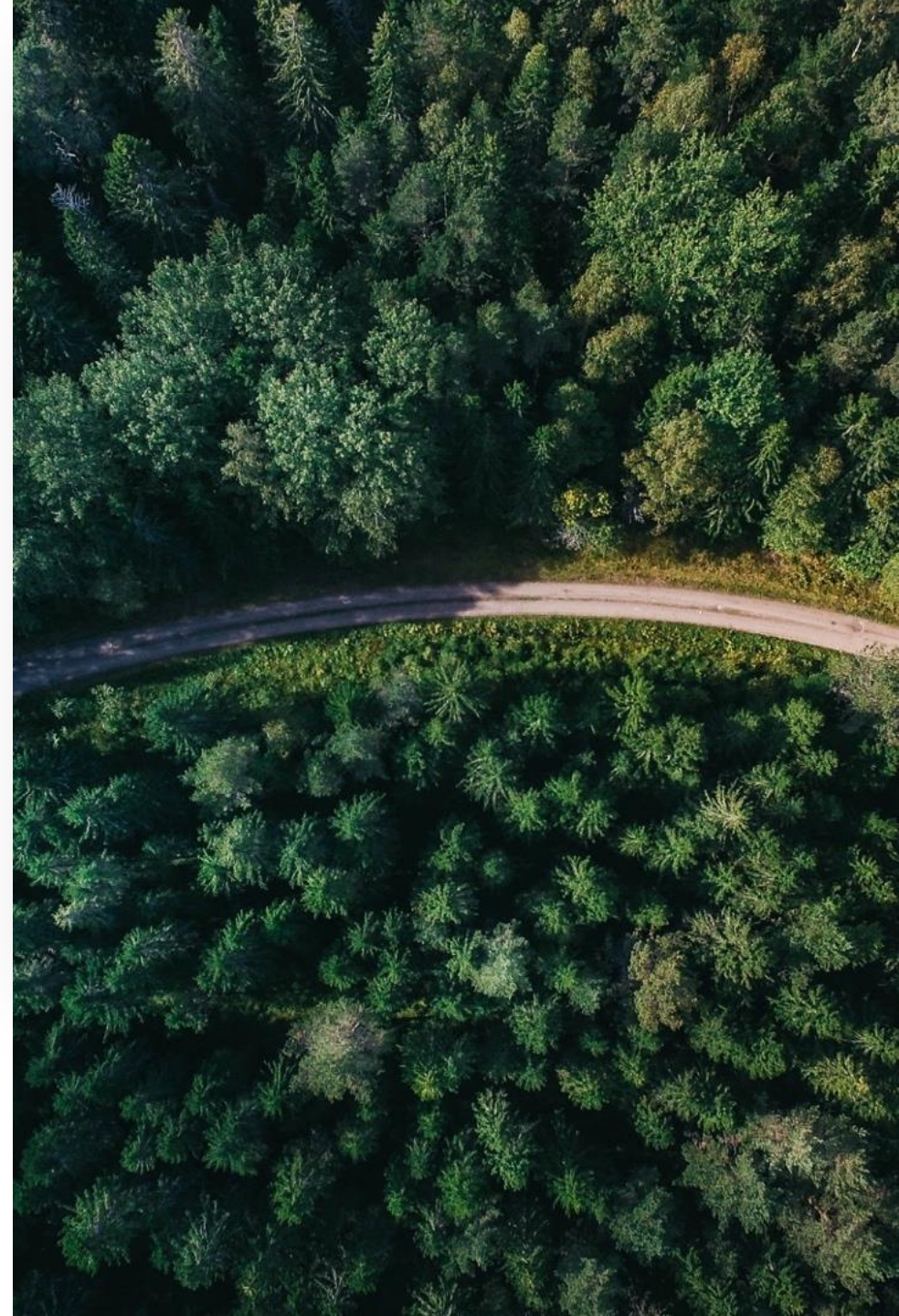


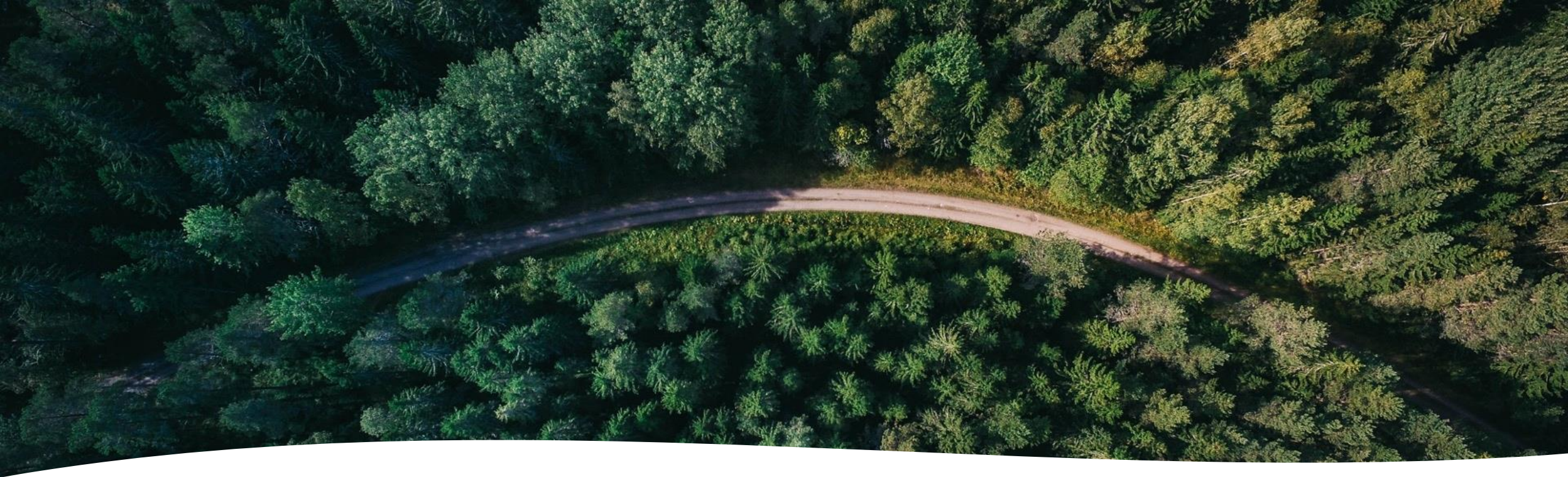
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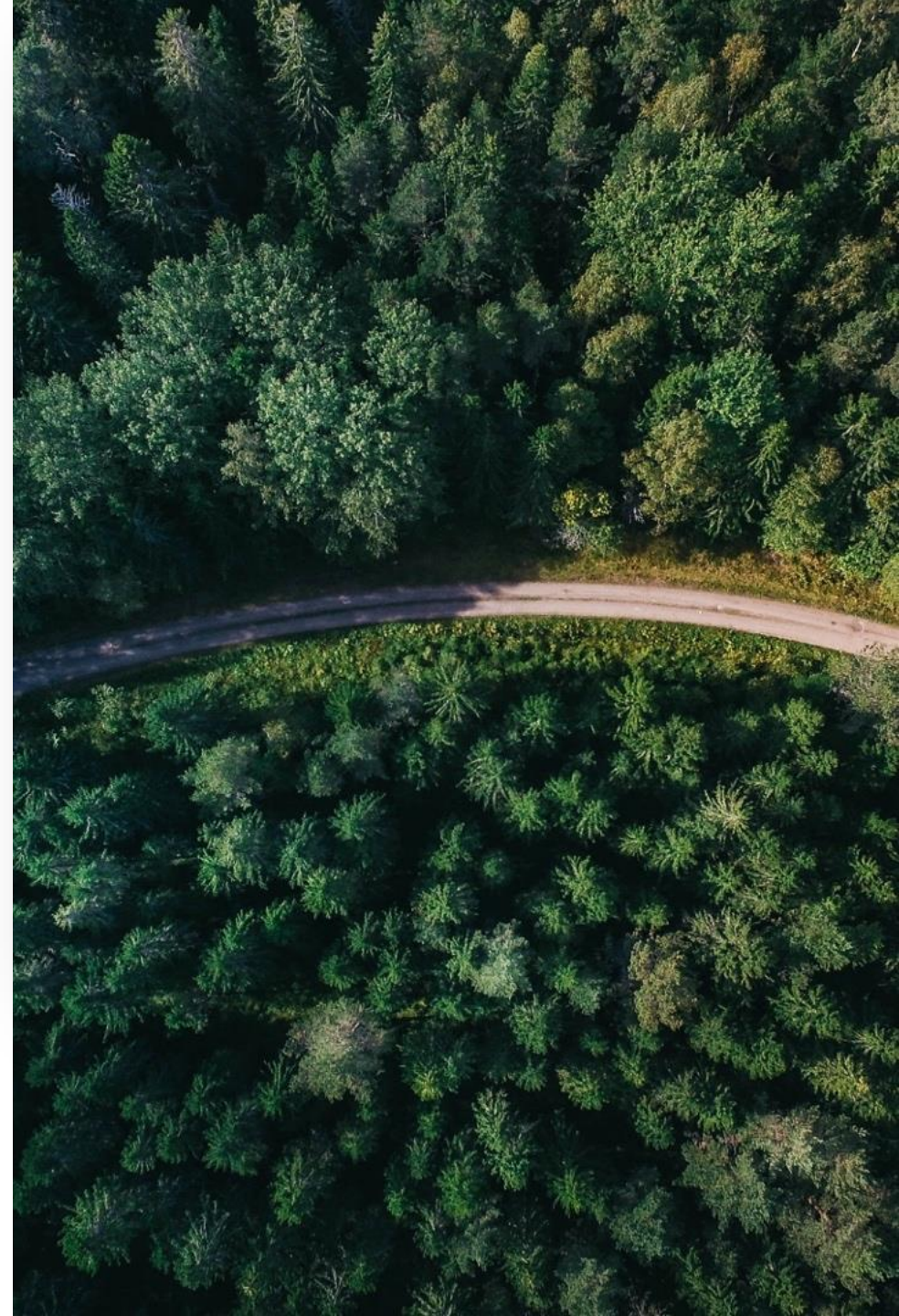
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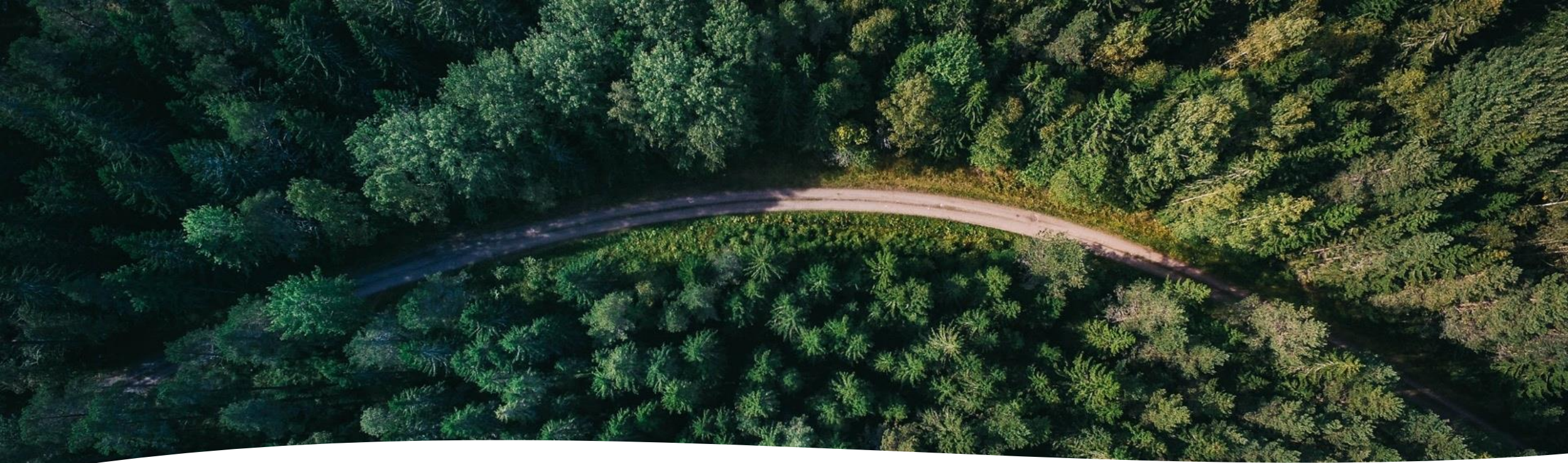
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A BETTER QUESTION

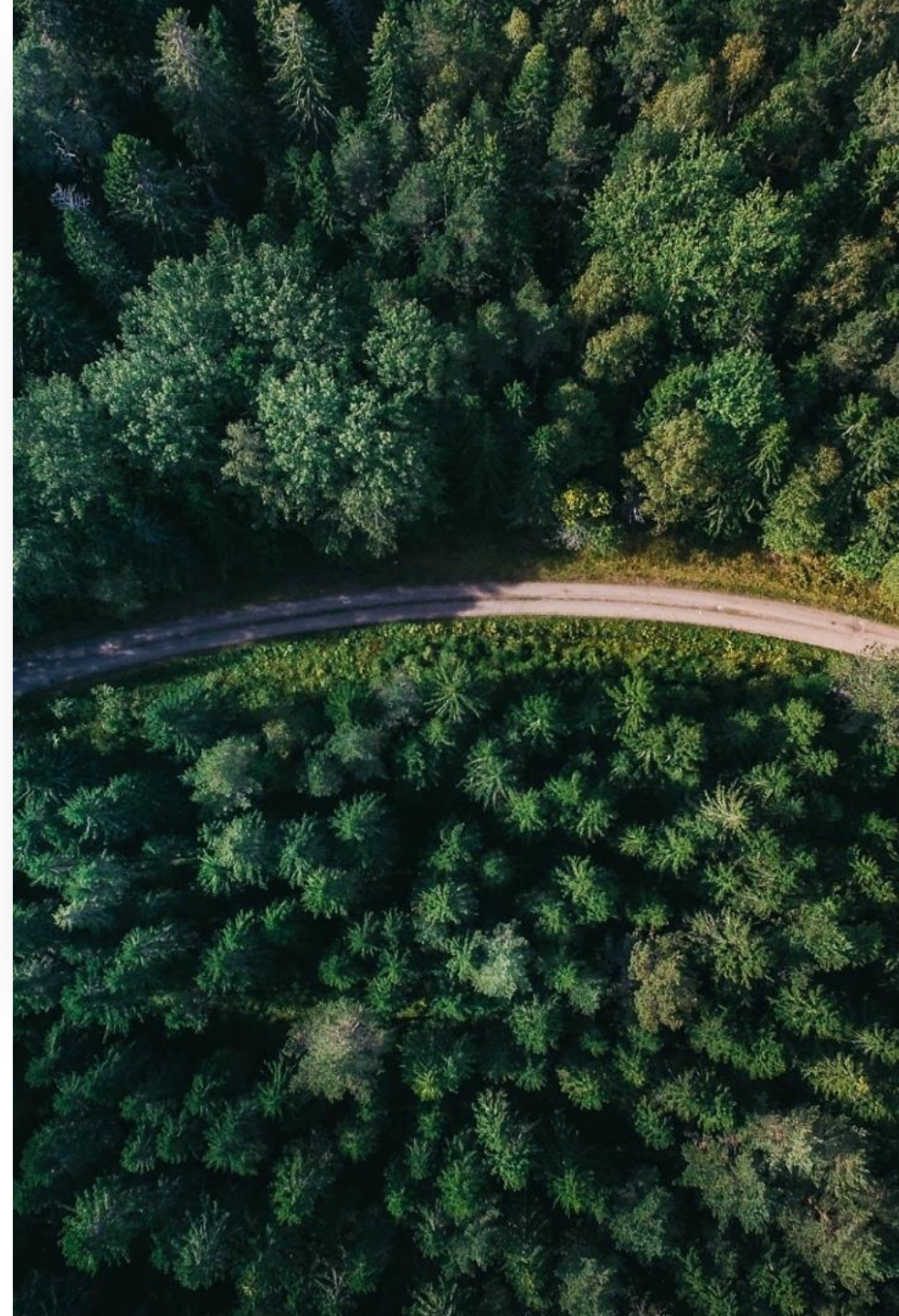
Is **your experience of healing** one
that has taken time?

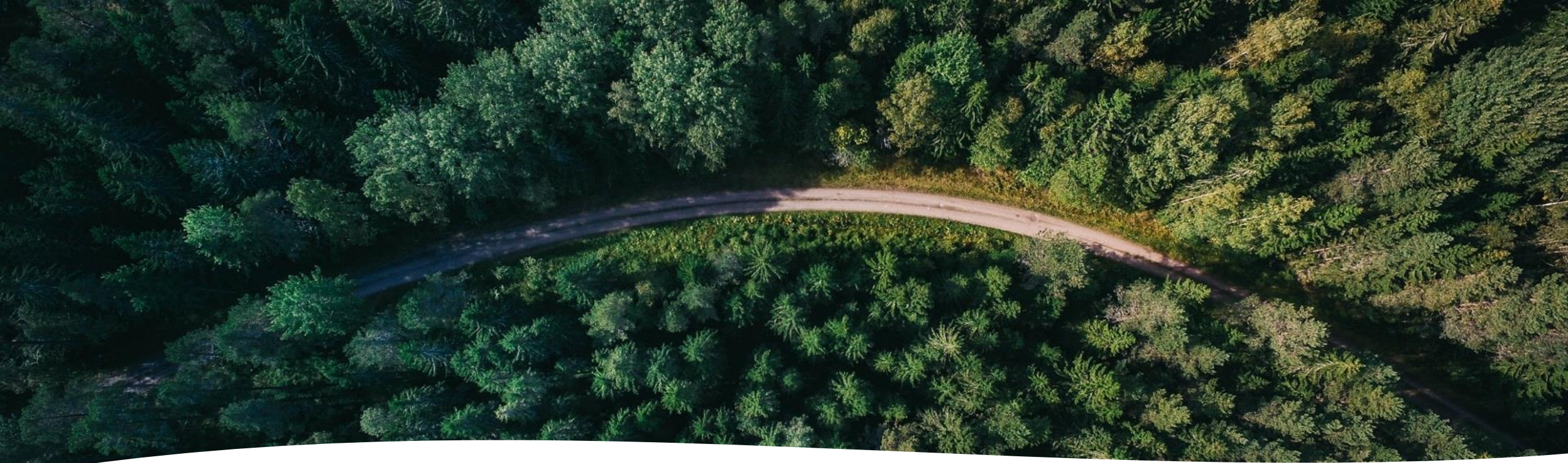
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In our pain Jesus **takes us by the hand, does some healing work** in our lives, then asks:

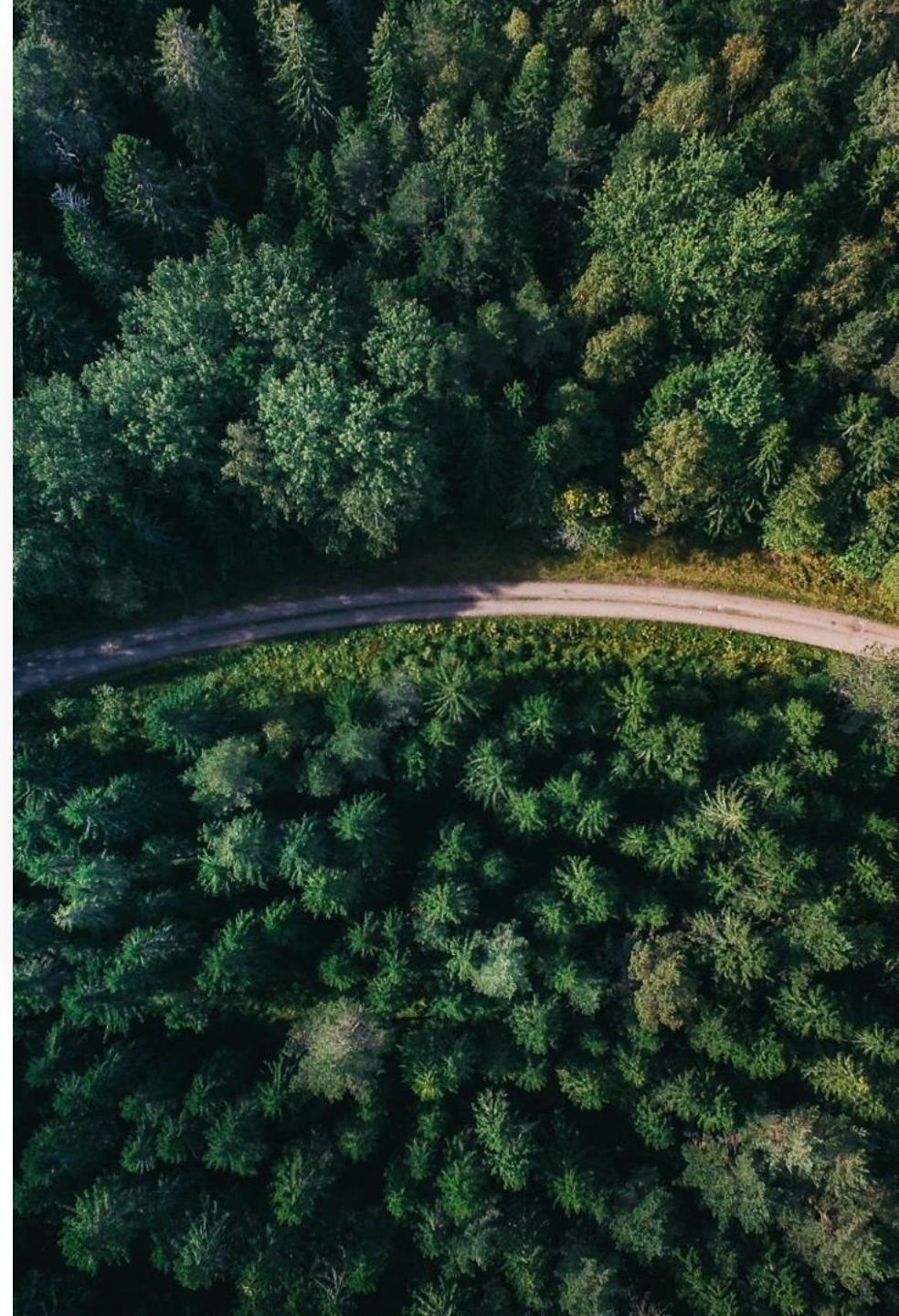
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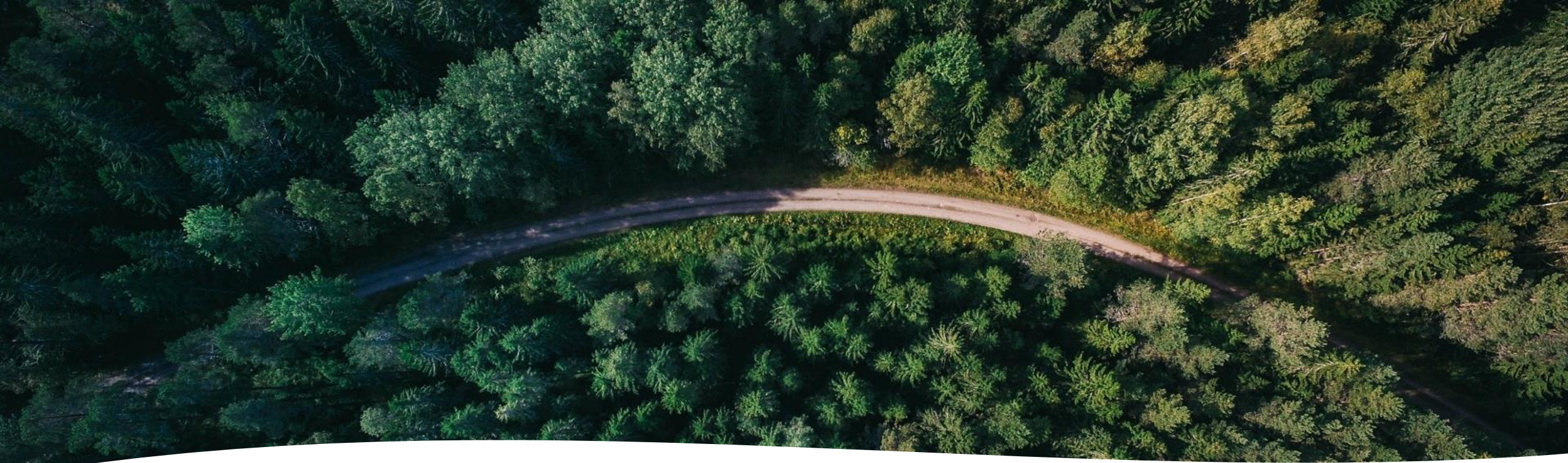
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Jesus is interested in **our**
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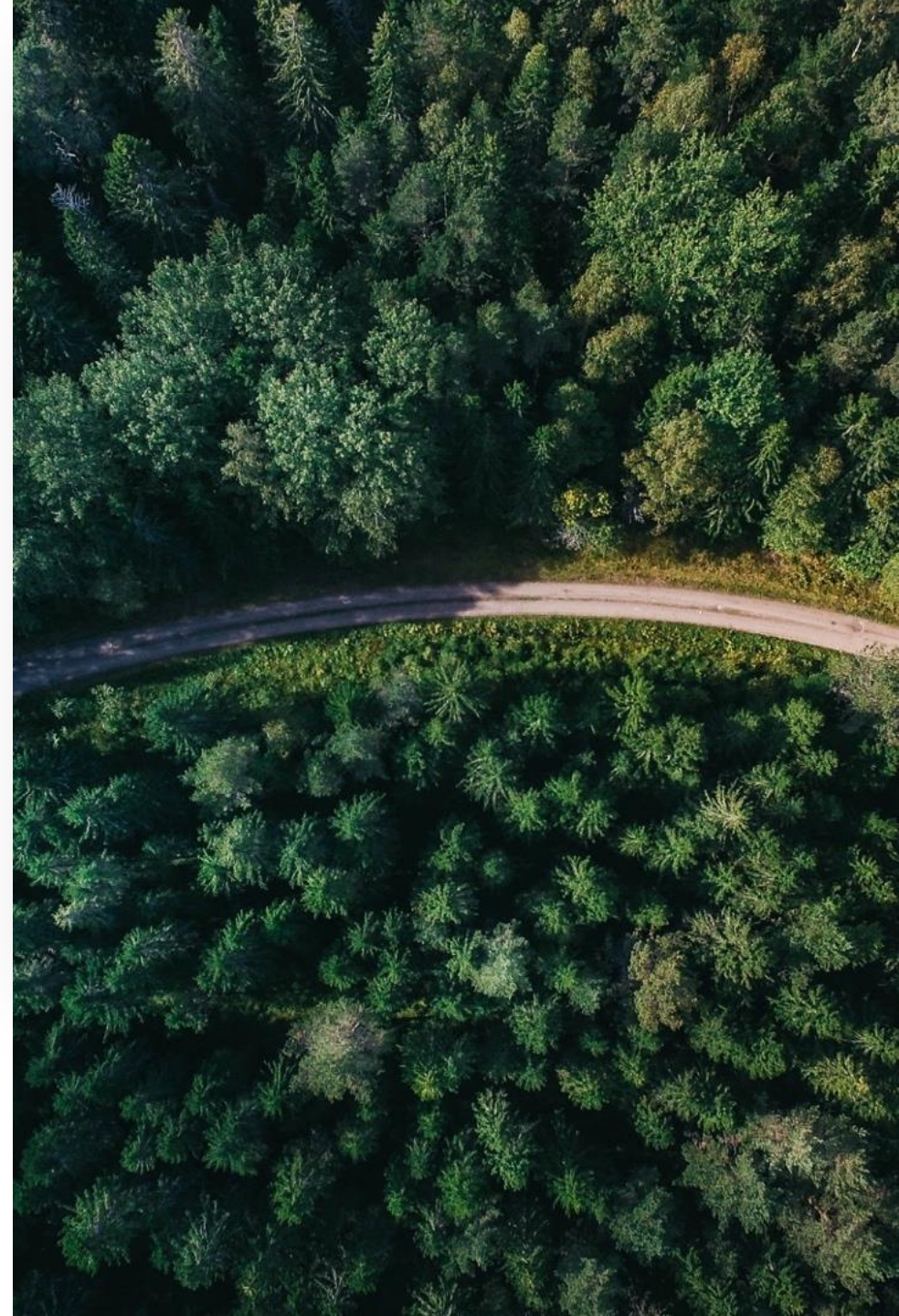
*He took the blind man by the hand and led him
outside the village. (Mark 8:23a)*

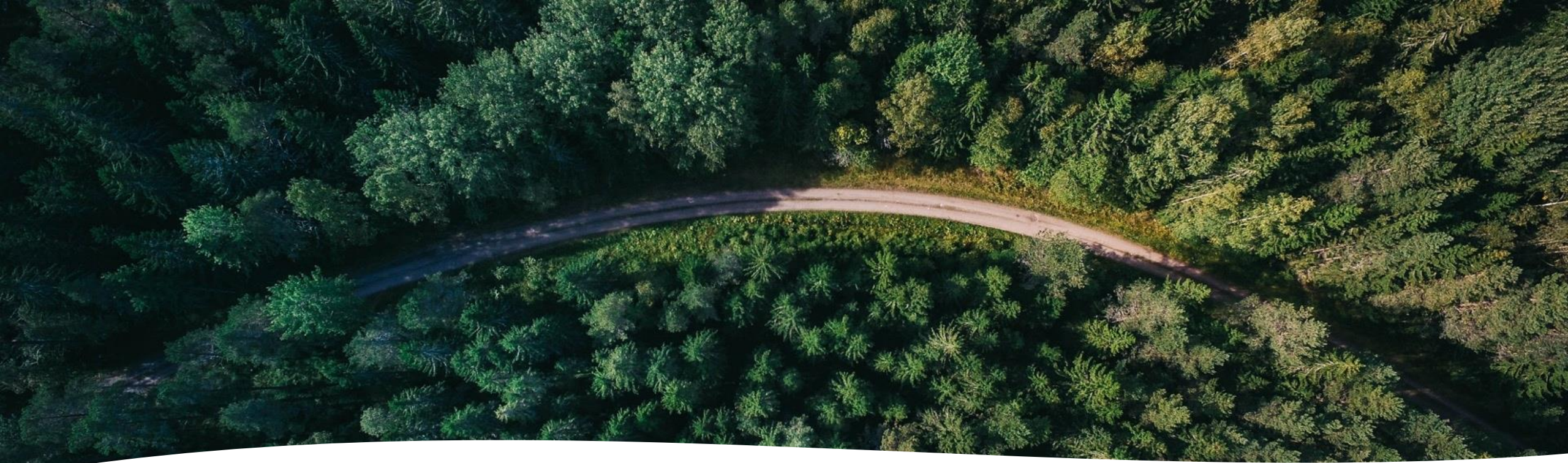
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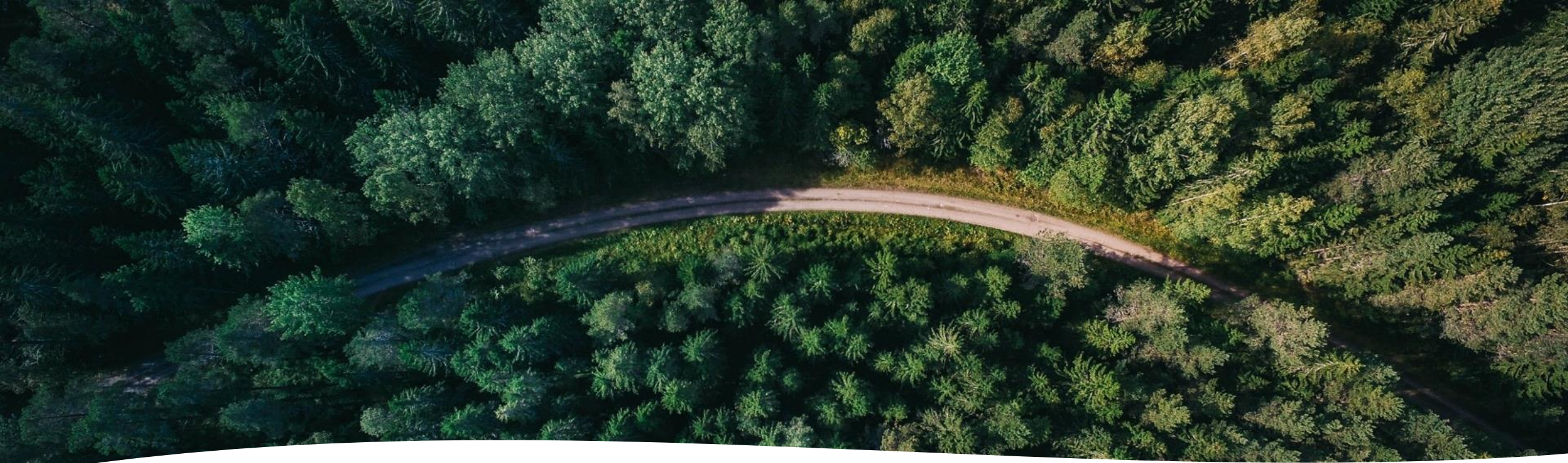
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Will you allow Jesus to touch that pain?



Will you allow Jesus to touch that pain?

Will you allow Jesus to touch that pain **once more?**