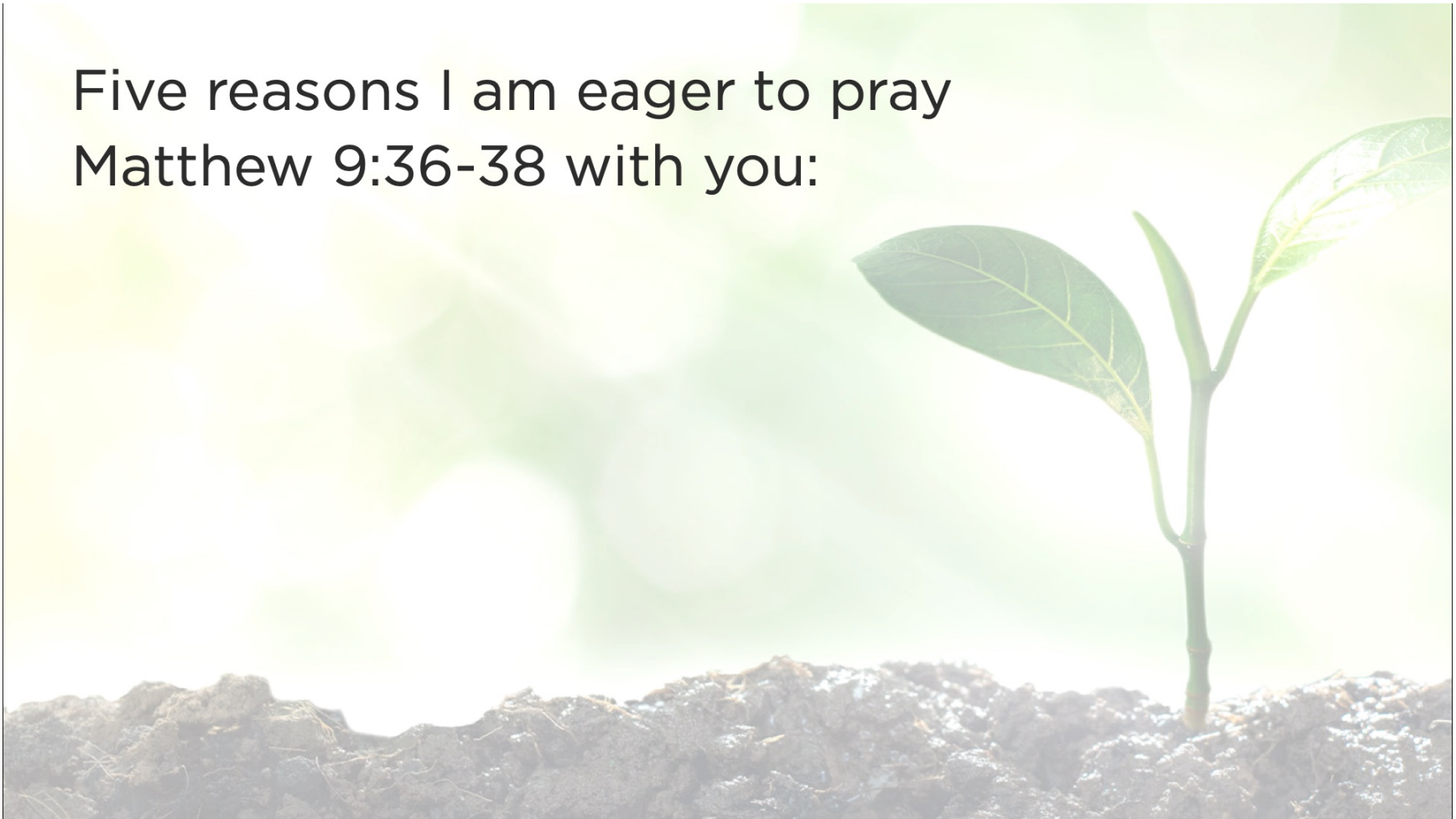


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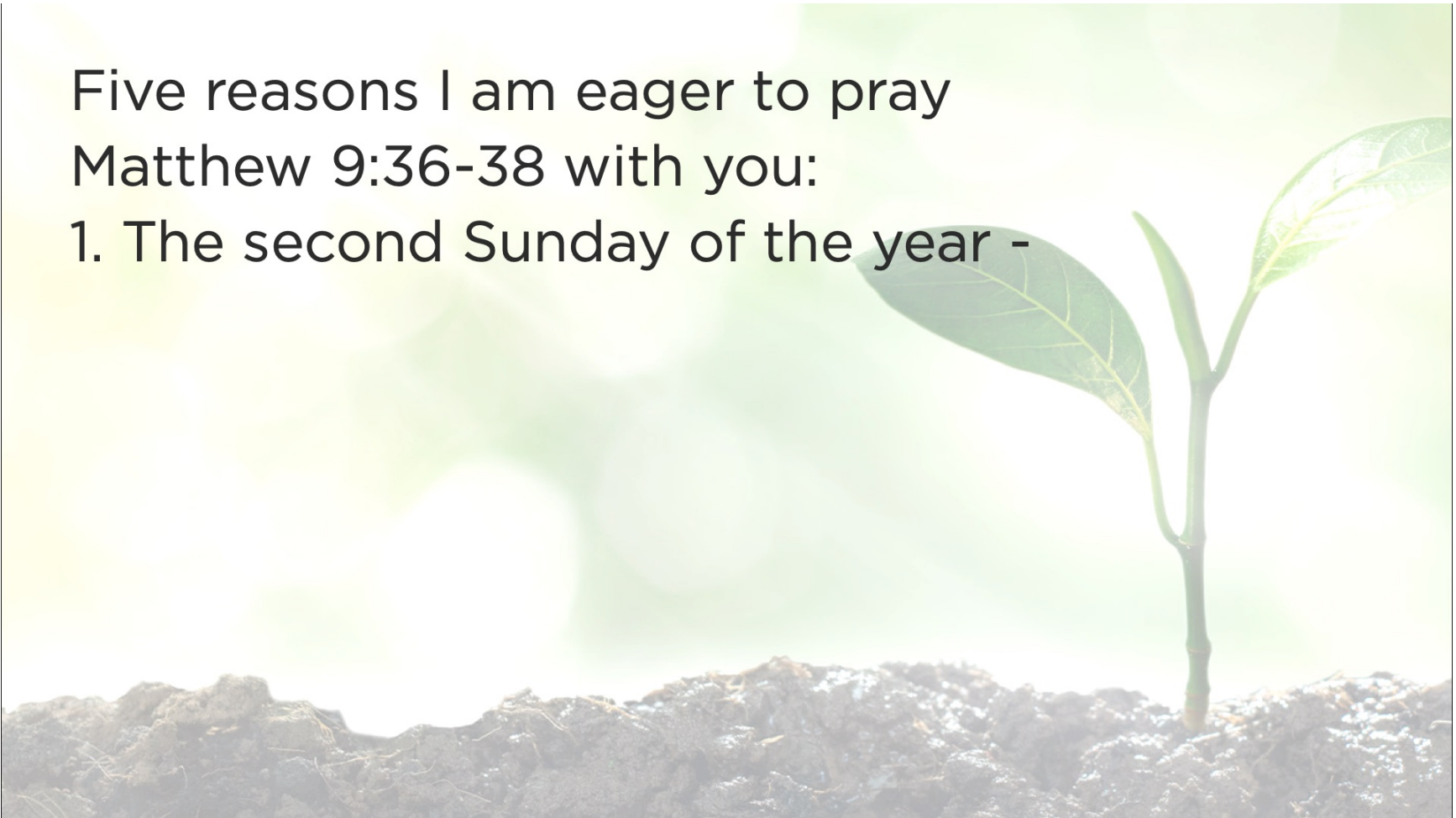
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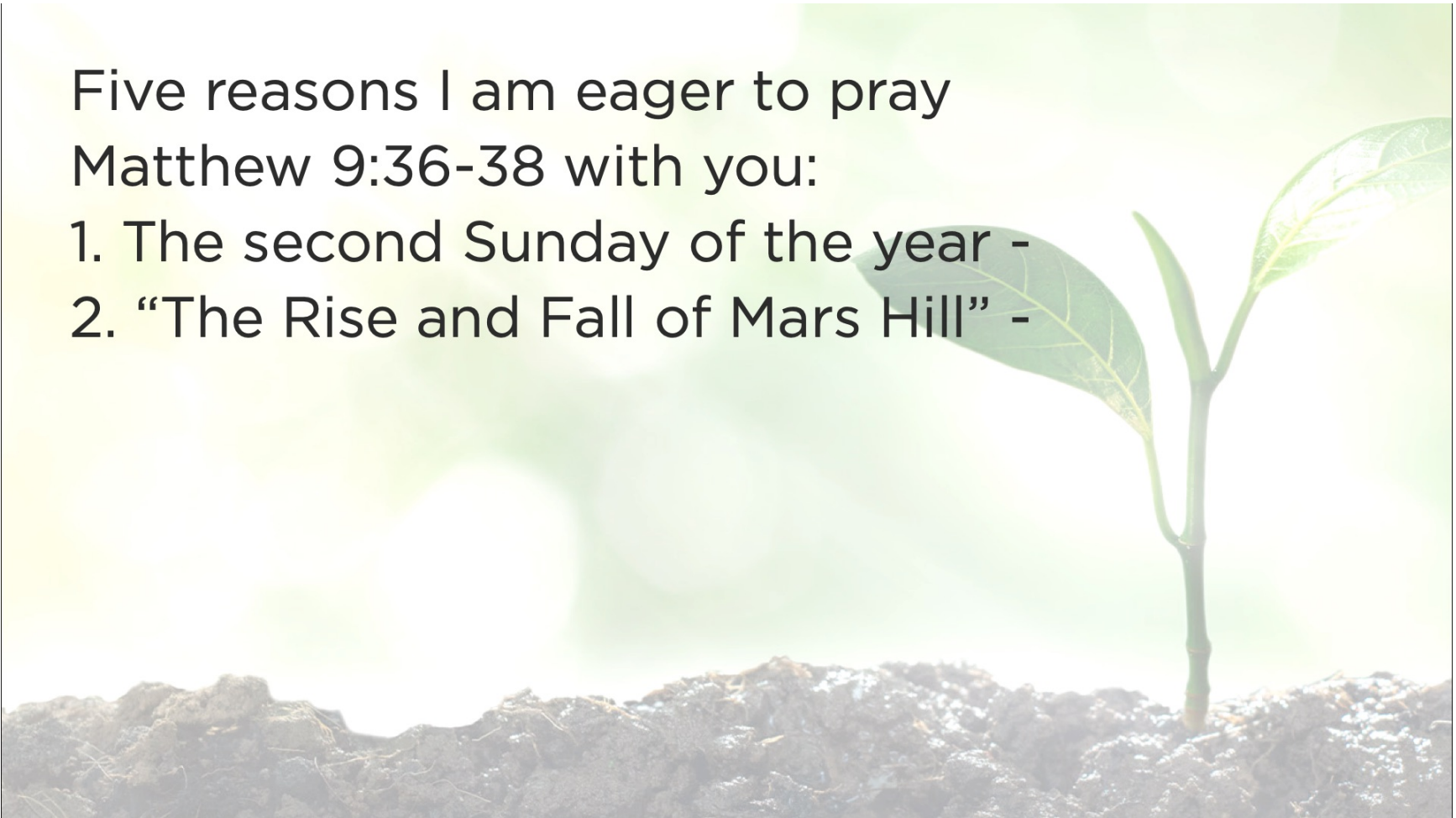
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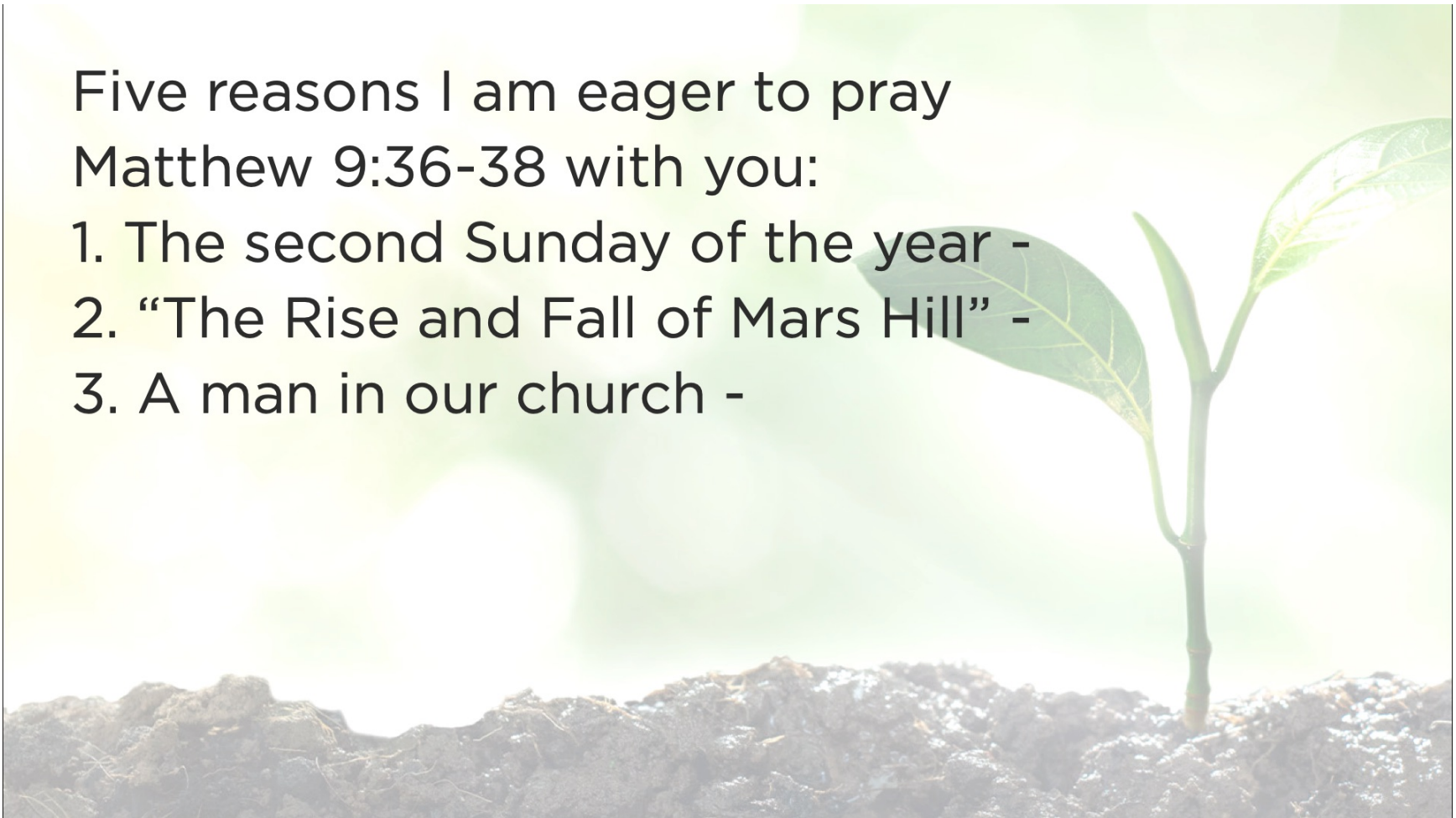
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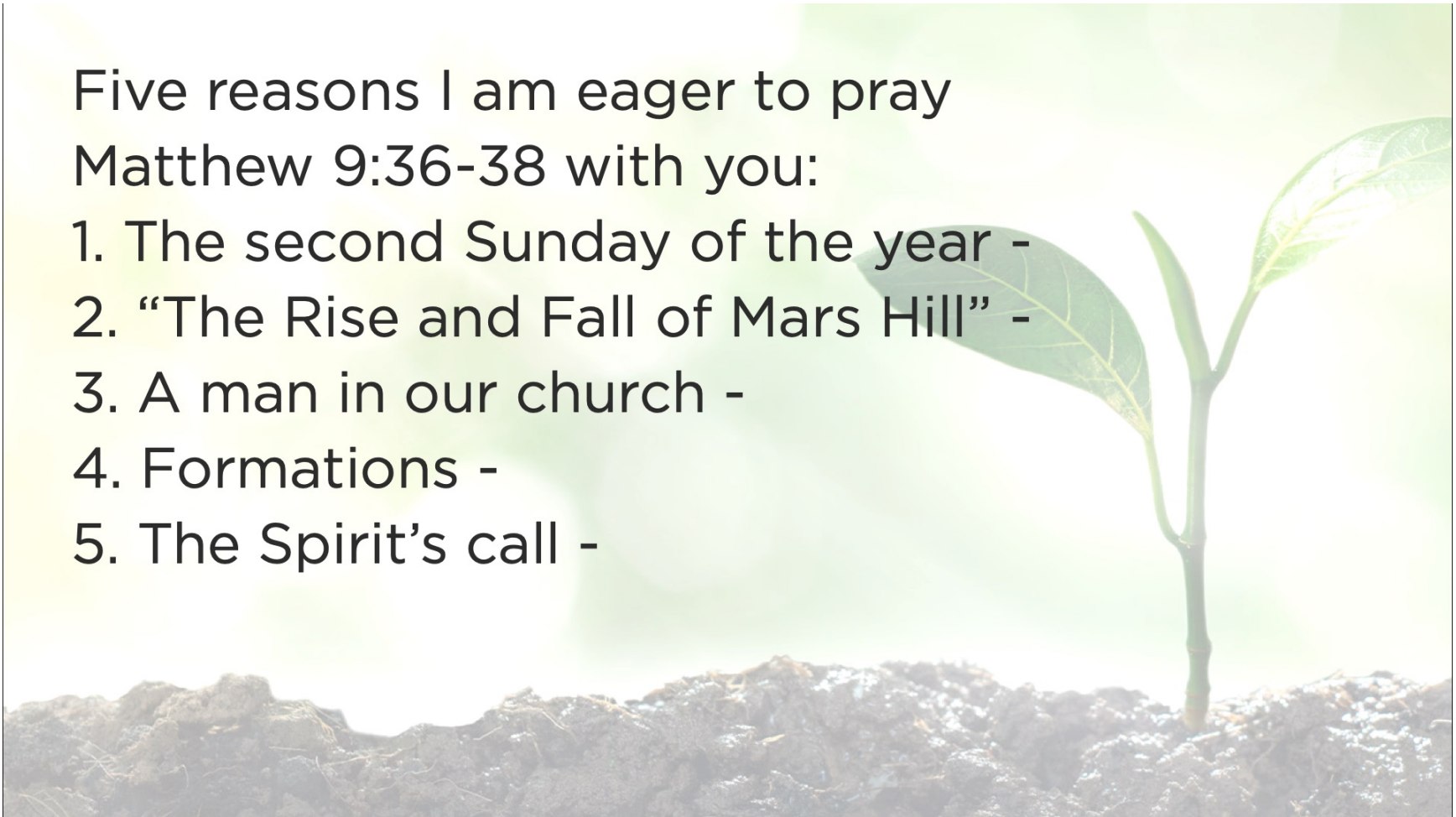
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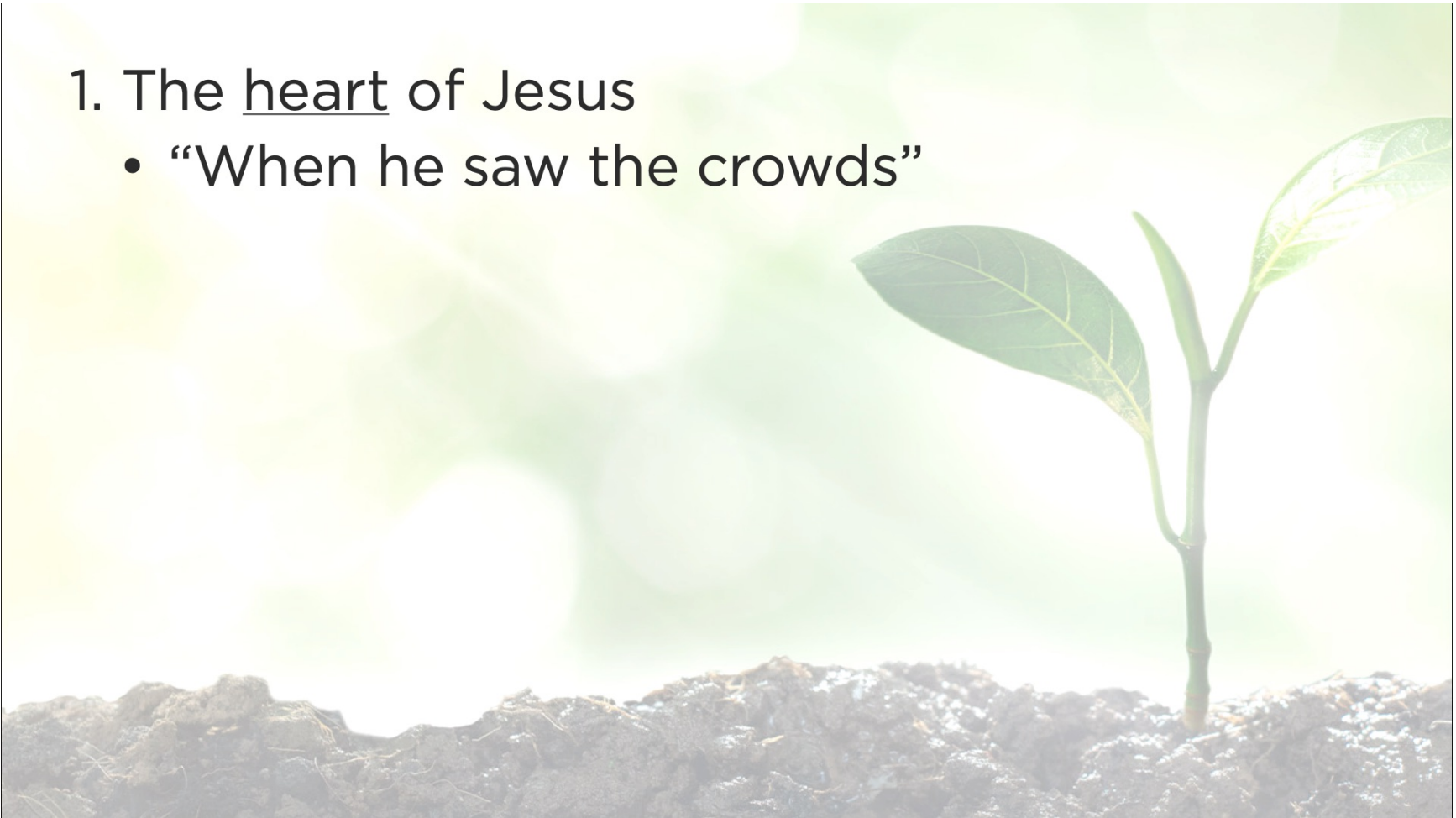


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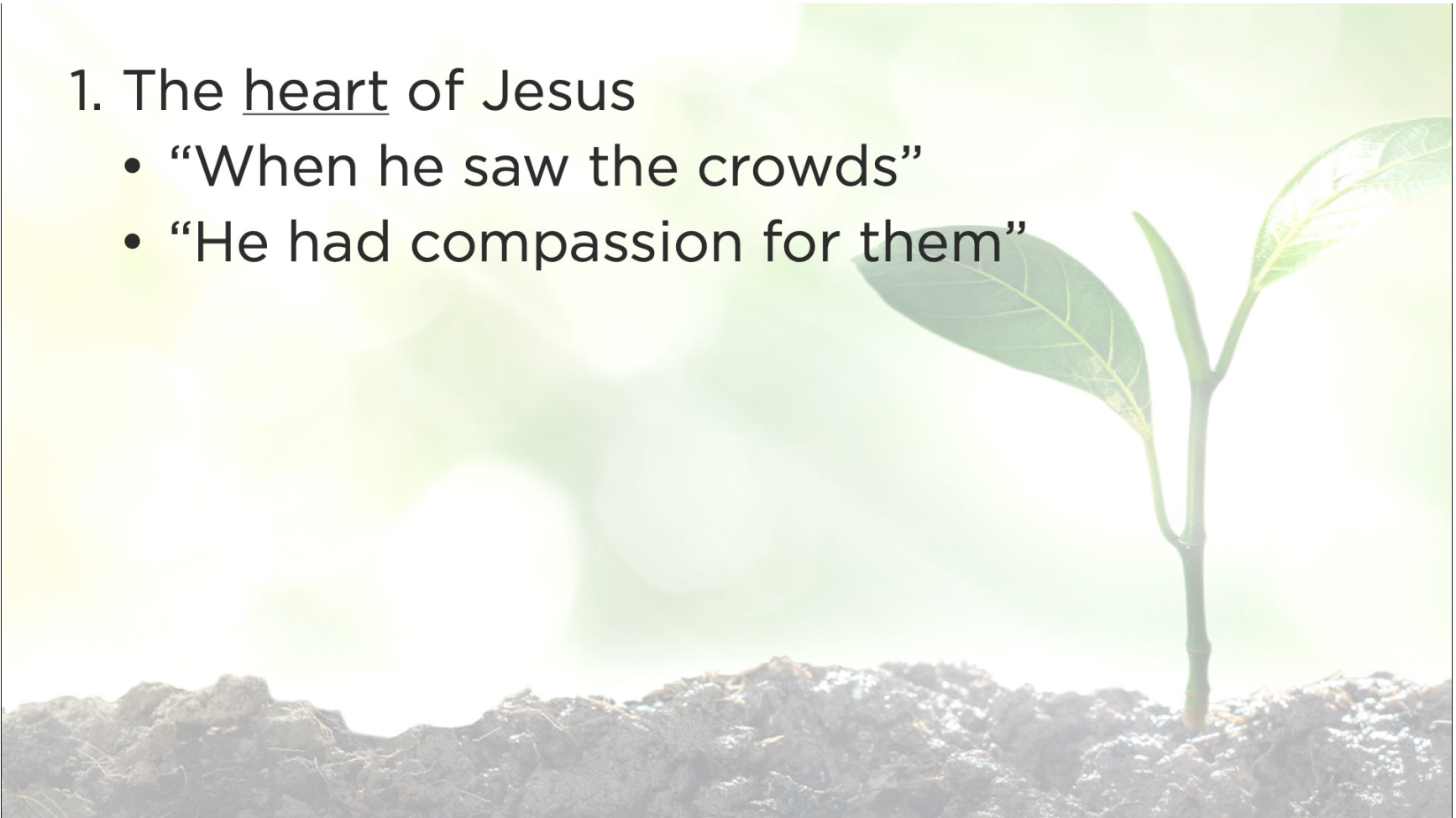






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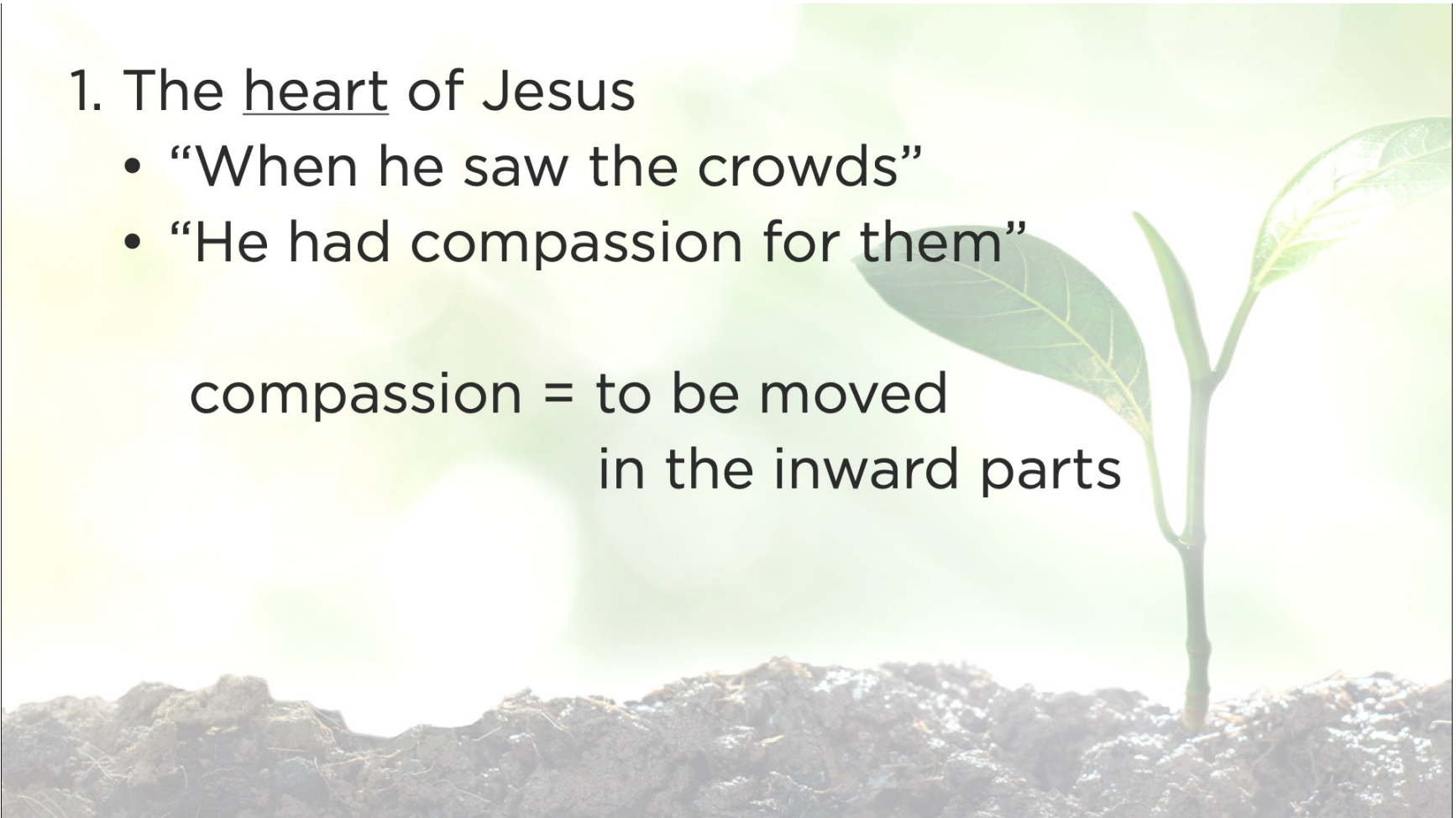
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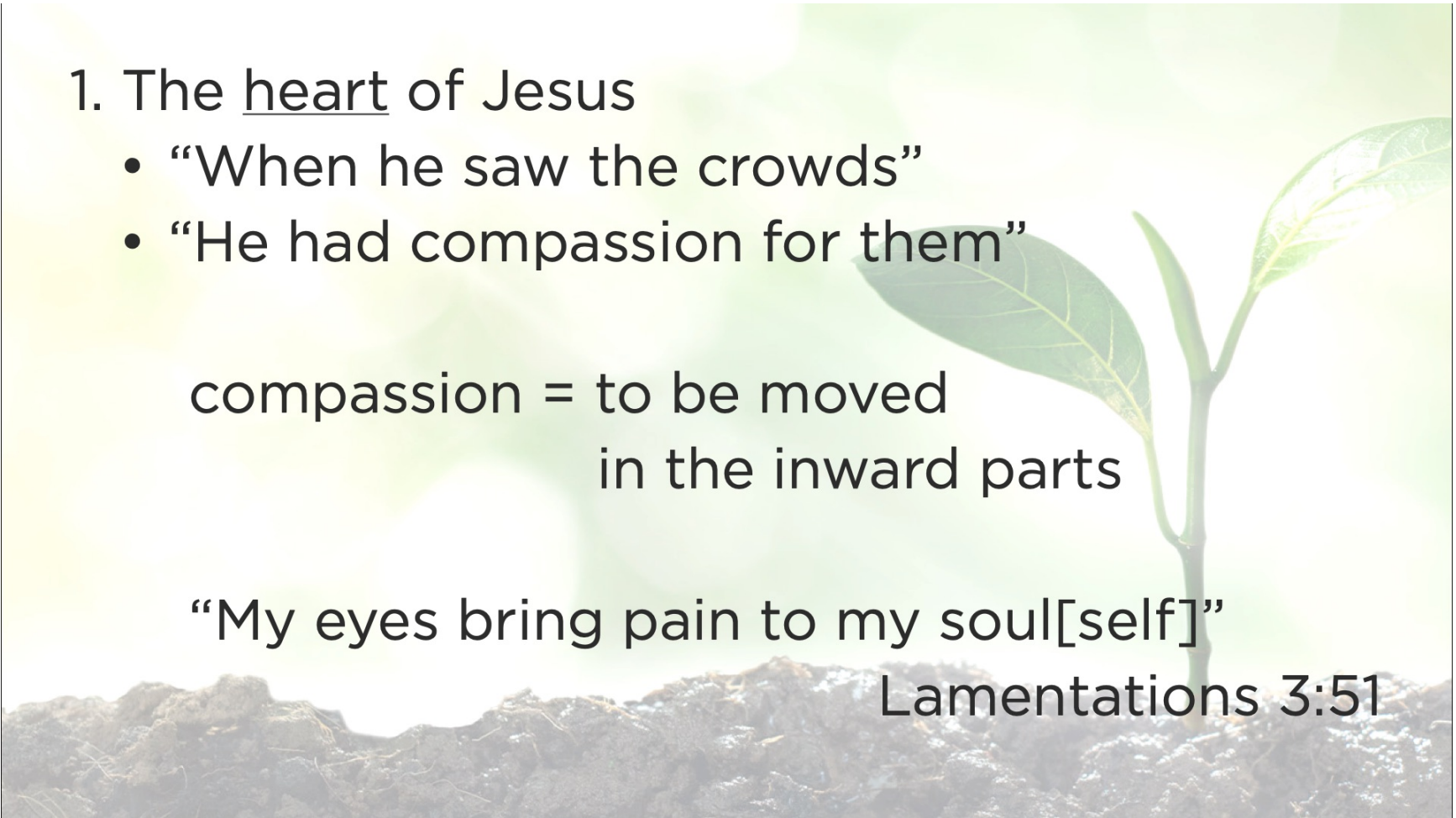
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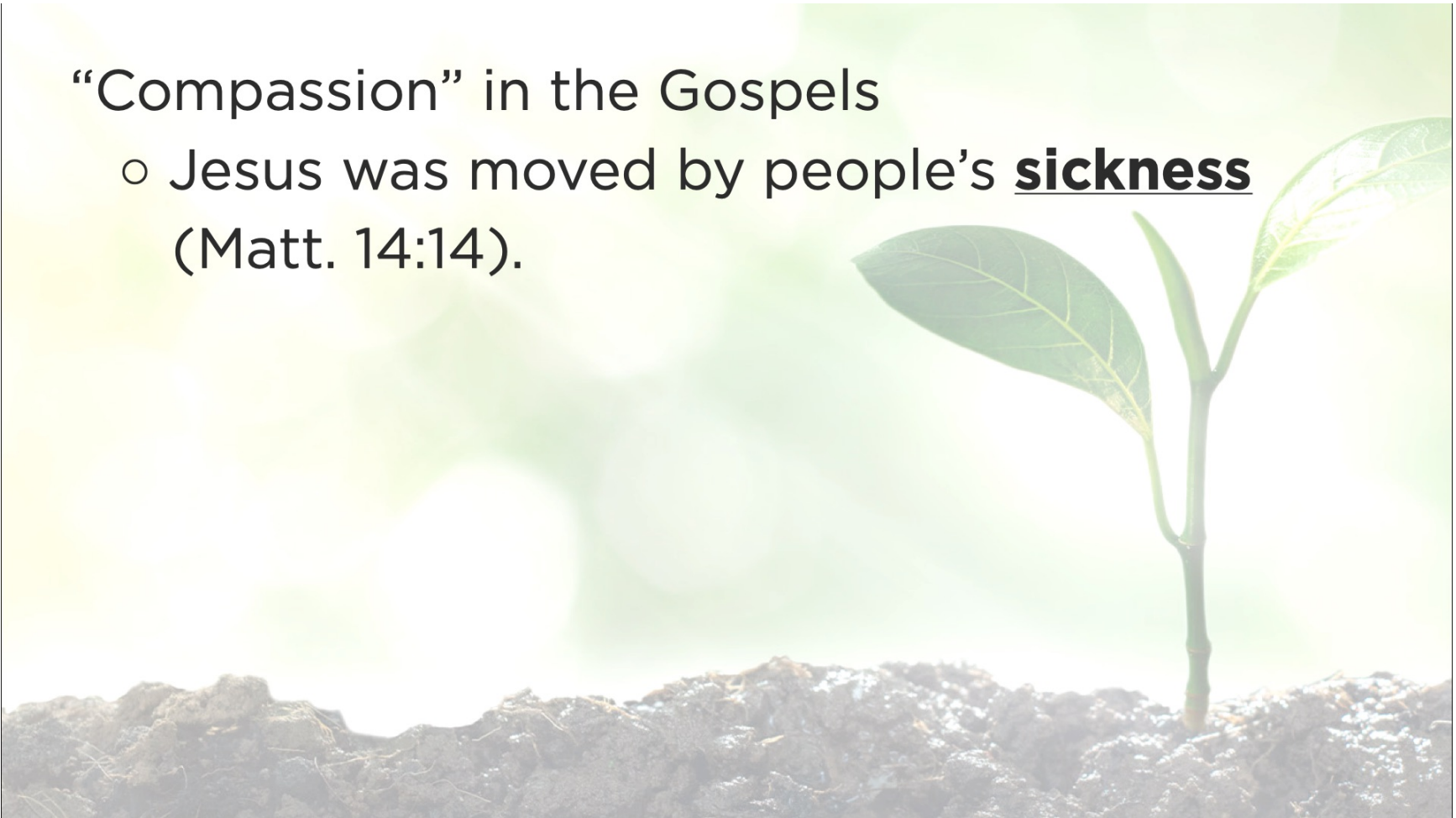


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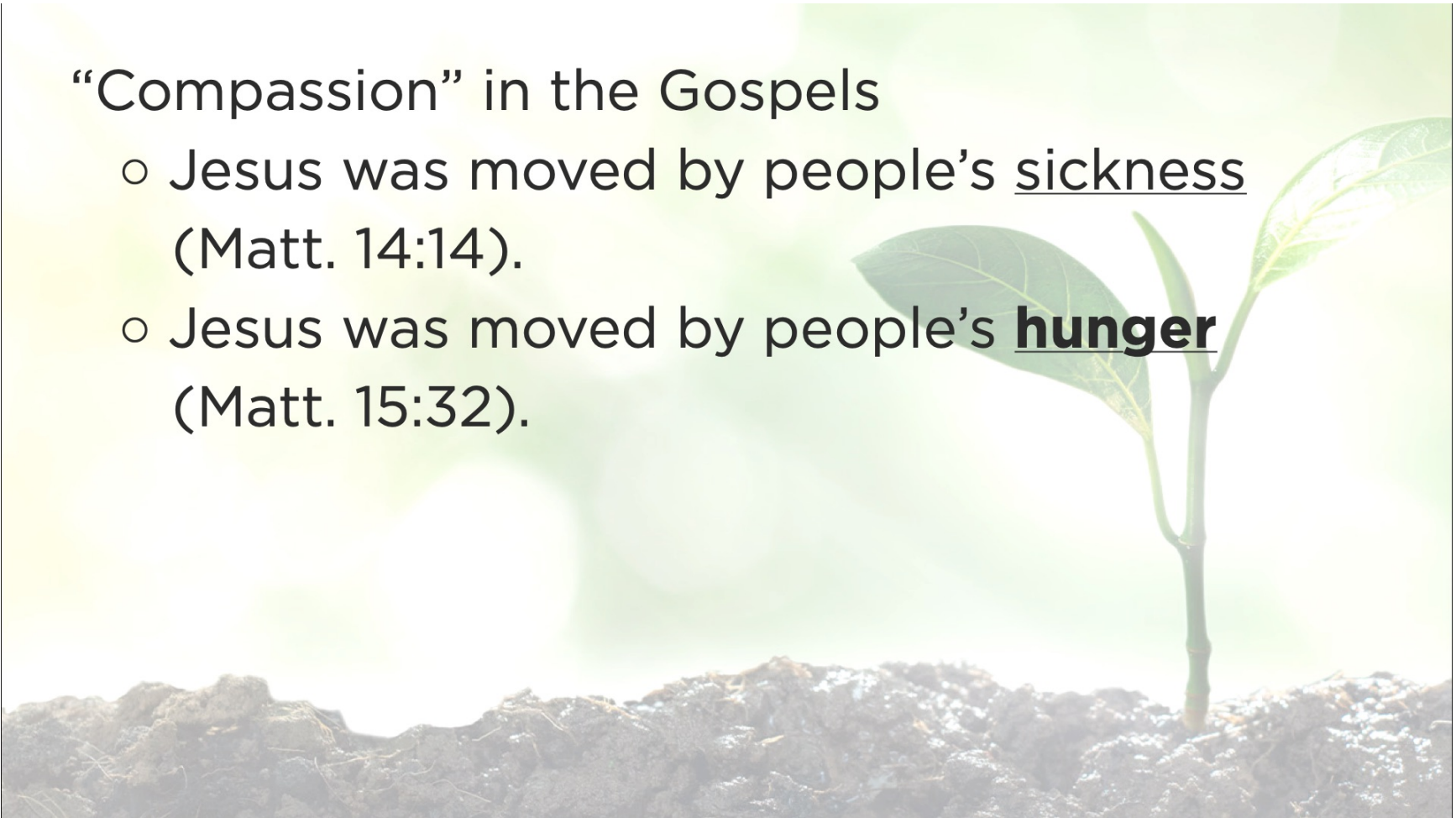
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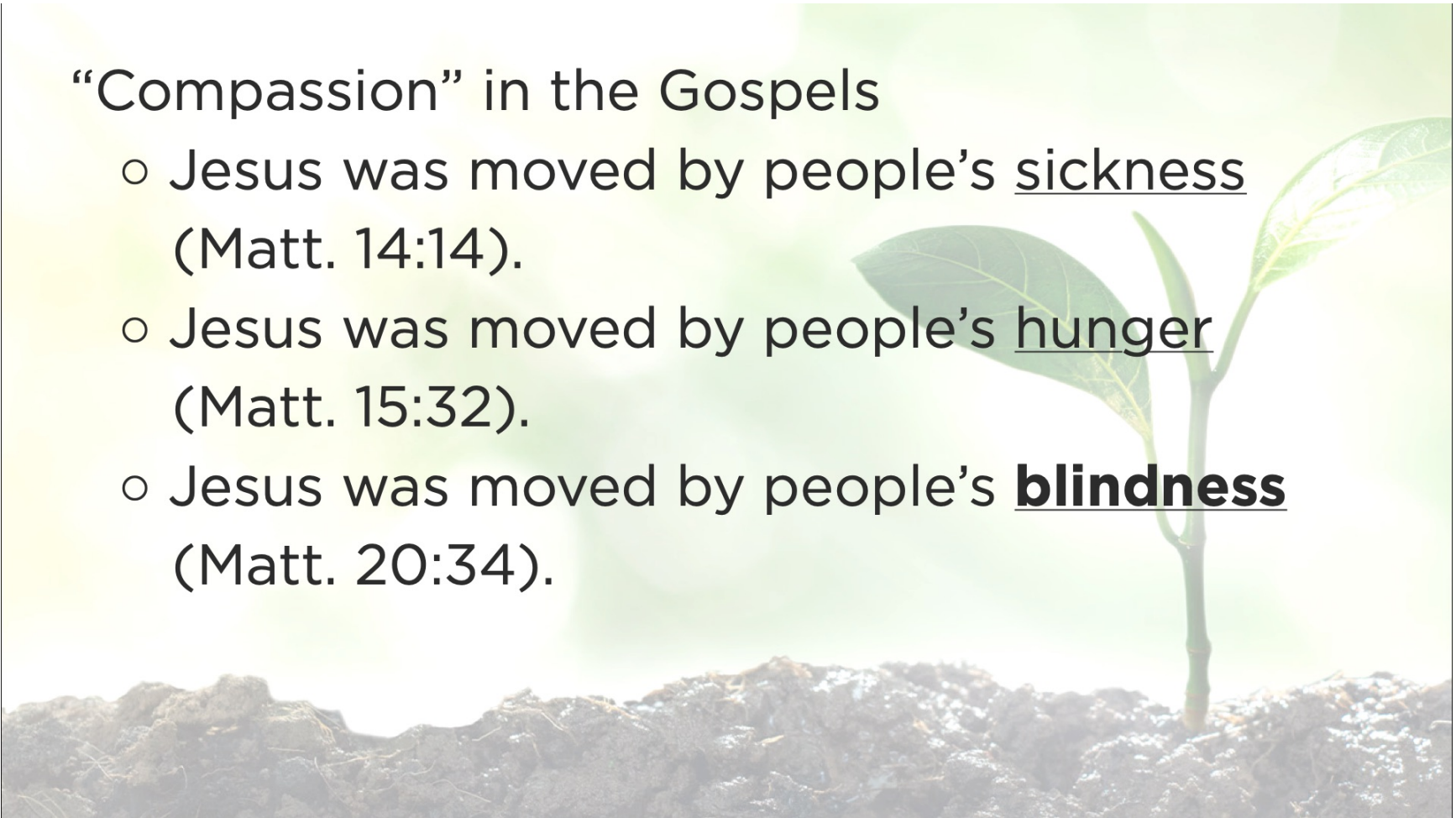
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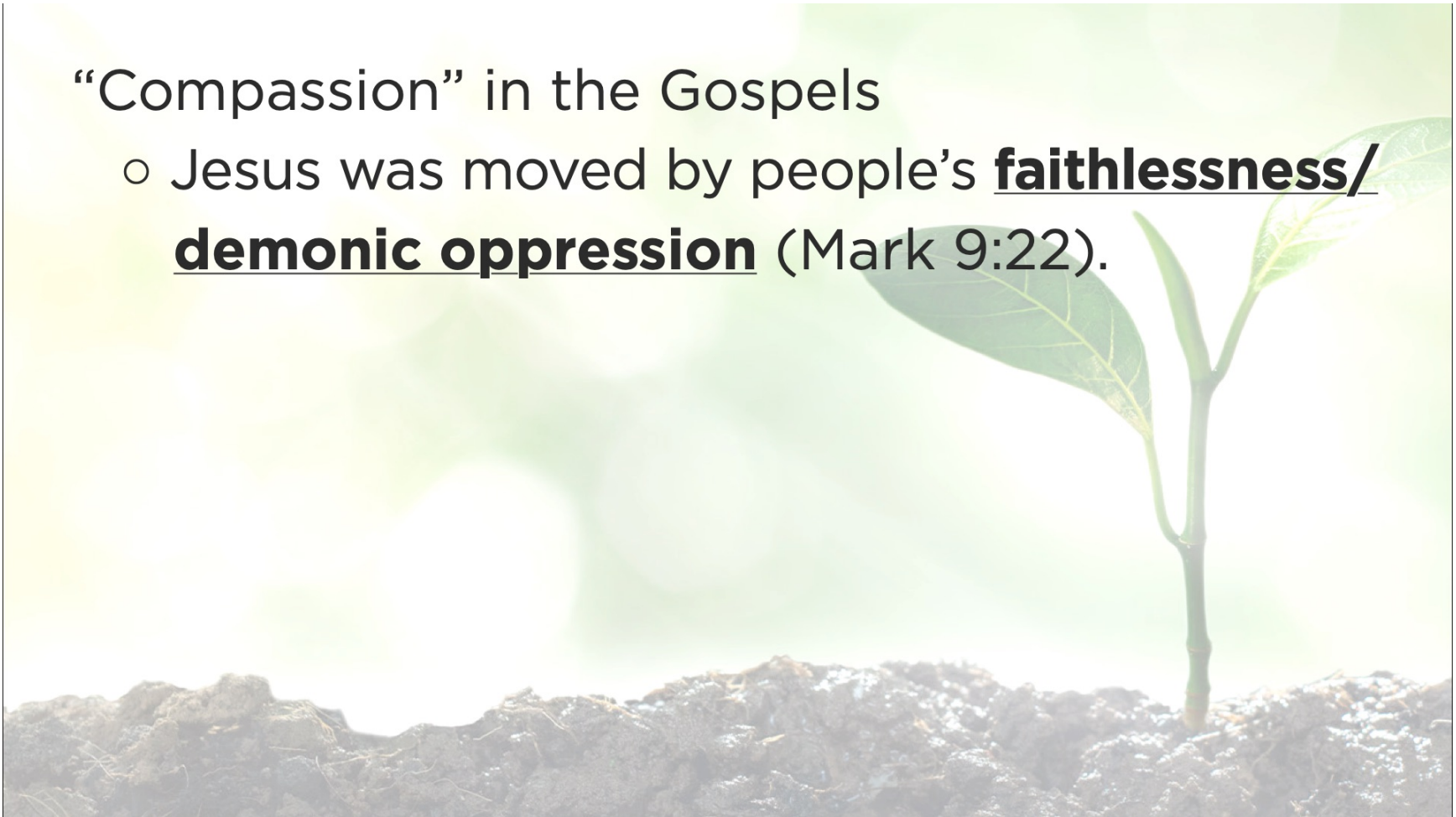
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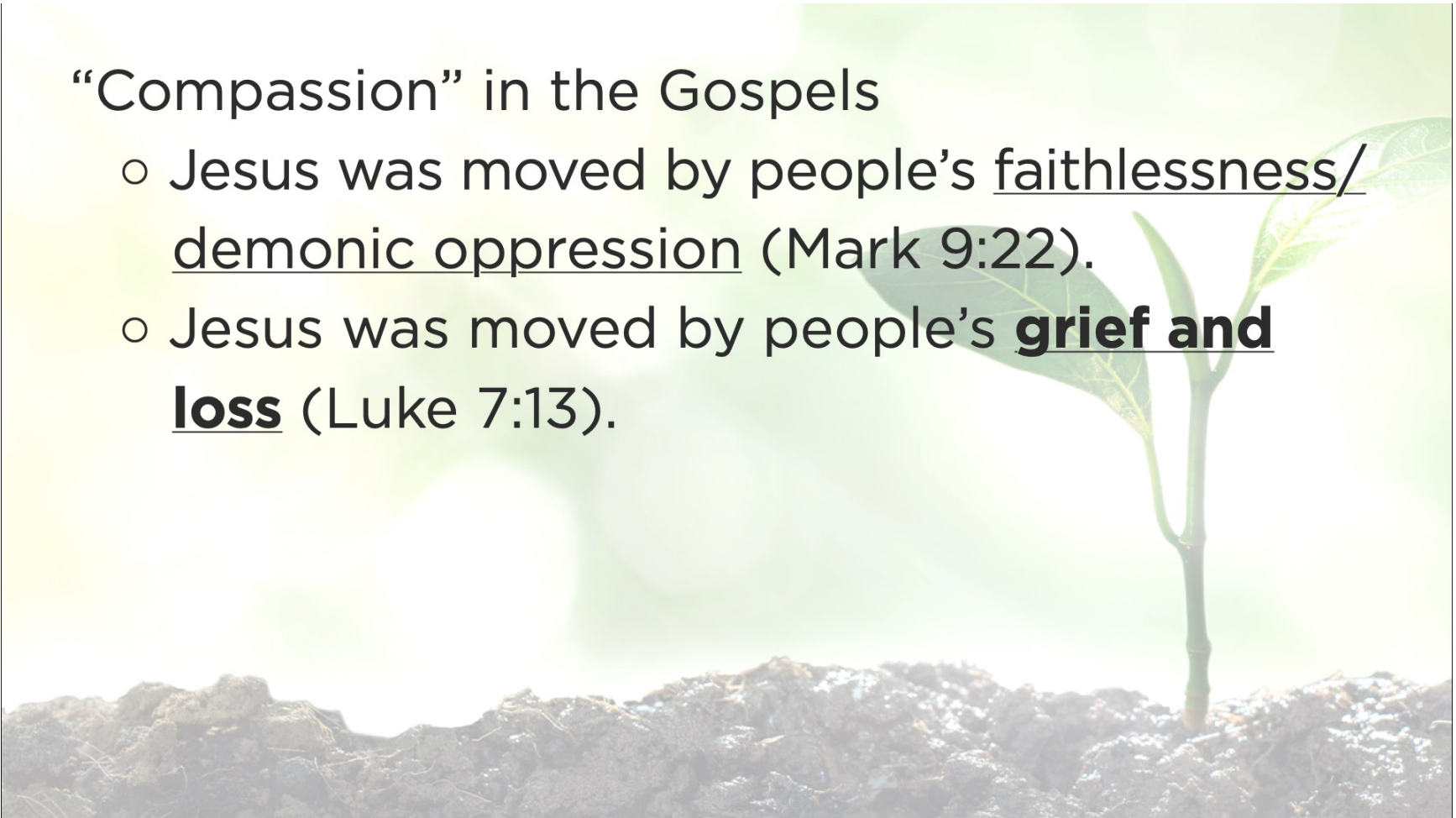
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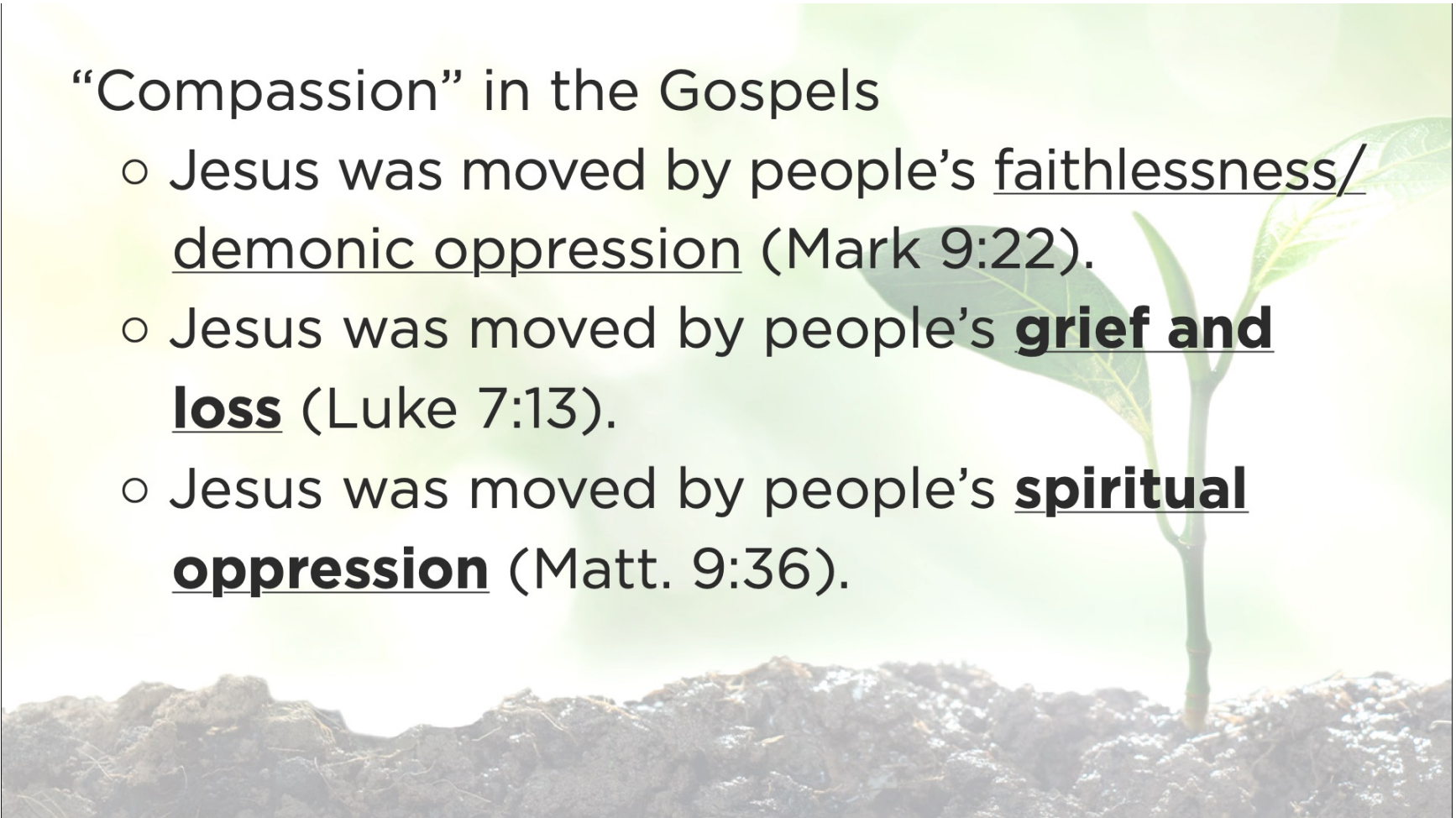
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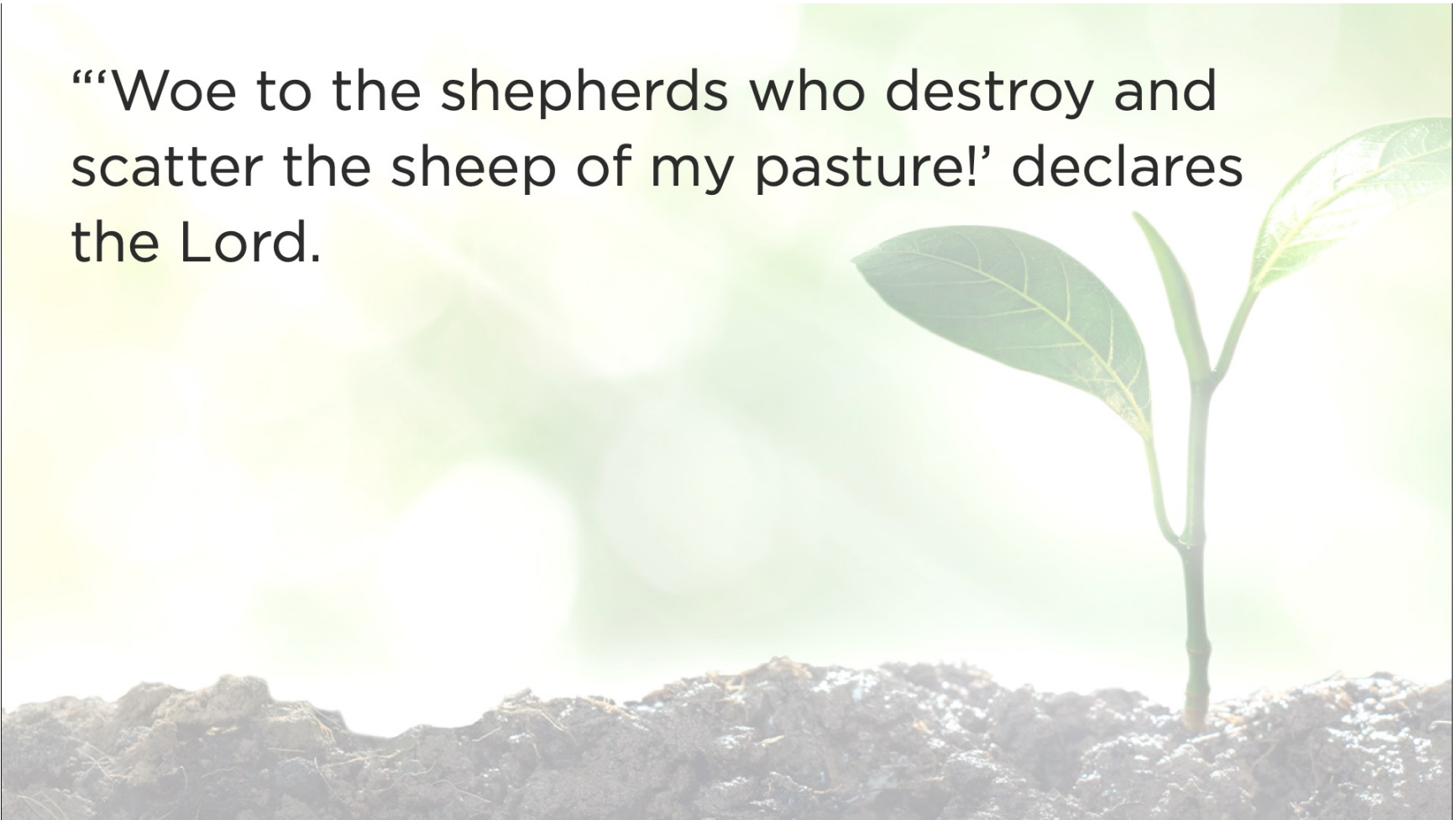


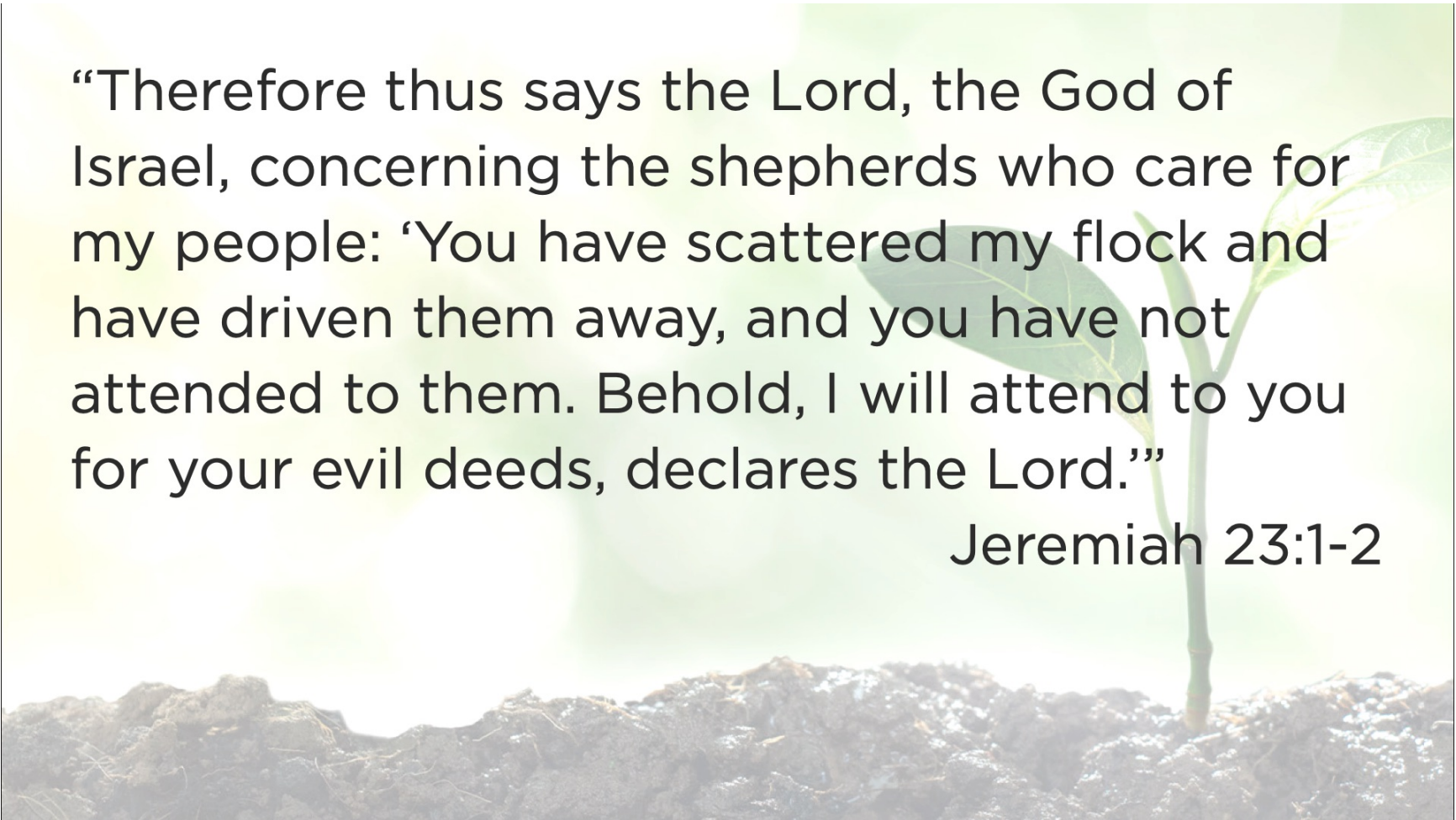
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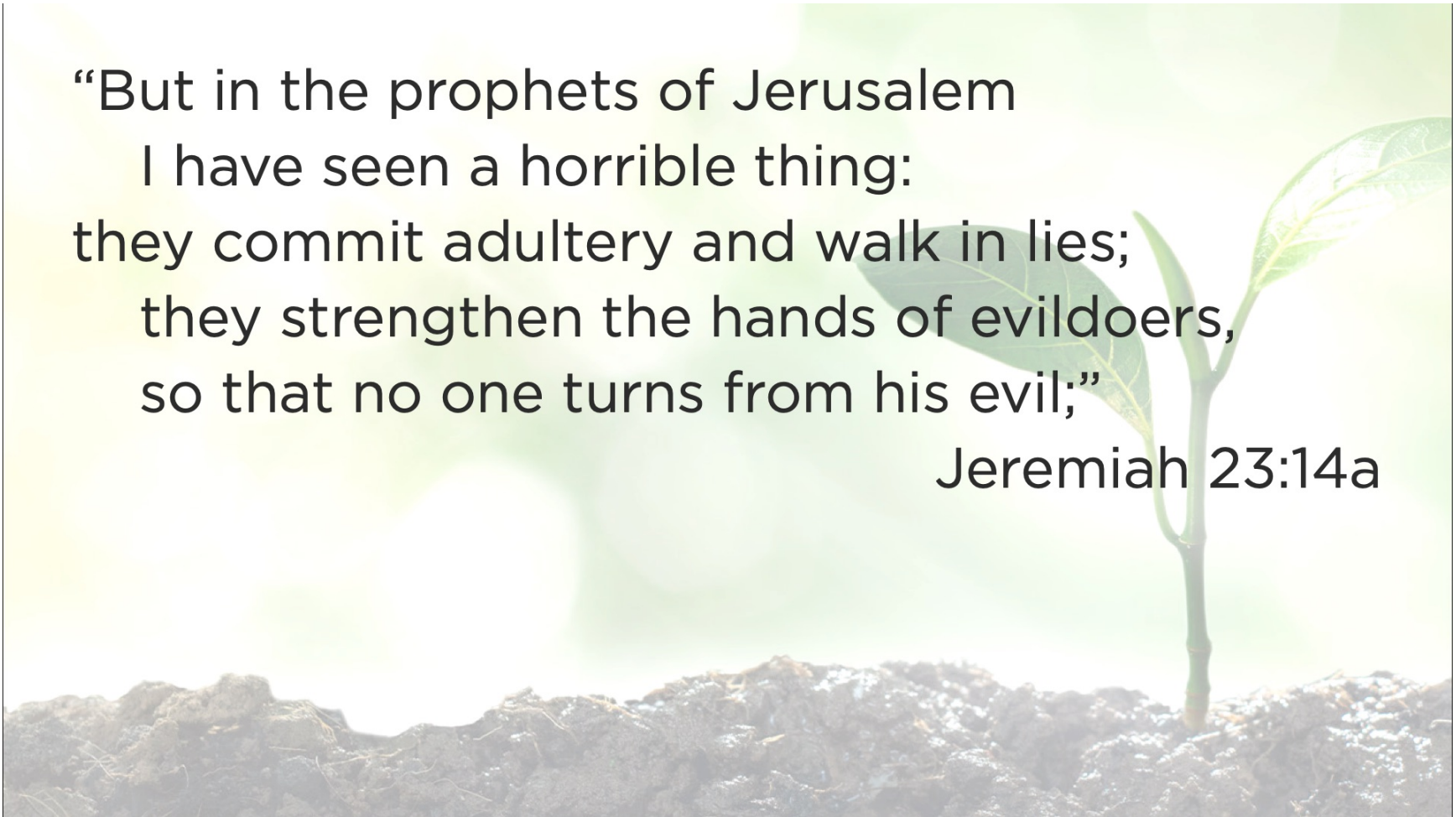


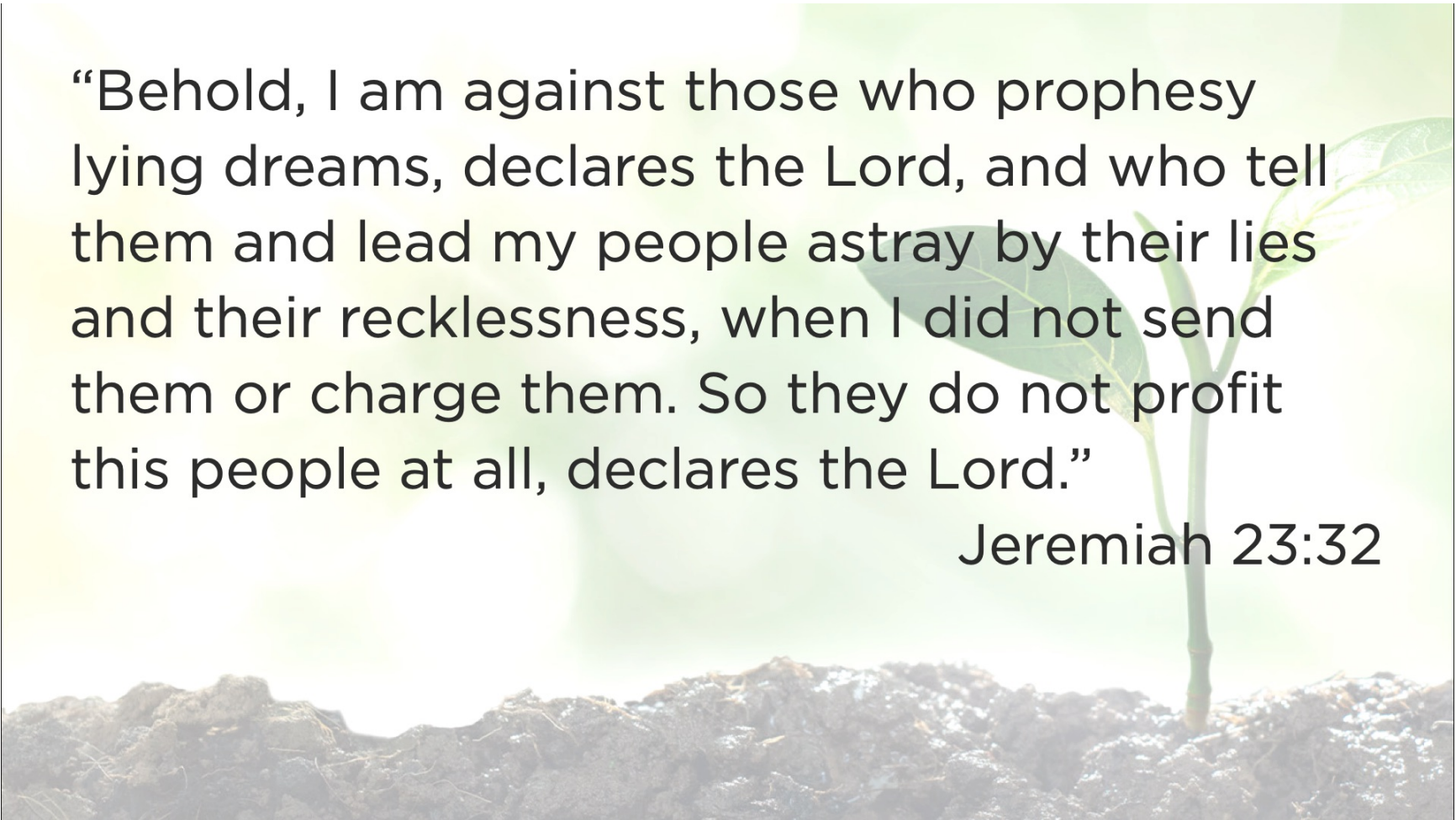
“Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: ‘You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord.’”

Jeremiah 23:1-2

“But in the prophets of Jerusalem
I have seen a horrible thing:
they commit adultery and walk in lies;
they strengthen the hands of evildoers,
so that no one turns from his evil;”

Jeremiah 23:14a

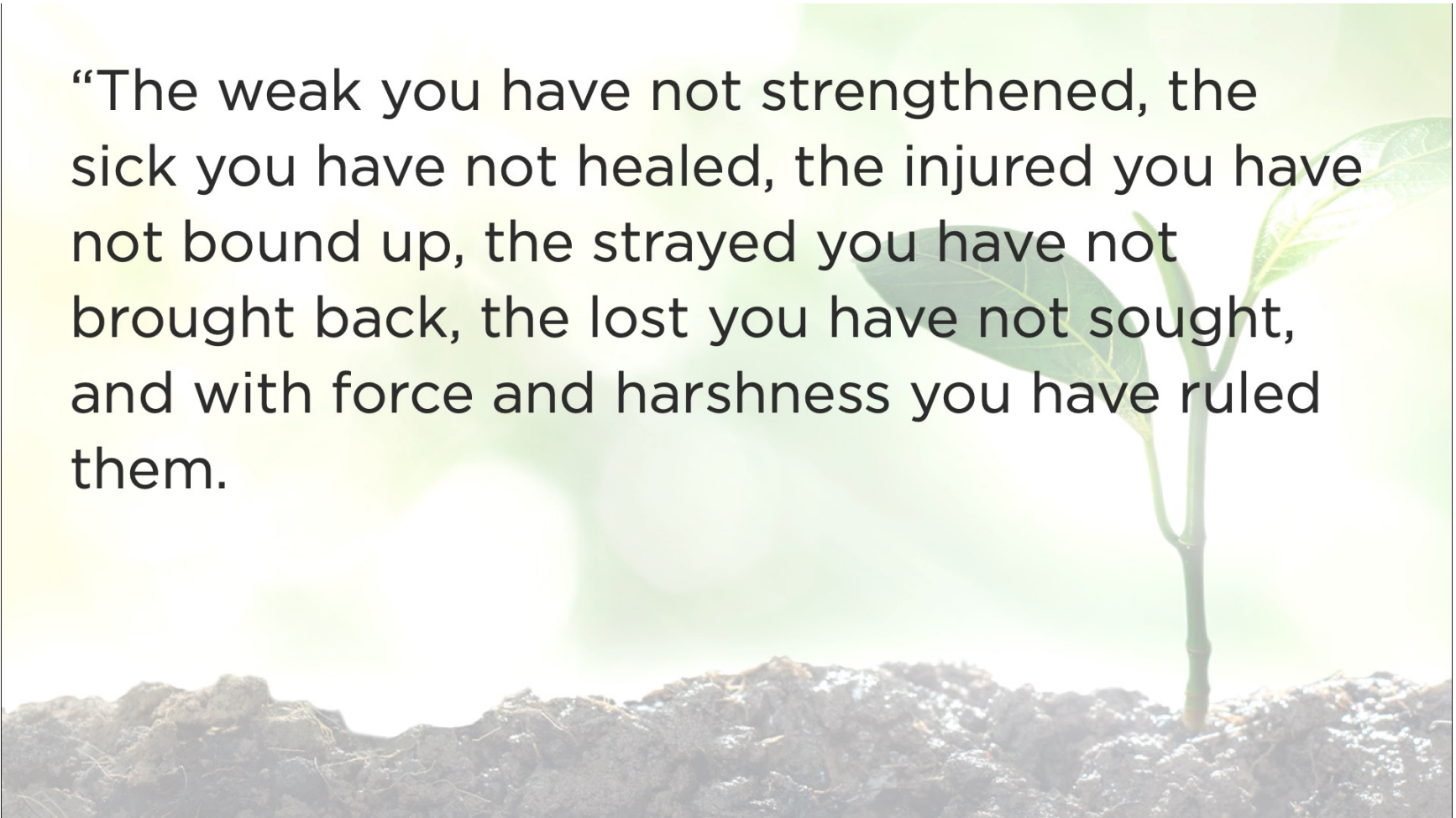




“Behold, I am against those who prophesy
lying dreams, declares the Lord, and who tell
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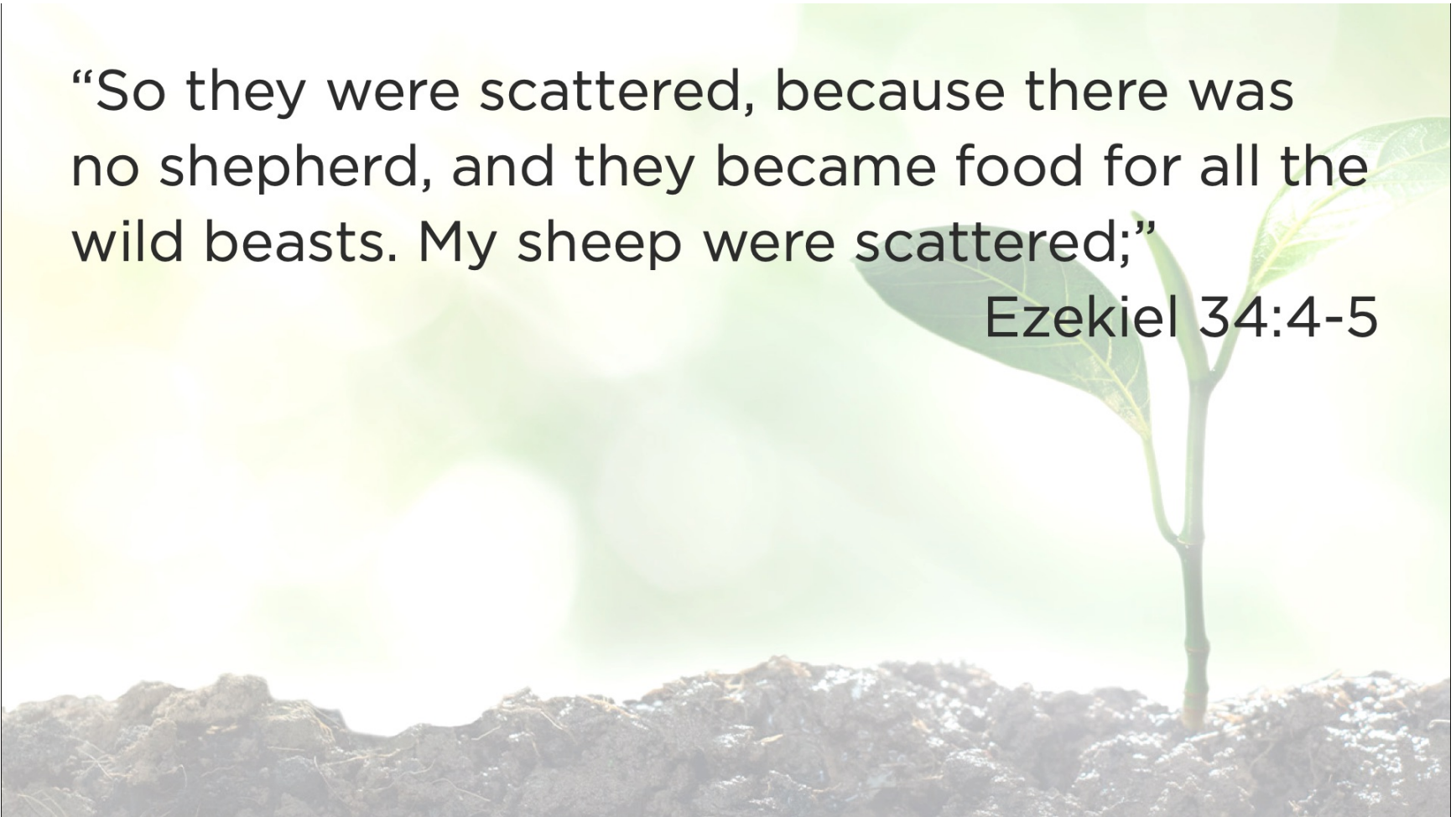
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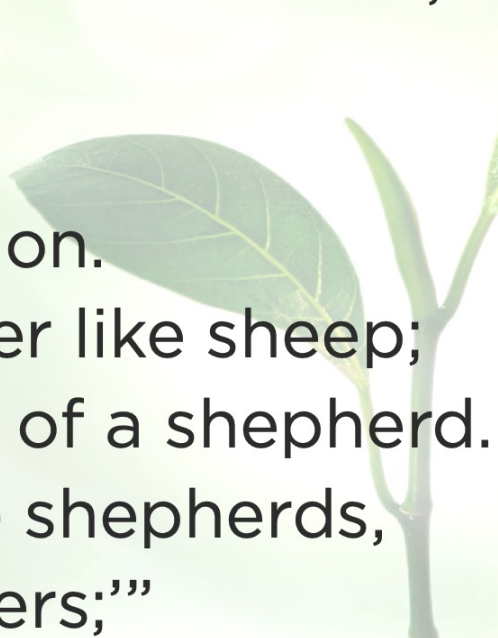
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“So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered;”

Ezekiel 34:4-5

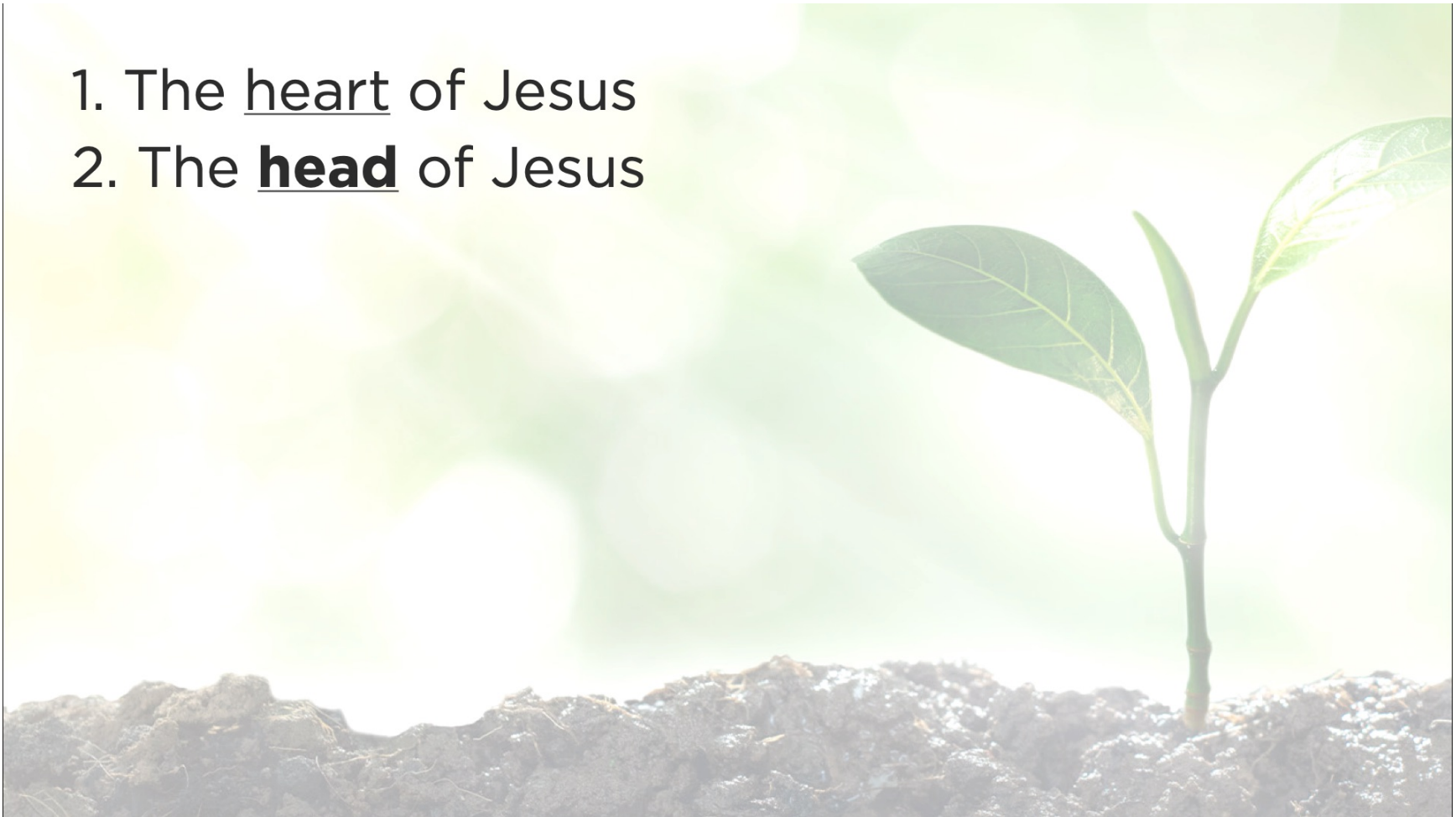




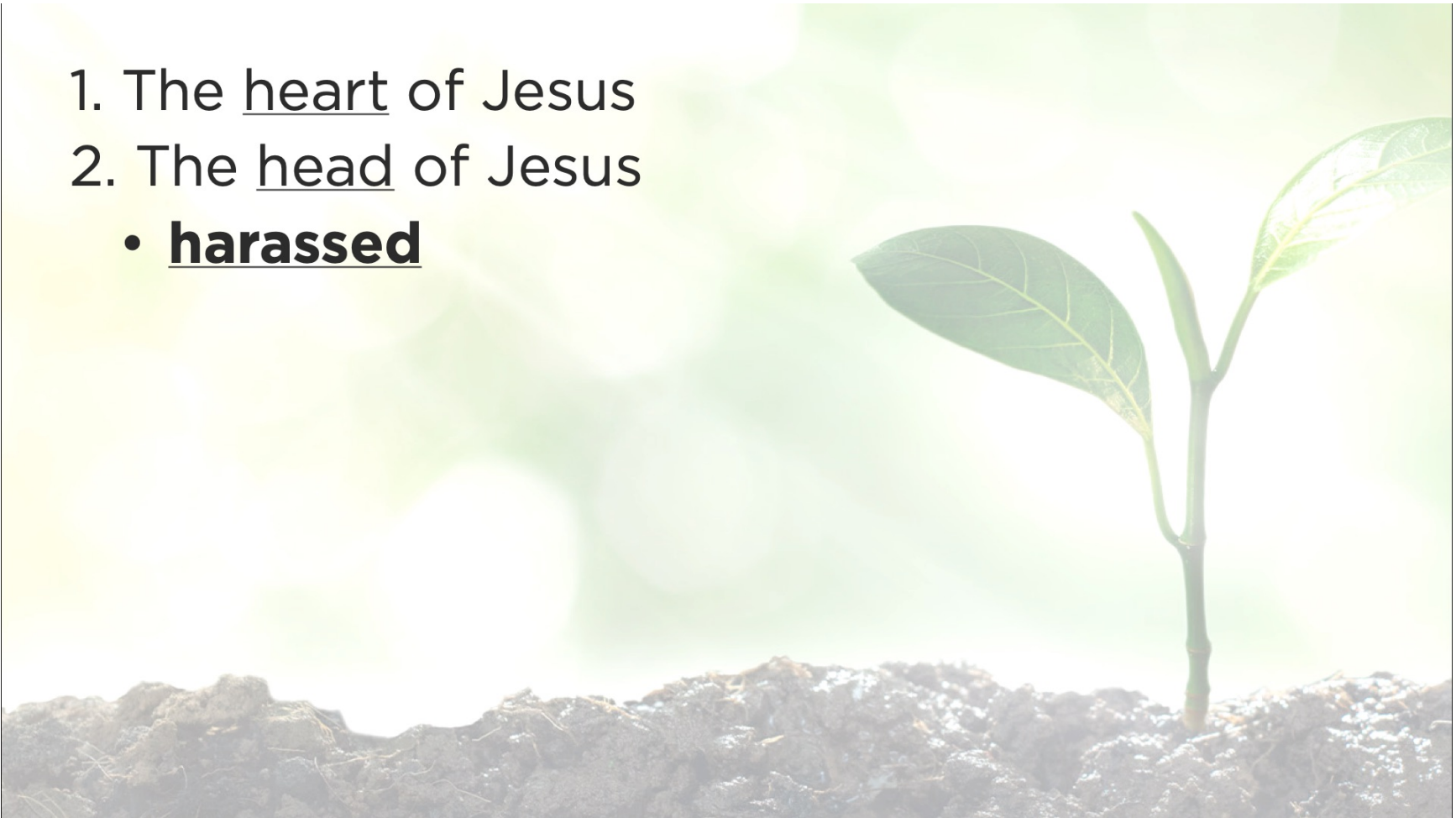
“For the household gods utter nonsense,
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they tell false dreams
and give empty consolation.
Therefore the people wander like sheep;
they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.
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and I will punish the leaders;’”

Zechariah 10:2-3a

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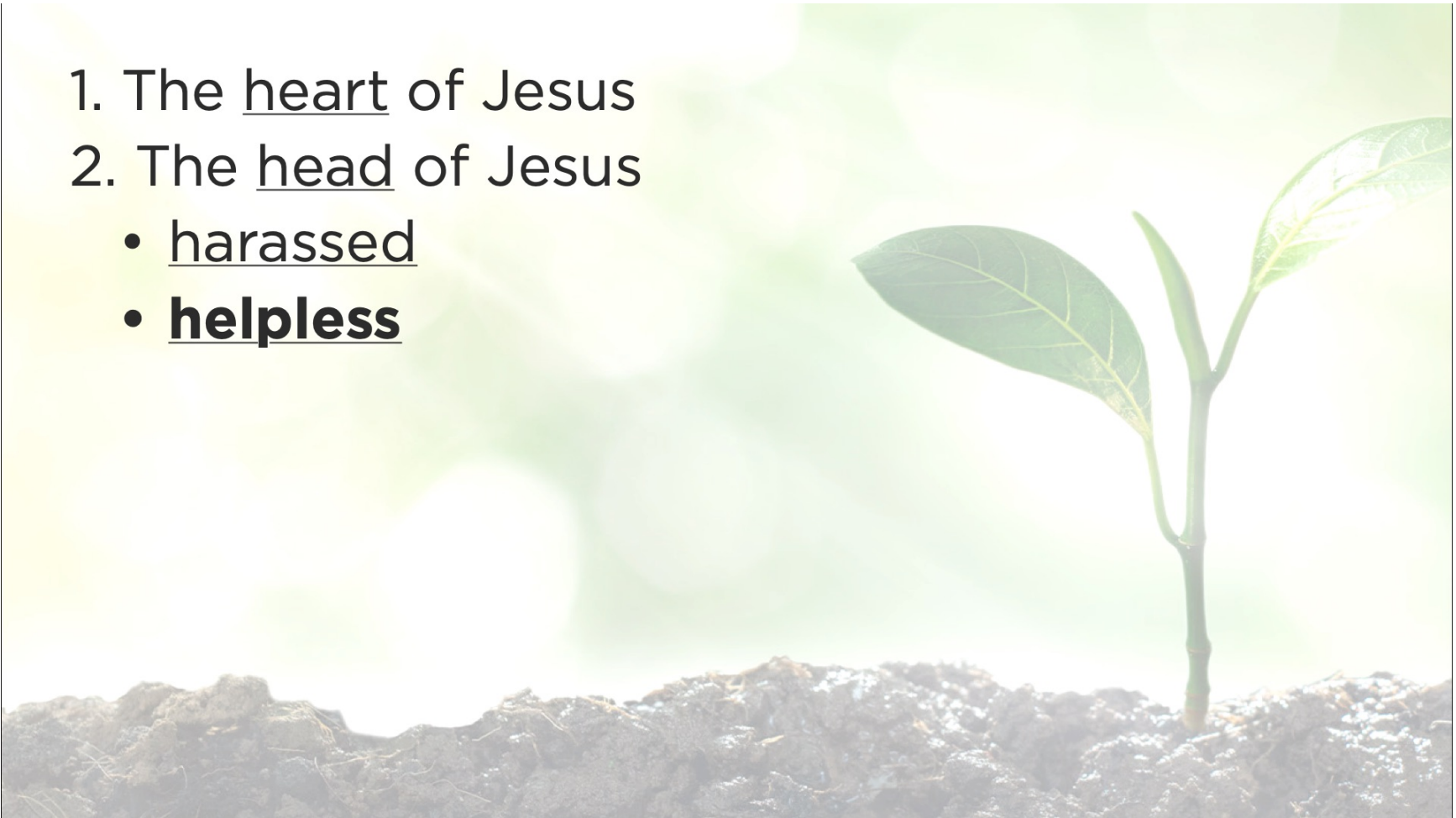
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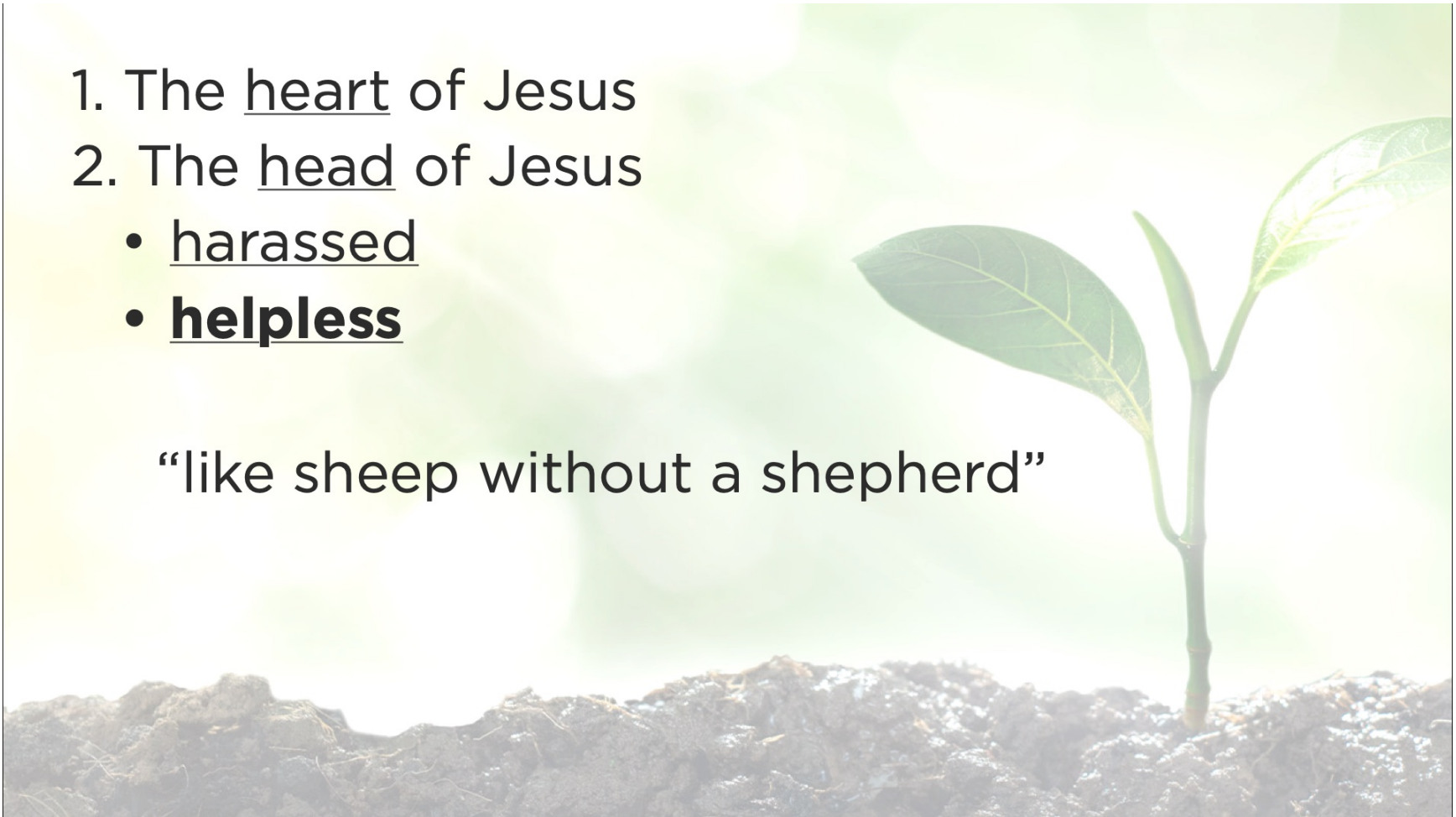


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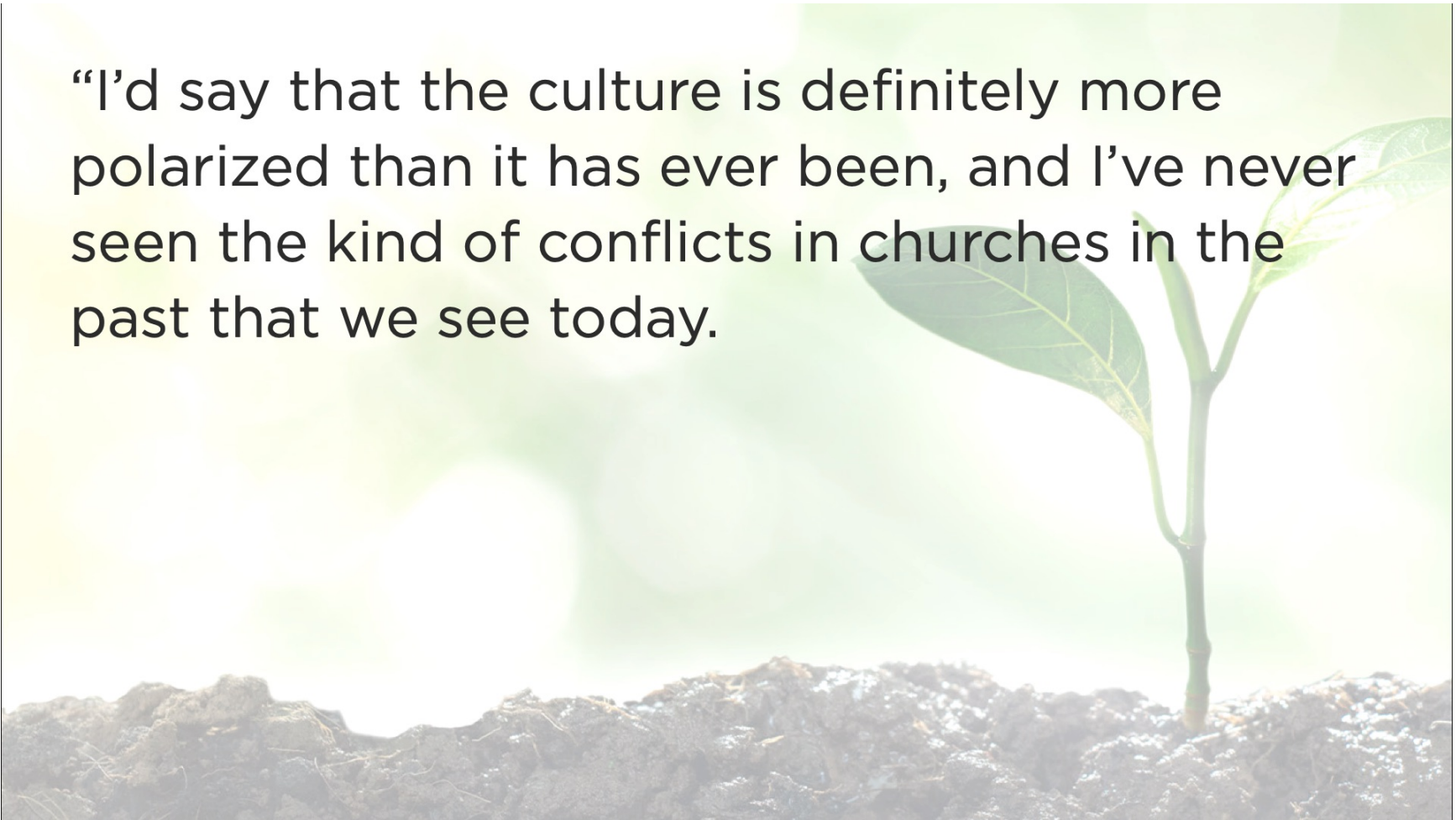
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“like sheep without a shepherd”



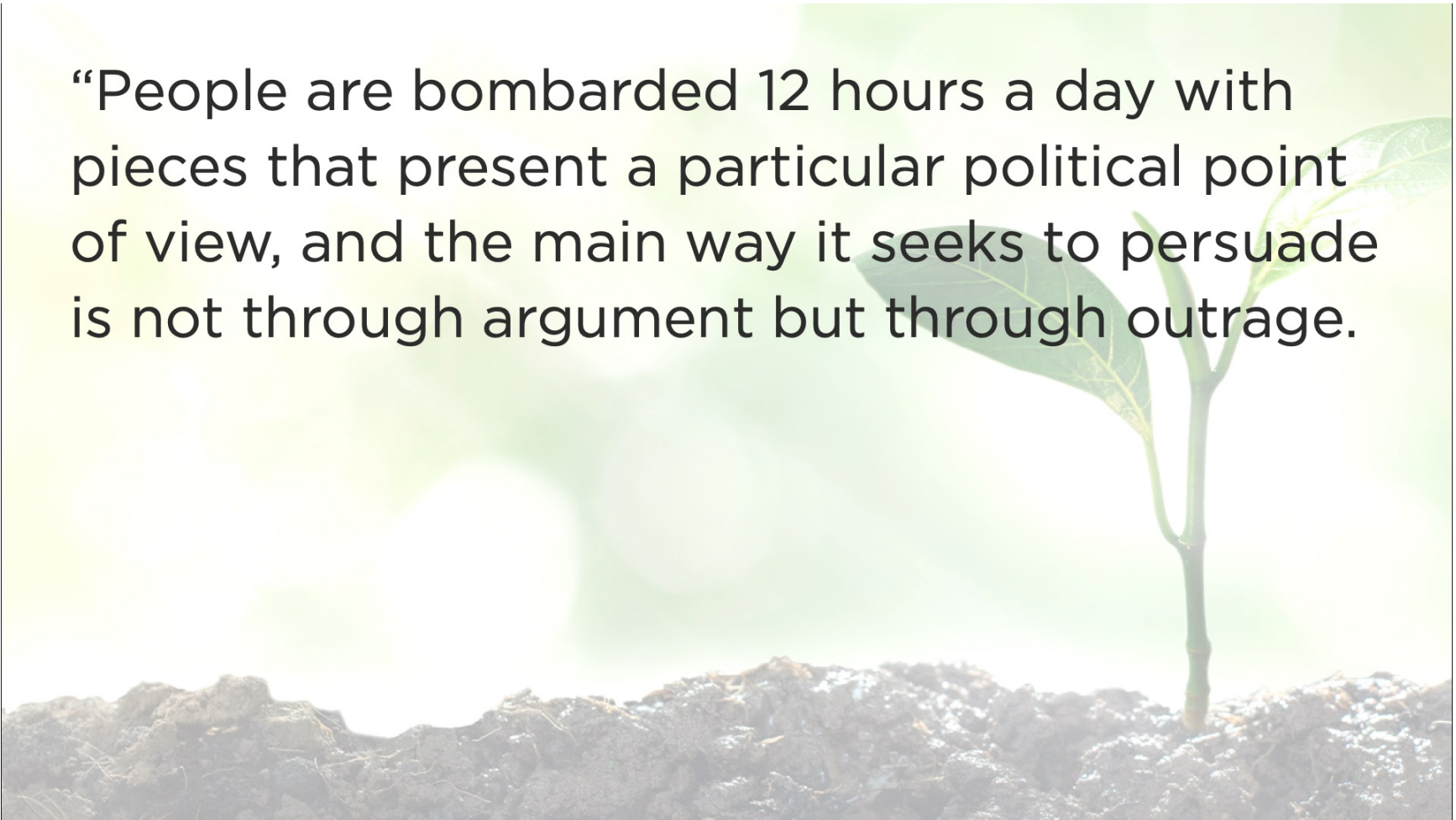
“I’d say that the culture is definitely more polarized than it has ever been, and I’ve never seen the kind of conflicts in churches in the past that we see today.



“In virtually every church there is a smaller or larger body of Christians who have been radicalized to the Left or to the Right by extremely effective and completely immersive internet and social media loops, newsfeeds, and communities.

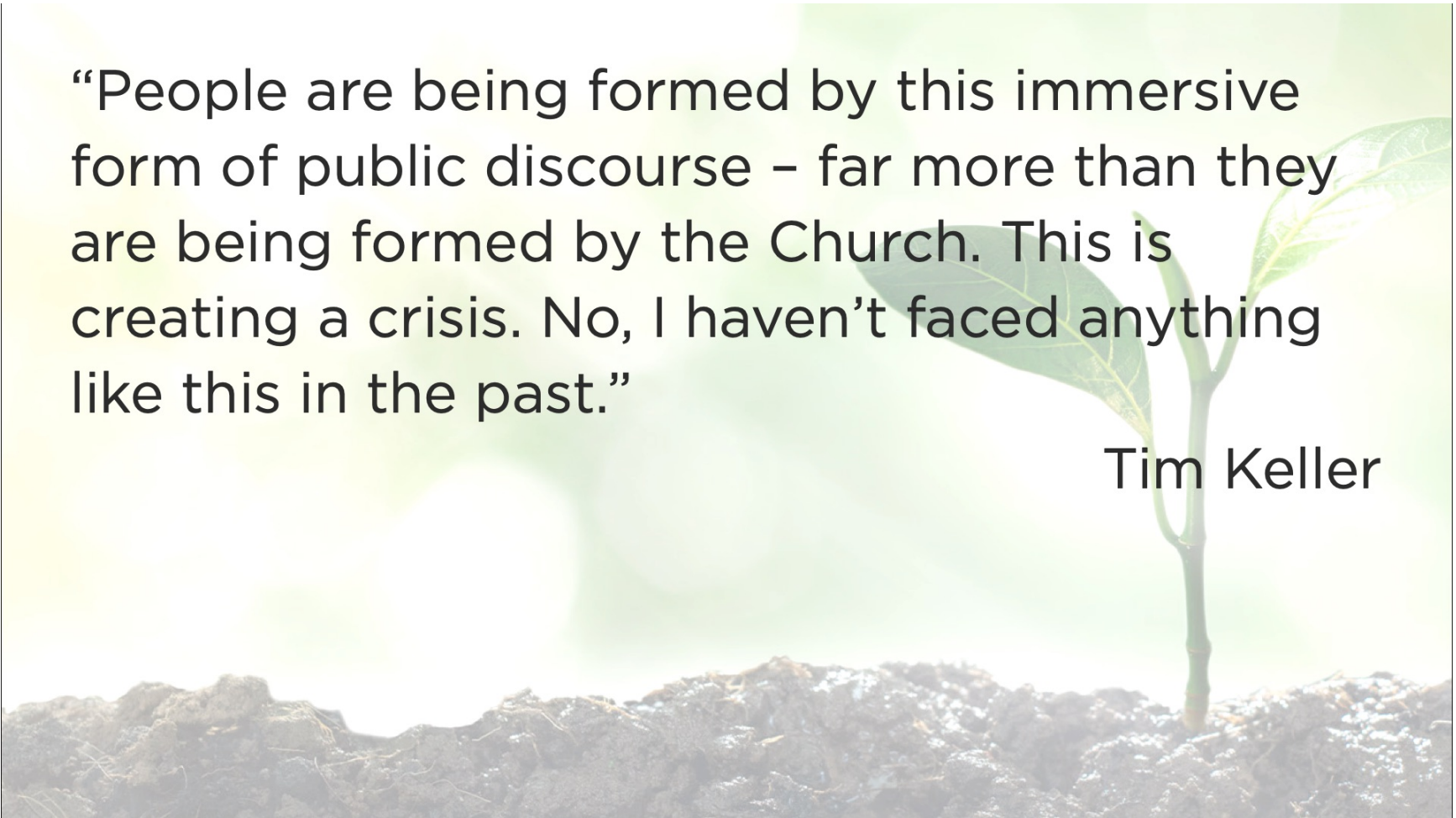


“People are bombarded 12 hours a day with pieces that present a particular political point of view, and the main way it seeks to persuade is not through argument but through outrage.”

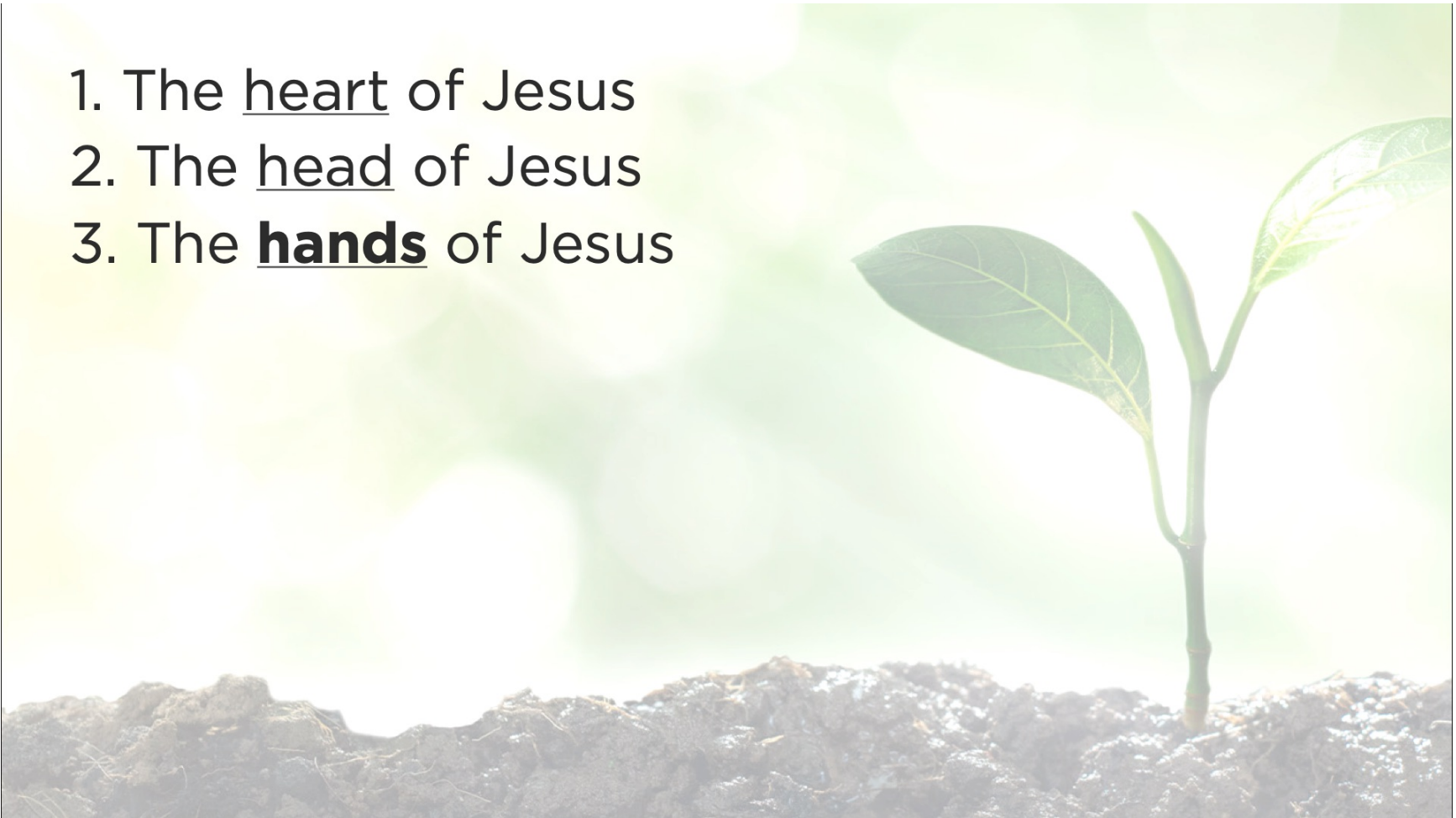


“People are being formed by this immersive form of public discourse – far more than they are being formed by the Church. This is creating a crisis. No, I haven’t faced anything like this in the past.”

Tim Keller

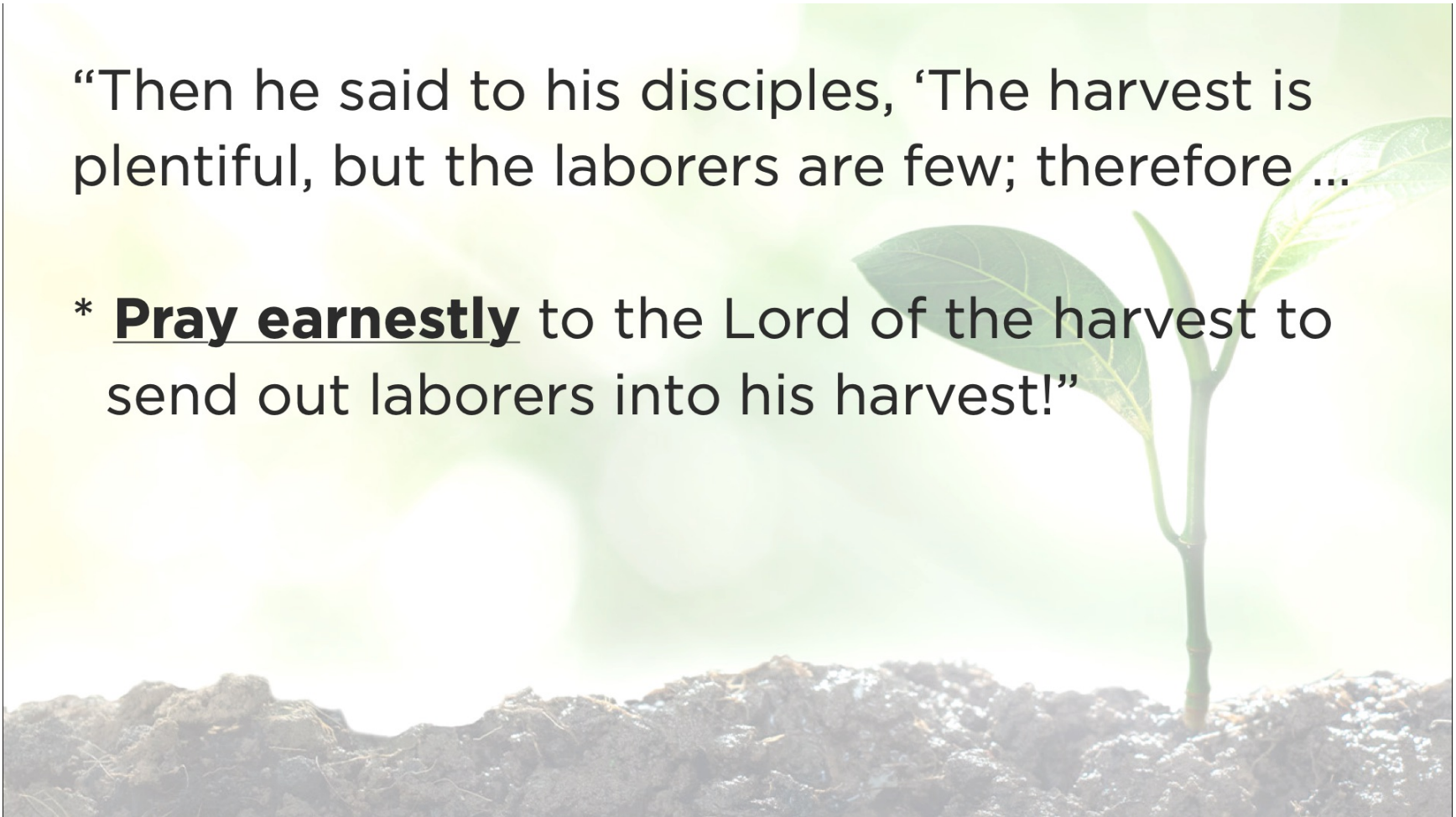


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“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ...

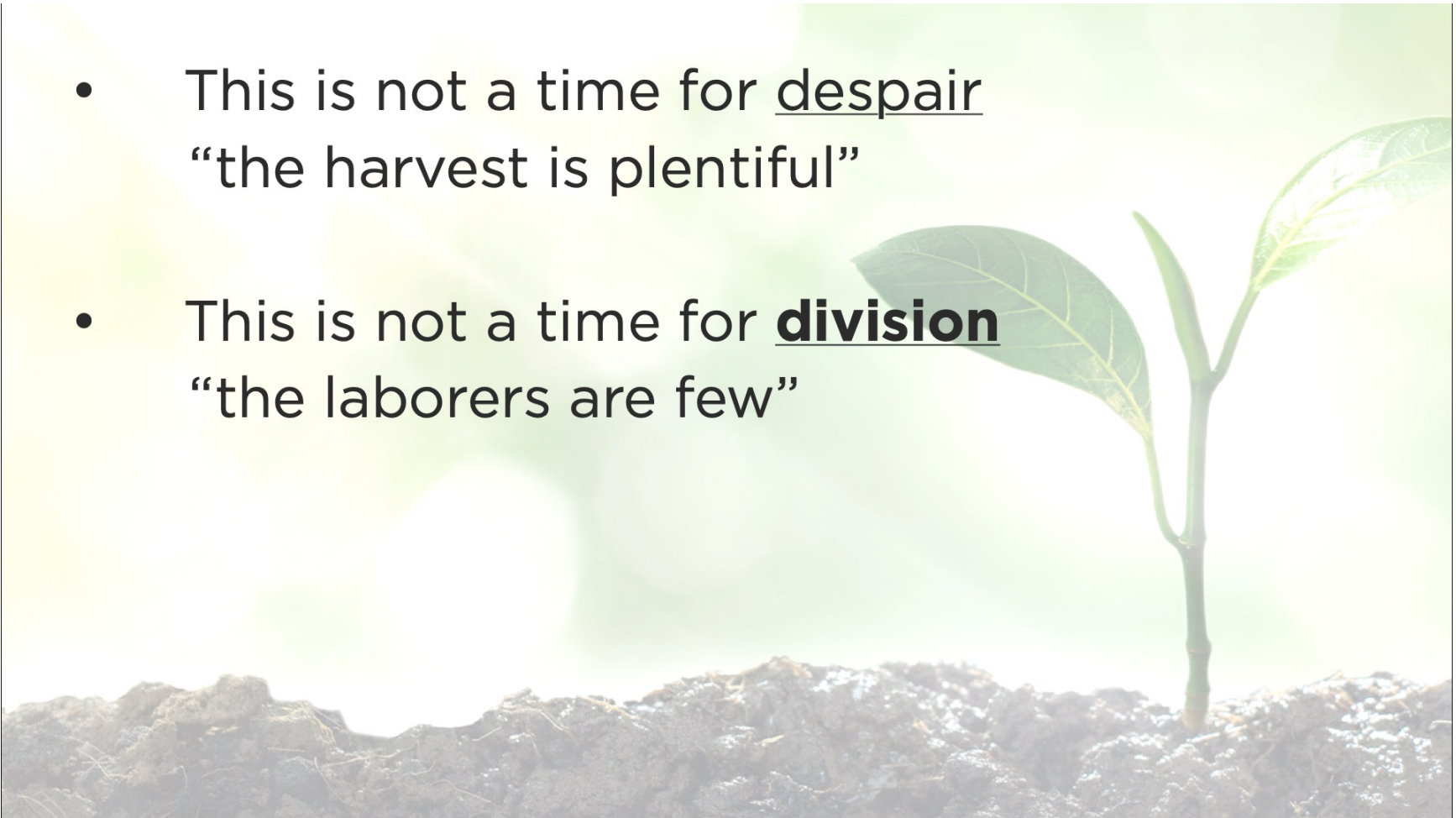
* **Pray earnestly** to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest!”



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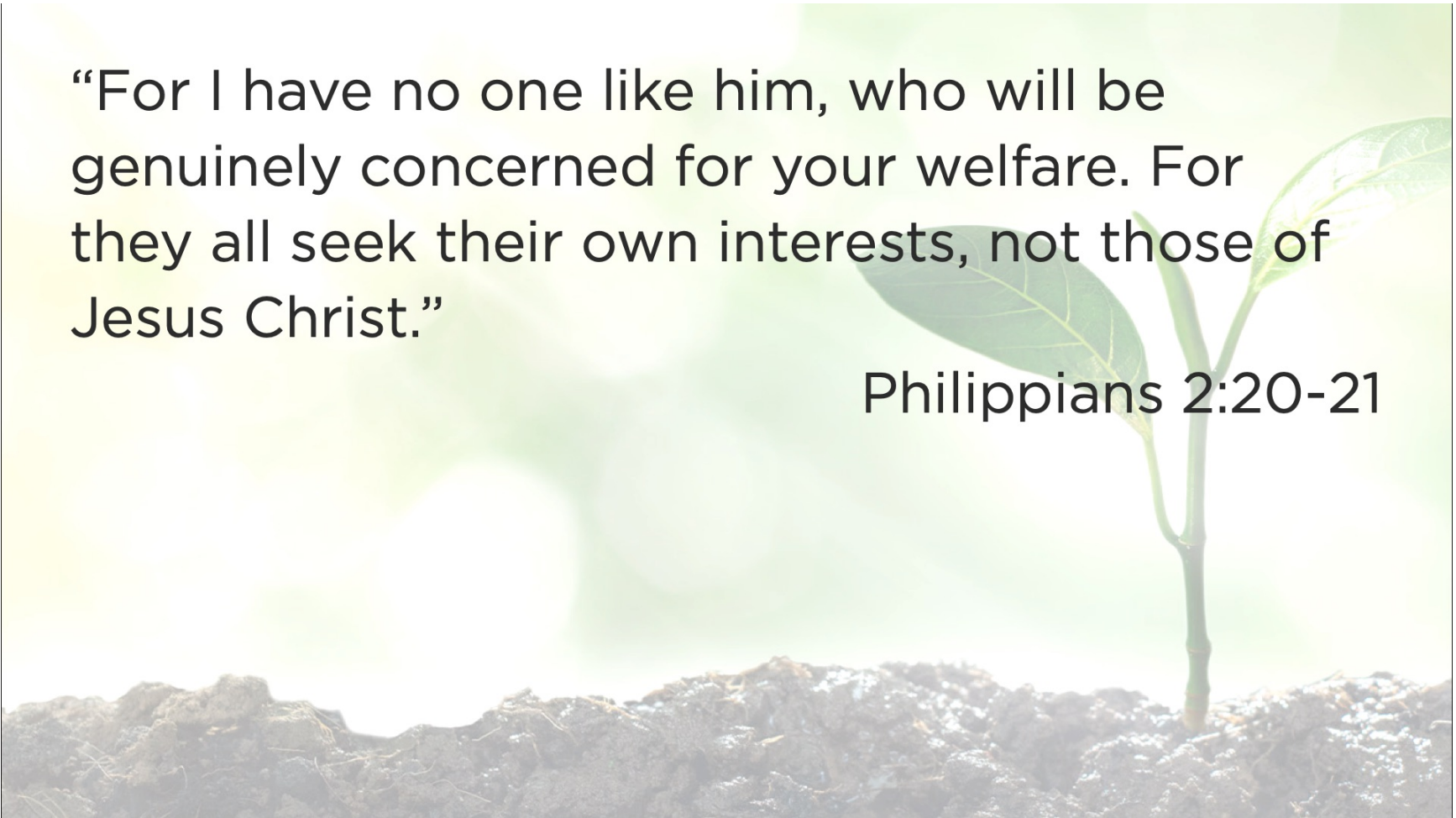


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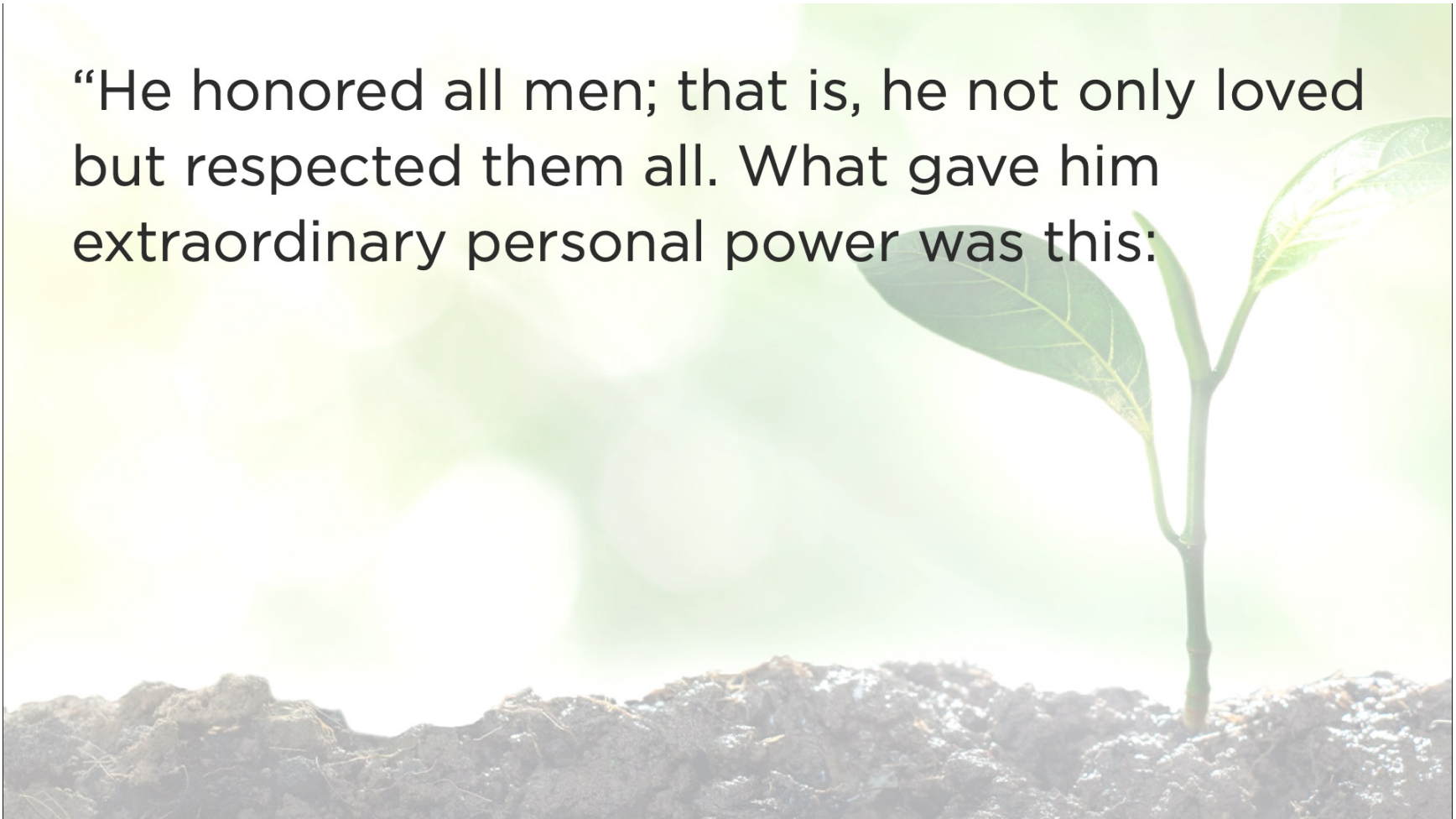


“For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.”

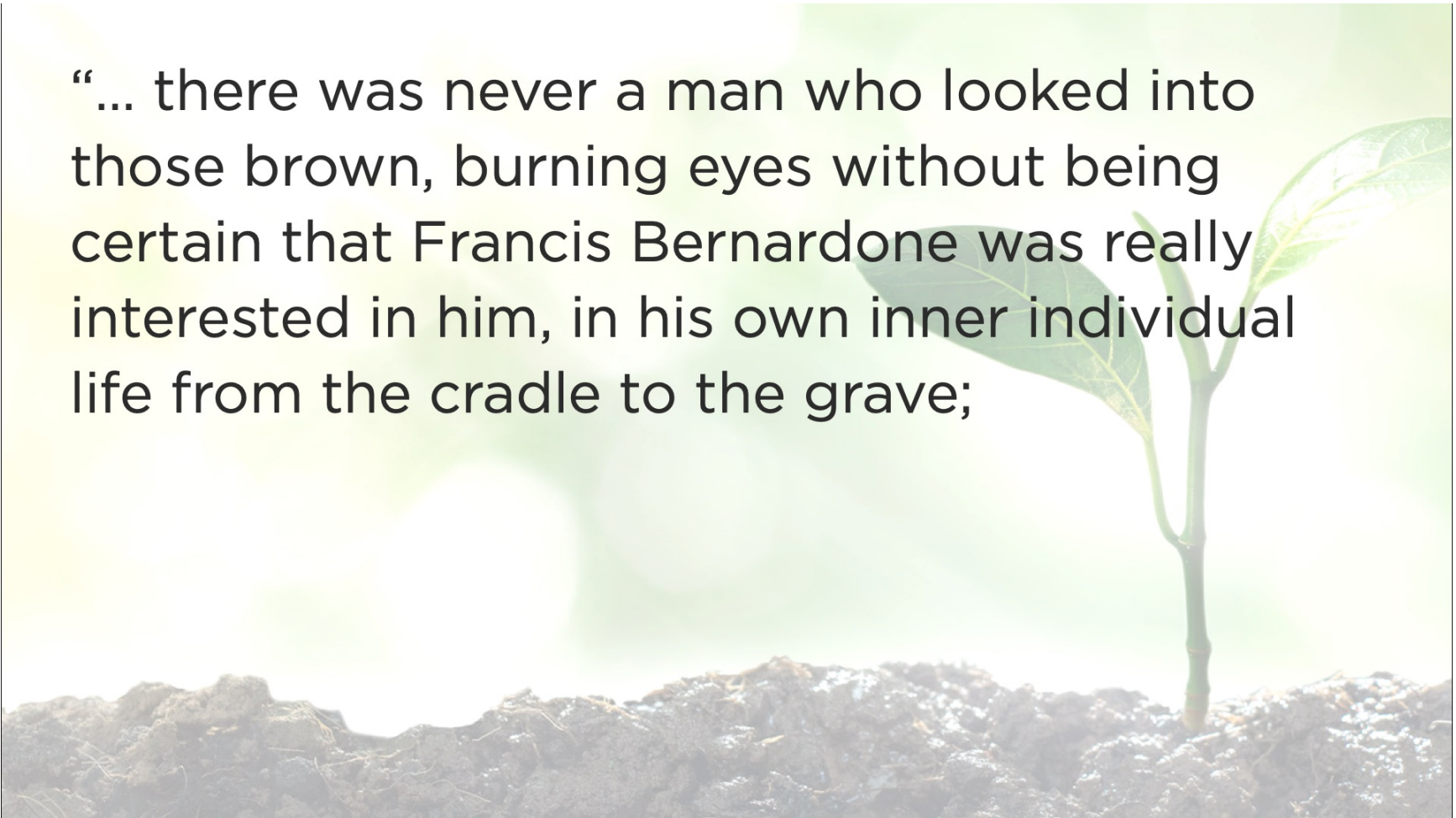
Philippians 2:20-21



“He honored all men; that is, he not only loved but respected them all. What gave him extraordinary personal power was this:

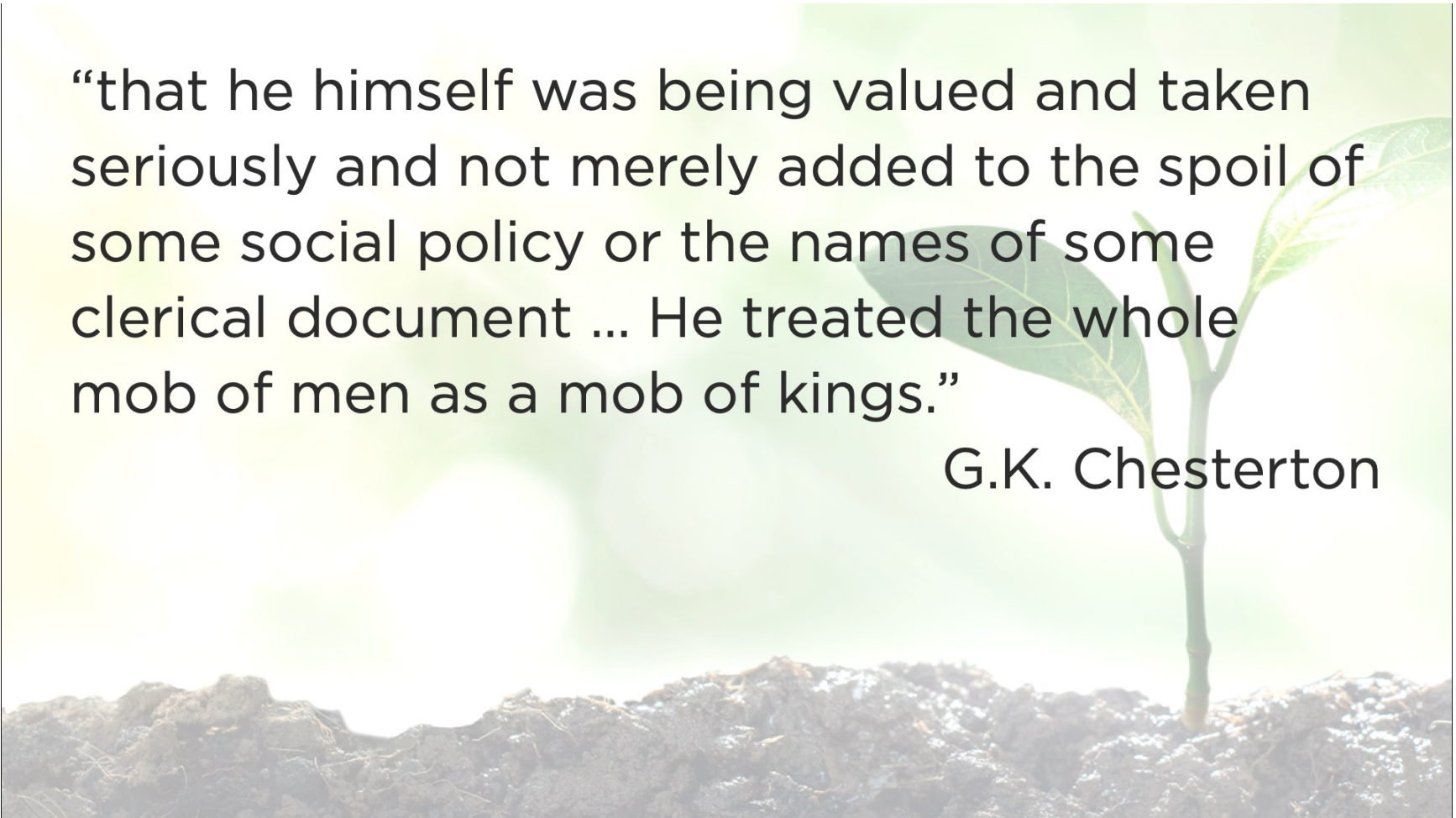


“... there was never a man who looked into those brown, burning eyes without being certain that Francis Bernardone was really interested in him, in his own inner individual life from the cradle to the grave;

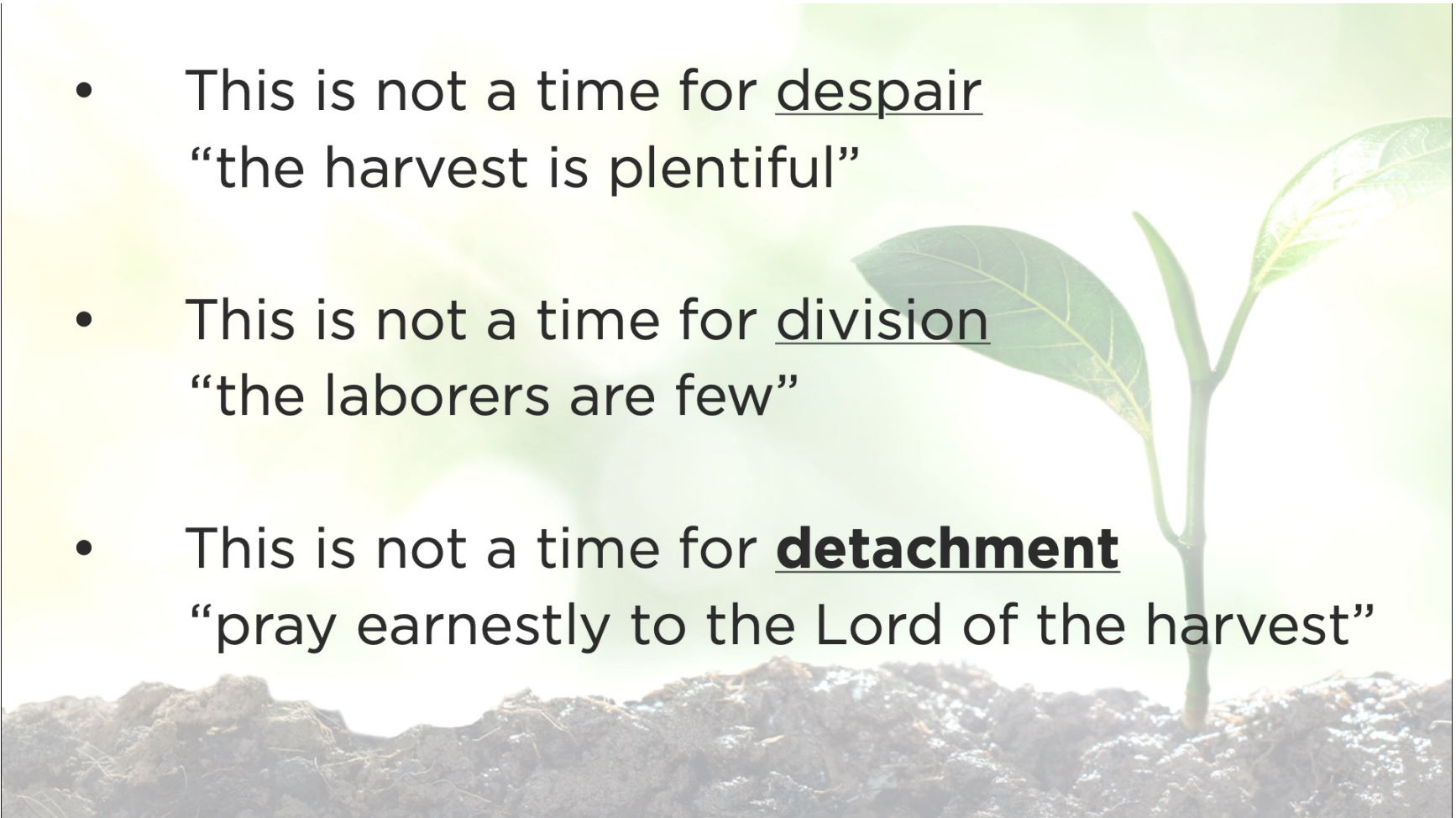


“that he himself was being valued and taken seriously and not merely added to the spoil of some social policy or the names of some clerical document ... He treated the whole mob of men as a mob of kings.”

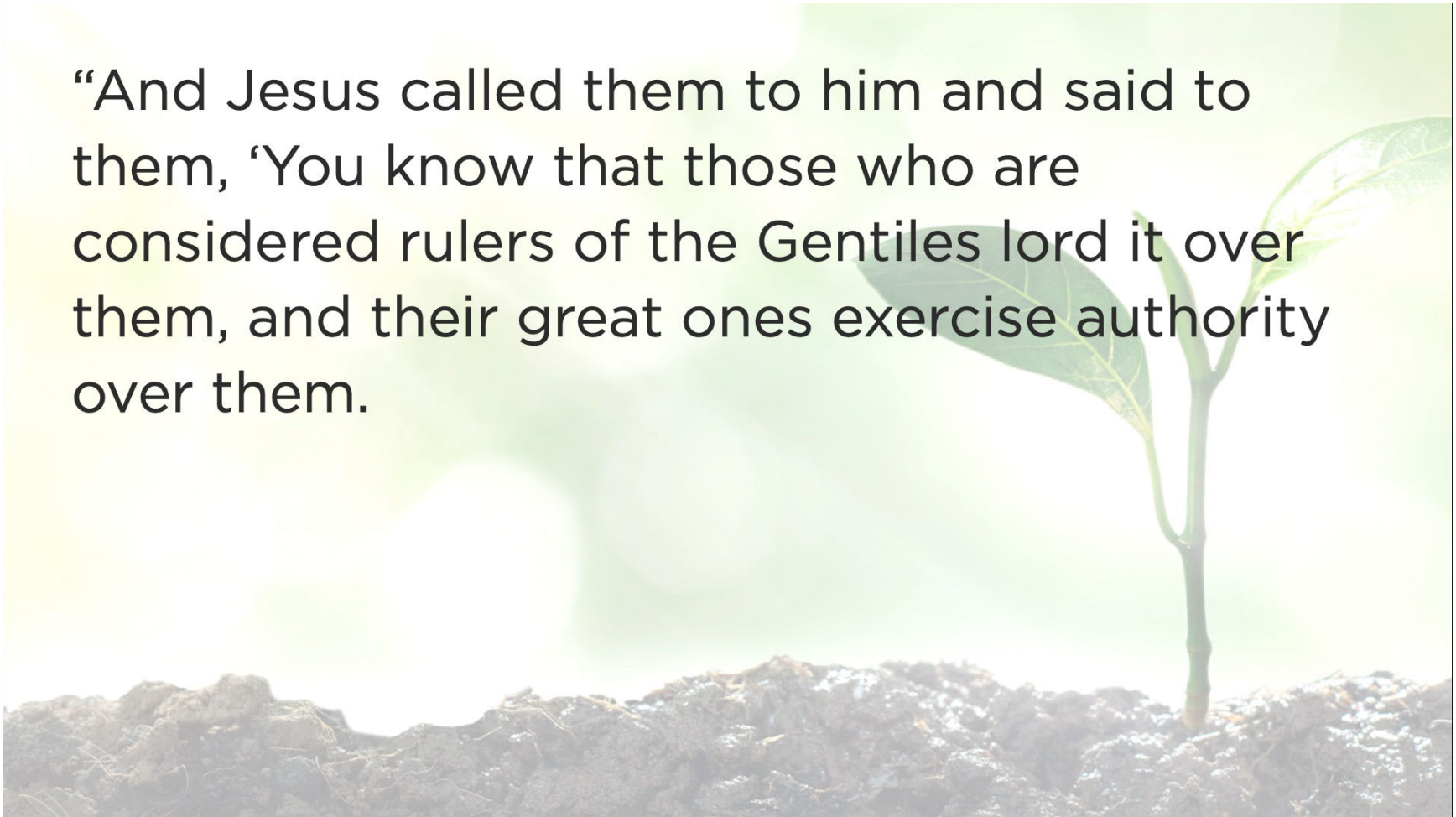
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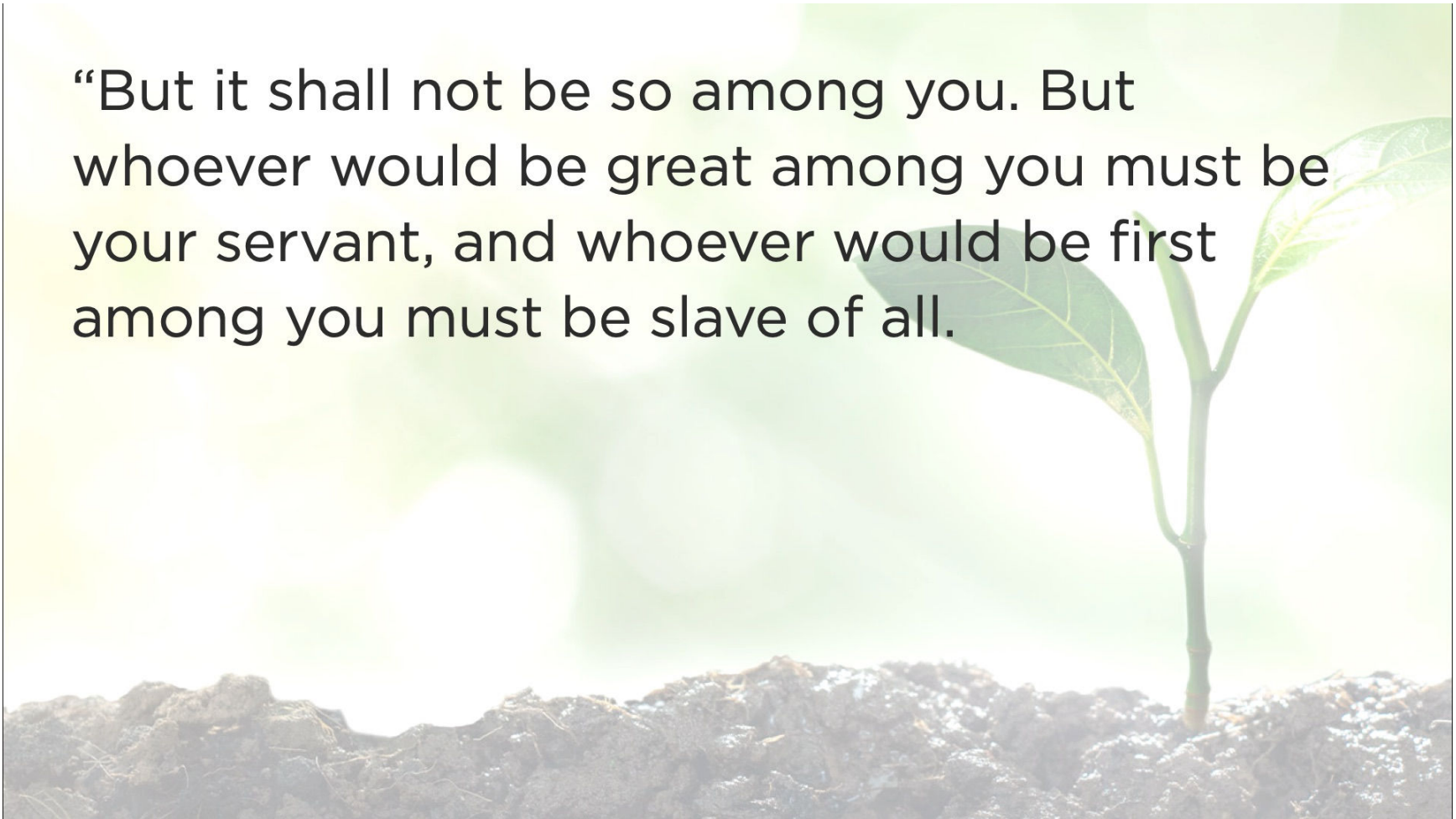
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- This is not a time for **detachment**
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“And Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

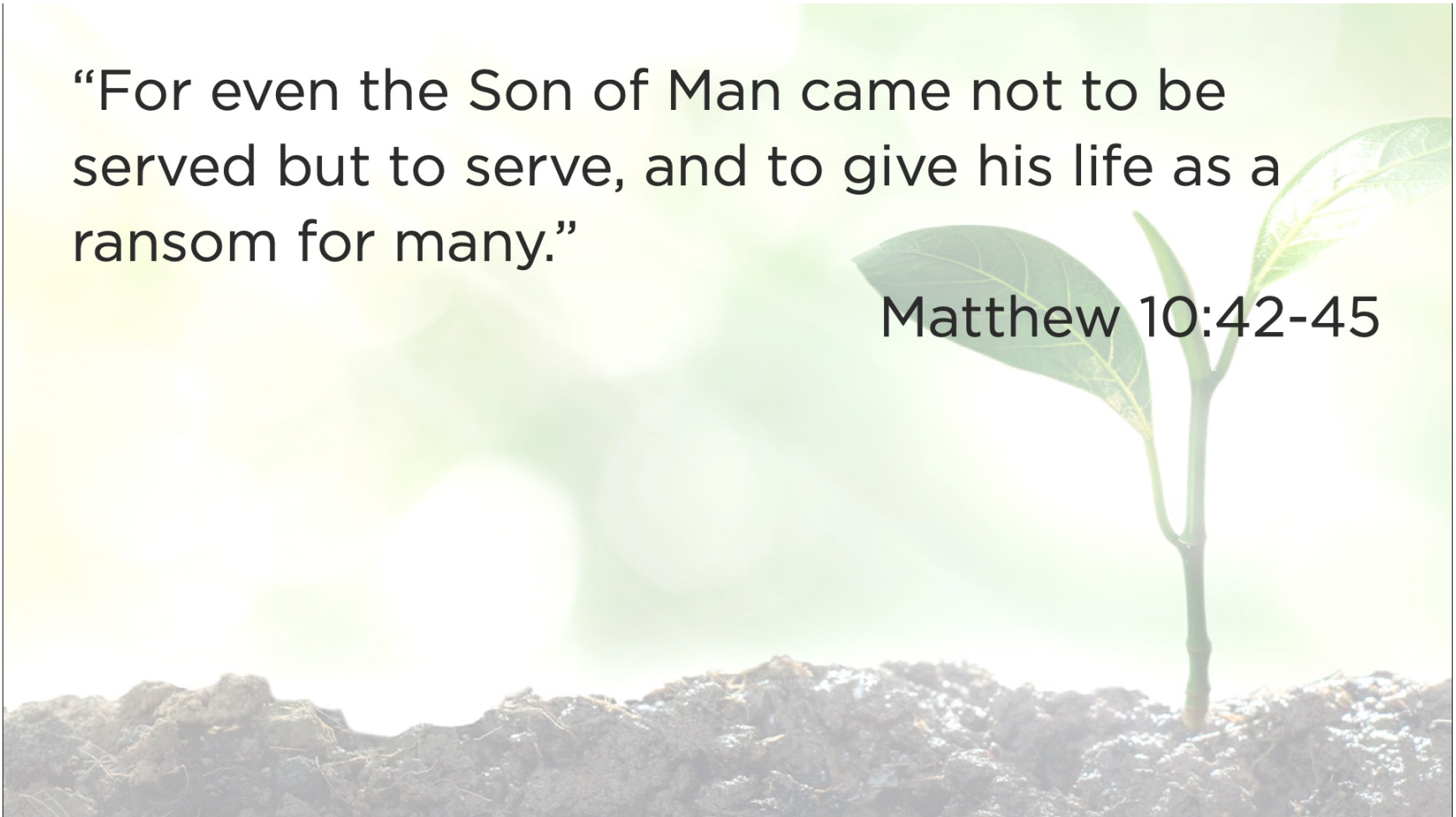


“But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.



“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 10:42-45





* The call for leaders is the call for laborers!

- Read it over several times. Listen.
- Ask the Spirit to speak to you.
- Hear Jesus's heart. Think his thoughts.
Join him in your prayers.

