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“Mann tracht un Gott lacht”

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A photograph of a road winding through a dense forest. The road is paved and has a yellow dashed center line and white edge lines. A large, white, semi-transparent outline of a person's head and shoulders is superimposed over the road, with the top of the head at the top of the frame and the shoulders extending down the road. The background is a dense forest of trees with green and yellow foliage, suggesting autumn. The sky is bright and hazy.

“Mann tracht un Gott lacht”

“Man plans and God laughs”

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A photograph of a paved road winding through a dense forest. The road has a yellow dashed center line and white edge lines. The trees are lush and green, and the lighting suggests a bright, sunny day. The quote is centered over the road.

**“If you want to make God laugh,
make plans”**

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A photograph of a paved road winding through a dense forest. The scene is captured during the "golden hour" of sunset or sunrise, with a warm, hazy light filtering through the trees. The road has a yellow dashed center line and white edge lines. The quote is centered over the road in a bold, teal, sans-serif font.

“The church doesn’t have a social strategy, the church is a social strategy.”

-Stanley Hauerwas

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A photograph of a two-lane road winding through a dense forest. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The road has a yellow dashed center line and white edge lines. The trees are lush and green, with some showing hints of autumn colors. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**"I let go of expectations,
and hold onto appreciation"**

-Unknown

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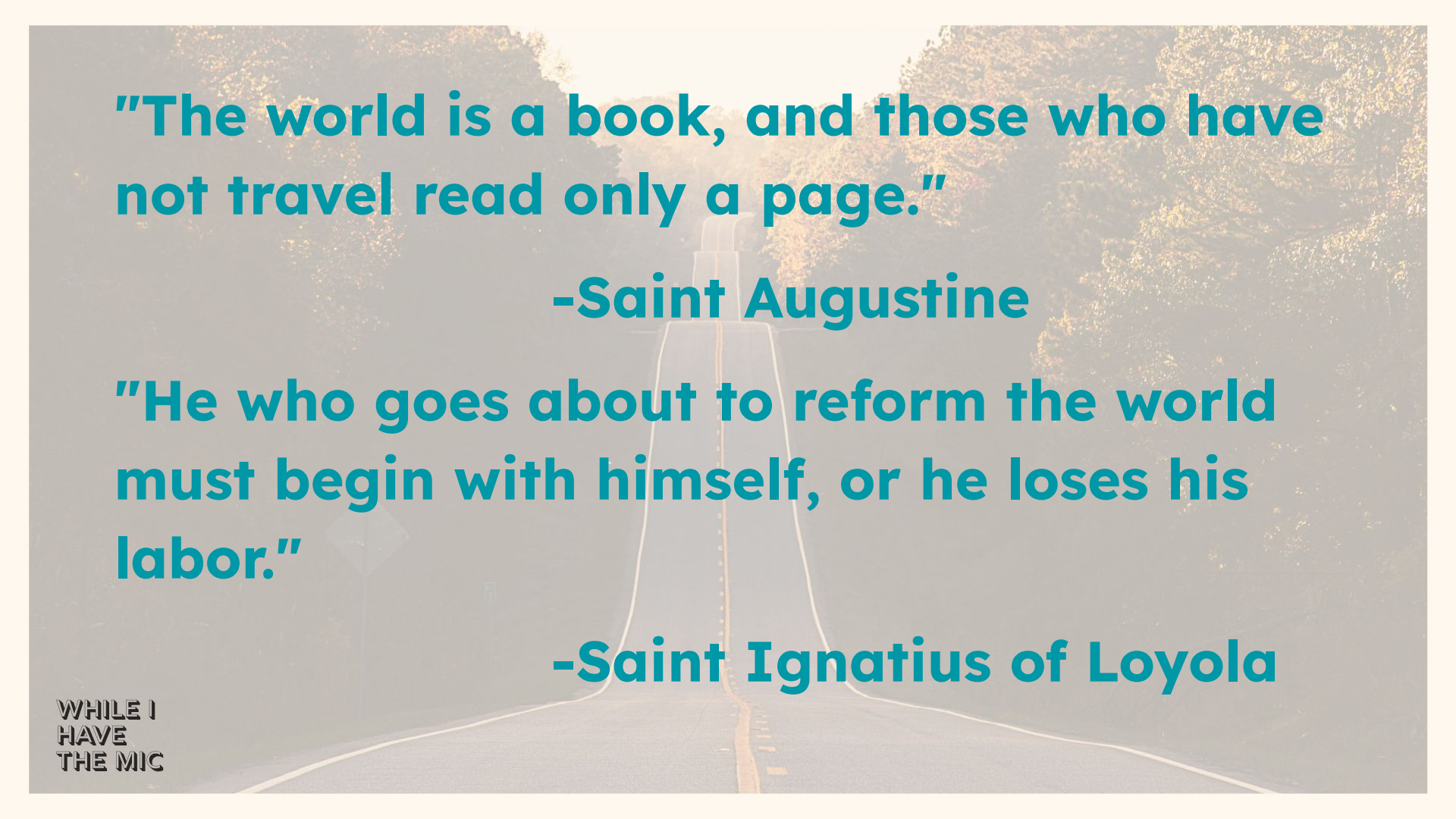
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**“You don’t choose a life
You live one”**

**-Emilio Estevez
The Way**

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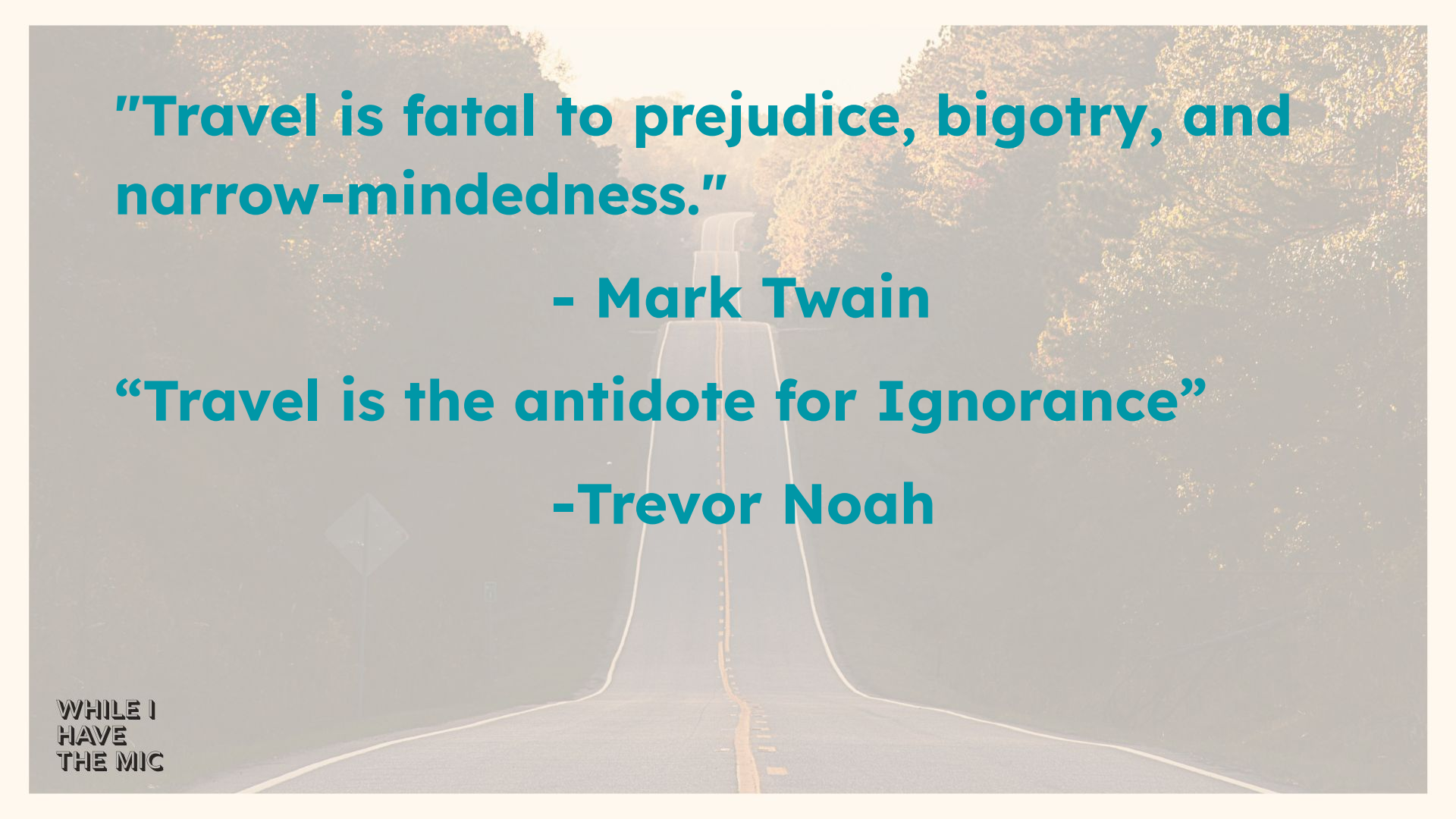


"The world is a book, and those who have not travel read only a page."

-Saint Augustine

"He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor."

-Saint Ignatius of Loyola



“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.”

- Mark Twain

“Travel is the antidote for Ignorance”

-Trevor Noah

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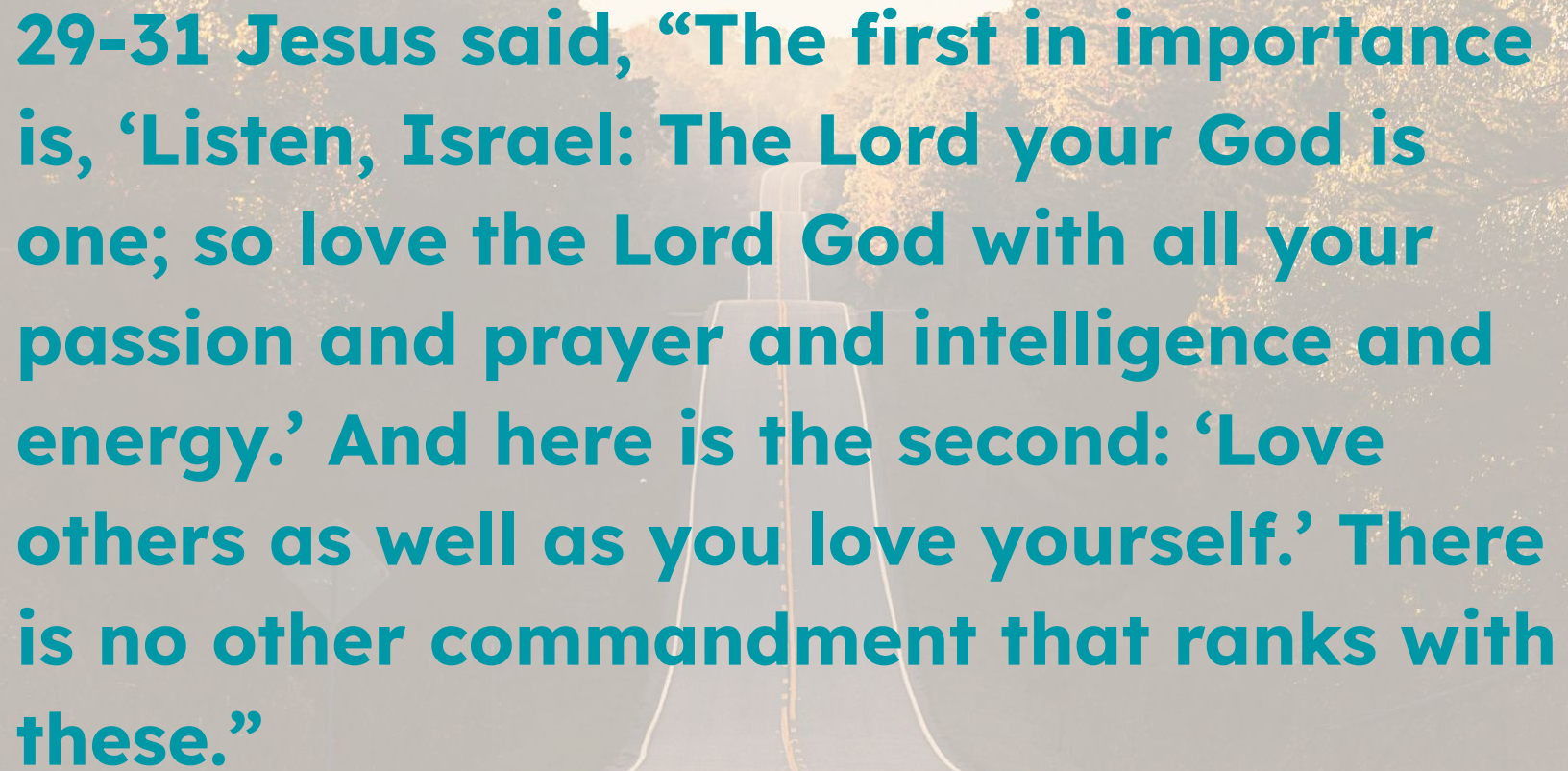
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Mark 12:28-31 The Message

28 One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: “Which is most important of all the commandments?”

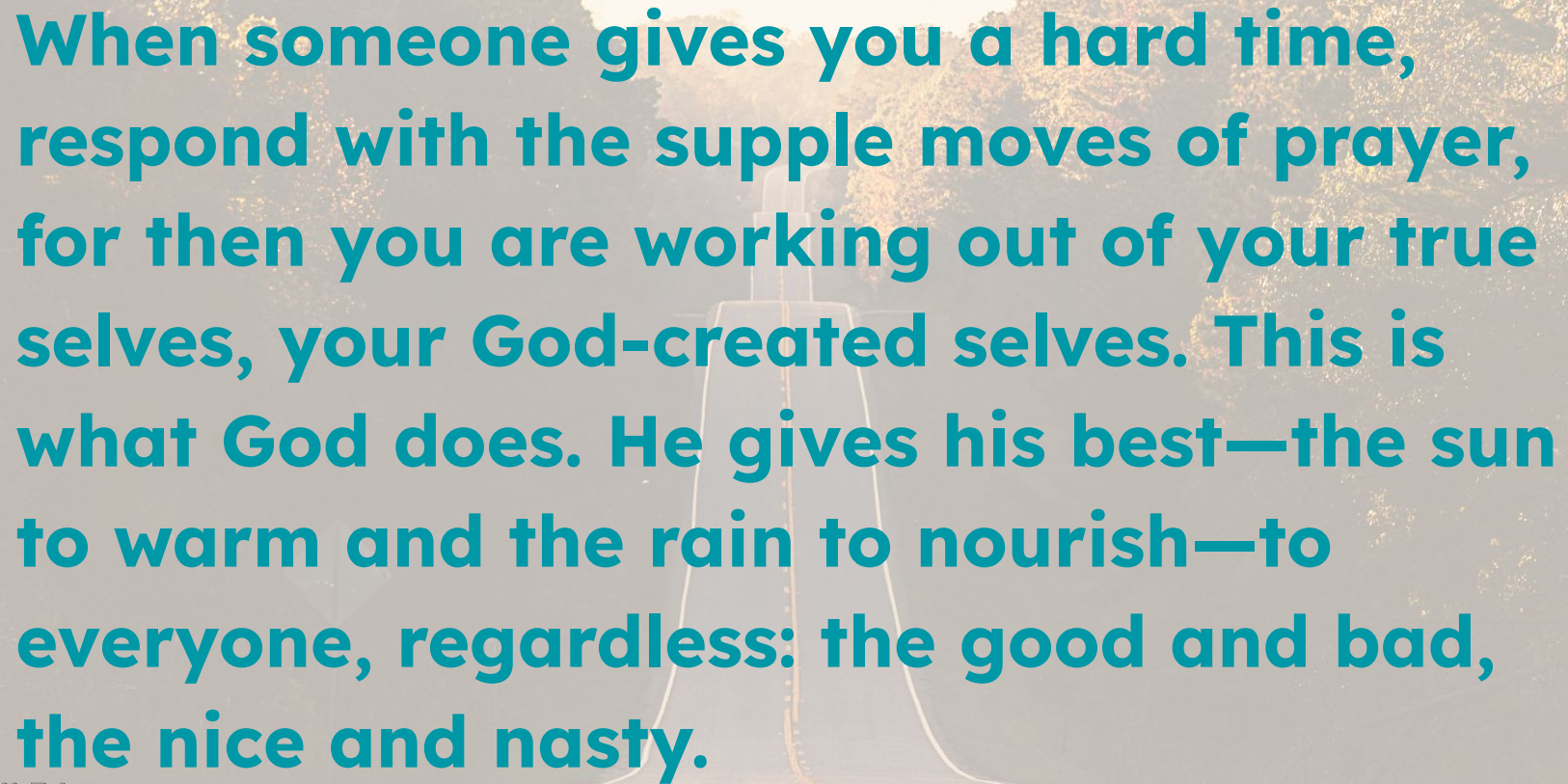
A photograph of a paved road winding through a dense forest. In the foreground, a large, leafy tree is partially visible on the right side. The road has a yellow center line and white edge lines. The background shows more trees and a bright sky, suggesting a sunny day. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, teal font.

29-31 Jesus said, “The first in importance is, ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.’ And here is the second: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment that ranks with these.”

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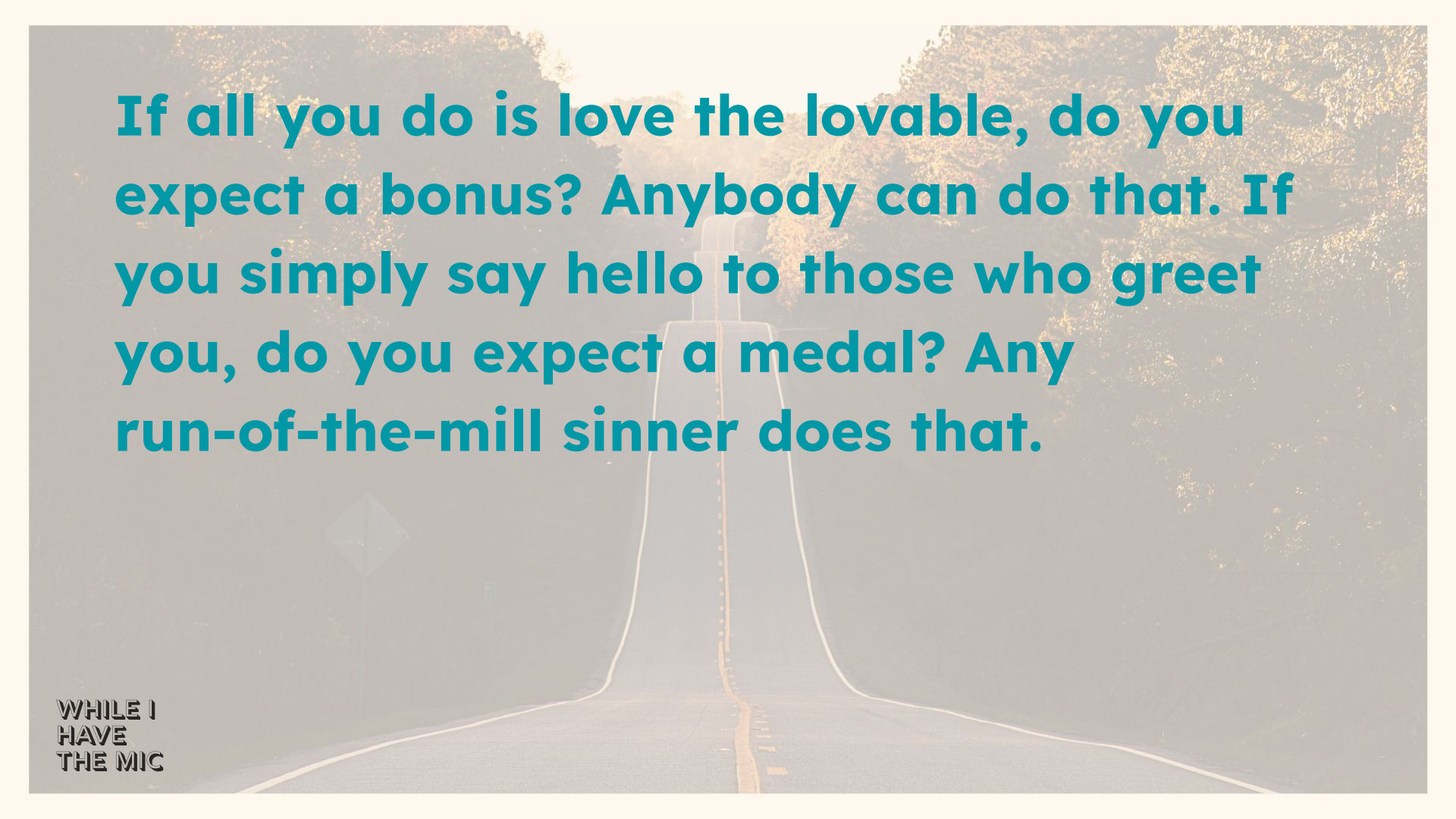
Matthew 5:43-48 The Message

43-47 “You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst.

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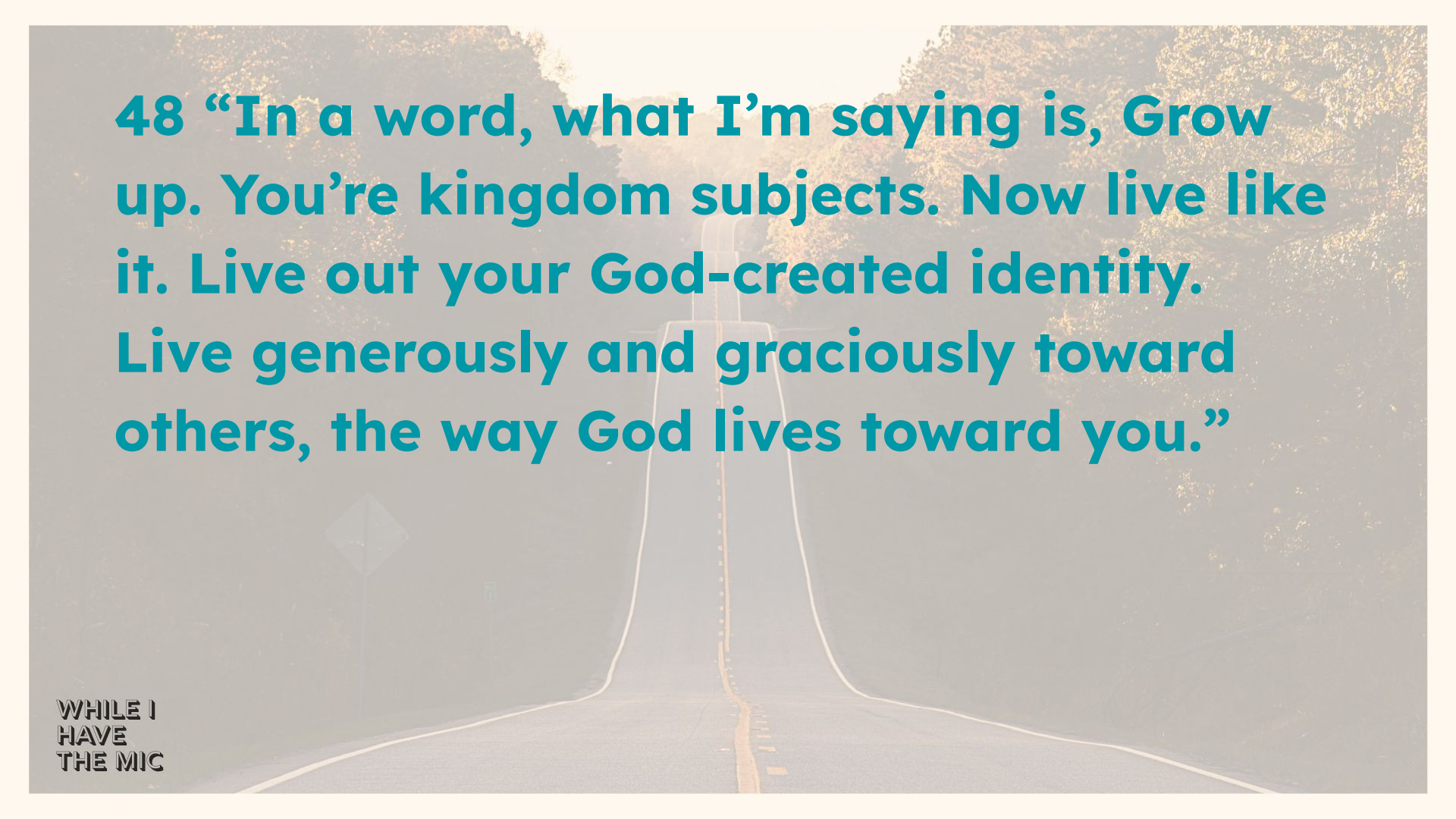
**When someone gives you a hard time,
respond with the supple moves of prayer,
for then you are working out of your true
selves, your God-created selves. This is
what God does. He gives his best—the sun
to warm and the rain to nourish—to
everyone, regardless: the good and bad,
the nice and nasty.**

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If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.

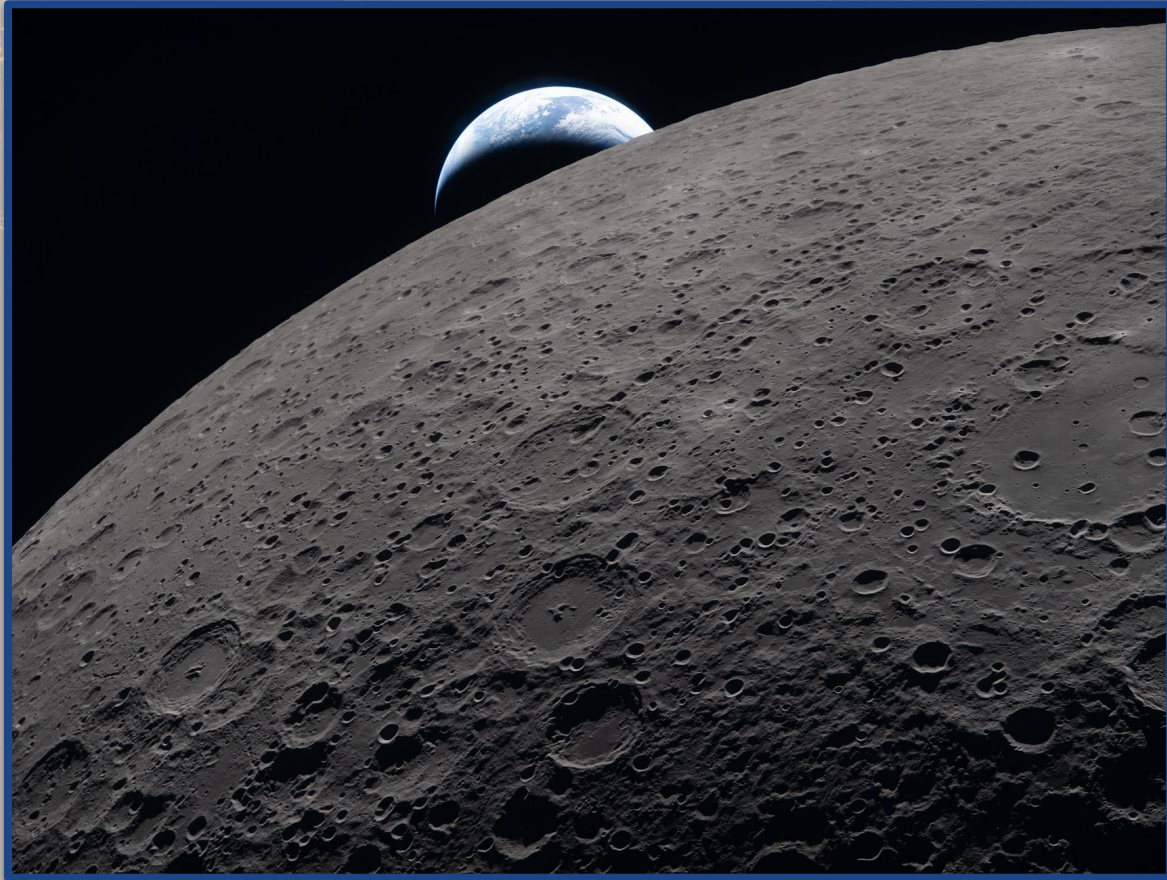
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A photograph of a paved road stretching into the distance, flanked by dense trees. The road has a yellow dashed center line and white edge lines. On the left side of the road, there is a diamond-shaped road sign. The background is slightly hazy, suggesting a bright day. The text is overlaid in a bold, teal color.

48 “In a word, what I’m saying is, Grow up. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

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