JULY SERMON SERIES





LUKE 19:10

FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK
AND TO SAVE THE LOST.





EACH ONE REACH ONE:

1. Identify
2. Intercede
3. Invest
4. Invite





LESSON 3

Investing in People





I THESSALONIANS 2:7-11

But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherishes her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because you were dear unto us.





I THESSALONIANS 2:7-11

For you remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.





I THESSALONIANS 2:7-11

You are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children.





I THESSALONIANS 2:8

We were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls.





FIVE WAYS TO INVEST IN PEOPLE:





1. WE INVEST IN PEOPLE BY SHOWING EMPATHY.





Empathy is the ability to understand and appreciate another person's feelings and experiences.





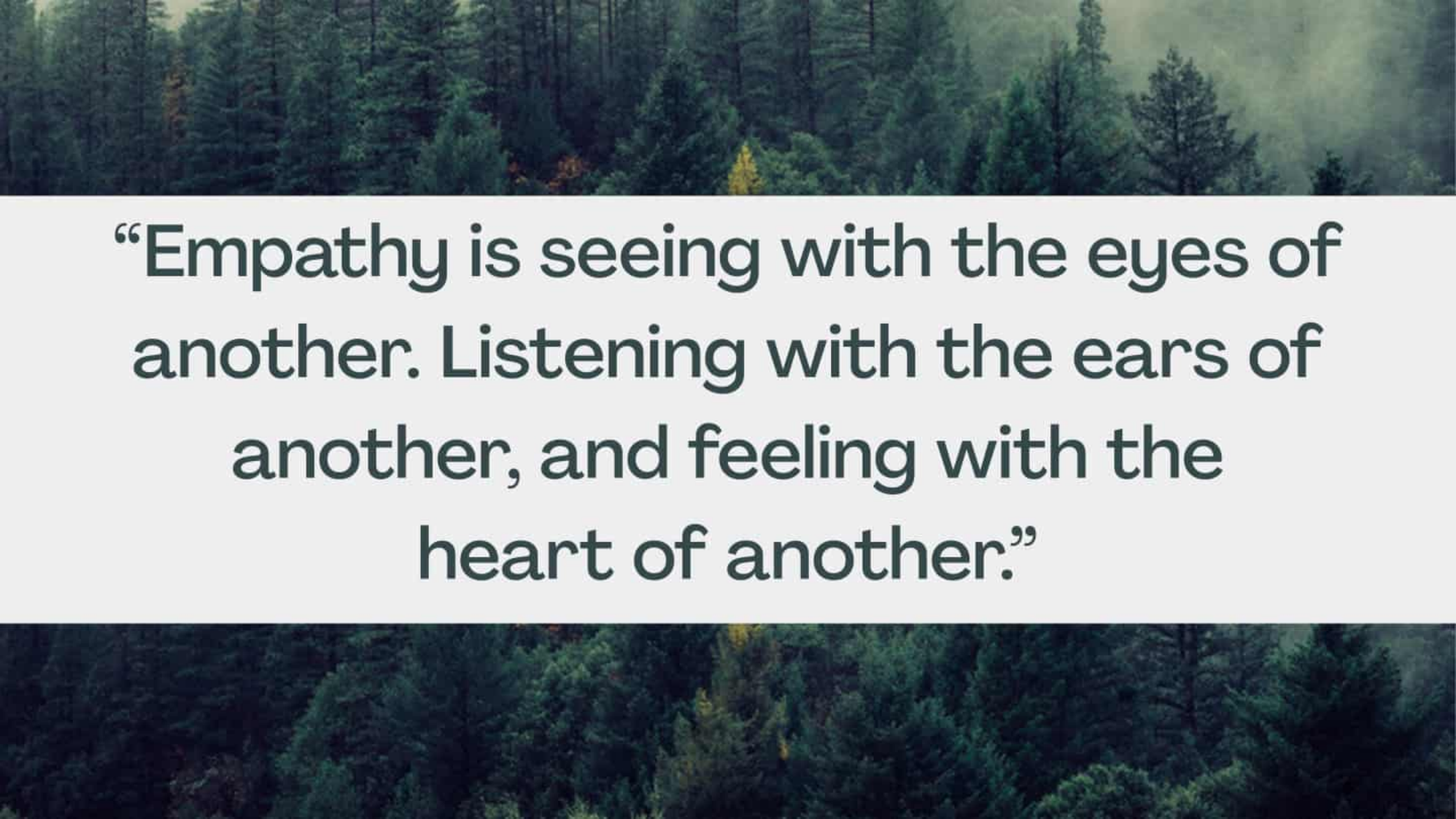
Gentle

Cherish

Affectionate

Dear




“Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another. Listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another.”



2. WE INVEST IN PEOPLE THROUGH EVANGELISM.





“Many people love evangelism as long as someone else is doing it.”





1 THESSALONIANS 2:9

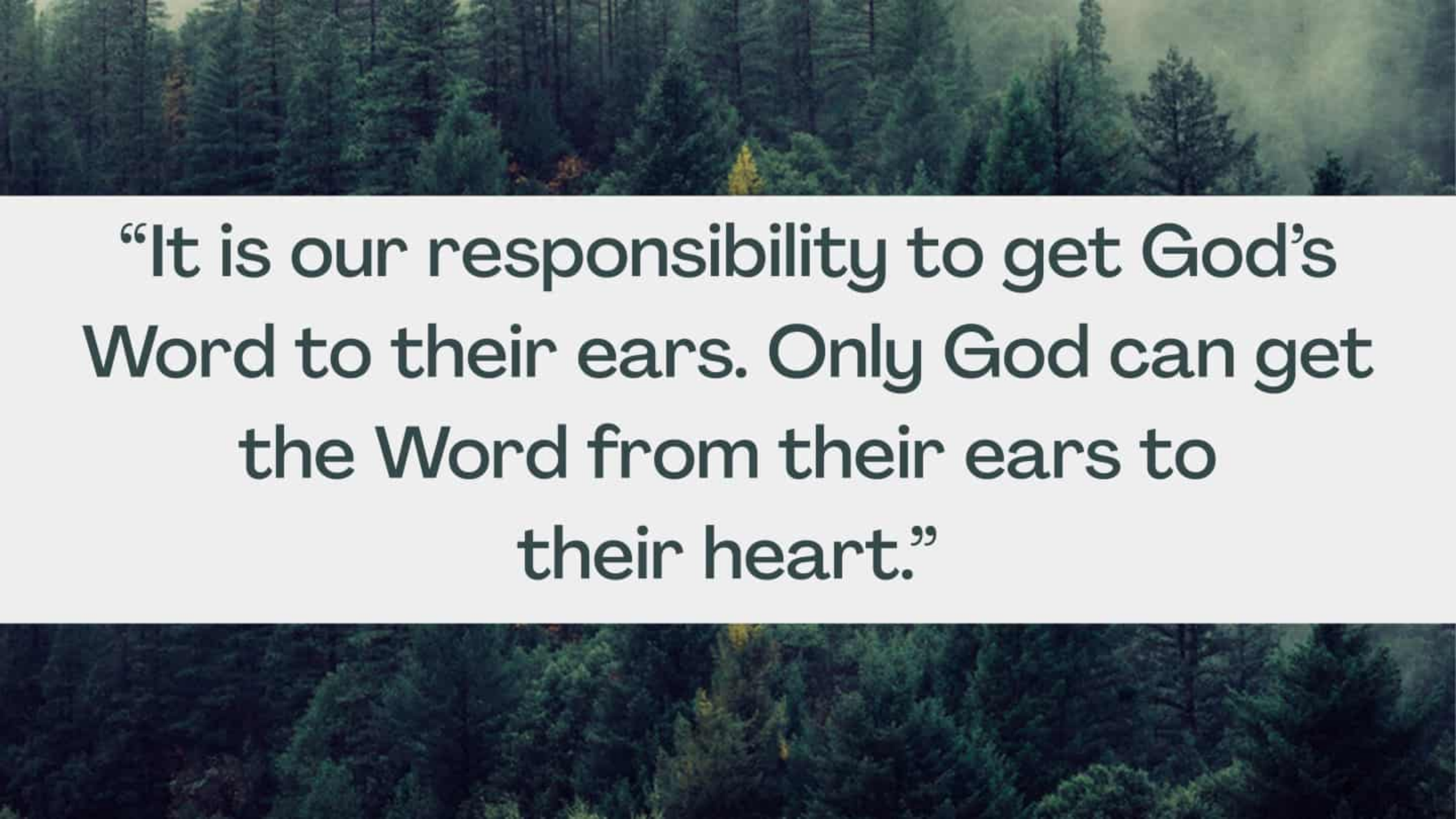
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Labor
Travail




“It is our responsibility to get God’s Word to their ears. Only God can get the Word from their ears to their heart.”



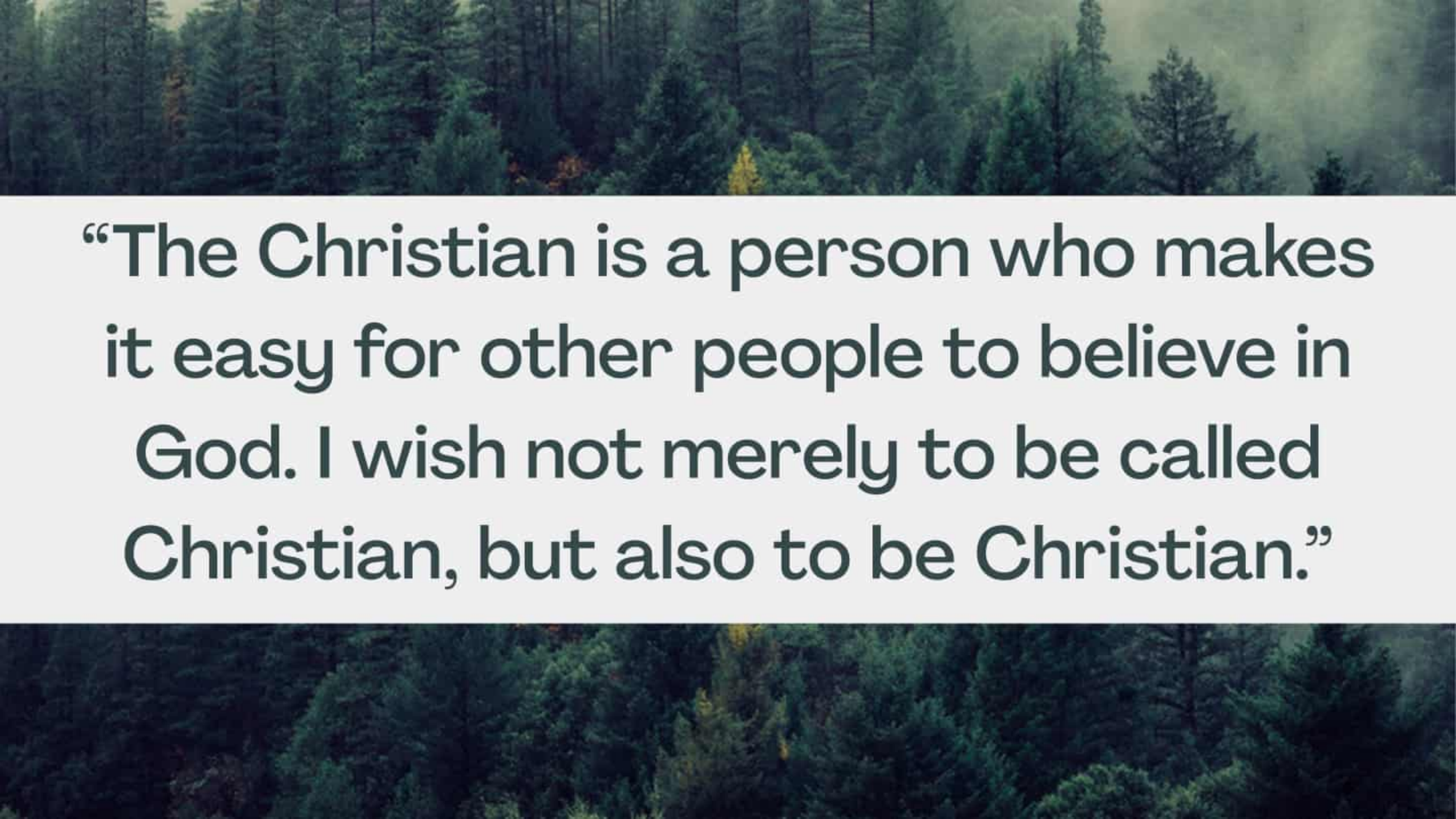
3. WE INVEST IN PEOPLE THROUGH OUR EXAMPLE.





"I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."




“The Christian is a person who makes it easy for other people to believe in God. I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian.”



1 THESSALONIANS 2:10

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Holily

Justly

Unblameably





"The greatest way to witness is through the life you live. Let the radiance of your Christian life be such that it will make others ask questions about your faith."





4. WE INVEST IN PEOPLE BY GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT.





1 THESSALONIANS 2:11

As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children.





“Nothing else can quite substitute for a few well-chosen, well-timed, sincere words of praise. They are absolutely free and worth a fortune.”





Exhorted

Comforted

Charged





5. WE INVEST IN PEOPLE BY “EASING UP.”





THE MYTH OF URGENCY:

"The enemy pushes at the pace of chaos, while God typically moves at the pace of grace."





OUR PACE OF LIFE OFTEN BECOMES SO FAST THAT WE SPEED PAST MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES.





GOD'S PACE IS WALKING.

