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# LIKE A TREE

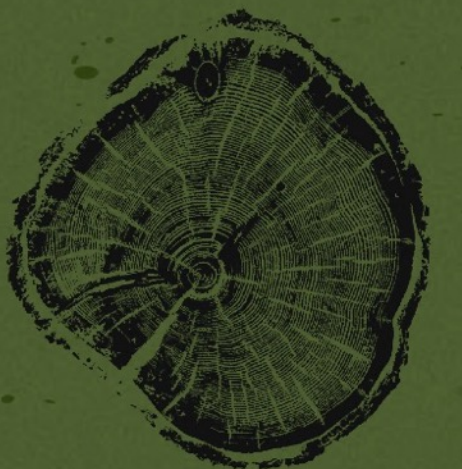
PSALM 1

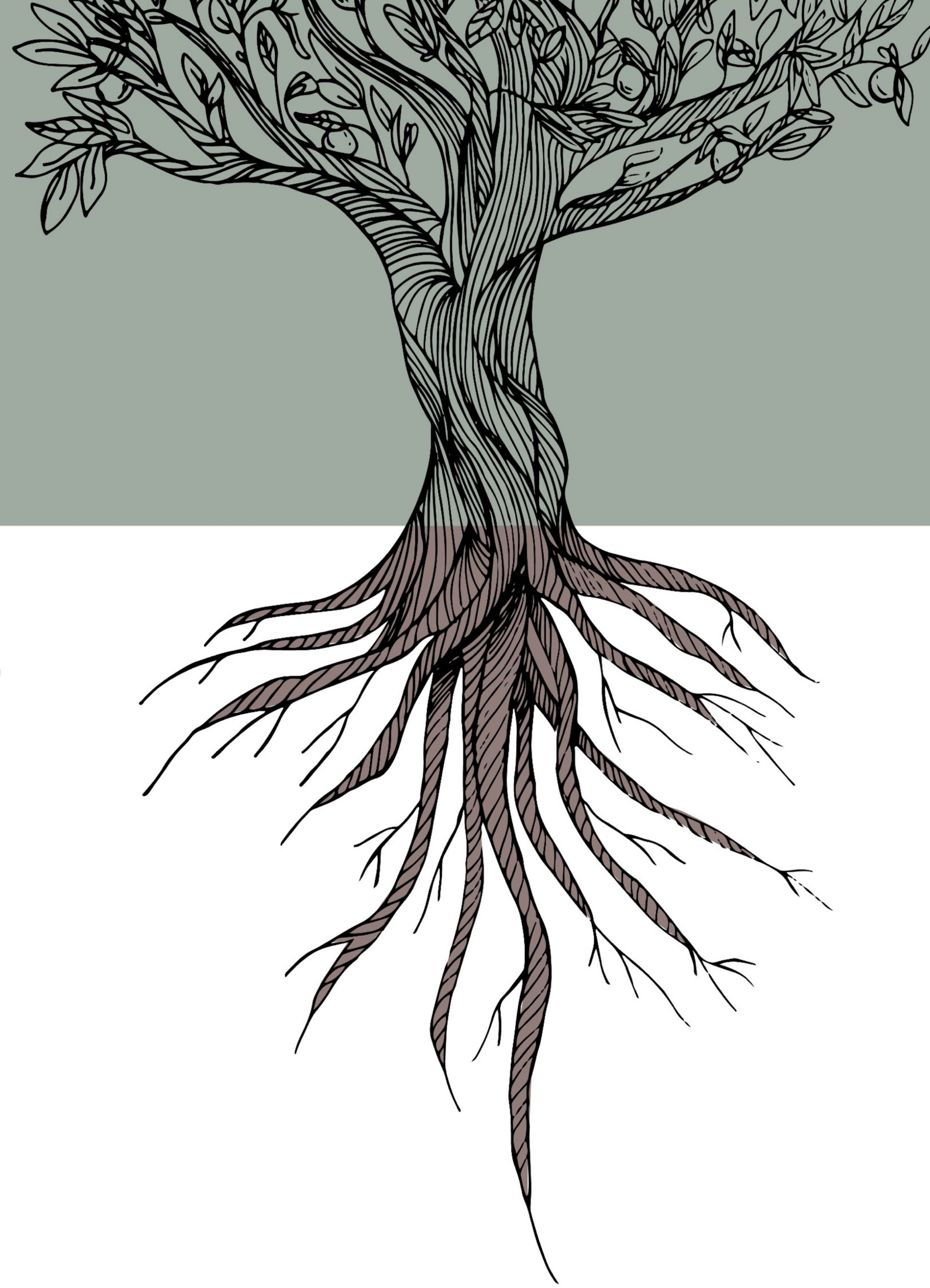
*publicly fruitful*



Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. **He is like a tree** planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3 (ESV)





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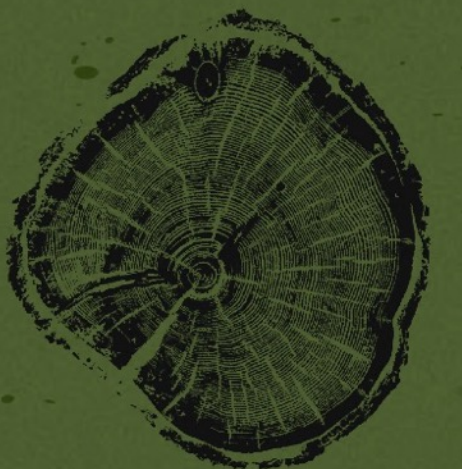
**Fuel**

Guide

Grow

# Jesus teaches us about fuel:

1. There is more that feeds than physical food.
2. What fueled Him should be what fuels us!



<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup>But Jesus replied, “I have a kind of food you know nothing about.” <sup>33</sup>“Did someone bring him food while we were gone?” the disciples asked each other. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. <sup>35</sup>You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

John 4:31-38 (NLT)



<sup>36</sup> The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!

<sup>37</sup> You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest."

John 4:31-38 (NLT)





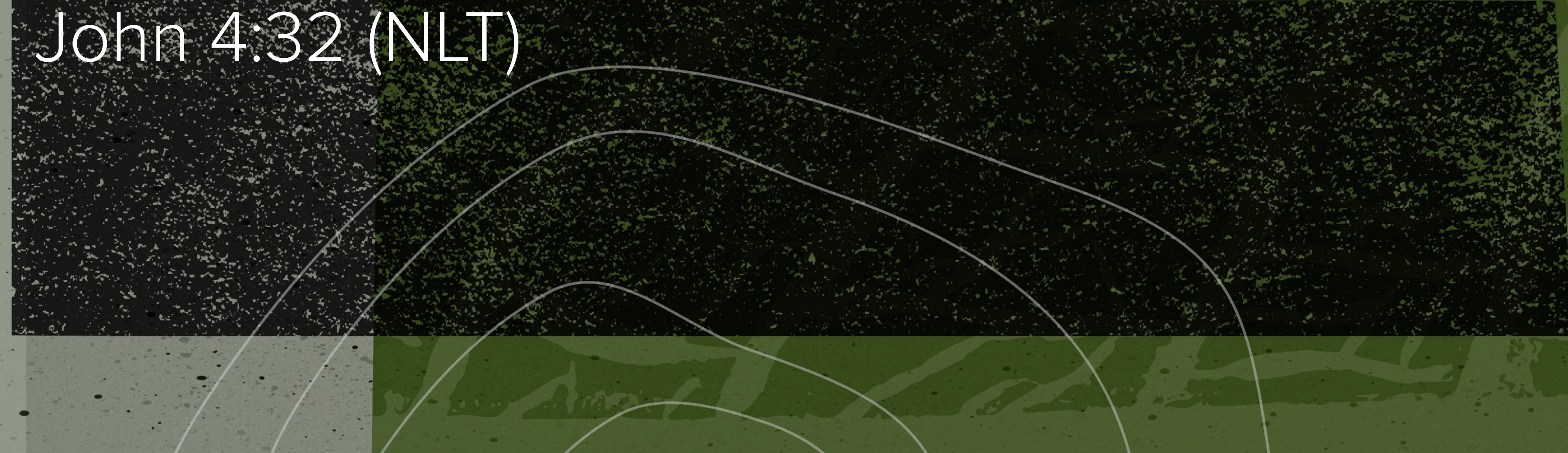
YOUR FUEL



## Our Fuel Should be the Will of God

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John 4:32 (NLT)

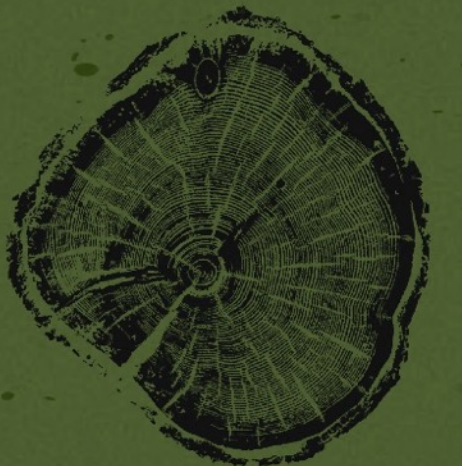




# Our Fuel Should be the Will of God

He is the one who can tell us the reason for our existence, our place in the scheme of things, our real identity. It is an identity we can't discover for ourselves, that others can't discover in us - the mystery of who we really are.

- Emilie Griffin, *Clinging: The Experience of Prayer*





# **Our Fuel Should be the Will of God**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God.

Romans 1:1 (ESV)

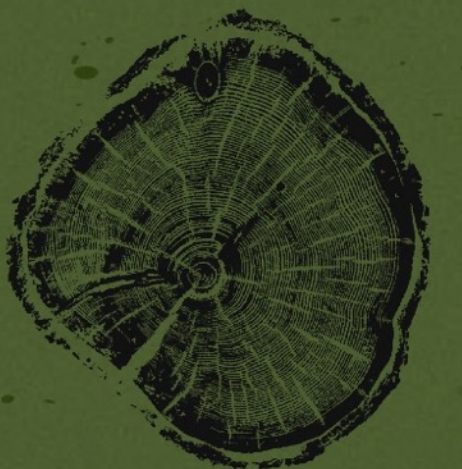




## **Our Fuel Should be the Will of God**

“To think humbly of myself, and with great charity of all others. To think often of the life of Christ, and propose it as a pattern to myself.”

- William Law's Mission Statement

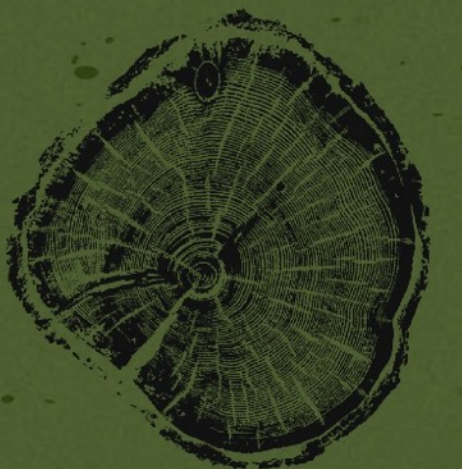




# The Will of God Will Fuel Our Days

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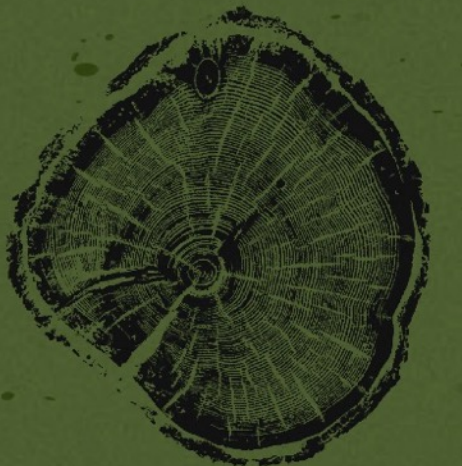


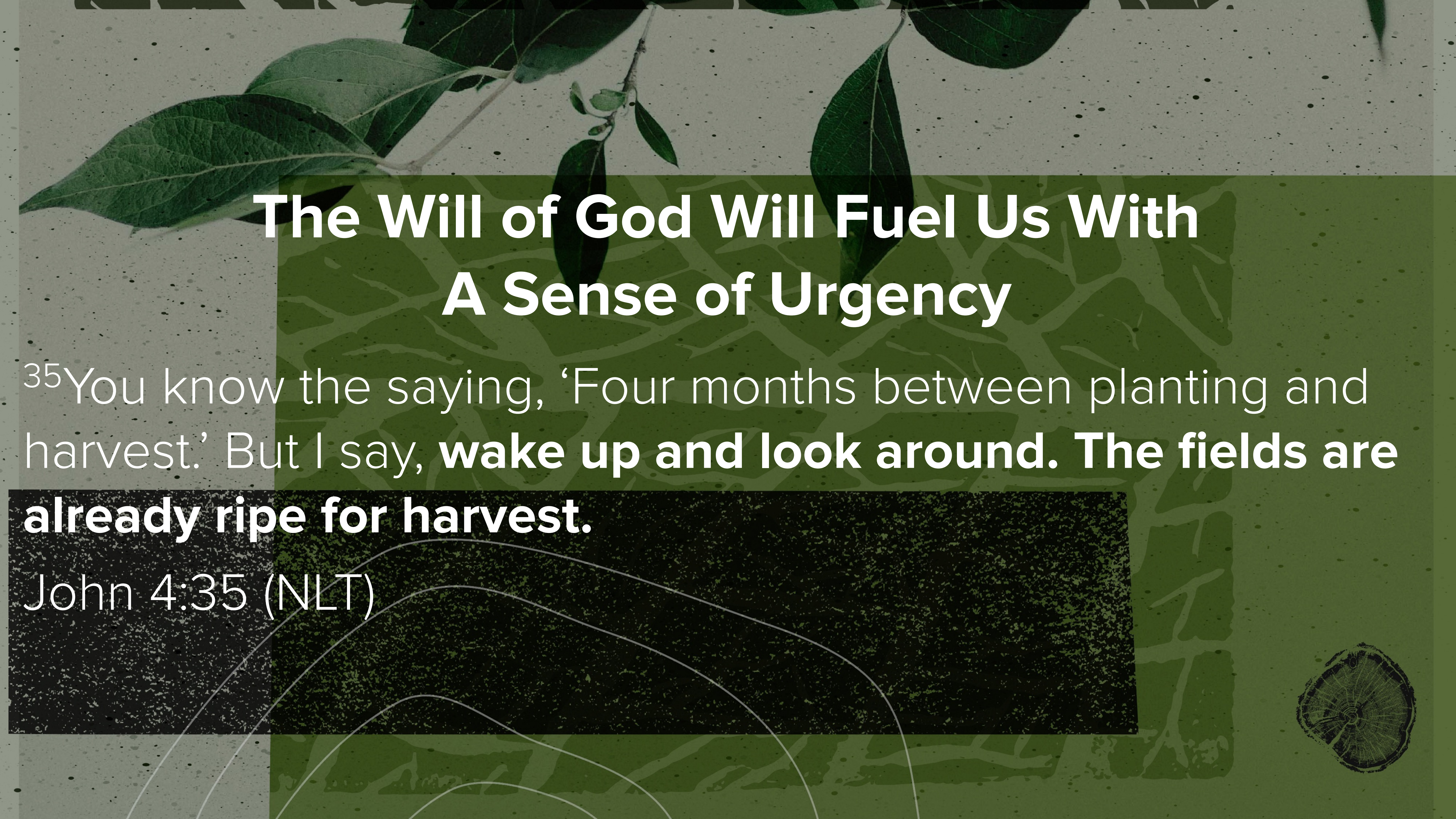
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# The Will of God Will Fuel Our Days

“I apply the rules of econometrics a few times a year but I apply the knowledge of the purpose of my life everyday. It is the single most useful thing I’ve ever learned.”

- Clay Christensen, *Harvard Business School Professor*




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# The Will of God Will Fuel Us With A Sense of Urgency

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John 4:35 (NLT)

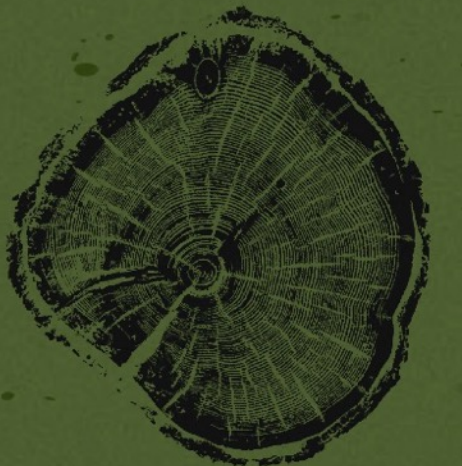




# The Will of God Will Fuel Us With A Sense of Urgency

The will of God will help you not be a time-waster with:

- Your Heart
- Your Gifts
- Your Calling





# The Will of God Brings Us Great Joy

<sup>36</sup>The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. **What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!**

John 4:36 (NLT)

