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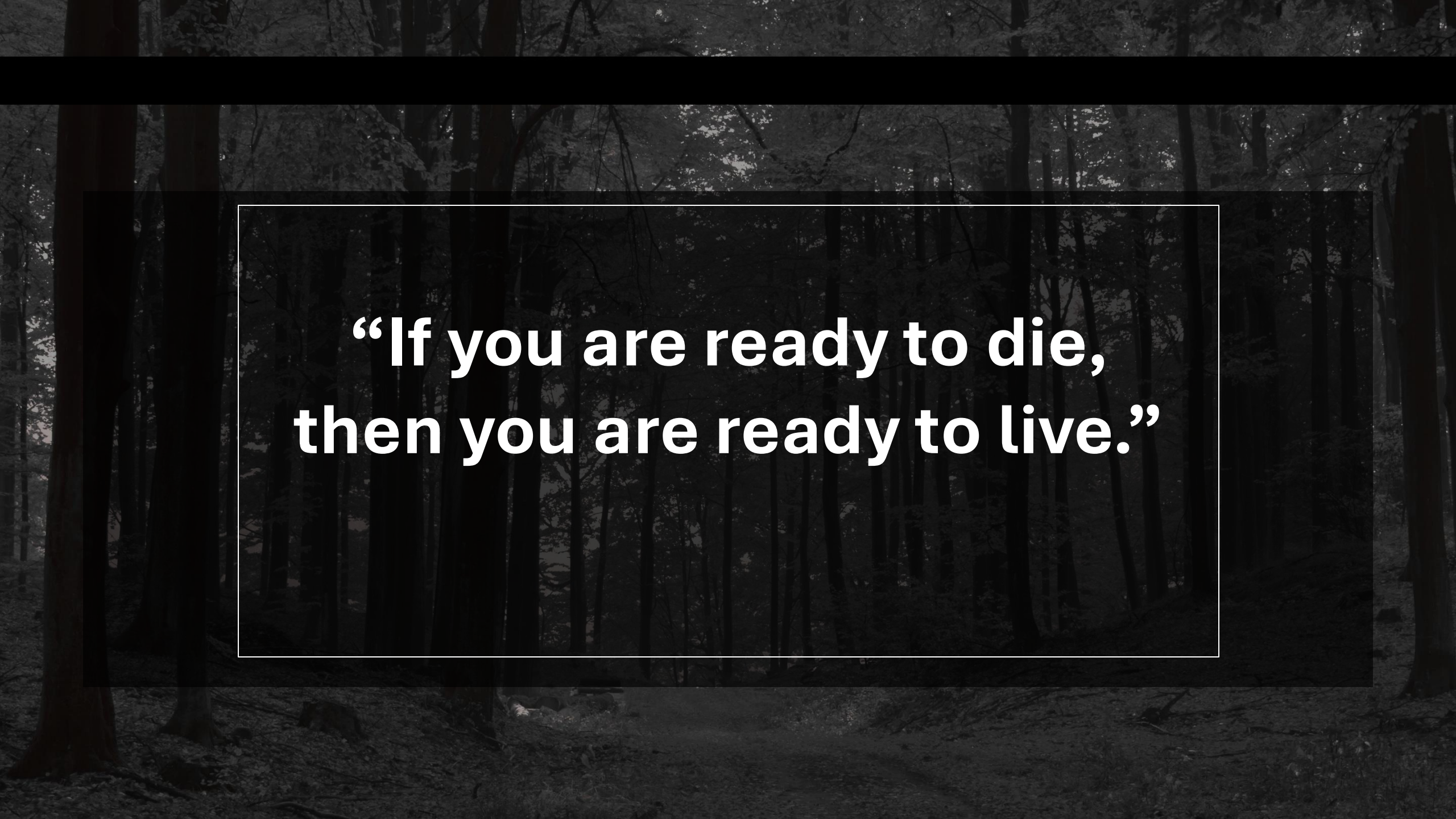
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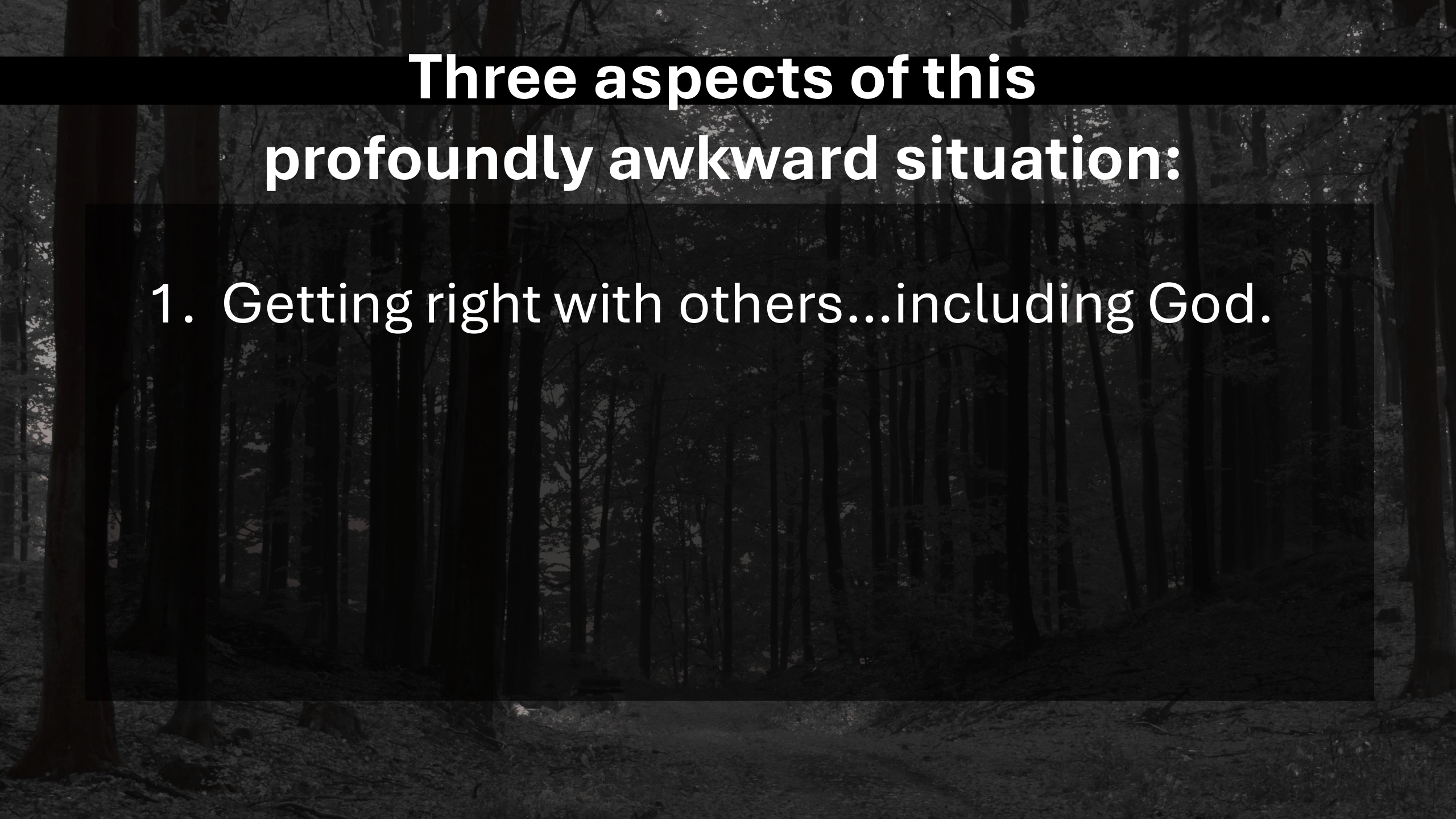
Dream as if you'll live forever.
Live as if you'll die **today**.

– *James Dean*



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v.14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

If possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

Romans 12:18

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We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,...

Be at peace among yourselves.

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

I Thessalonians 5:12-13

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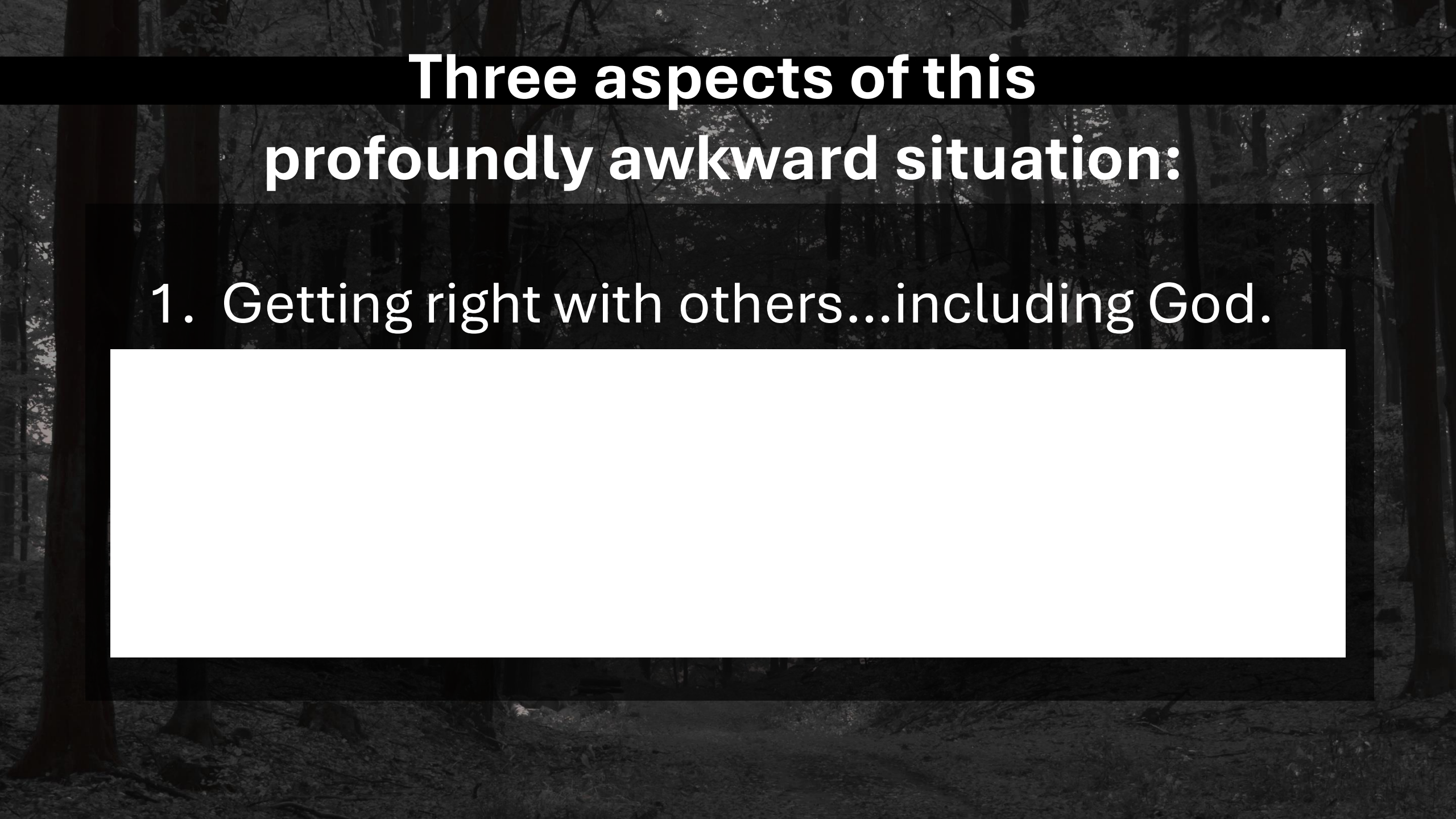
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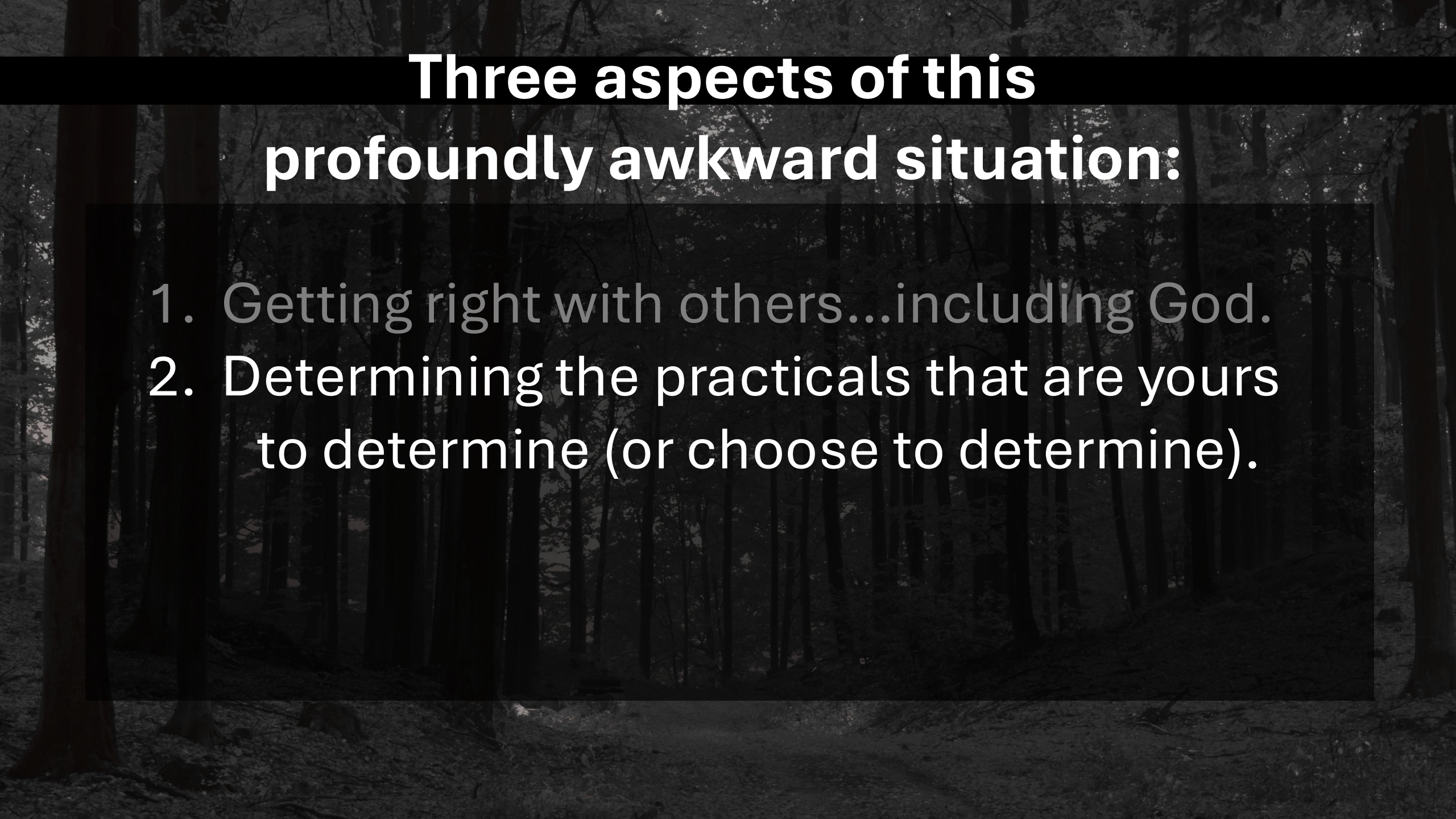
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- Name guardians of minor children
- Arrange for pets
- Communicate Wishes...
end of life limits and boundaries;
funeral details: cremation or burial and
their costs, organ and tissue donation,
important papers in a safe place.

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- 11 states here in the US as well as Washington D.C. have legalized PAD:
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- They are terminal ill (i.e. likely to die in 6 months) or incurable illness or disability
- They are of sound mind,
- They voluntarily and repeatedly express their wish to die,
- They take the specified, lethal dose by their own hand.

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I Thessalonians 4:13 – We are not without hope

- ¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers,
about those who are asleep,
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those
who have fallen asleep.

Psalm 139:16 – God sovereignly knows your days

- ¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.^l
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ **Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.**

John 14:1-3 – God is making a place for us

- 1 “Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many rooms.
If it were not so, would I have told you that
I go to prepare a place for you?
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also.

Romans 6:5 – We will be united with Jesus

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,
we shall certainly be **united with Him** in a resurrection
like His.

I Corinthians 15:42-44 – We will have glorified bodies

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a **spiritual body**.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Isaiah 25:8-9 – Death will no longer be around

- 8 He will swallow up death forever;**
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all
the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
- 9** It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him,
that He might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Philippians 3:20-21 – We will finally be home

20 But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious
body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all
things to Himself.

So...therefore...what now?

Craft a question,
or a statement, or an observation about death...
that is something you wonder about,
struggled with,
scared of,
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that this week you could talk about
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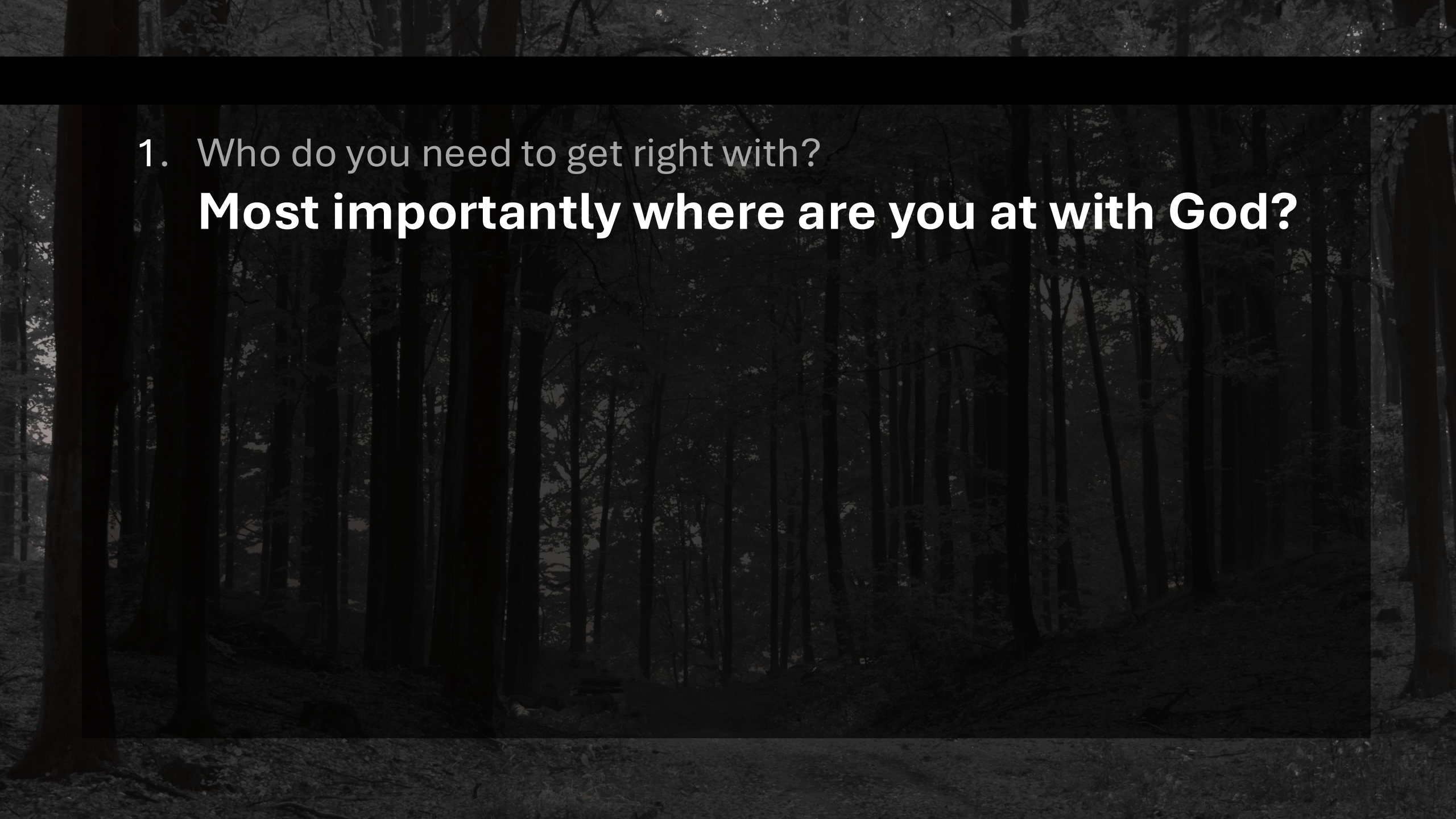
**So many of you have written since I first shared
the news of Mick's cancer. I want you to know that
he read each note and expression of love
until he couldn't any longer.
Then I read them to him.
You have given him (and me) a gift beyond expression.
Thank you so very much!**

**I will update you and share more details in the future
but I wanted you to hear of his homegoing from me.**

**With a broken, yet thankful heart that he didn't suffer long,
Rolane**

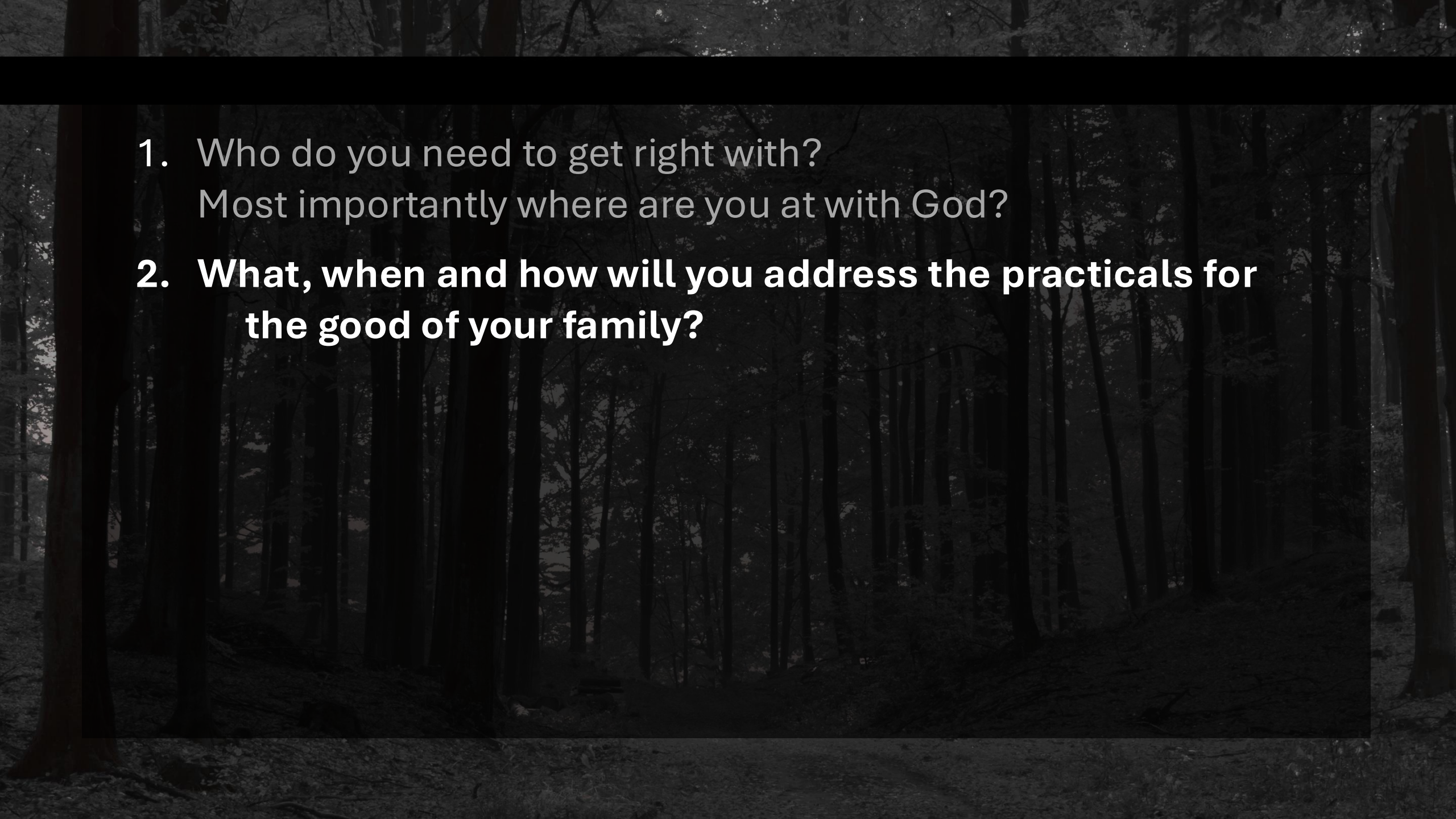


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Family Love Letter

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**In the face of death, God provides hope.
Our days have sovereignly been numbered by God.
He has prepared a place for His people.
There is a unification site to be with Christ.
We will have a new and glorified body.
There will be no death, decay or tears in His presence.
We will finally be home.**

Jesus'
“death and dying”
is what gives us
“life and living”.

