
The True Gospel Defined
Galatians 2:15-21
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Outline of Galatians

I. The True gospel defended (1:1-2:21)

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c) The revelation and affirmation of the true gospel (1:10-2:10)

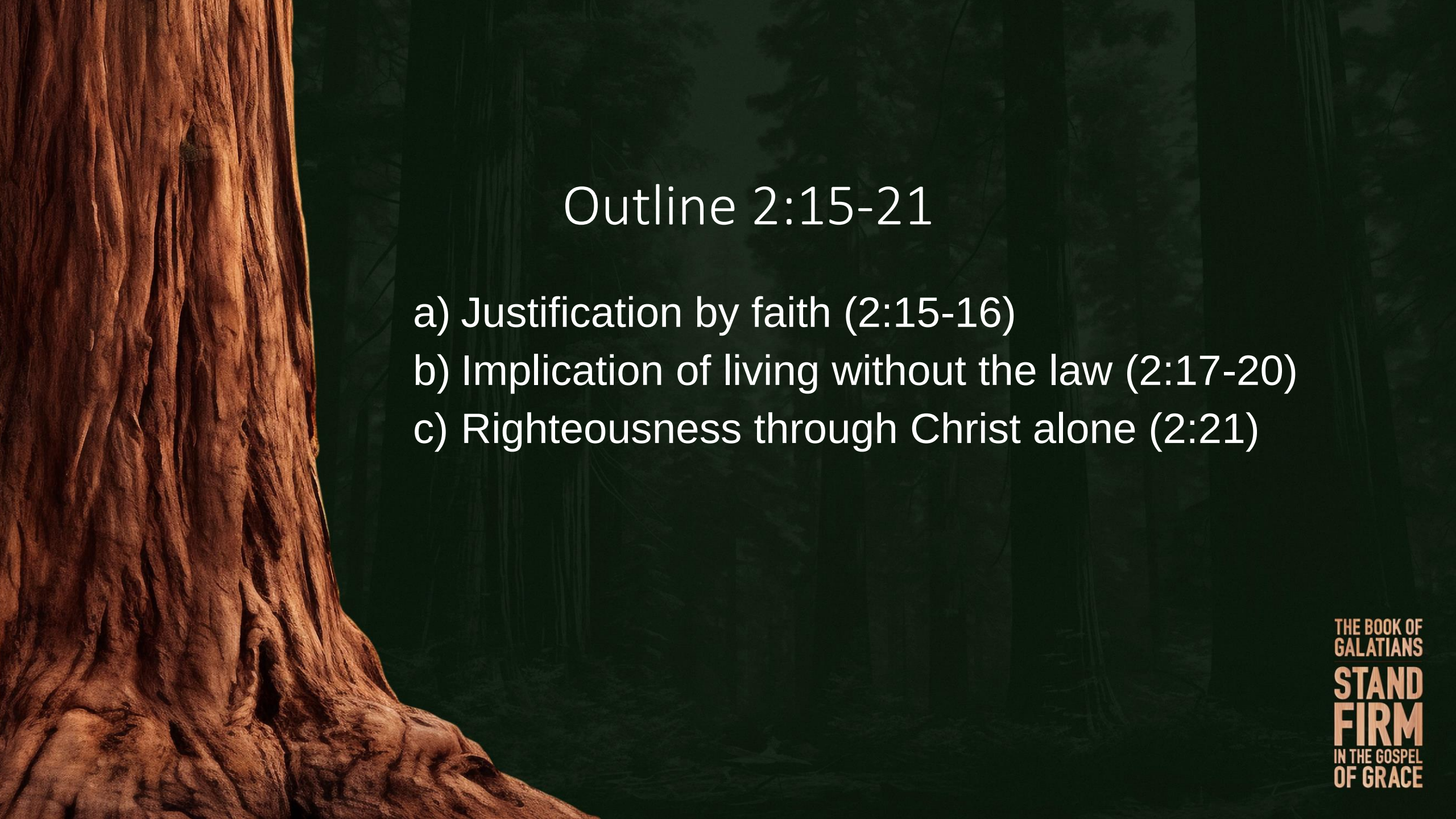
d) The hypocrisy of Peter (2:11-2:14)

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Justification by faith

- Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed
  - Romans 3:24

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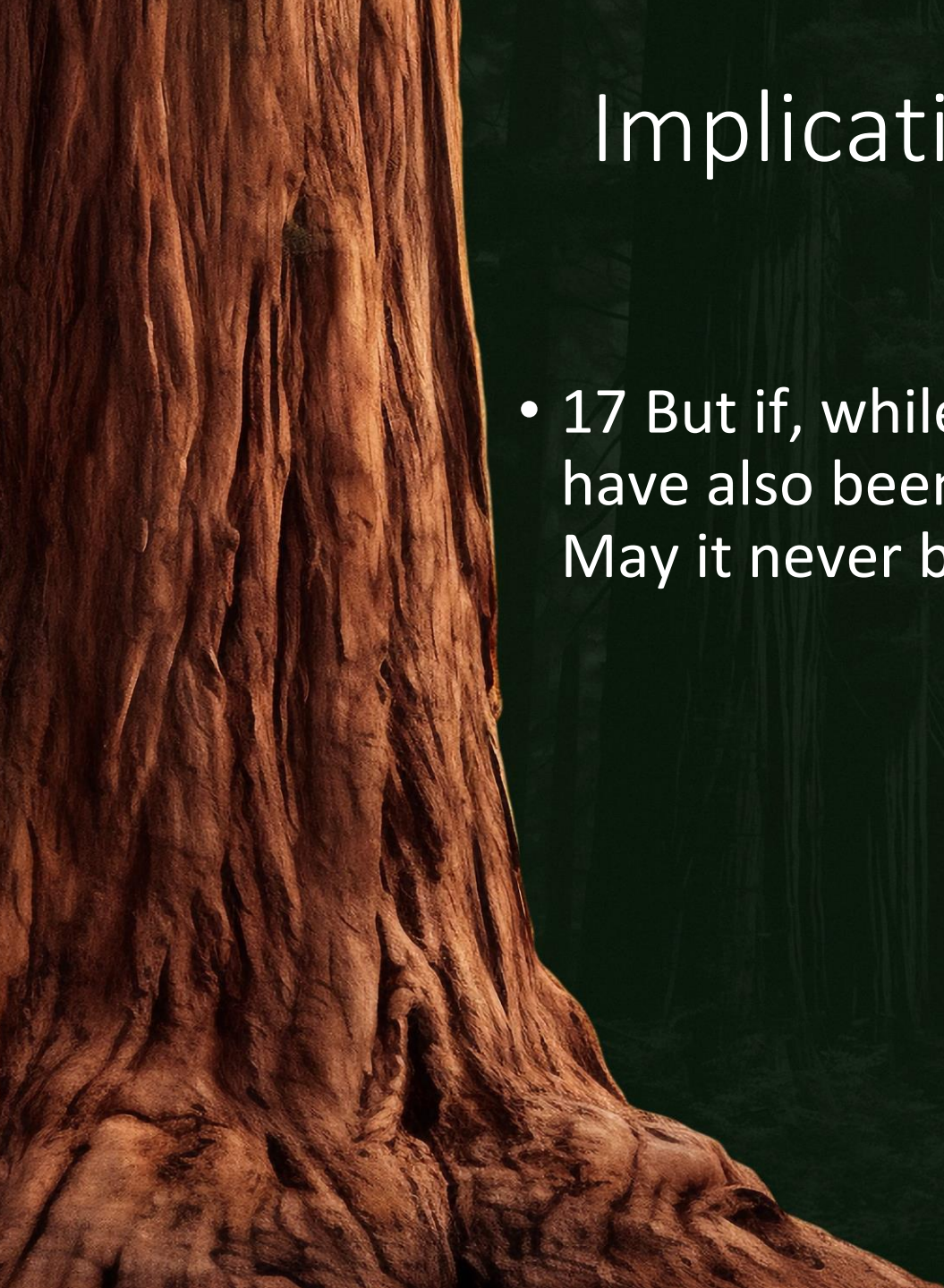
Implication of living without the law

- Living without the law is not an encouragement to sin (V17)
- If you try to go back to the law, you are a lawbreaker (V18)
- I once lived to the law, now I live to God (V19)
- Christ lives in me (V20)

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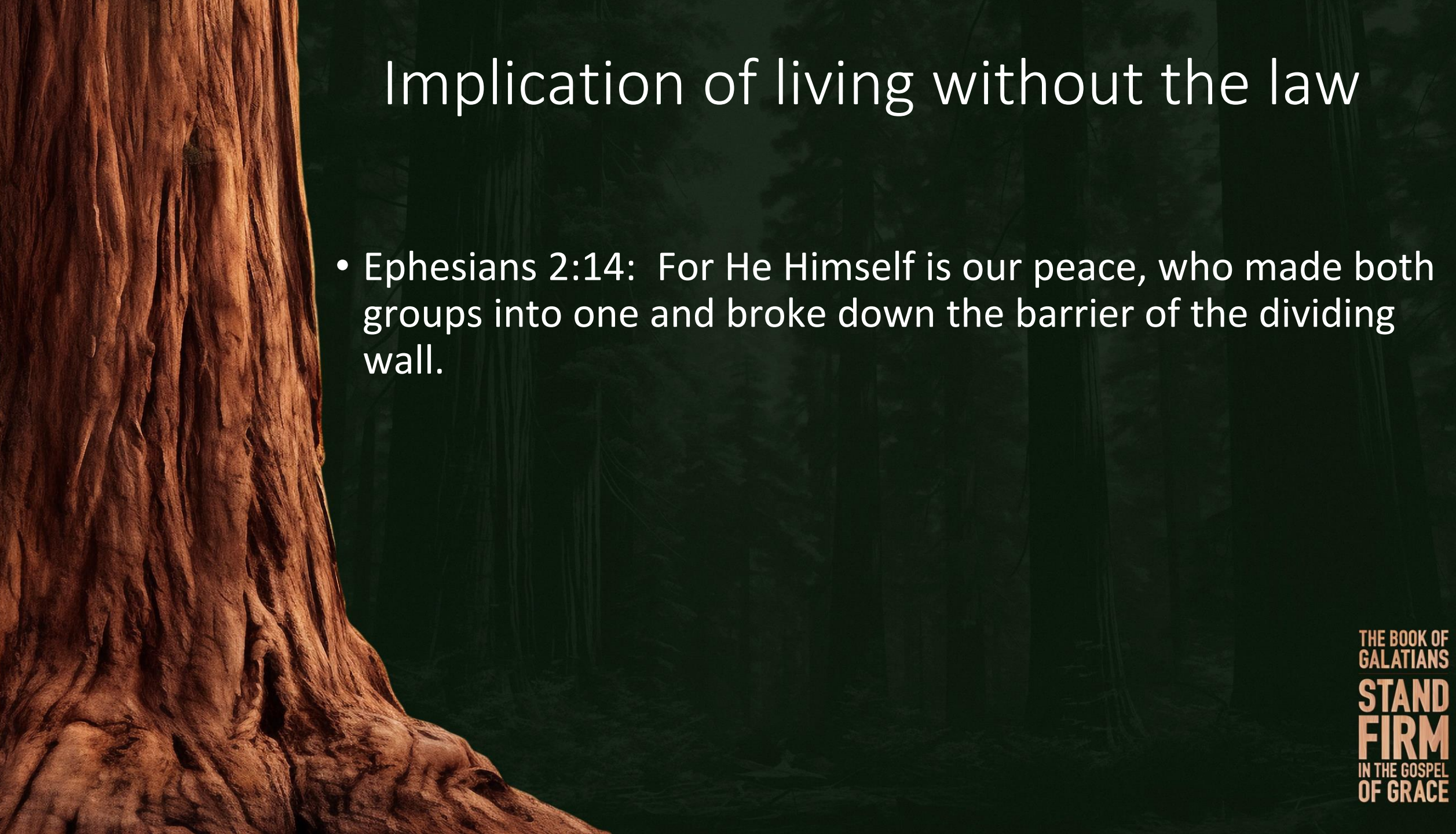
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- Matthew 5:17: “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill”.

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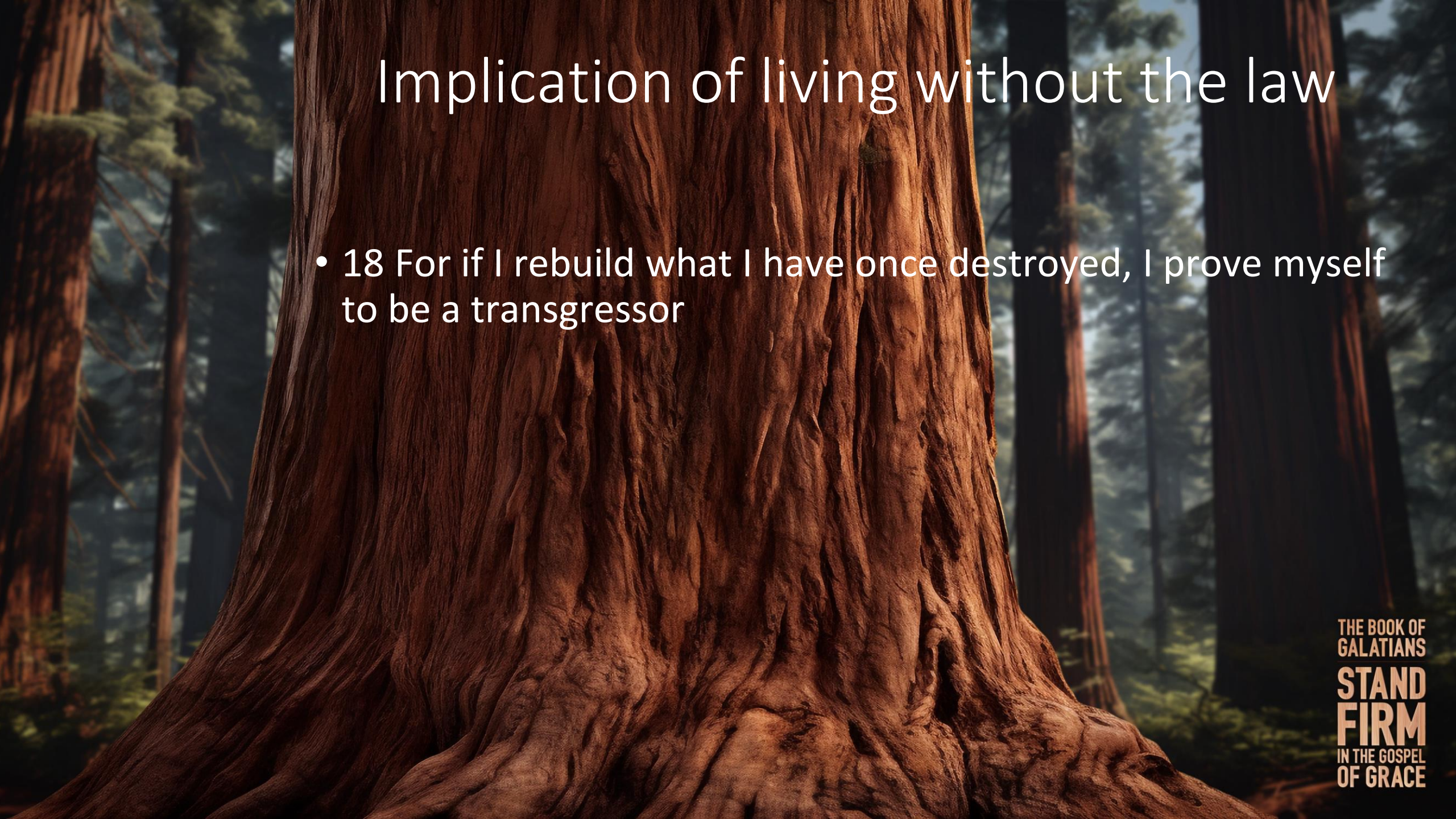
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- Ephesians 2:14: For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.



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- Romans 7:4: “Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another”

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- Phil 3:10: That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death

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- John 10:10b: I came that they may have life and have it abundantly

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