

The background is a dense tropical forest with various trees and foliage, including several banana plants with long leaves. A prominent tree trunk is visible in the center-left. The ground in the foreground is covered with fallen leaves and branches.

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LIFE TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE



# Shared Authority: Under God's Word

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## Mark 3:20-21, 31-35 (ESV)

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.<sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”... And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him.<sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him,

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## Mark 3:20-21, 31-35 (ESV)

32 “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” 33 And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

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The people of God thrive under  
the life-giving authority of the  
Word of God, for it is God  
speaking and God revealed.

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# Words

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“...God’s Word, working through God’s Spirit, is God’s primary instrument for growing God’s church. In fact, God’s Word is the most powerful force in the universe. God created the universe through His Word. He is recreating it through His Word. And He sustains all things by His Word.” -Jonathan Leeman

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# Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

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“Are we trusting God’s Word or  
embracing an alternate word?”

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# John 5:24 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

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## John 14:8-10 (ESV)

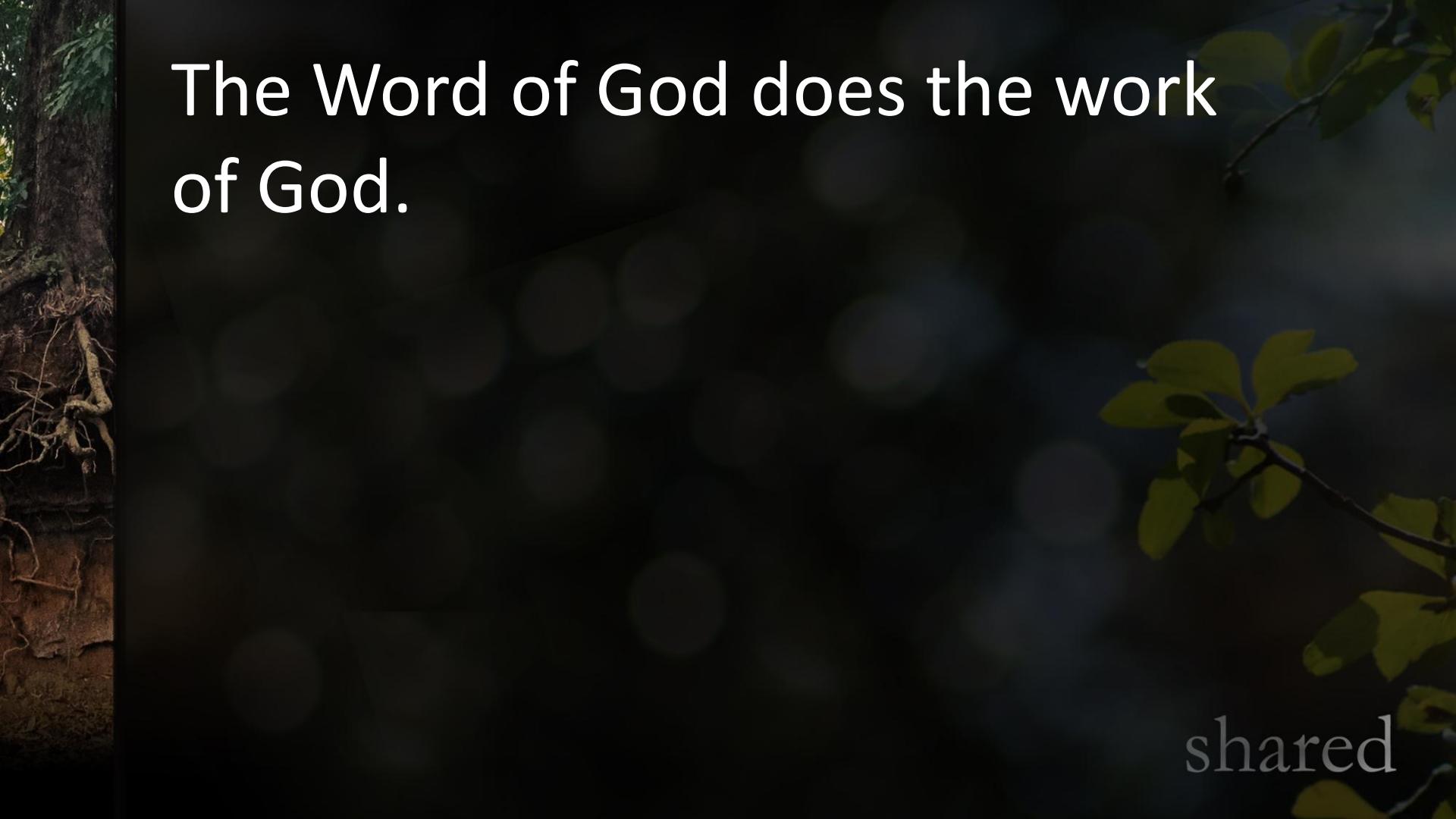
Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say

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# John 14:8-10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.”

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The Word of God does the work  
of God.

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## 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,

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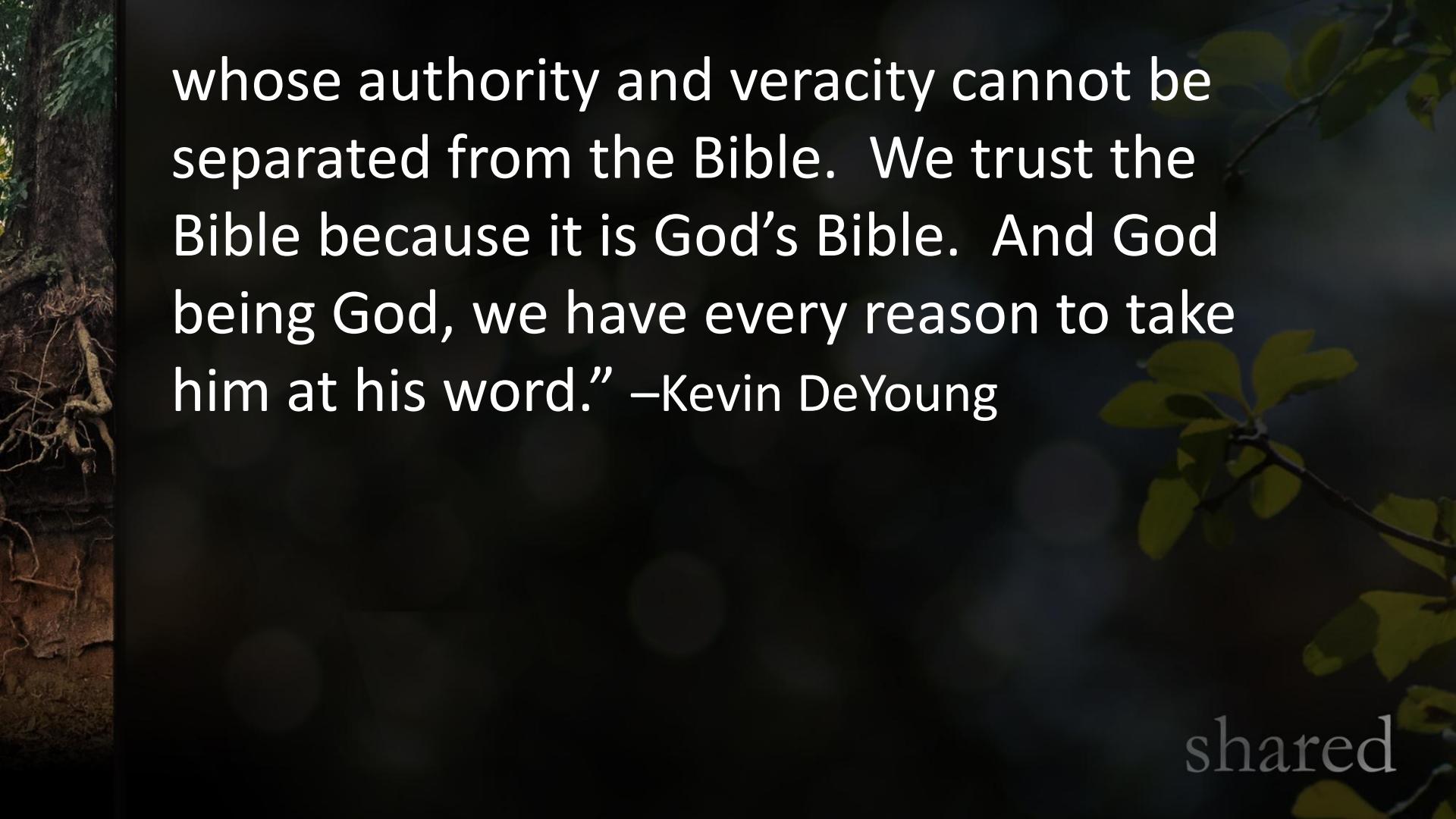
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<sup>16</sup> for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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“...let us not weaken in our commitment to our unbreakable Bible. Let us not wander from this divinely exhaled truth. Let us not waver in our delight and desire. God has spoken, and through that revelation he still speaks. Ultimately we can believe the Bible because we believe in the power and wisdom and goodness and truthfulness of the God

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whose authority and veracity cannot be separated from the Bible. We trust the Bible because it is God's Bible. And God being God, we have every reason to take him at his word.” –Kevin DeYoung

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Being people under the Word means...

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