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LIFE TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE



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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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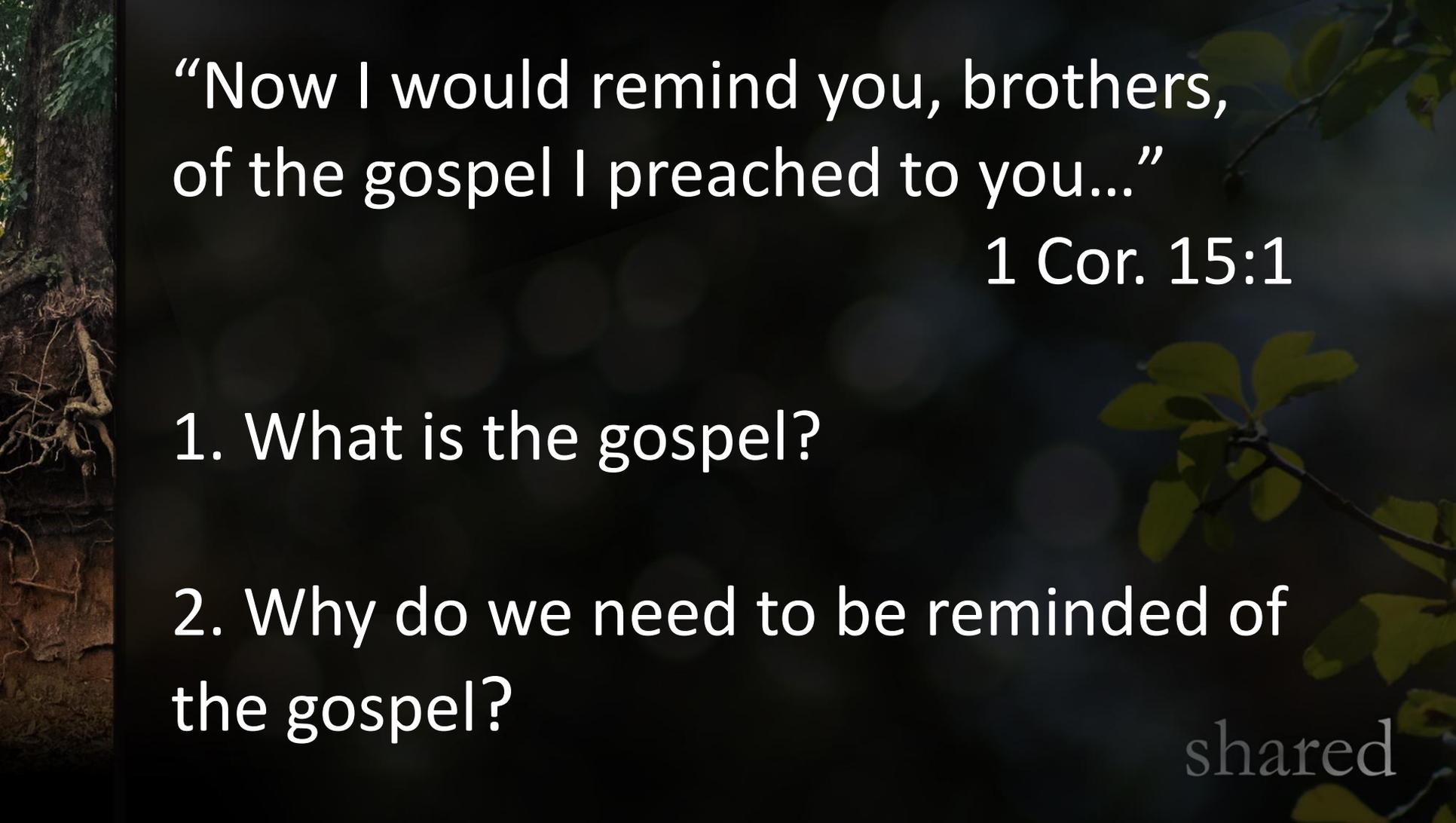
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On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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“Now I would remind you, brothers,
of the gospel I preached to you...”

1 Cor. 15:1

1. What is the gospel?

2. Why do we need to be reminded of
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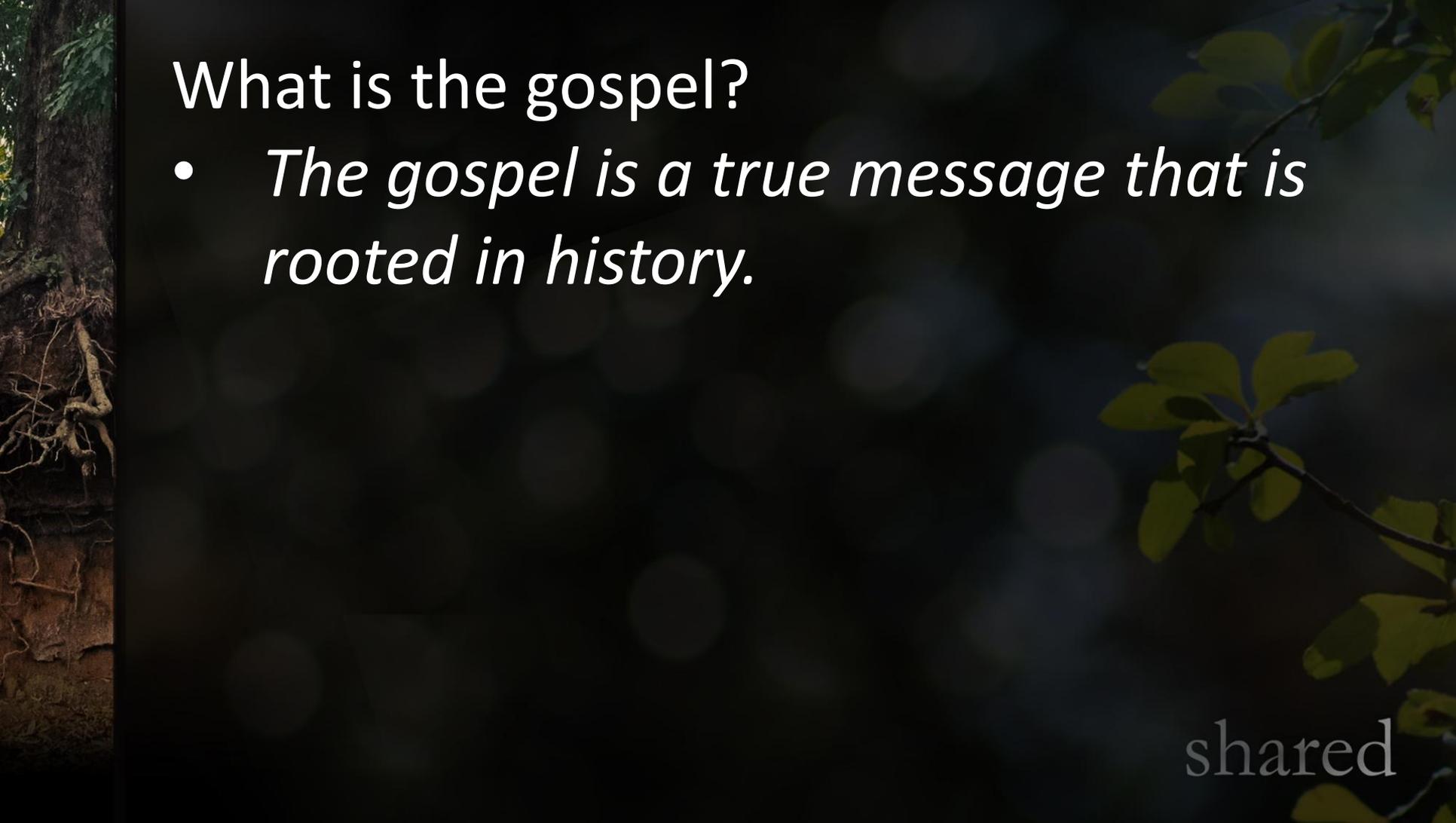
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- *The gospel is the good news about who Jesus is and what He has done.*

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1 Cor. 15:3b-4

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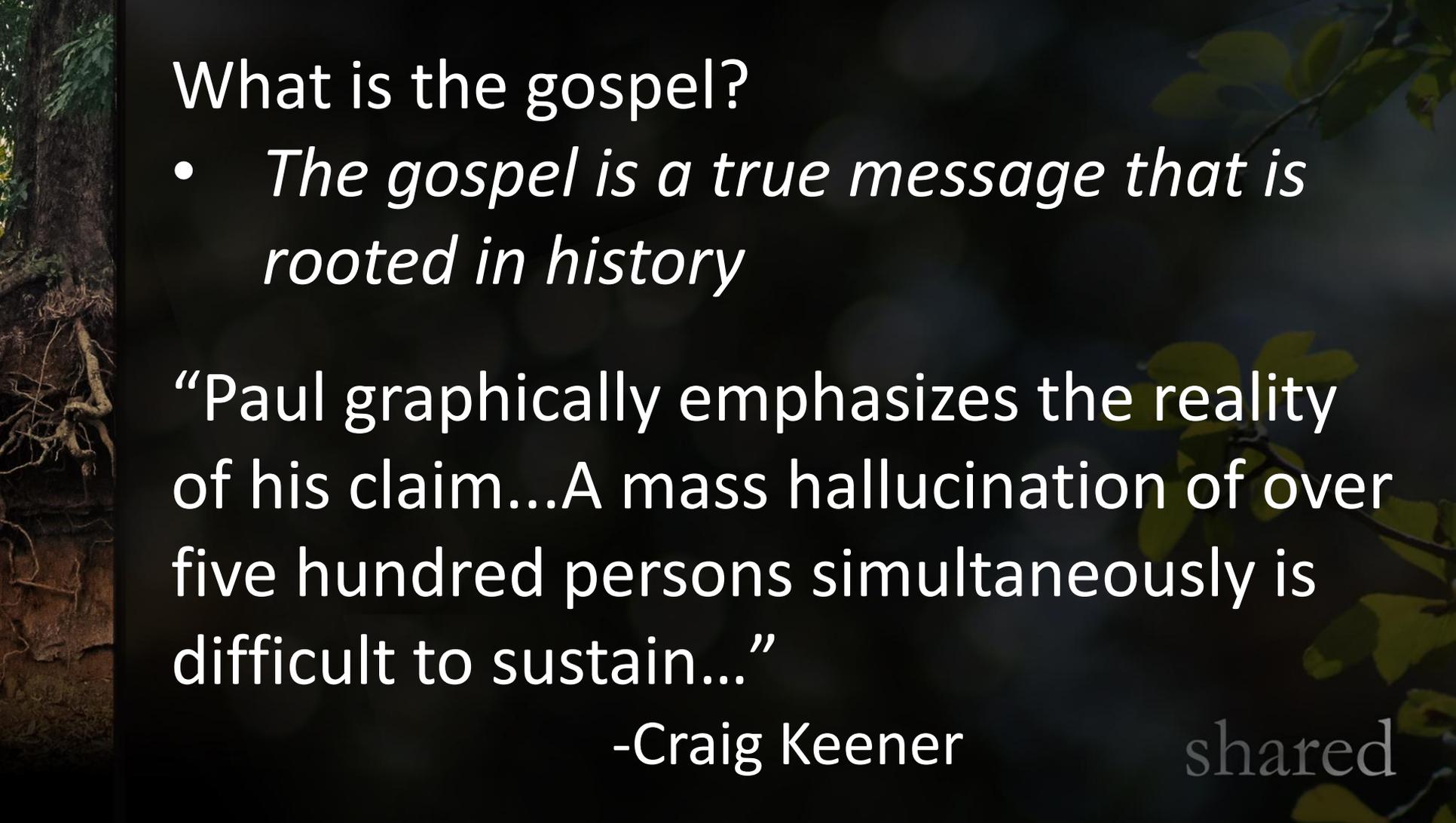
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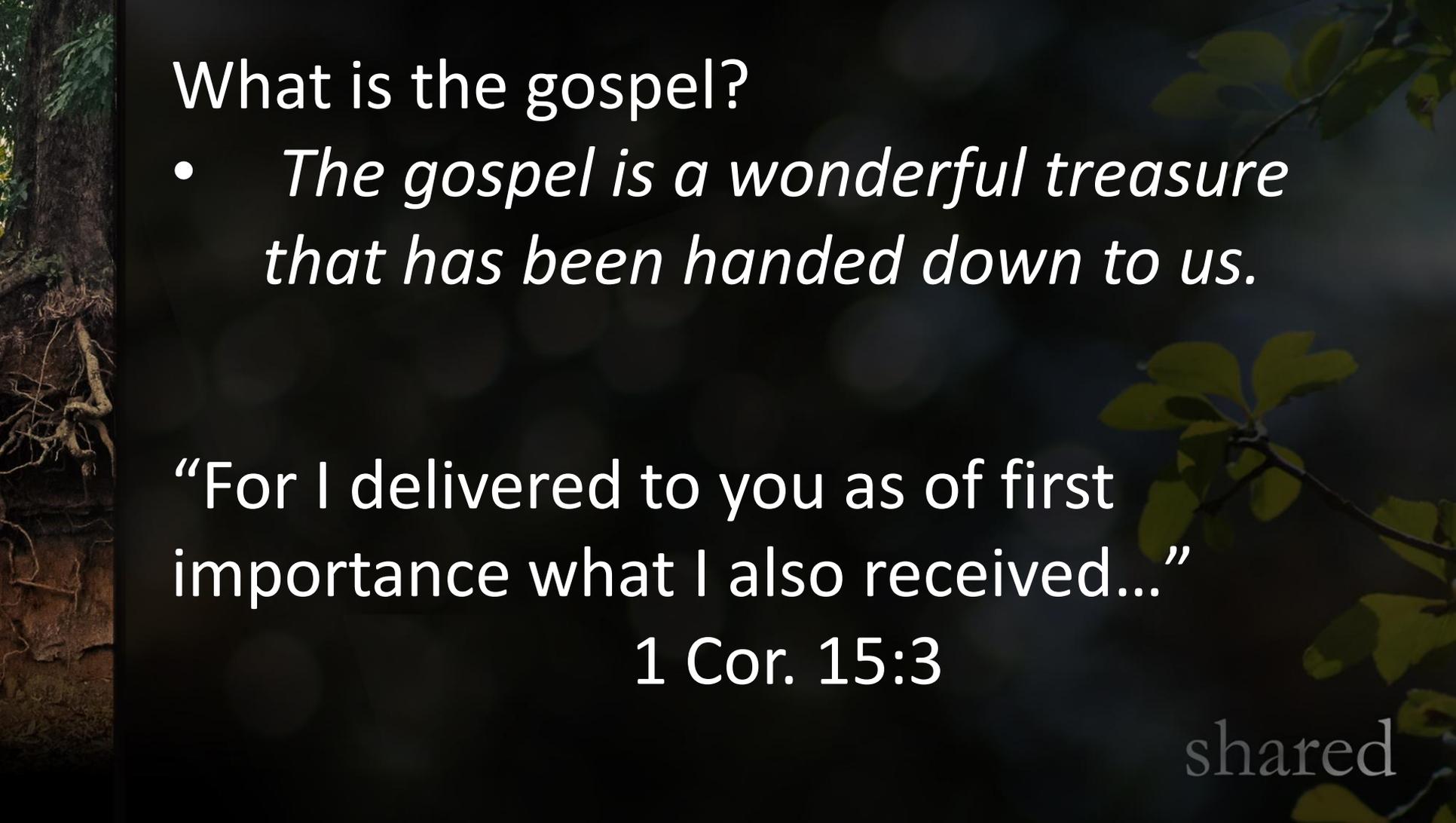
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“Paul graphically emphasizes the reality of his claim...A mass hallucination of over five hundred persons simultaneously is difficult to sustain...”

-Craig Keener

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“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received...”

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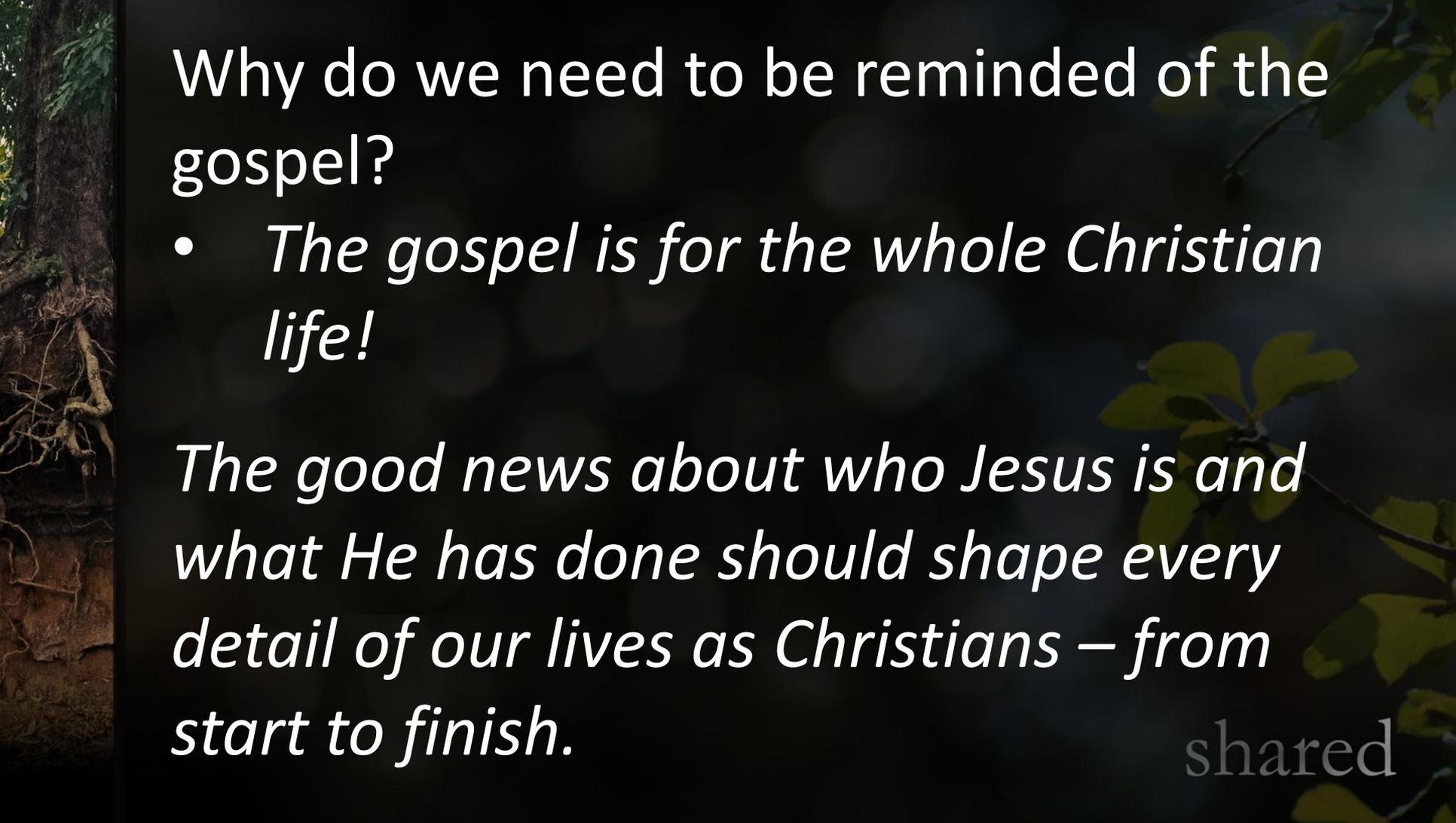
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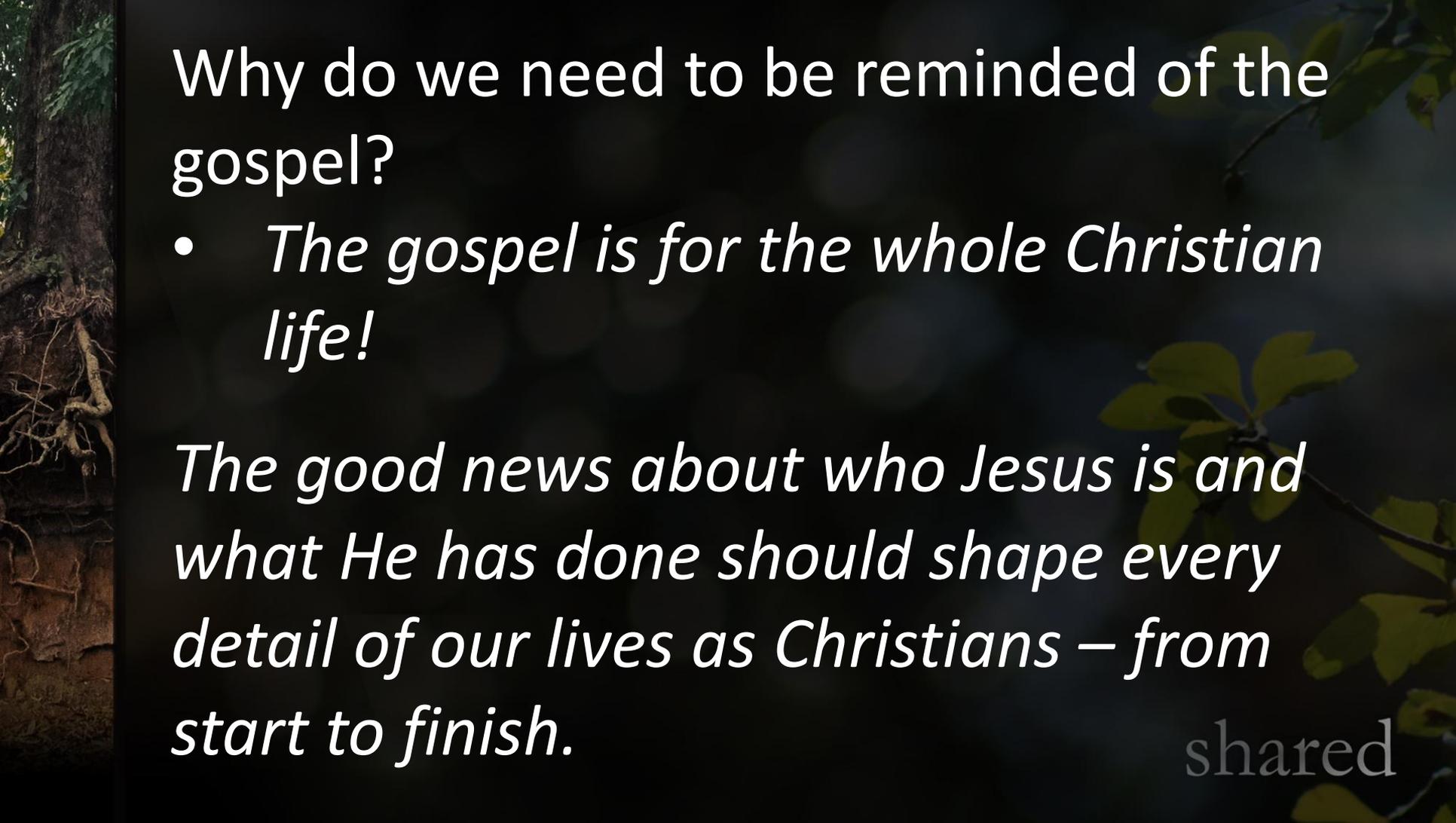
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