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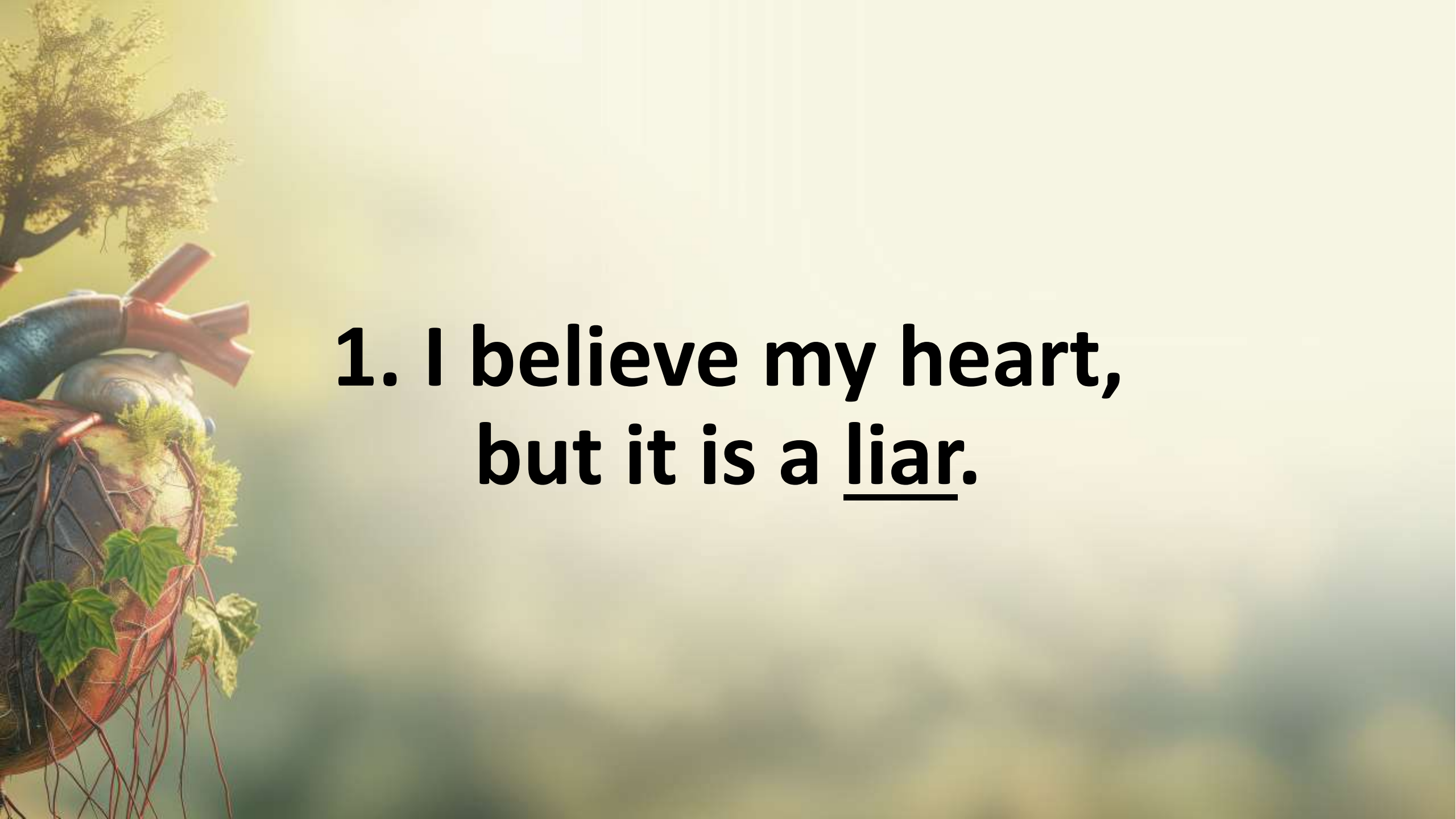
A tale of three trees

Jeremiah 17:5-14



Why do we worship idols?



A surreal image of a heart with a tree growing from it, set against a blurred background of a forest. The heart is positioned on the left side of the frame, with a small tree growing out of its top. The heart is surrounded by green leaves and red roots. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape of trees and hills under a bright sky.

**1. I believe my heart,
but it is a liar.**

**a. God sees through
our hearts.**



God gives us His Word:

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts! And see if
there be any grievous way in me, and
lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24





God gives us His Spirit:

**(Jesus said) When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all the truth ...**

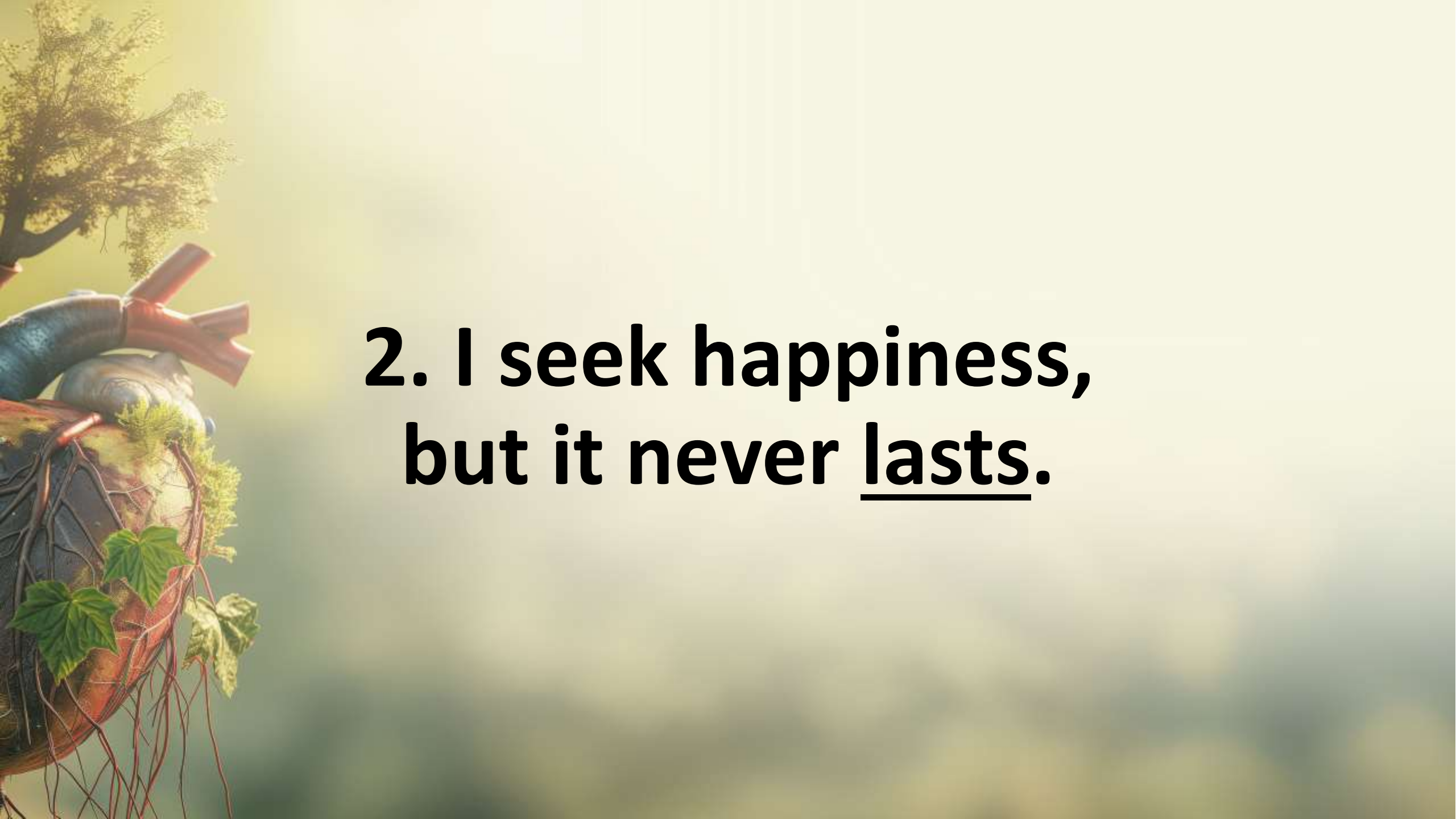
John 16:13

Change your thinking!



**b. We get what we ask for,
maybe not what we want.**



A floating island with a tree and a large heart-like structure, set against a bright, hazy background. The island is covered in green foliage and has a large, red, heart-shaped structure on top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a hazy, ethereal atmosphere.

**2. I seek happiness,
but it never lasts.**

a. Pleasure lasts only as long
as the event that caused it.



b. Happiness is always short-lived because it is based on circumstances which change and we can't control.



**c. God wants us to have
JOY which is not based
on circumstances.**




A composite image featuring a human heart as the central element. The heart is rendered in a realistic, anatomical style. From the top of the heart, several thick, dark brown tree trunks emerge, branching out into a dense canopy of green leaves. From the bottom of the heart, a complex network of thin, reddish-brown roots extends downwards, some ending in small green leaves. The entire composition is set against a soft, out-of-focus background of green foliage, creating a sense of nature and biology intertwined.

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Tree 1: The Leafless Shrub



A floating island with a tree and a large red pipe, set against a bright, hazy background. The island is covered in green foliage and has a large red pipe extending from it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a hazy atmosphere.

**1. Idols put our trust
in the wrong things.**

**a. We trust in our own
plans and desires**



**b. We trust in others to
validate our idolatry.**

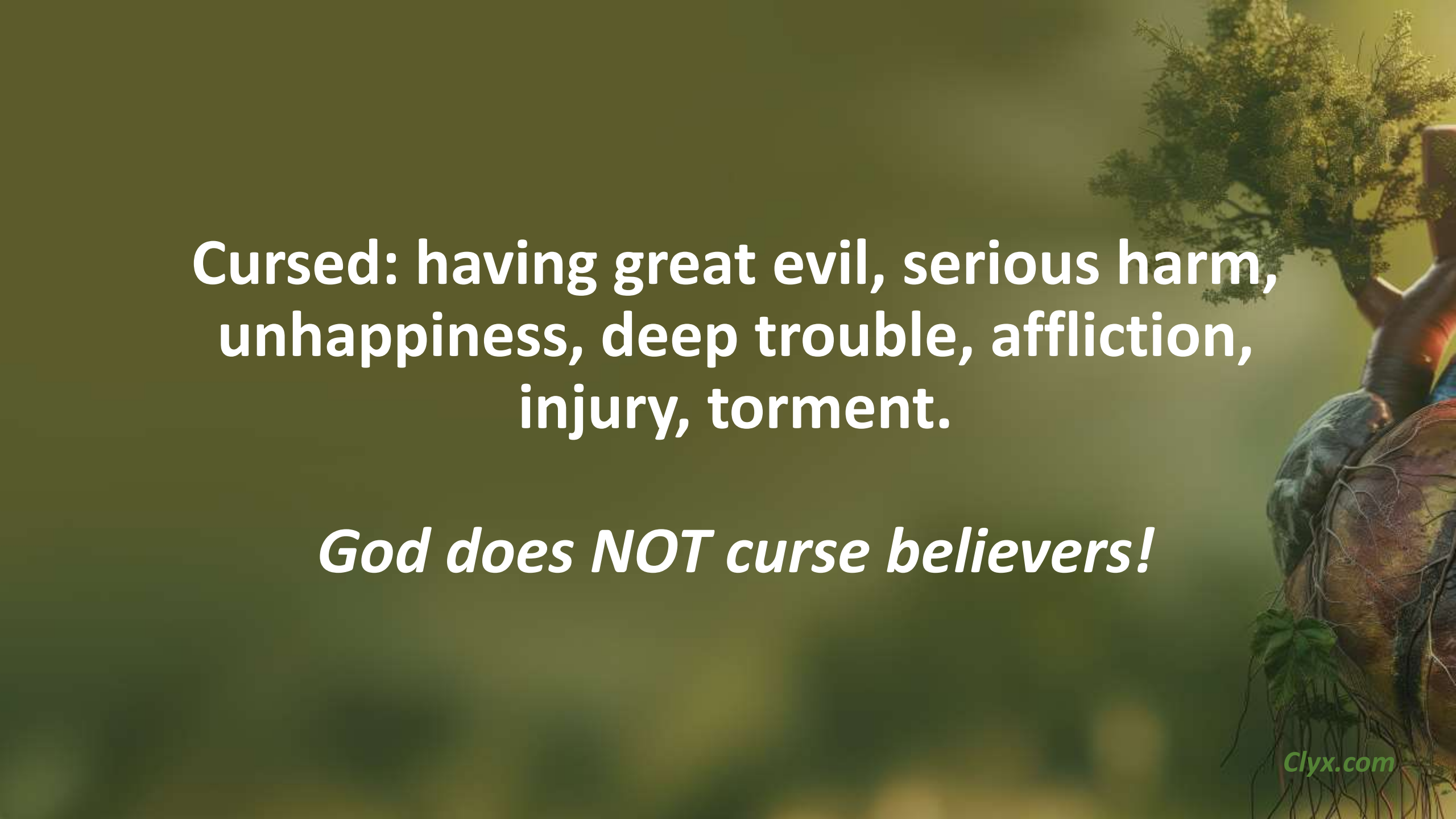


**c. We trust in our own
supposed worthiness.**






**2. Idols turn us away
from God.**



**Cursed: having great evil, serious harm,
unhappiness, deep trouble, affliction,
injury, torment.**

God does NOT curse believers!

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**3. Idols leave us
dry and wanting.**

a. Idols root us in dry ground.



b. Idols only bring problems.



c. Idols become all-consuming



d. Idols leave us thirsty.



e. Idols leave us lonely.



**f. Idols prevent us
from growing.**

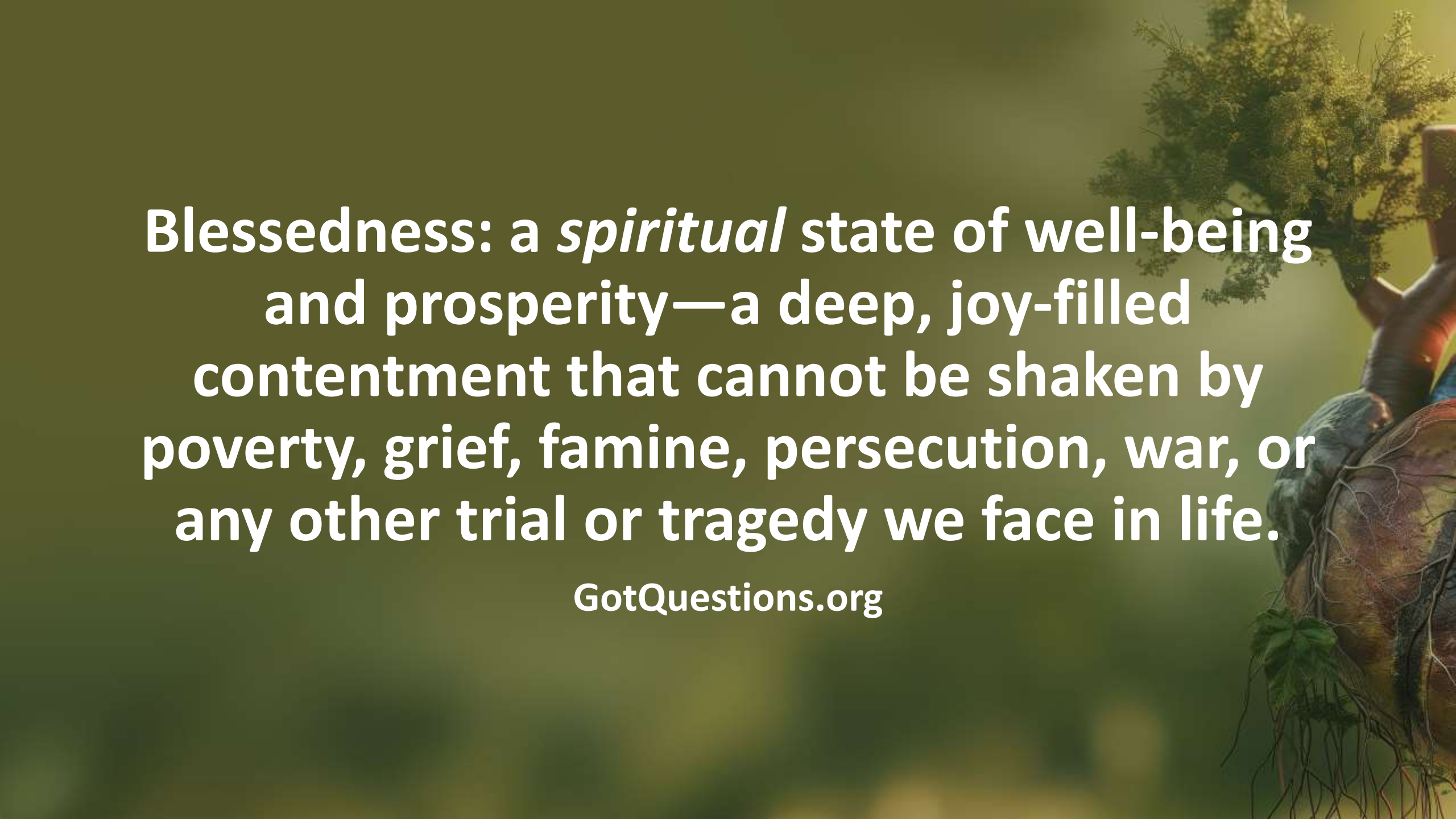


Tree 2: The Fruitful Tree





1. Trusting in God brings joy.



Blessedness: a *spiritual* state of well-being and prosperity—a deep, joy-filled contentment that cannot be shaken by poverty, grief, famine, persecution, war, or any other trial or tragedy we face in life.

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a. God is sovereign.

b. God is good.





2. Trusting in God brings spiritual growth.

**a. God sustains us
through His Word.**



**b. God sustains us
during the heat.**



c. God produces growth.




A conceptual image where a human heart is depicted as a tree trunk with branches and roots, symbolizing the connection between nature and human biology. The heart is shown in a realistic, anatomical style, with its major blood vessels branching out like tree limbs. The roots of the heart extend downwards, and some green leaves are visible at the base of the heart. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural setting.


Comparison of the two trees

A surreal image of a globe with a tree and a blue pipe on the left side, set against a bright, hazy background. The globe is partially covered in green leaves and has a blue pipe with red joints extending from it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with a bright light source on the left, creating a warm, golden glow.

**1. The heat comes
to everyone.**

A surreal image on the left side of the slide. It features a human heart with a network of red roots extending downwards. A tree branch with green leaves is positioned above the heart, and a blue, metallic-looking object is partially visible behind it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with green hills and a bright sky.

**2. The purpose of the heat
is to reveal where your
heart is rooted.**

A floating island with a tree and a hand holding it, symbolizing the root of a problem. The island is covered in green plants and has a large, dark, gnarled tree trunk on the left. A large, red, muscular hand is holding the island from the left. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a bright sky.

**3. The problem is the root,
not the fruit.**



**4. You can be
transplanted.**

Tree 3: The Cross





**1. Jesus is our
true worship.**

A composite image on the left side of the slide. It features a human heart with a tree growing from its top. The tree has green leaves and a brown trunk. The heart is shown with its major blood vessels. The background of the entire slide is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with green hills and a bright sky, suggesting a peaceful natural setting.

**2. Jesus gives us inner
peace and rest.**



3. Jesus gives us hope.



**4. Jesus takes away
our shame.**



5. Jesus gives life.

*Joy only comes from Jesus
... nowhere else!*

A conceptual image featuring a human heart as the central element. A tree with green foliage and a thick trunk grows out of the top of the heart. The heart is surrounded by a network of roots and smaller green plants, suggesting a symbiotic relationship between nature and human health. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text "The remedy" is overlaid in white, bold font.

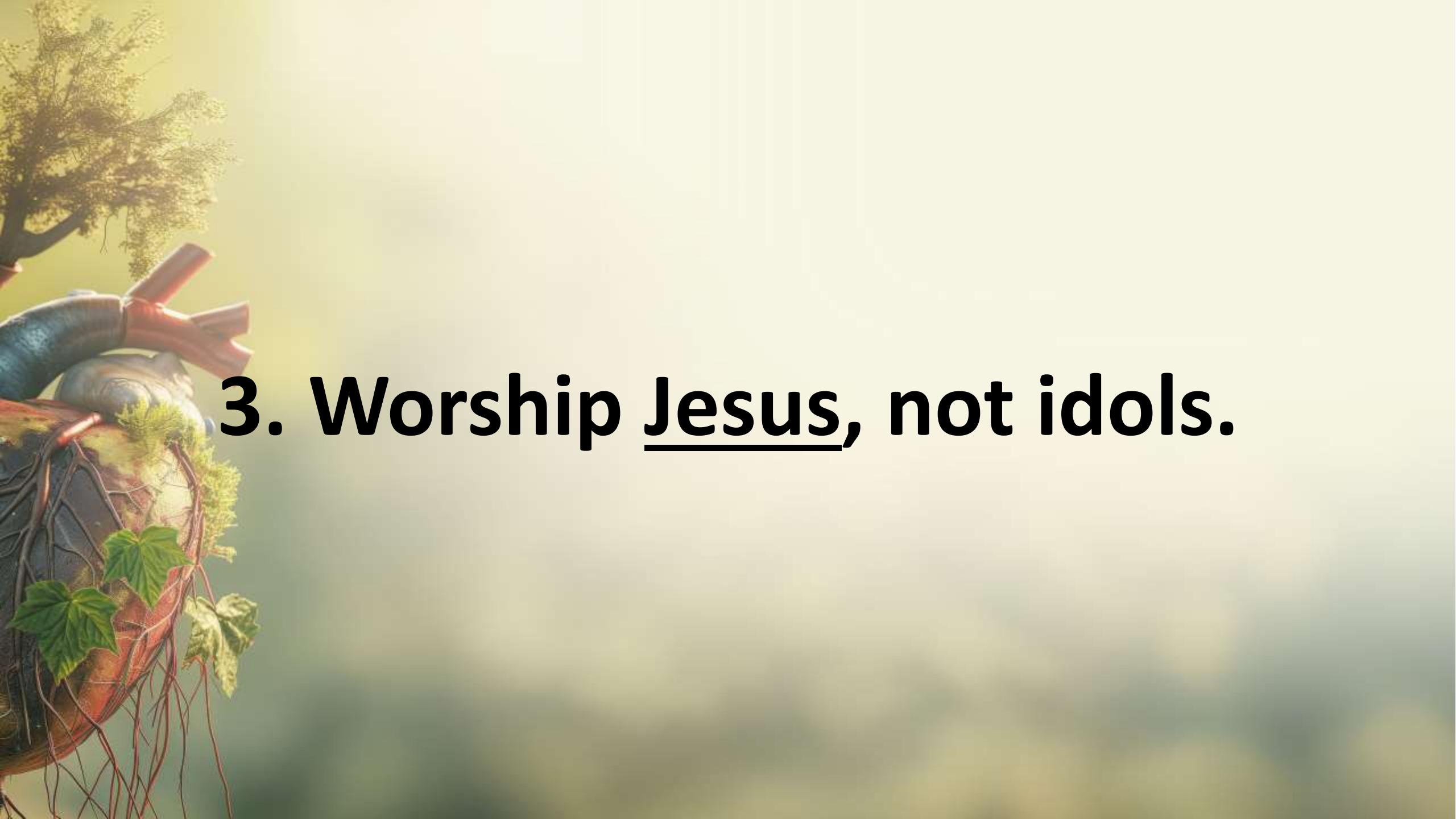
The remedy



1. Humbly ask God for help.



2. Ask God for salvation.



3. Worship Jesus, not idols.

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