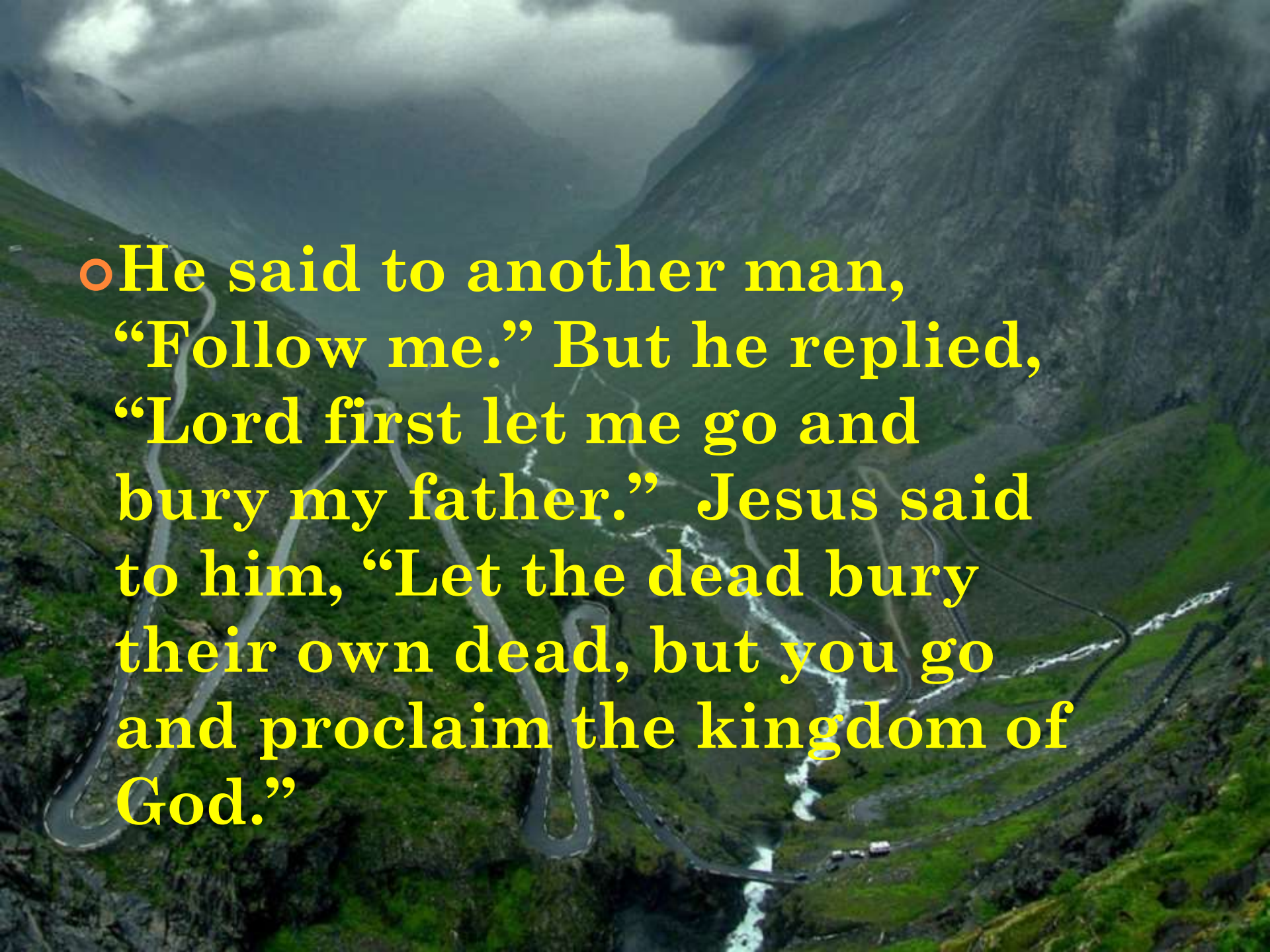
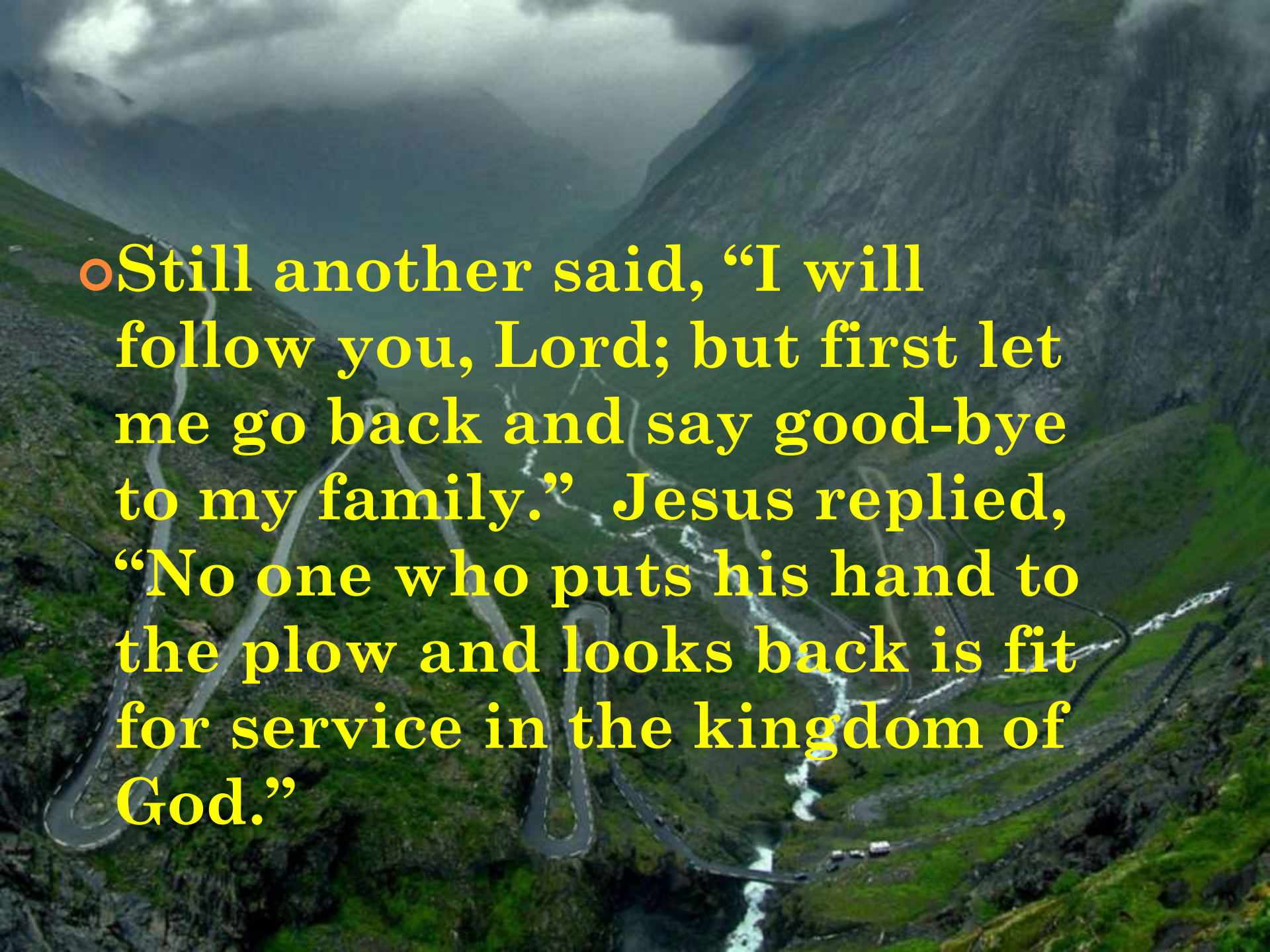


LUKE 9:57-62

- As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”
- Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

A high-angle, aerial view of a rugged mountain valley. A winding asphalt road snakes through the green, rocky slopes. A river flows through the center of the valley, surrounded by lush greenery. The sky is overcast with dark, heavy clouds, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and isolation.

○ He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord first let me go and bury my father.” Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

A high-angle, aerial view of a mountain valley. A winding asphalt road snakes through the green, rocky slopes. A river flows through the center of the valley, surrounded by lush greenery. The sky is overcast with heavy, grey clouds. The overall scene is rugged and scenic.

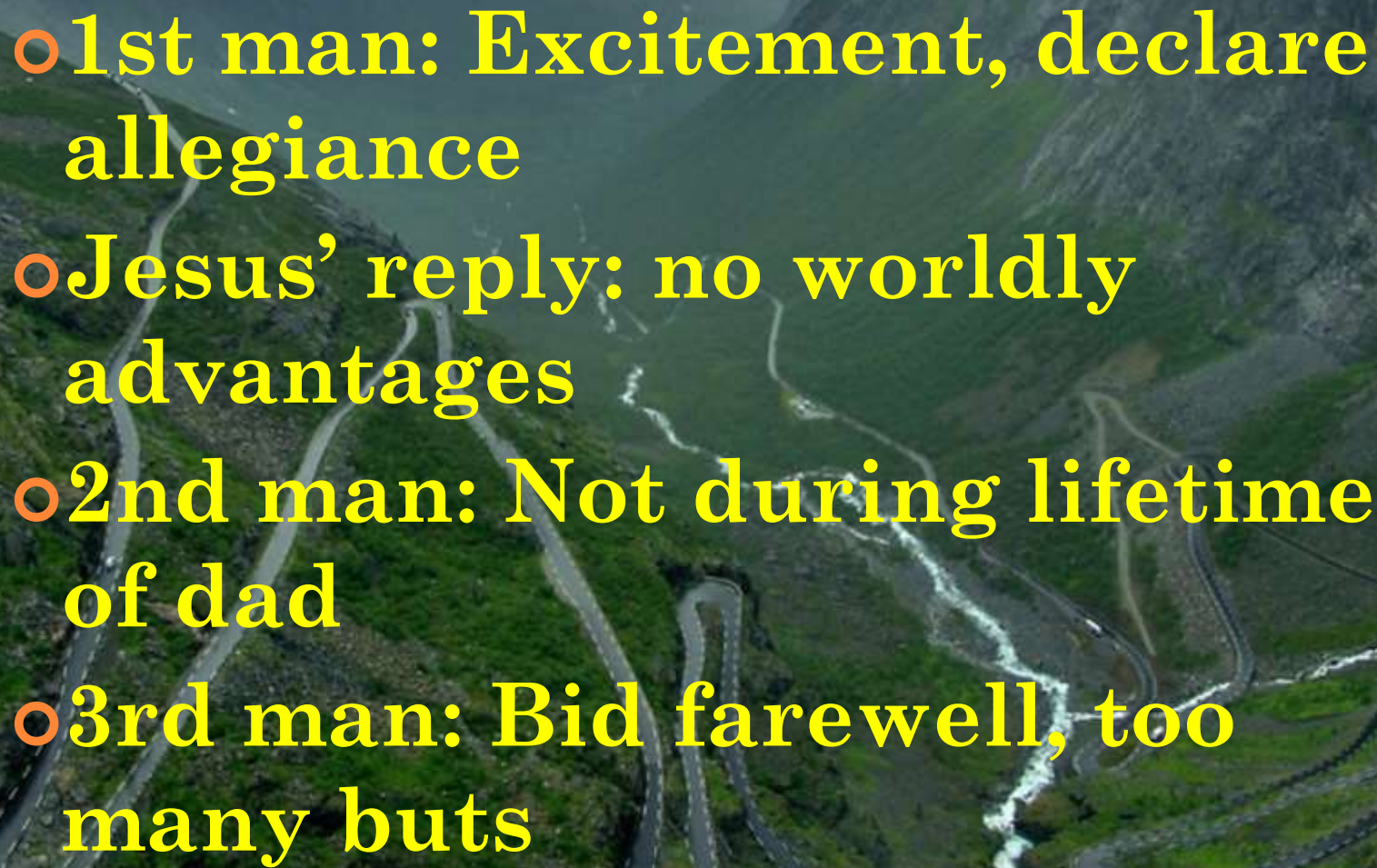
○ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.” Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

An aerial photograph of a dramatic mountain landscape. A winding asphalt road snakes through a valley, crossing a river. The terrain is rugged, with steep, rocky slopes and patches of green vegetation. The sky is overcast with heavy, grey clouds. The overall scene is one of a challenging and scenic mountain drive.

NO U-TURNS, ONLY DETOURS

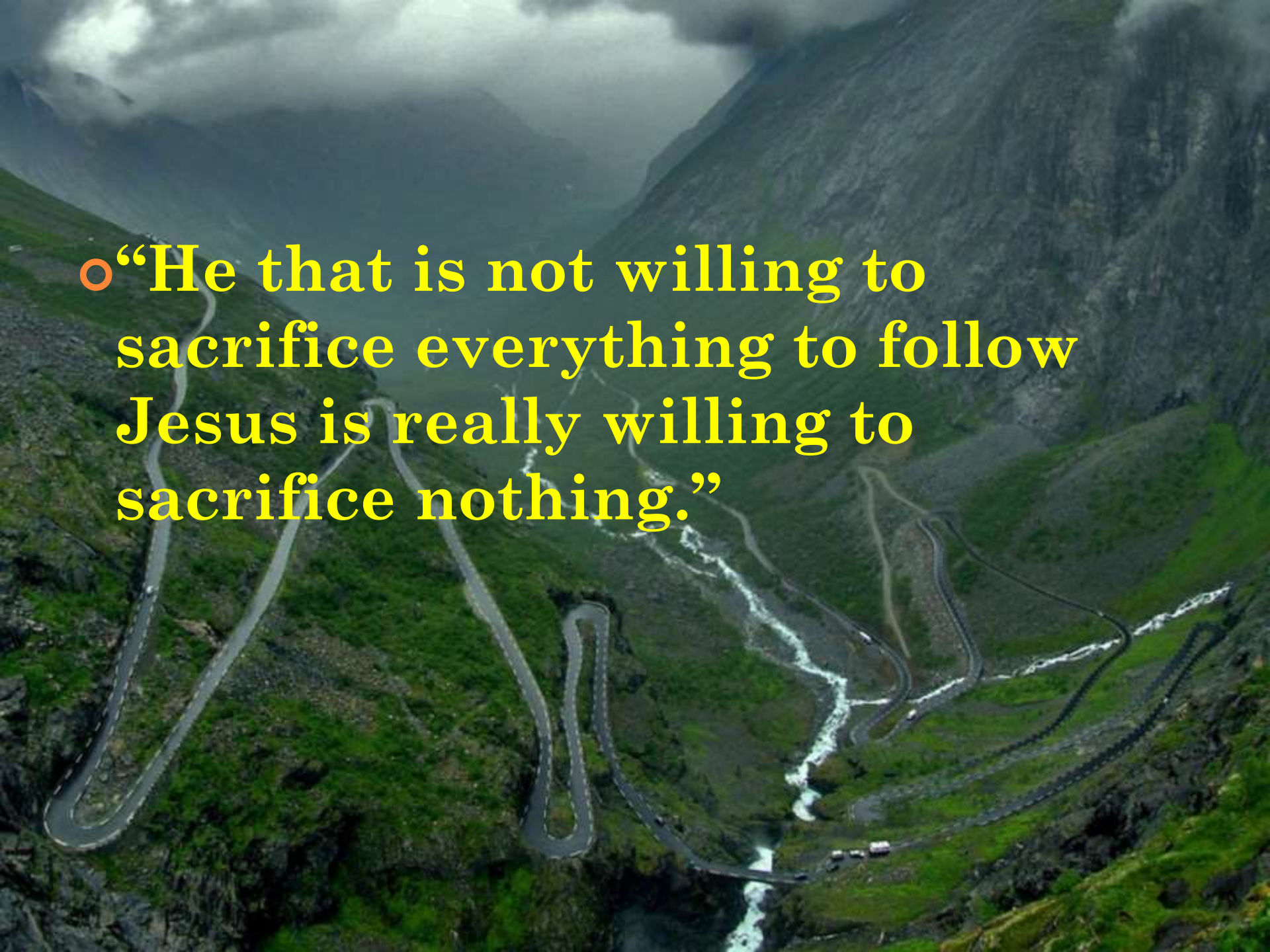
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- An aerial photograph of a dramatic mountain landscape. A winding asphalt road snakes through a lush green valley, crossing a river. The surrounding mountains are steep and rocky, with some patches of green vegetation. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- 1st man: Excitement, declare allegiance
 - Jesus' reply: no worldly advantages
 - 2nd man: Not during lifetime of dad
 - 3rd man: Bid farewell, too many buts

○ Metaphor: Ploughman



An aerial photograph of a dramatic mountain landscape. A winding asphalt road snakes across steep, green slopes, featuring several hairpin turns. A river flows through the valley below. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds. Overlaid on the left side of the image is a quote in yellow text.

○ “He that is not willing to sacrifice everything to follow Jesus is really willing to sacrifice nothing.”

- U-turns in Bible narratives
- Israelites in the desert





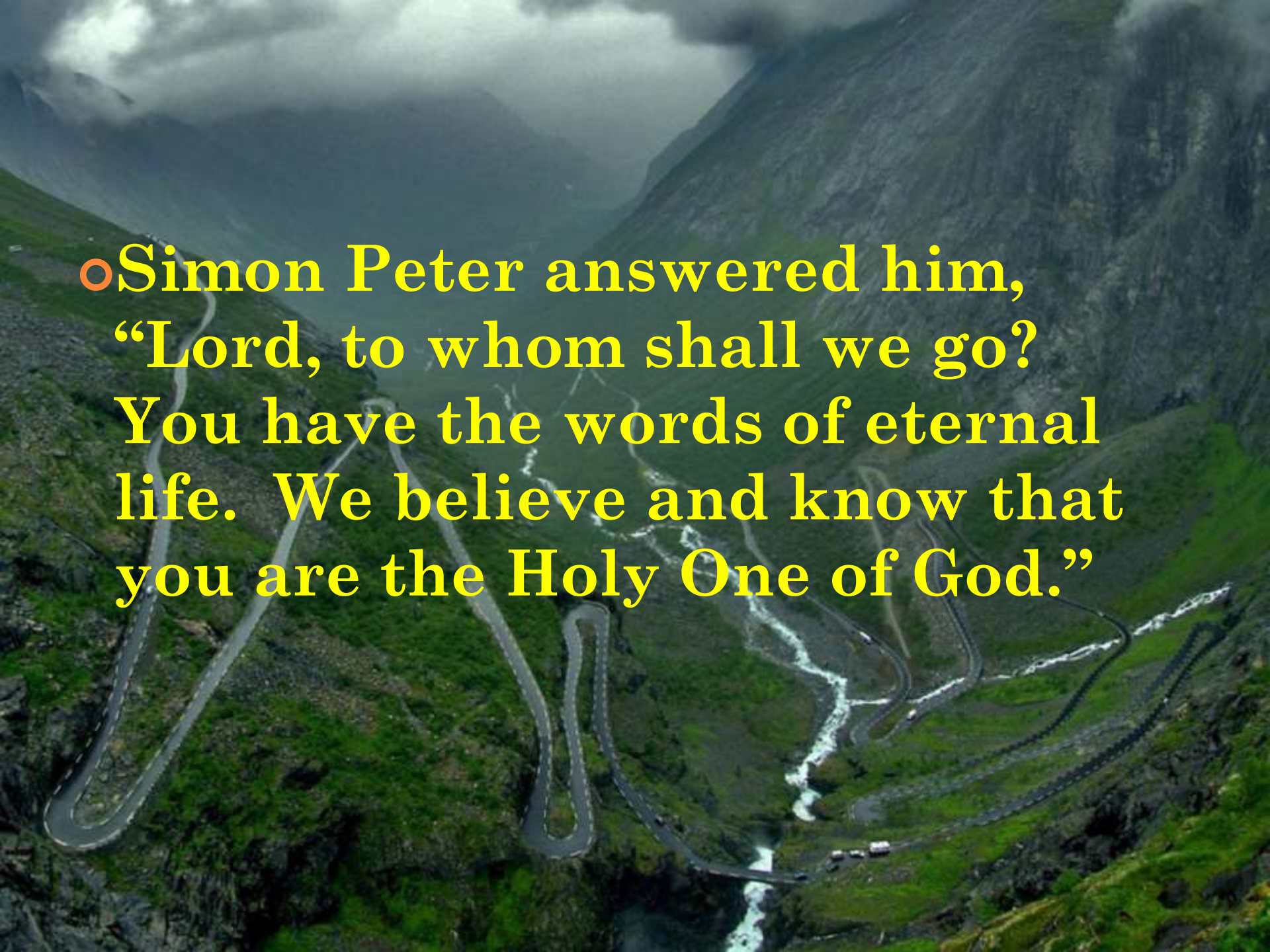
A dramatic mountain landscape with a winding road and a river. The scene is set in a valley with steep, rocky mountainsides. A winding road, possibly a hairpin turn, is visible on the left side of the image. A river flows through the center of the valley, surrounded by green vegetation. The sky is overcast with dark, heavy clouds, creating a somber and atmospheric mood. The overall color palette is dominated by greys, greens, and blues.

○ John 6:60-68

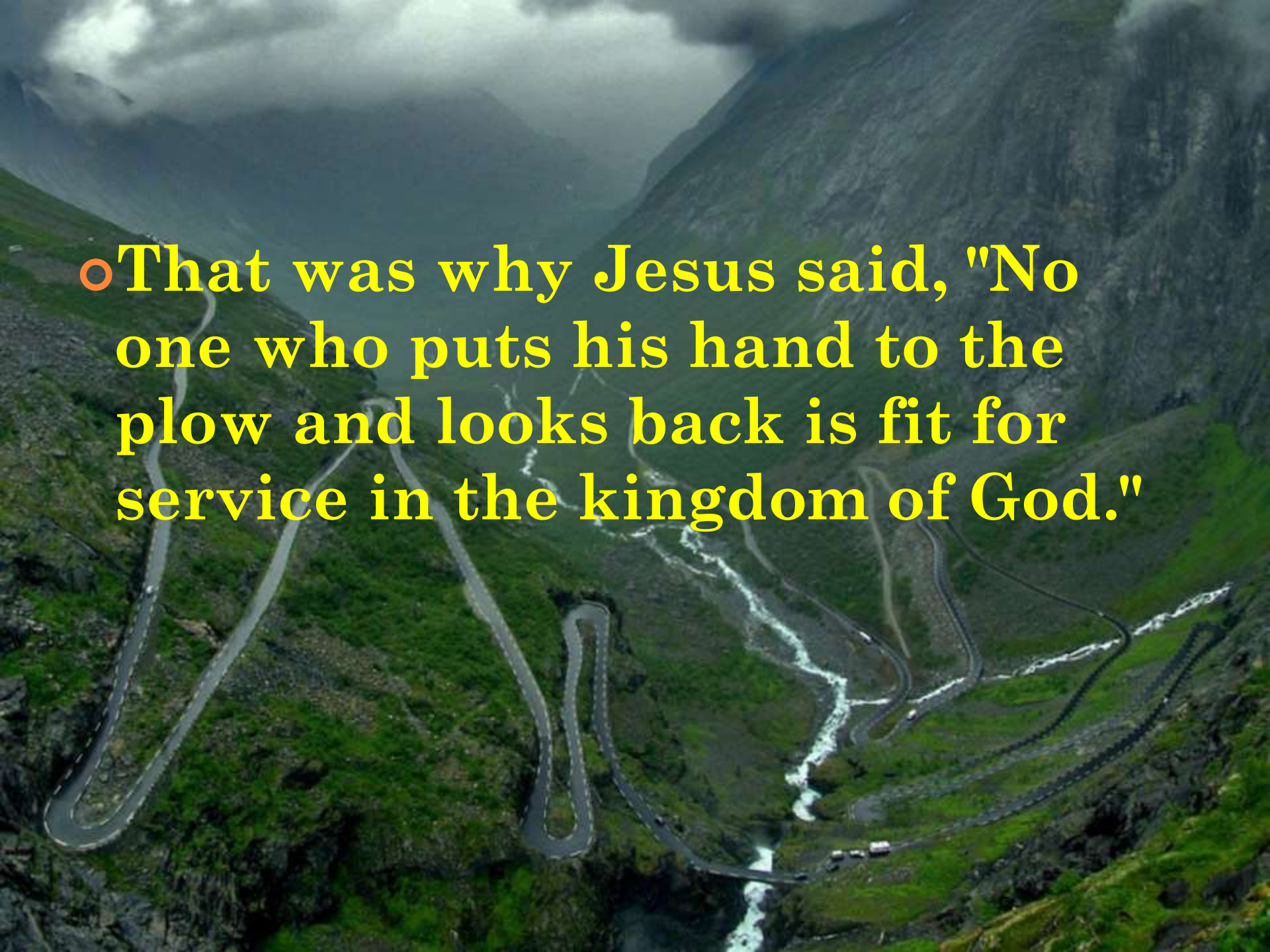
○ Disciples were leaving

○ “From this time, many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

○ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

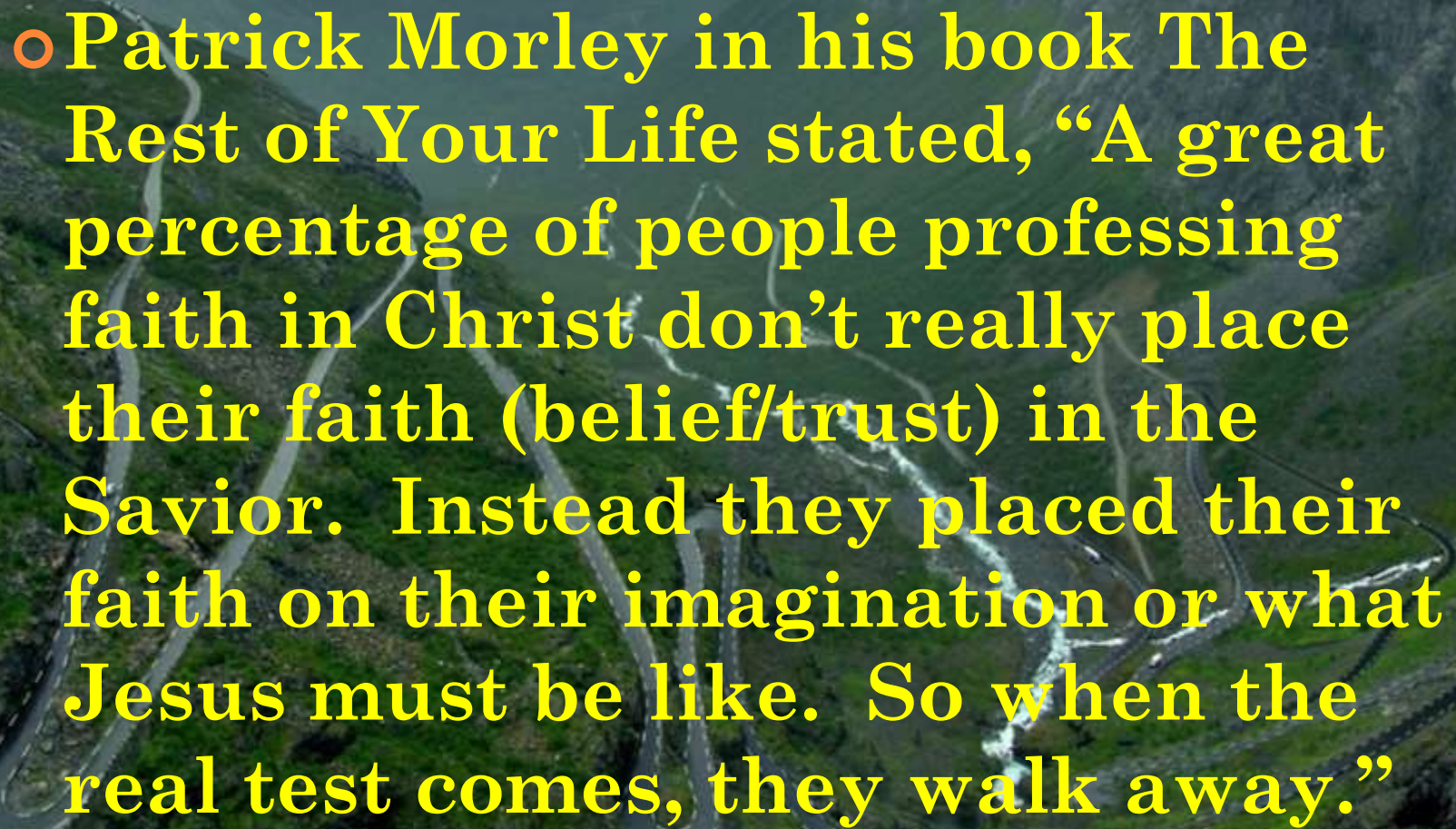
An aerial photograph of a mountain valley with a winding road and a river. The road is paved and curves through green hillsides. A river flows through the valley floor. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid in yellow on the left side of the image.

○ Simon Peter answered him,
“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal
life. We believe and know that
you are the Holy One of God.”

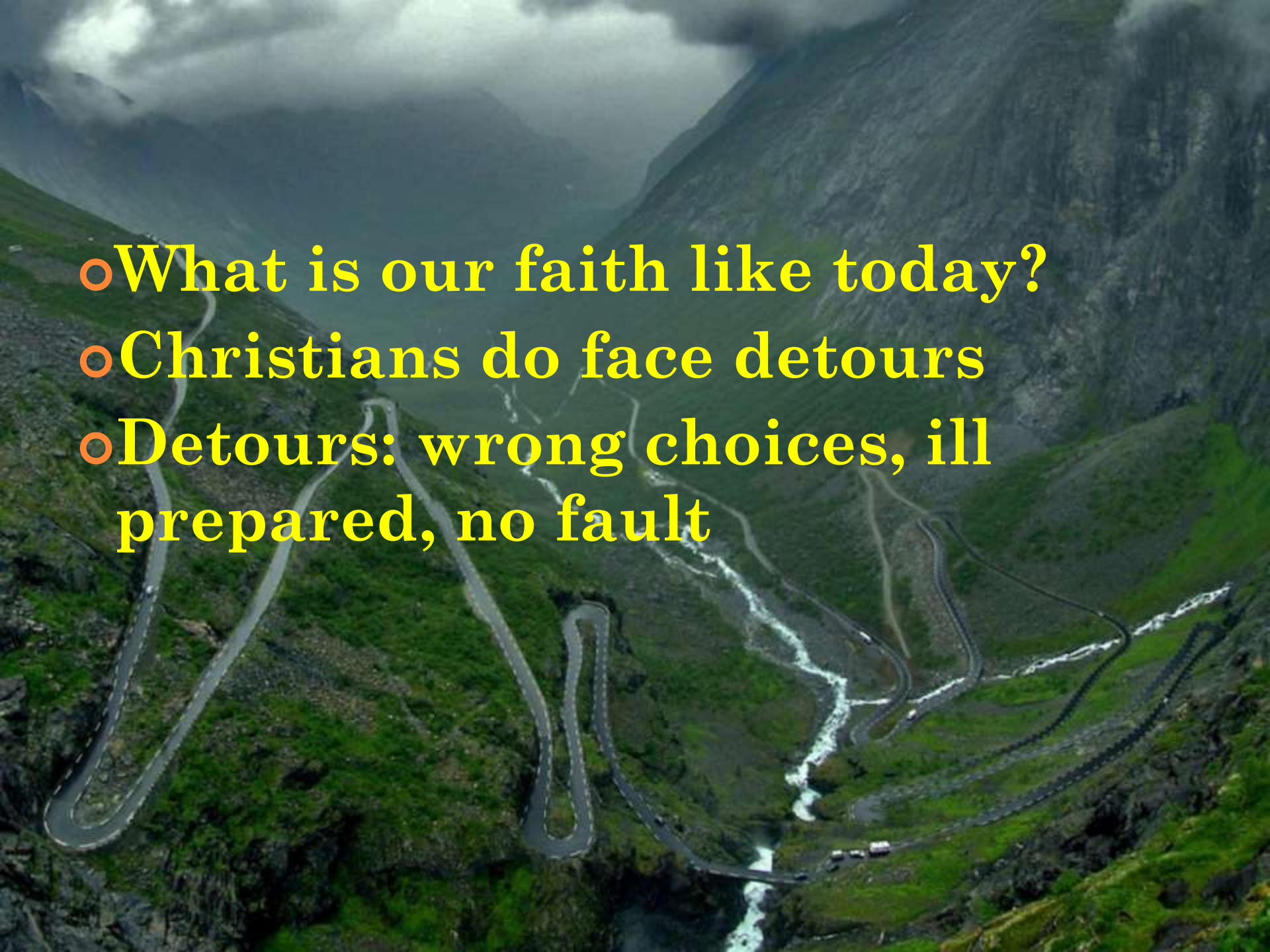
An aerial photograph of a dramatic mountain landscape. A grey asphalt road winds through a lush green valley, featuring several sharp hairpin turns. A white river flows through the center of the valley. In the background, dark, rugged mountains rise under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid in the upper left quadrant.

○ That was why Jesus said, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

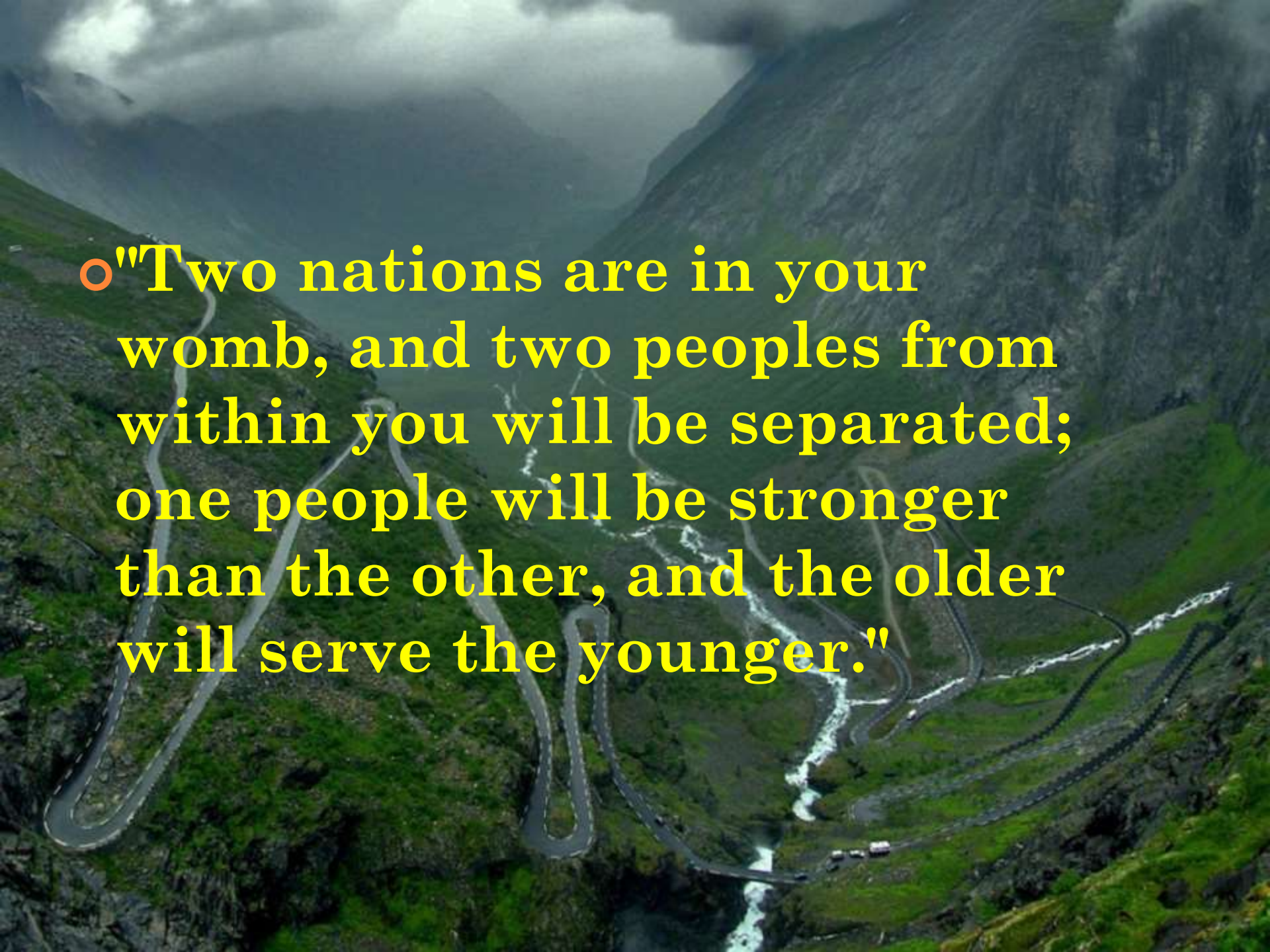


A dramatic mountain landscape with a winding road and a river. The scene is set in a deep valley with steep, rocky mountainsides. A winding road snakes through the valley, and a river flows through the center. The sky is overcast with dark clouds, creating a somber and atmospheric mood. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image in a bright yellow font.

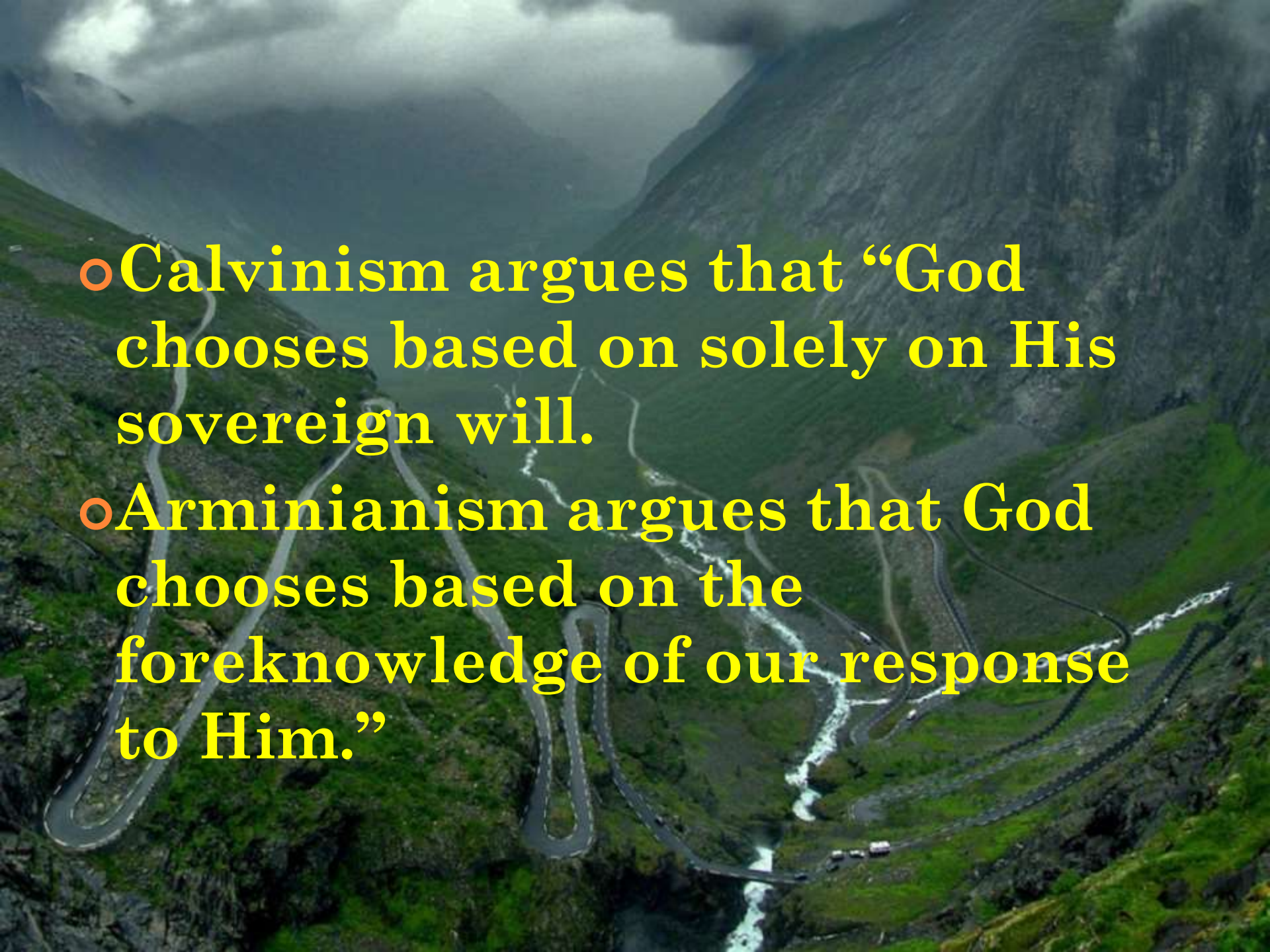
○ Patrick Morley in his book *The Rest of Your Life* stated, “A great percentage of people professing faith in Christ don’t really place their faith (belief/trust) in the Savior. Instead they placed their faith on their imagination or what Jesus must be like. So when the real test comes, they walk away.”

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- An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. A winding asphalt road snakes through the green landscape, crossing a river. The mountains are steep and rocky, with some snow patches. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- What is our faith like today?
 - Christians do face detours
 - Detours: wrong choices, ill prepared, no fault

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- Account of Jacob and Esau
 - Isaac 40 years
 - Rebekah conceive twins

An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. A winding asphalt road snakes through the green, grassy slopes. A river flows through the center of the valley, surrounded by rocky banks. The mountains are steep and rugged, with some areas appearing rocky and grey. The sky is overcast with dark, heavy clouds. The overall scene is dramatic and scenic.

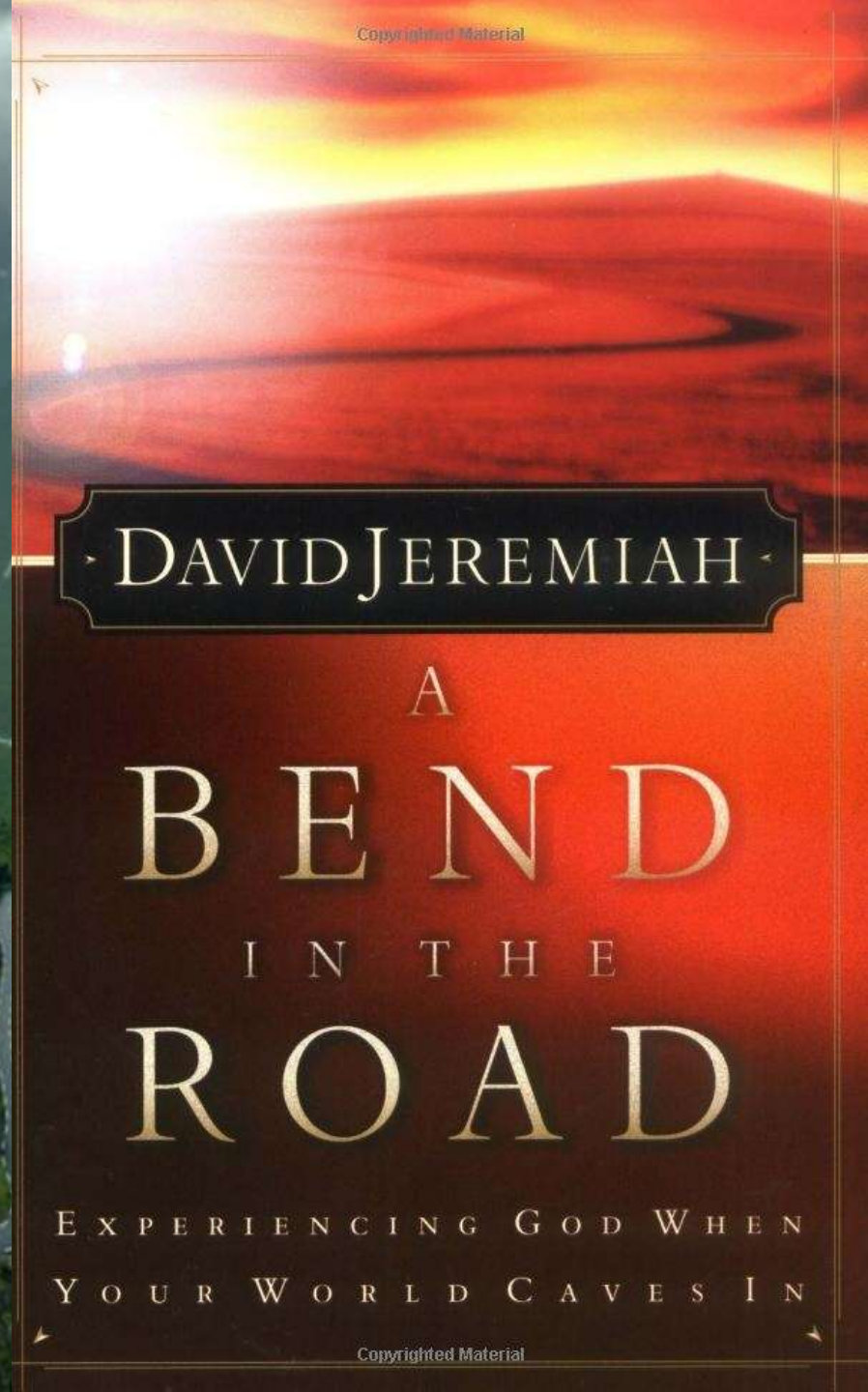
○ "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

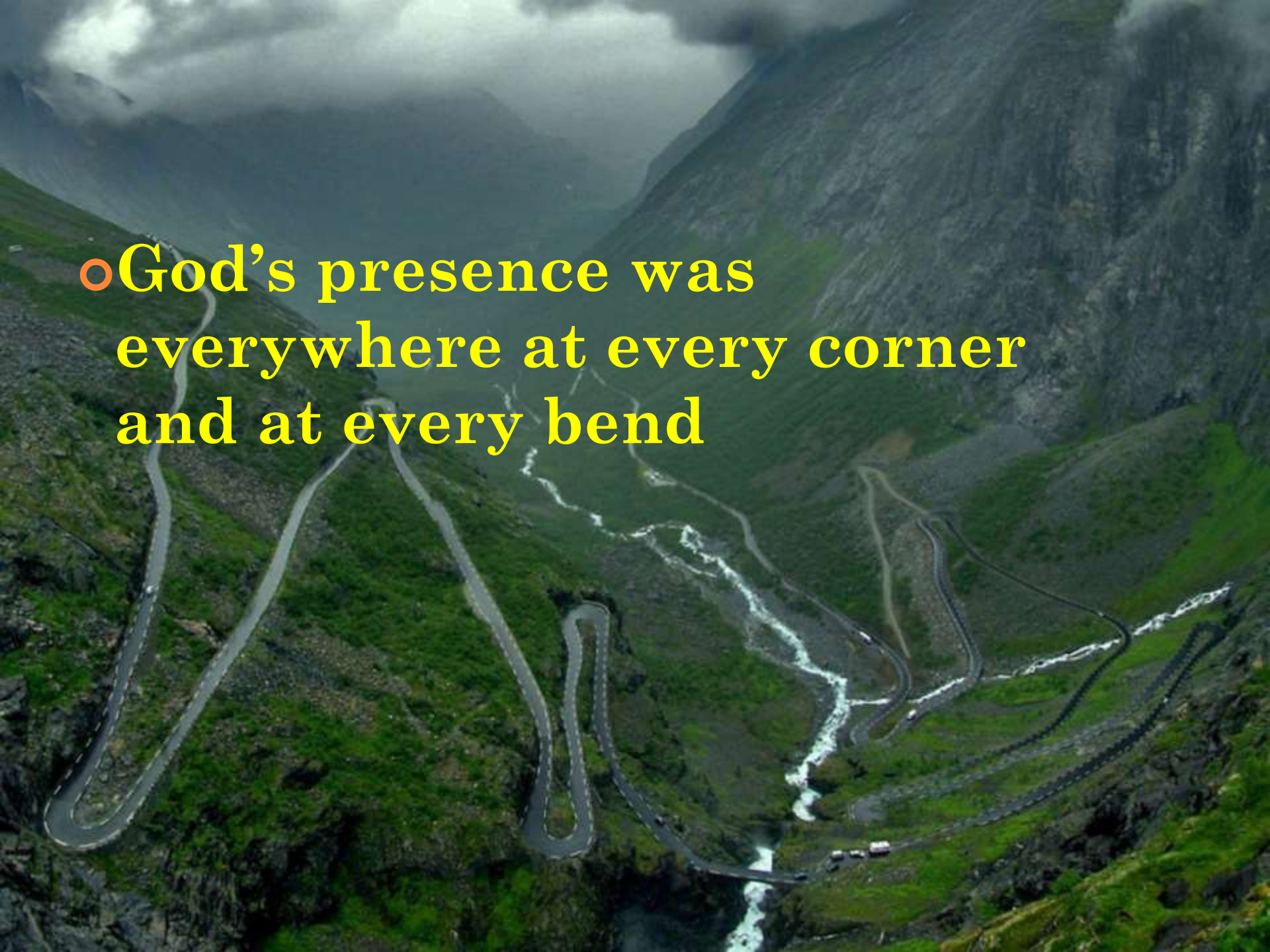
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- An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. A winding asphalt road snakes through the green landscape, crossing a river and a waterfall. The mountains are steep and rocky, with some snow patches. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.
- Calvinism argues that “God chooses based on solely on His sovereign will.
 - Arminianism argues that God chooses based on the foreknowledge of our response to Him.”

An aerial photograph of a dramatic mountain landscape. A winding asphalt road snakes through a lush green valley, crossing a river with white water rapids. The road features several sharp hairpin turns. In the background, steep, rocky mountains rise under a cloudy sky. A few small vehicles are visible on the road.

○ Only person that could bless him was God and no one else

o David
Jeremiah: A
Bend in The
Road



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○ God's presence was everywhere at every corner and at every bend

3 ADVICES OFFERED

- 1. Do not resist
- 2. Praise Him
- 3. Characters mold



CONCLUSION

- U-turns because of divided hearts
- Detours due to disobedient or no fault
- God is bigger than all

