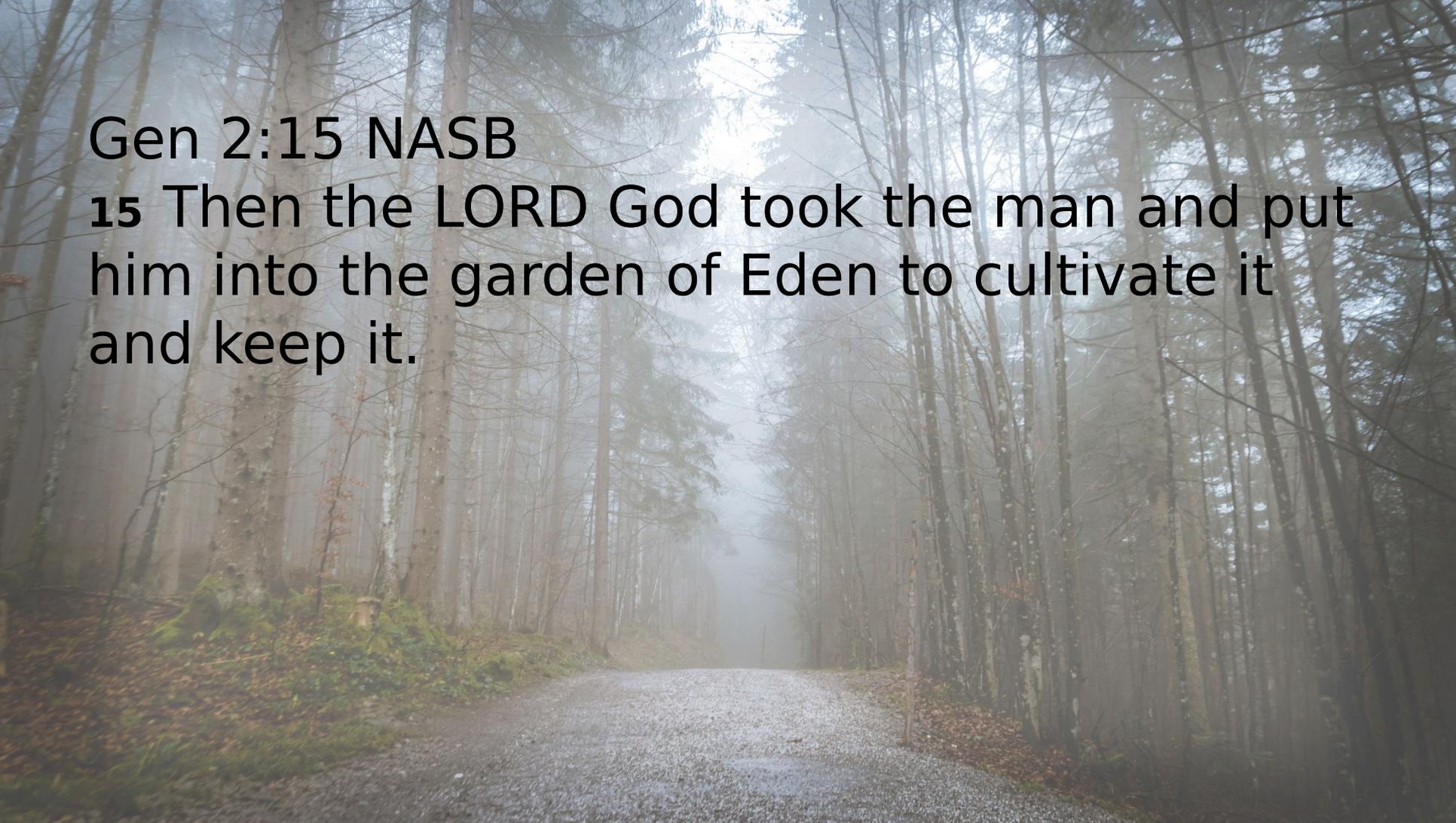


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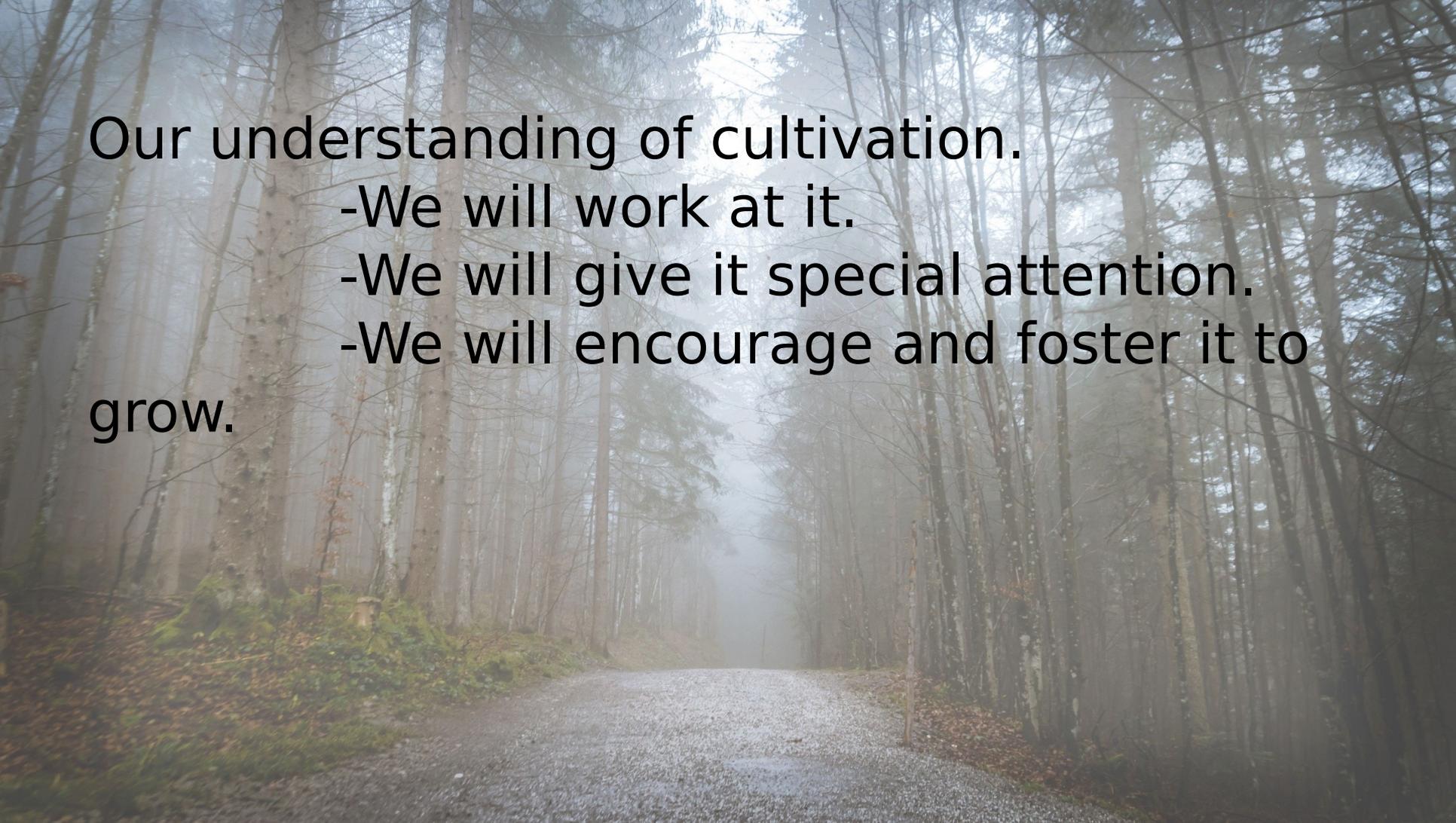
CULTIVATING OUR CULTURE

WEEK 2

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Gen 2:15 NASB

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

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Our understanding of cultivation.

-We will work at it.

-We will give it special attention.

-We will encourage and foster it to
grow.

I. He **gave** extravagantly, so we **give** extravagantly.

We cultivate **generosity**.

John 3:16 TLB

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2 Cor. 9:6-8 NLT

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left

Mark 12-41-44 NLT

41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. **42** Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. **43** Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. **44** For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is,

II. We are not **afraid** to get out of the **boat.**
We cultivate **faith.**

Matthew 14:27-29 NLT

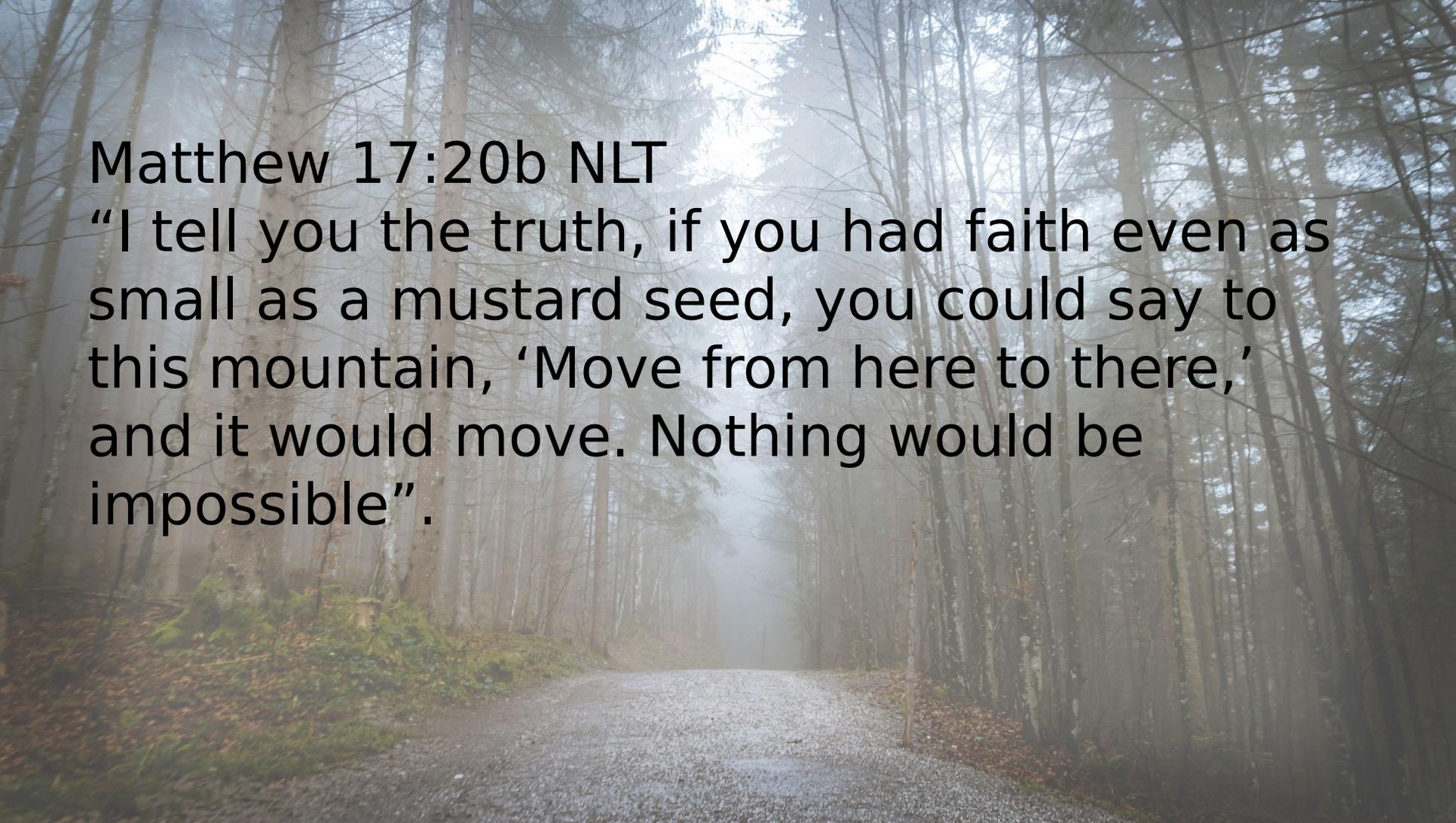
27 But Jesus spoke to them at once.

“Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!”

28 Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

29 “Yes, come,” Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat

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Matthew 17:20b NLT

“I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible”.