



VBS Theme Verse:

**“God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways;
he does great things beyond our
understanding.”**

– *Job 37:5*

“Big Truths” Summary:

- **Monday:**

- **A Wild Battle: Gideon’s Fight (Judges 7:1-8, 16-22)**

- **Big Truth: God is ... Undefeatable!**

- **Tuesday:**

- **A Wild Stand: The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3:1-29)**

- **Big Truth: God is ... Unmatchable!**

“Big Truths” Summary:

- **Wednesday:**

- **A Wild Rescue: Paul and Silas’ Night in Prison (Acts 16:16-34)**

- **Big Truth: God is ... Uncontainable!**

- **Thursday:**


- **A Wild Love: The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12)**

- **Big Truth: God is ... Unforgettable!**

“Big Truths” Summary:

- **Friday:**

- **A Wild Encounter: Elijah Meets God in a Whisper (1 Kings 19:9-18)**
- **Big Truth: God is ... Unfathomable!**



The Greatest Adventure: A Wild Stand
Daniel 3:12-20, 24-25

CONTEXT of Daniel 3:

- **Date: c. 600 B.C.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylon**




OUTLINE of Daniel 3:

I. Lighting the Fire ... (3:1-7)

II. Stoking the Flames ... (3:8-18)

III. The Towering Inferno! ... (3:19-25)

IV. Extinguishing the Blaze ... (3:26-30)

A misty forest path with tall trees and green foliage. The scene is serene and atmospheric, with a soft light filtering through the trees.

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Babylonian Names:

- **Shadrach = “royal/the great scribe”**
- **Meshach = “guest of the king”**
- **Abednego = “servant of Nabu”**

Hebrew Names (Daniel 1:7):

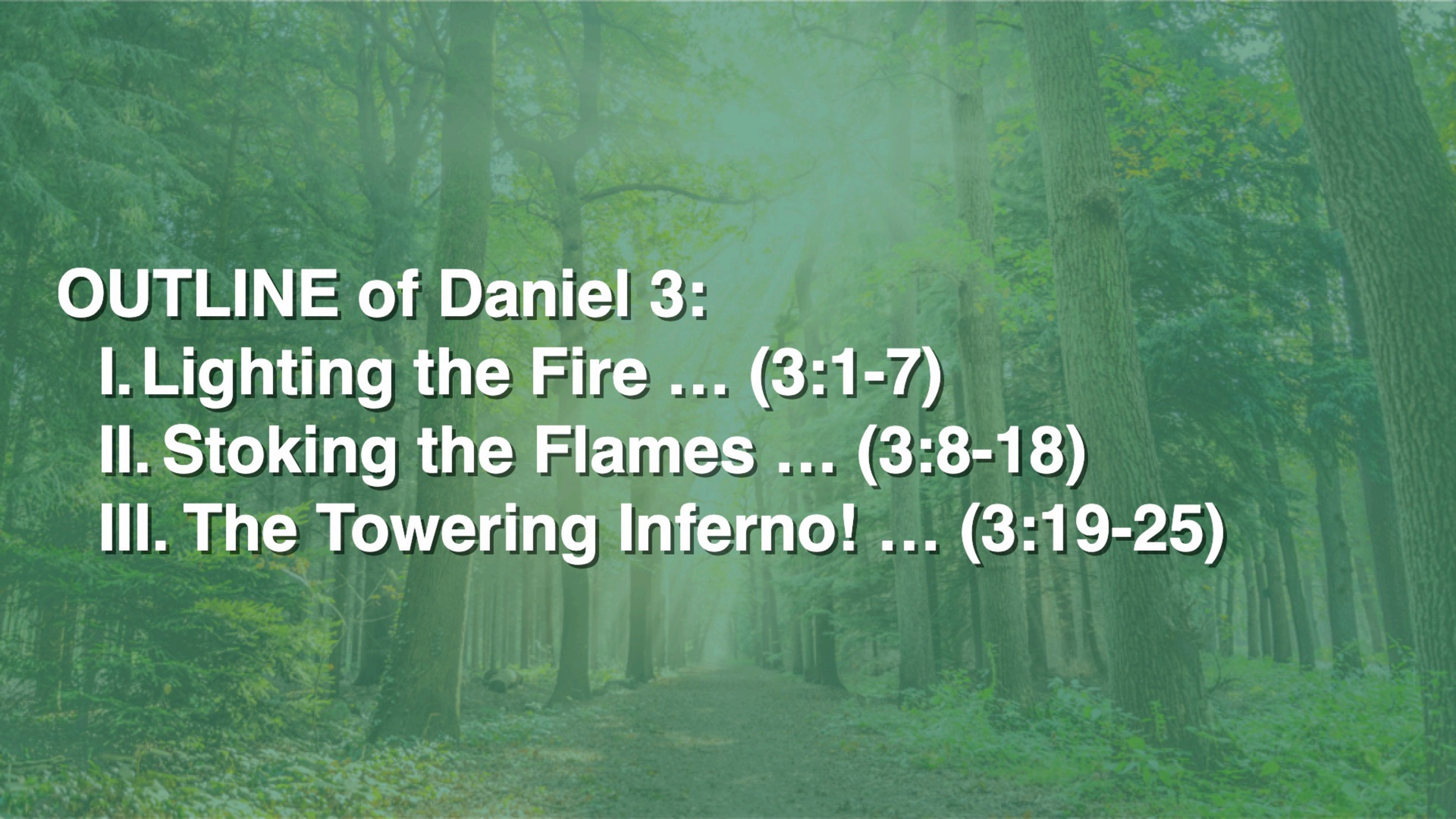
- **Hananiah = “God has favored”**
- **Michael = “who is what God is”**
- **Azariah = “The Lord has helped”**

**³“You shall have no other gods before me.
⁴You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them...”**

Exodus 20:3-5a

“The most infuriating aspect of radical faith is its adamant refusal to be impressed with the obvious – namely, the subordinated status and powerlessness of the Jews before the mighty emperor – and their steadfast adherence to an alternative reality: God reigns.”

- Daniel L. Smith-Christopher

A misty forest with tall trees and a path leading into the distance. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft, ethereal glow filtering through the trees. The path is narrow and leads towards the center of the frame, disappearing into the mist. The trees are tall and thin, with their trunks creating a rhythmic pattern. The foliage is dense and green, with some yellowing leaves visible, suggesting an autumn setting. The overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat mysterious.

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“Those that are gathered become an audience to God’s power ... They had come summoned for one thing; but they all departed having beheld another thing. They came in order to worship the image; and they departed, having derided the image, and struck with wonder at the power of God through the signs that had taken place with respect to these young men.”

- John Chrysostom (4th c. A.D.)

BIBLE VERSE



**How awesome is the Lord Most High,
the great King over all the earth!**

Psalm 47:2



3 Lessons from the Fiery Furnace:
1. God will stand by His people.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Isaiah 43:2



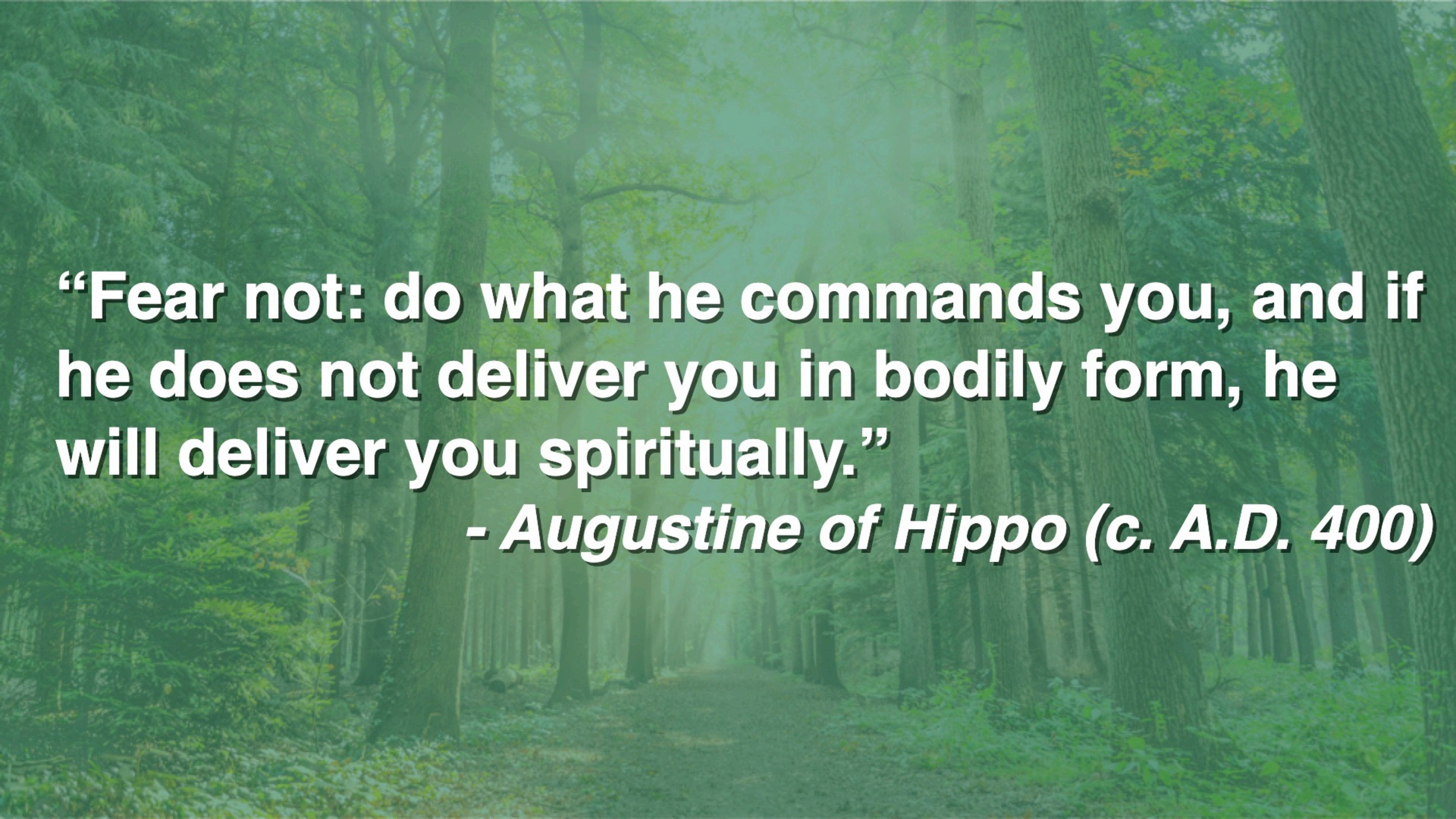
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2. We can take a “Wild Stand” for God.

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”

Acts 5:27-29



“Fear not: do what he commands you, and if he does not deliver you in bodily form, he will deliver you spiritually.”

- Augustine of Hippo (c. A.D. 400)



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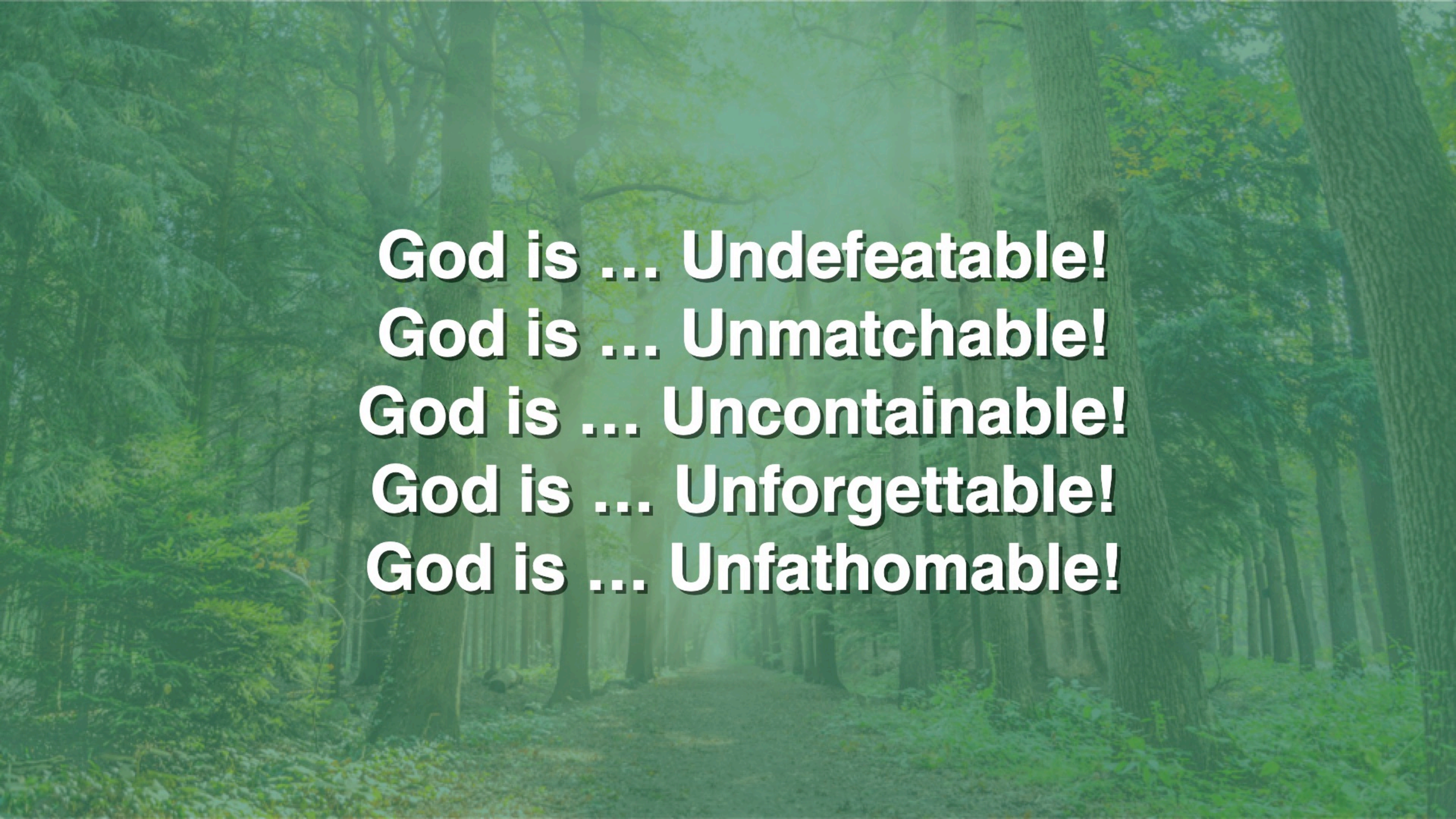
1. God will stand by His people.

2. We can take a “Wild Stand” for God.

3. Jesus took a “Wild Stand” for us!

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2



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God is ... Unmatchable!
God is ... Uncontainable!
God is ... Unforgettable!
God is ... Unfathomable!