



CULTIVATING OUR CULTURE

WEEK 3

A misty forest path with tall trees and a gravel road. The scene is atmospheric, with a soft, diffused light filtering through the trees. The path is made of gravel and leads into the distance, flanked by tall, thin trees. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and moss.

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.

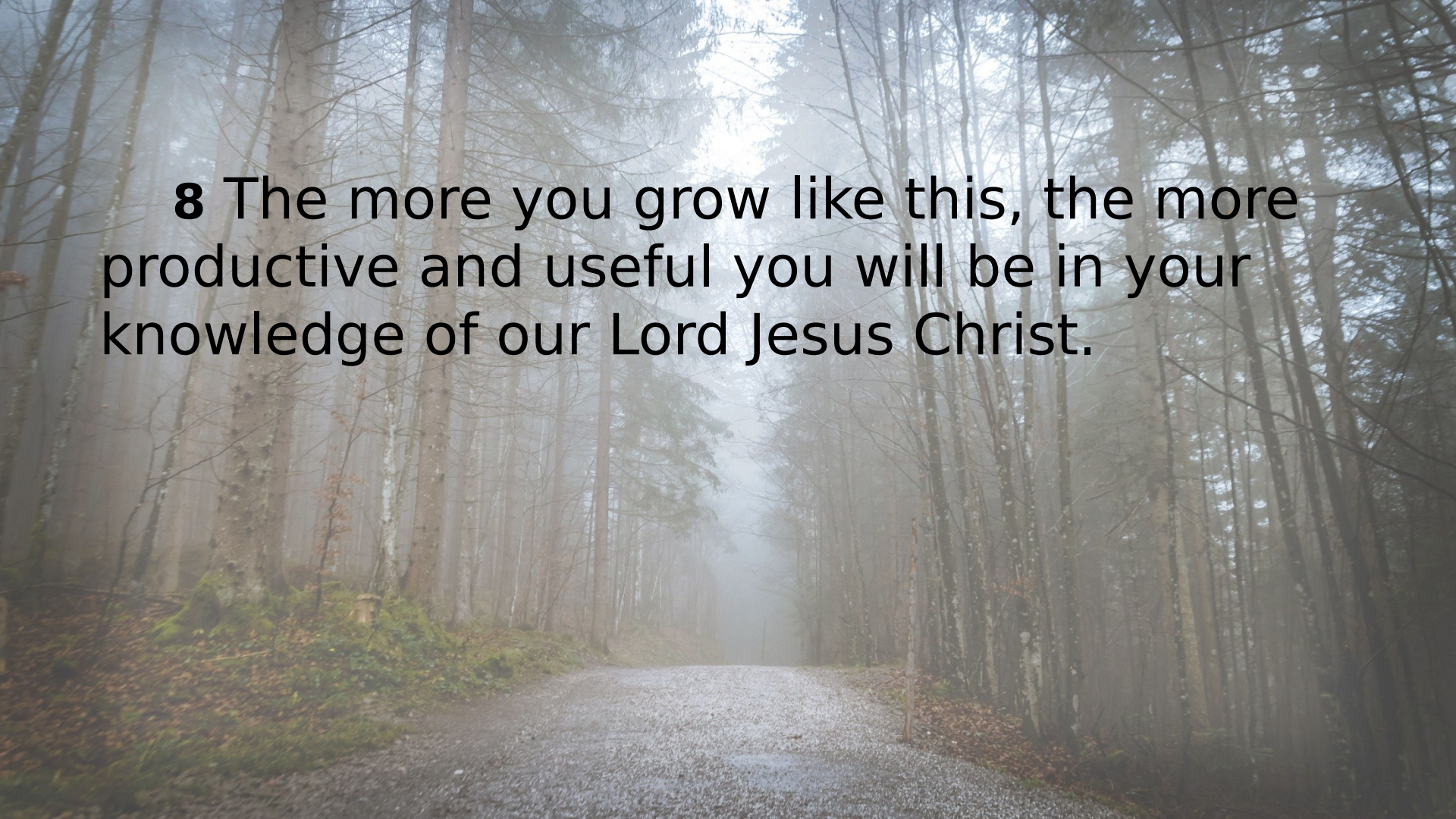
-We will give it special attention.

-We will encourage and foster it to
grow.

I. When you are **green**, you **grow**. When you are **ripe**, you **rot**. We cultivate **growth**.

2nd Peter 1:5-8 NLT

In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, **6** and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, **7** and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone

A misty forest path with tall trees and a gravel road leading into the distance. The scene is atmospheric, with soft light filtering through the trees and a layer of fog or mist hanging in the air. The path is made of gravel and leads towards a vanishing point in the distance. The trees are tall and thin, with some evergreens and some bare deciduous trees. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2nd Peter 3:18 NLT

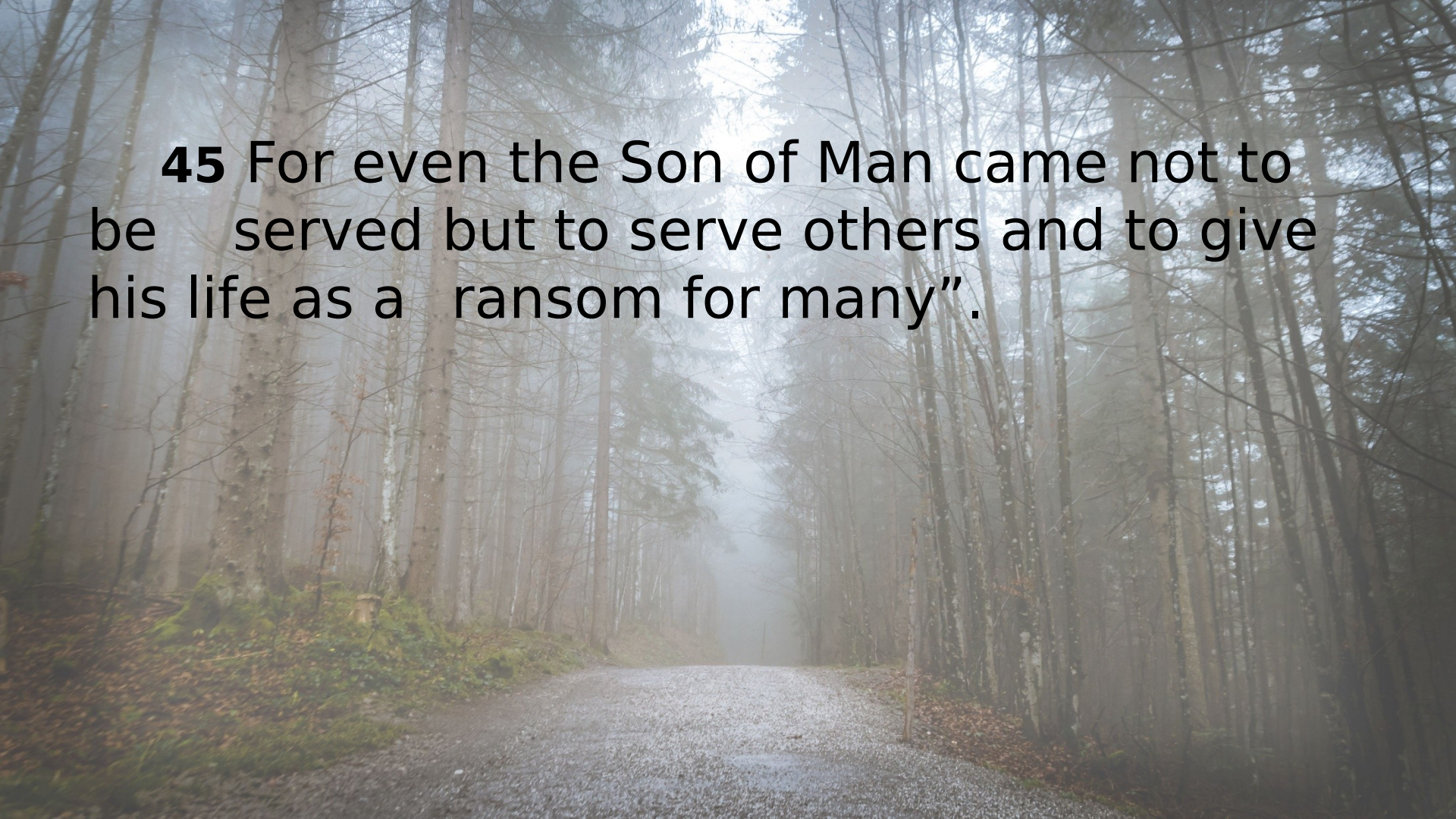
18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

II. We get off the **sidelines**.

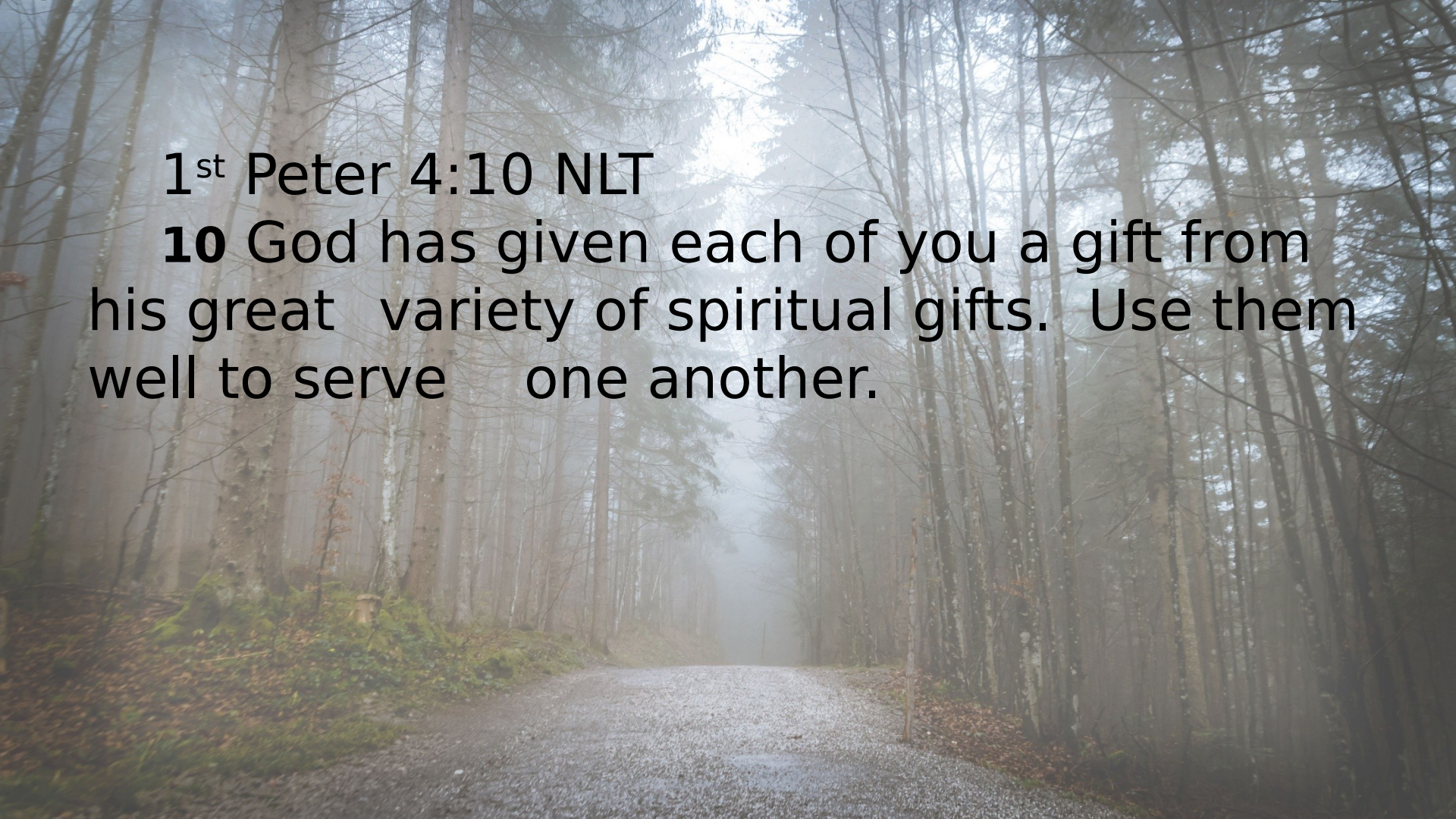
We cultivate **servanthood**.

Mark 10:42-45 NLT

So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. **43** But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.

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45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many”.

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1st Peter 4:10 NLT

10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.