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HOW TO NOT RUIN YOUR LIFE



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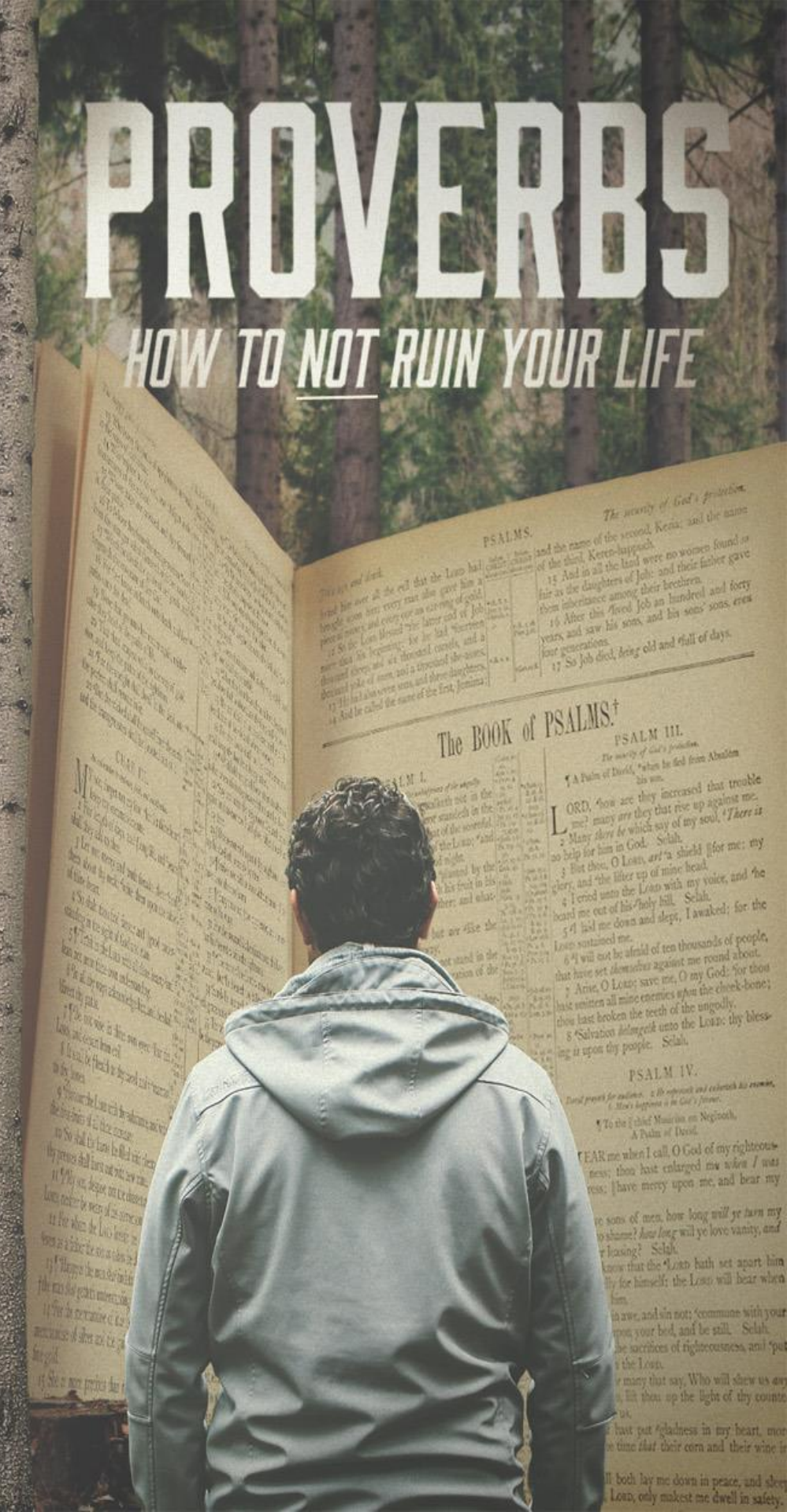


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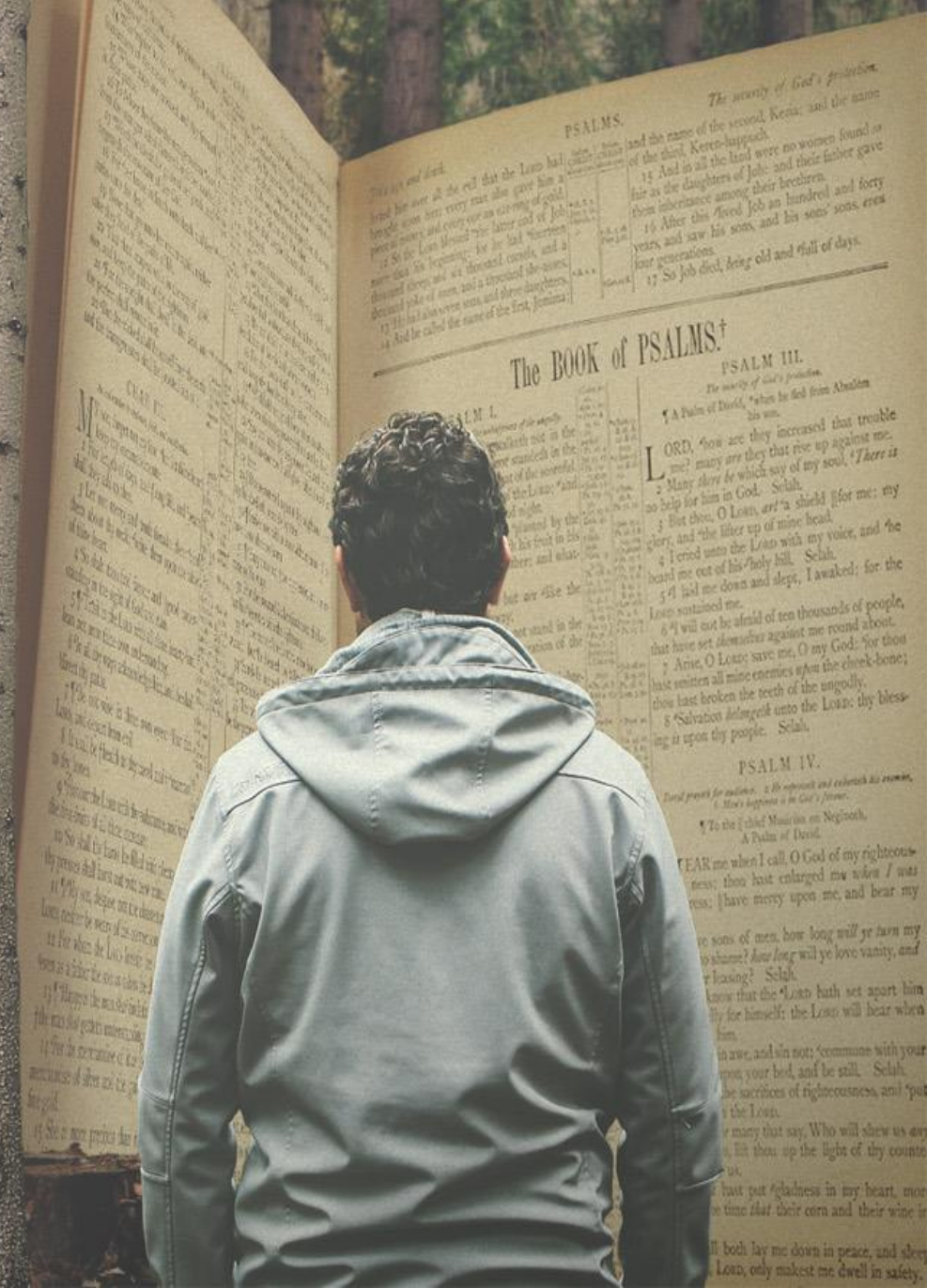
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Five Buoys to Navigate Decisions Wisely

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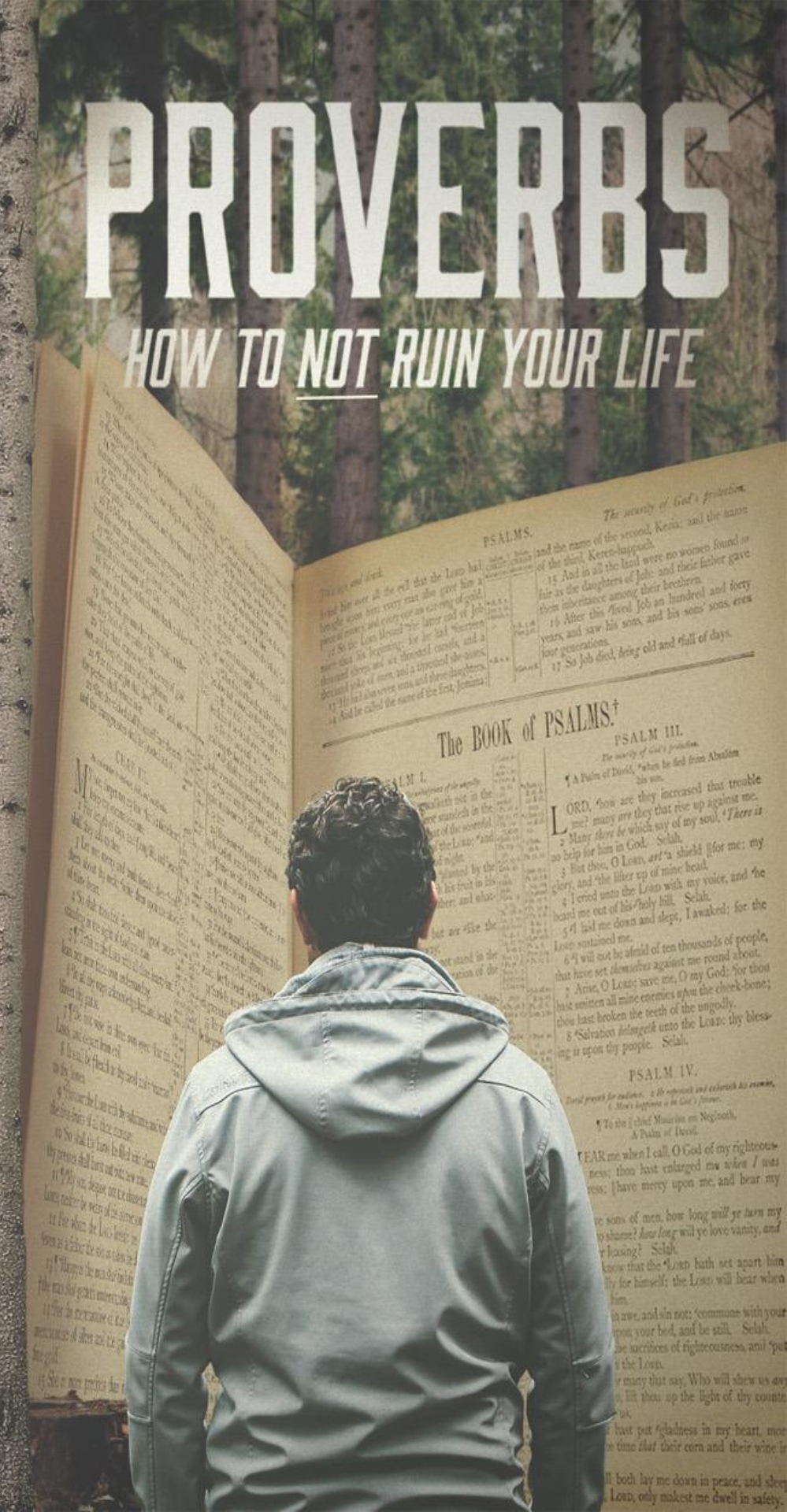


Buoy #1

The Foundation of God's Revealed Will

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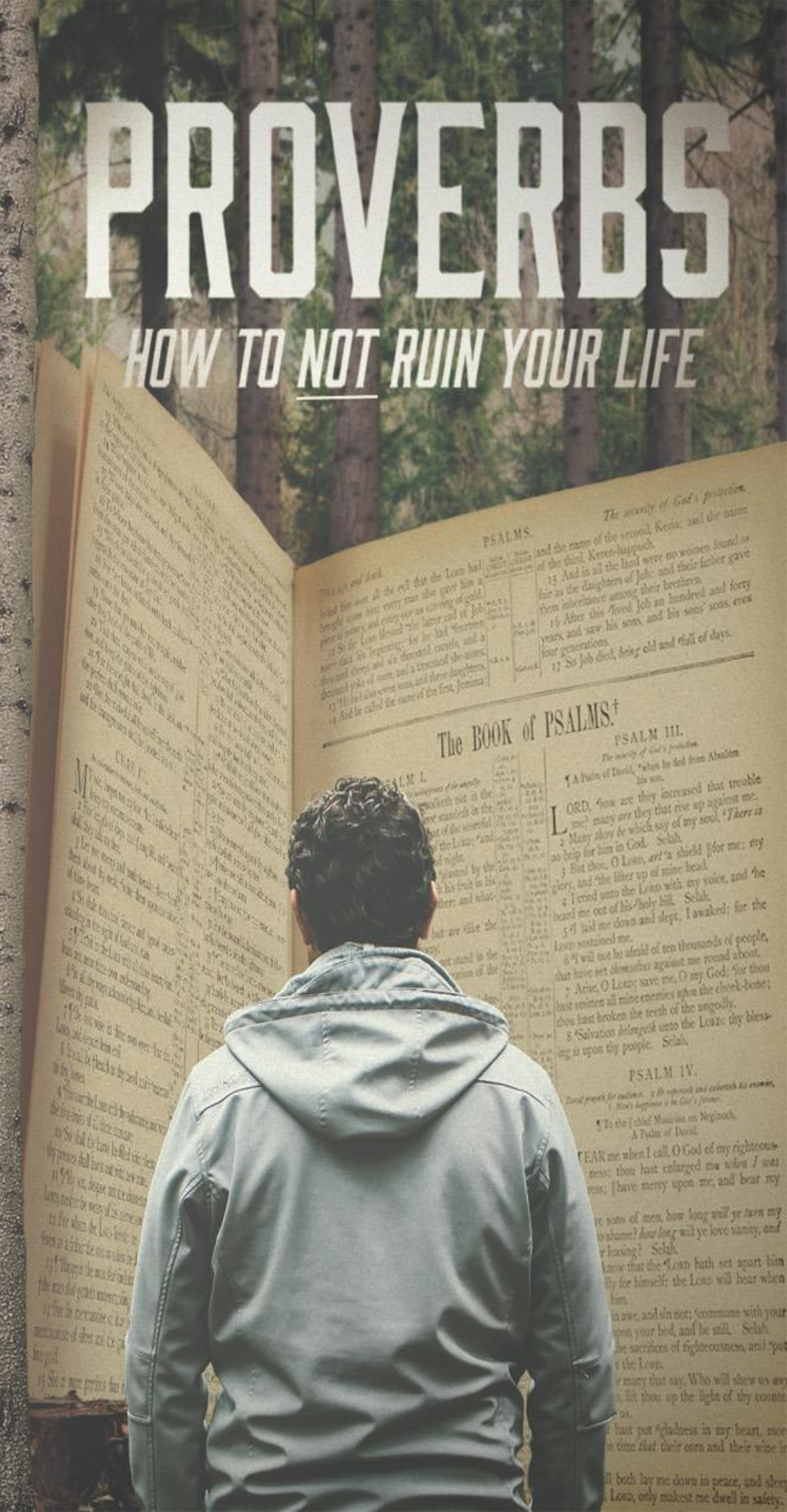


Proverbs 8:33-36

Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it. Blessed are those who **listen** to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For those who **find** me find life and receive favor from the Lord. But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death.

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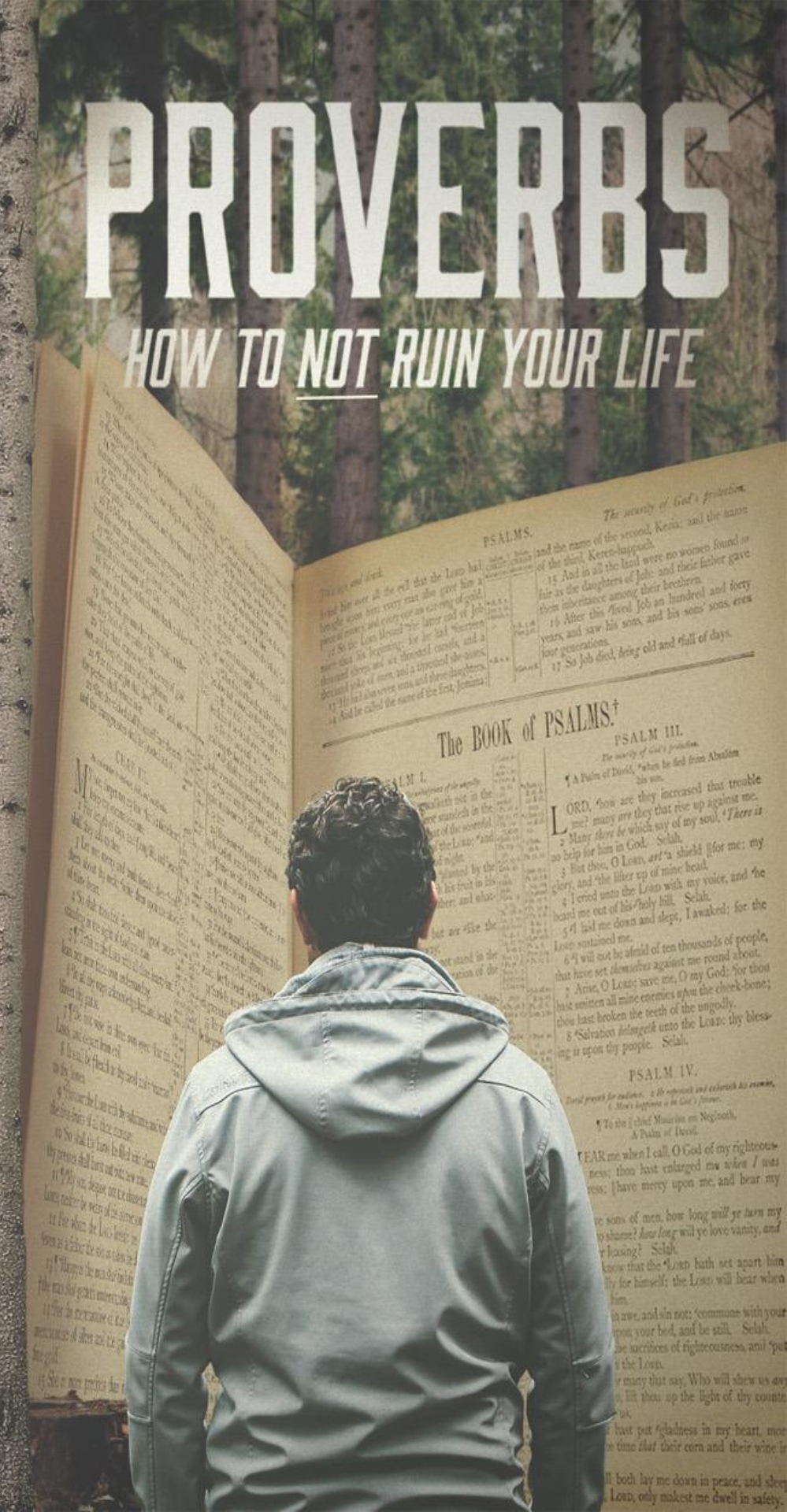


Buoy #1 Question

What biblical principles should inform my decision?

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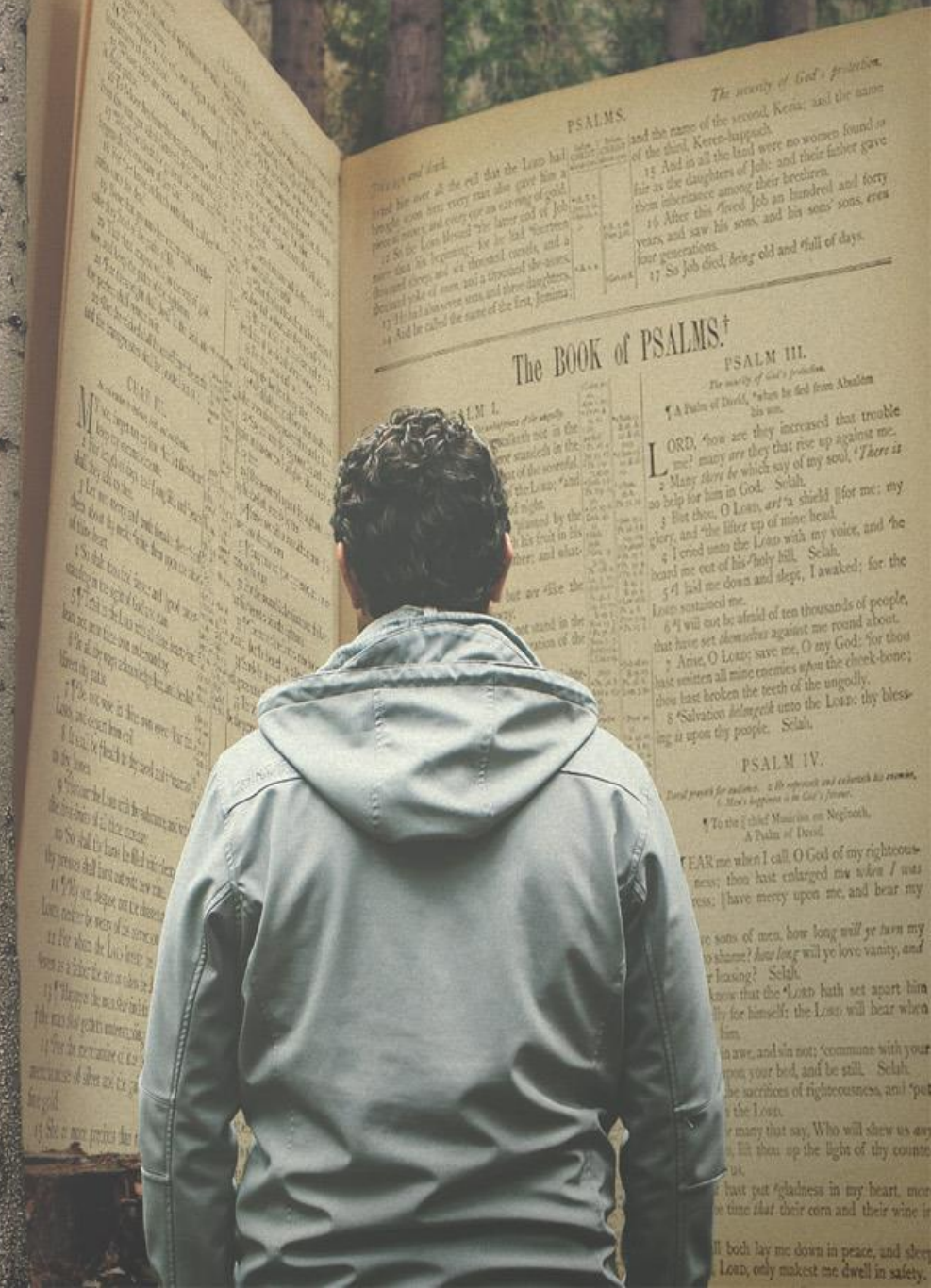


Buoy #2

The Counsel of the Holy Spirit

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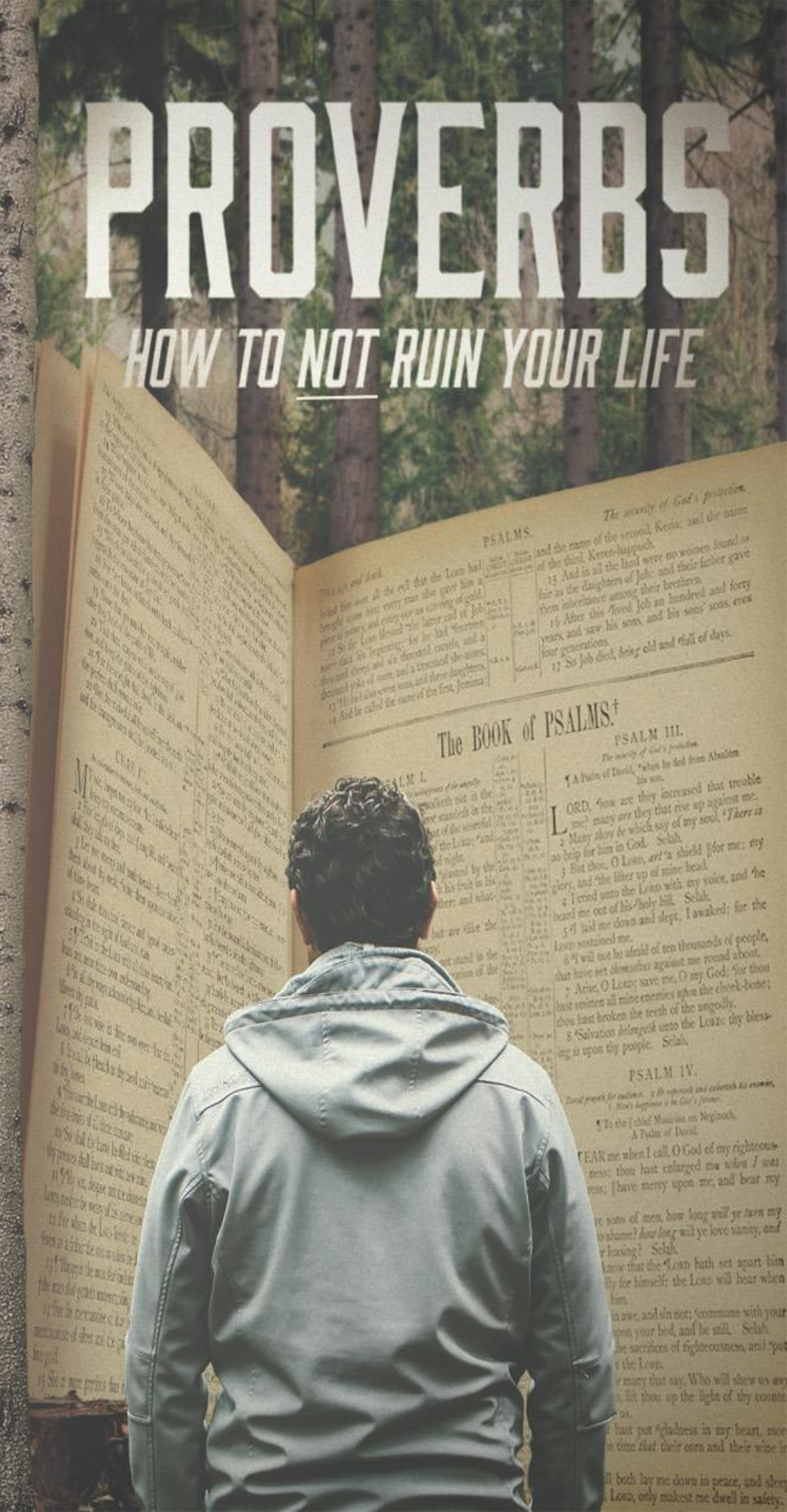


Proverbs 16:1-3

To humans belong the plans of the **heart**, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue. All a person's ways seem pure to them, but **motives** are weighed by the Lord. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

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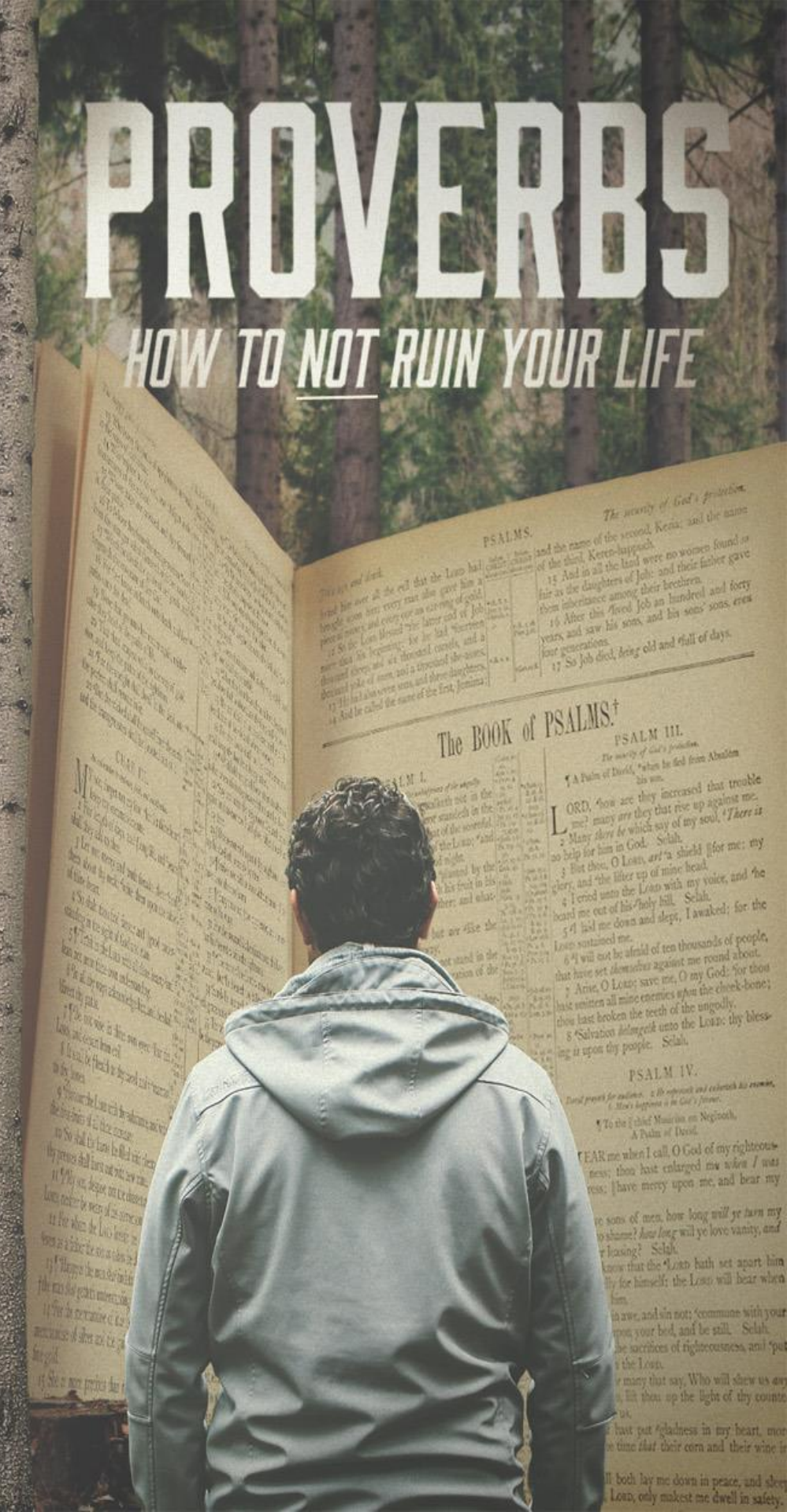
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Buoy #2 Question

Have I asked the
Spirit to examine
the motives of my
heart?

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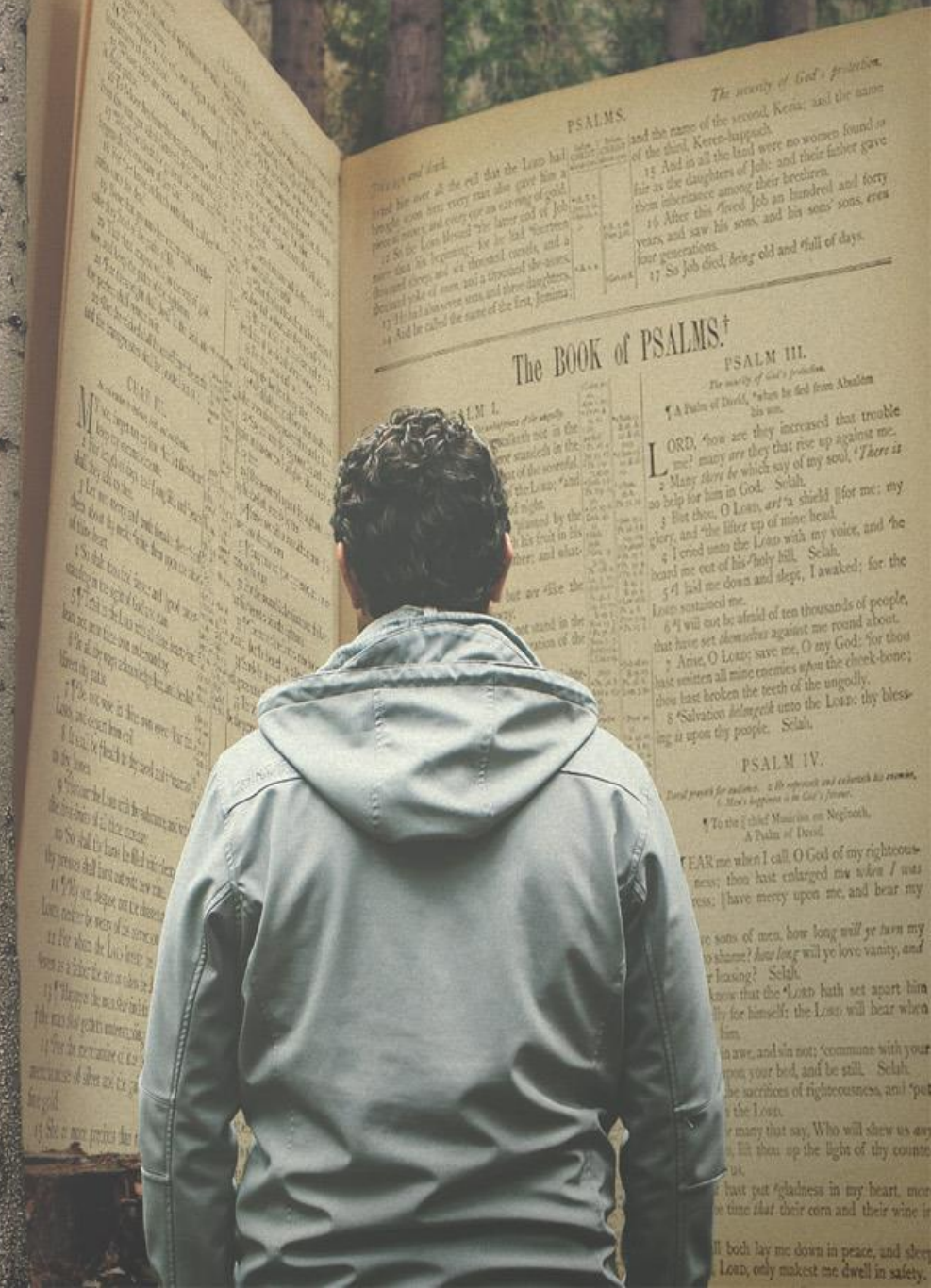


Buoy #3

The Tutor of Past Experience

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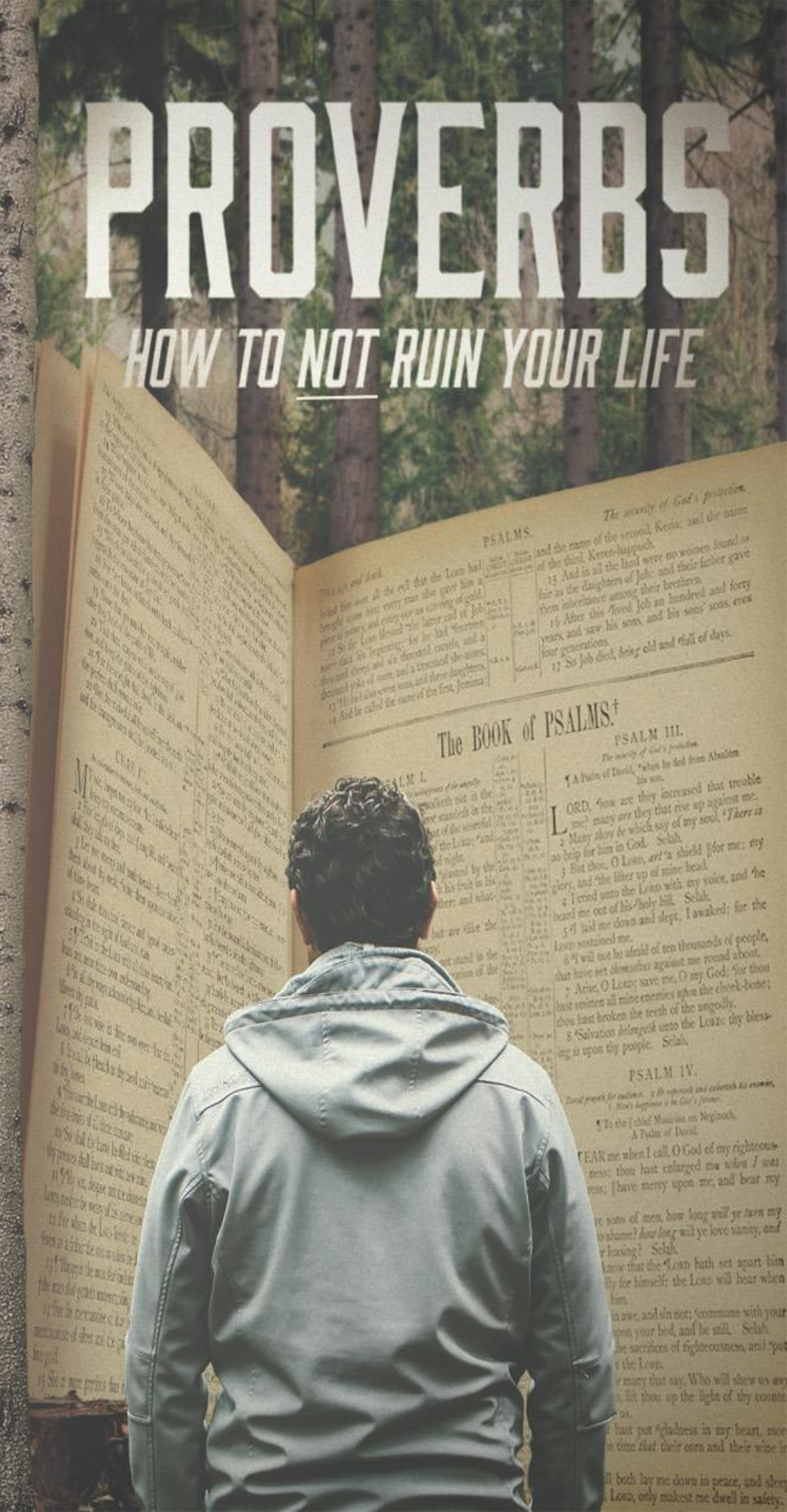


Proverbs 14:8

The wisdom of the prudent is to give **thought** to their **ways**, but the folly of fools is deception.

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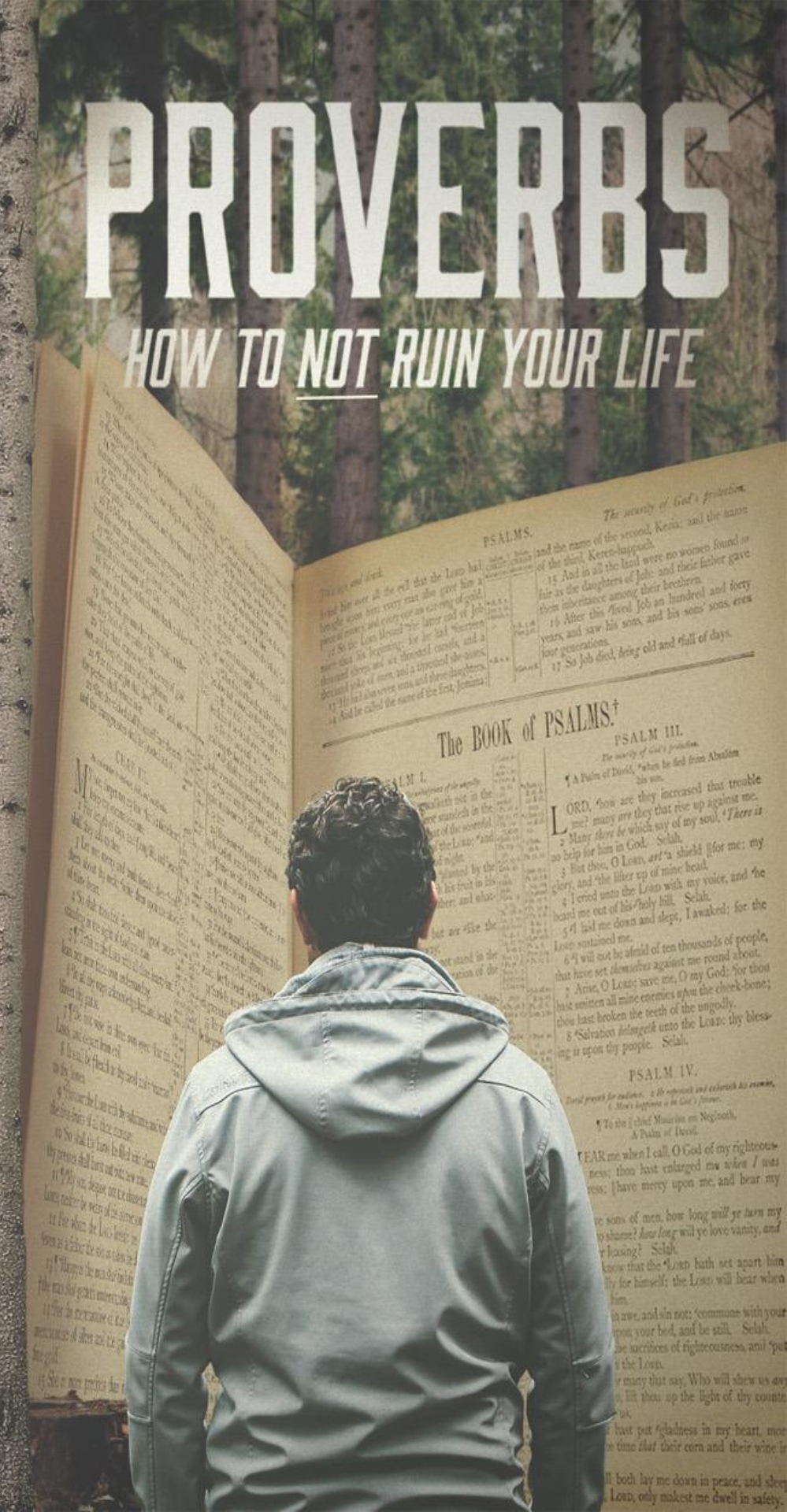


Proverbs 26:11

As a dog returns to
its vomit so fools
repeat their folly.

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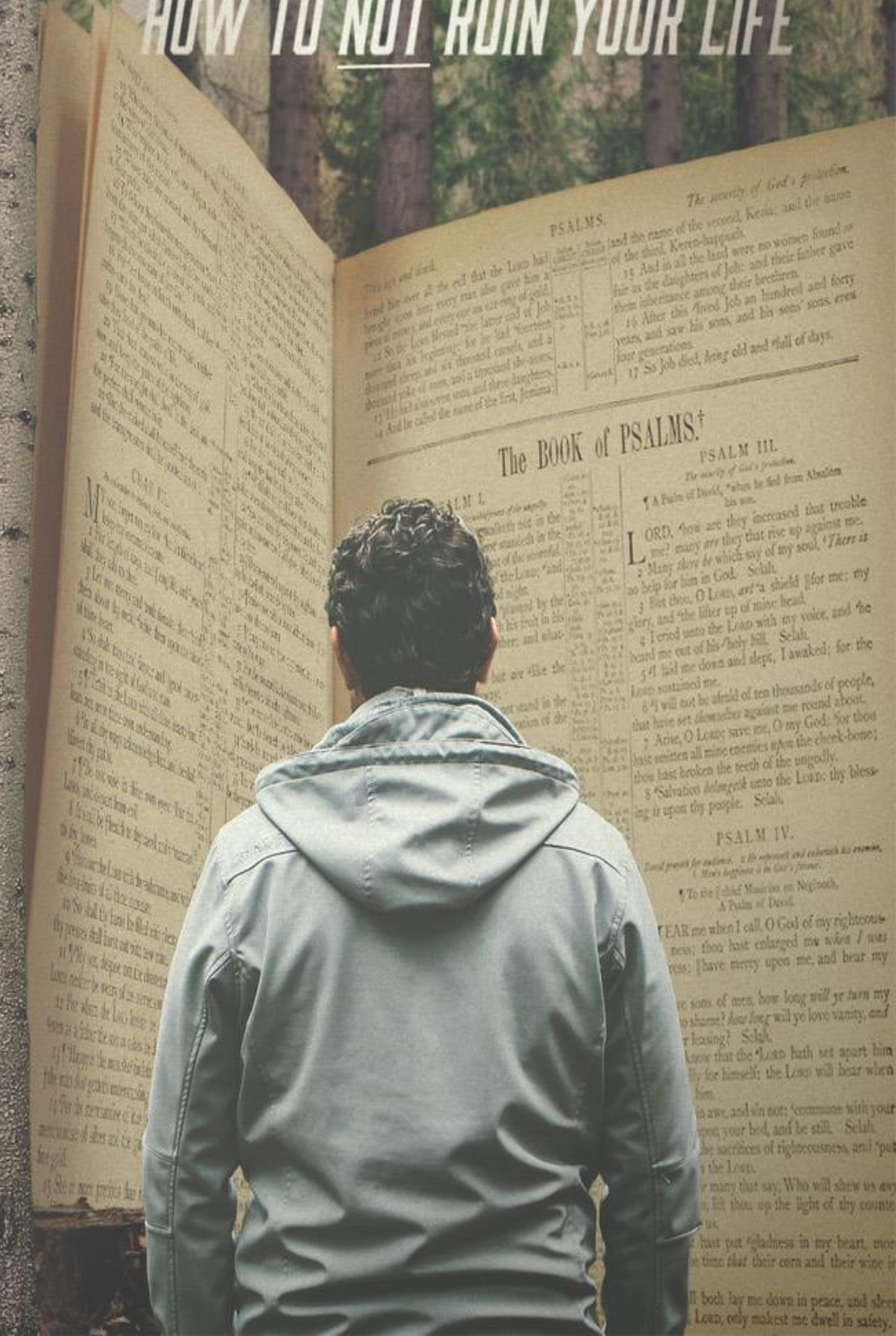
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Wisdom Equals Evaluated Experience

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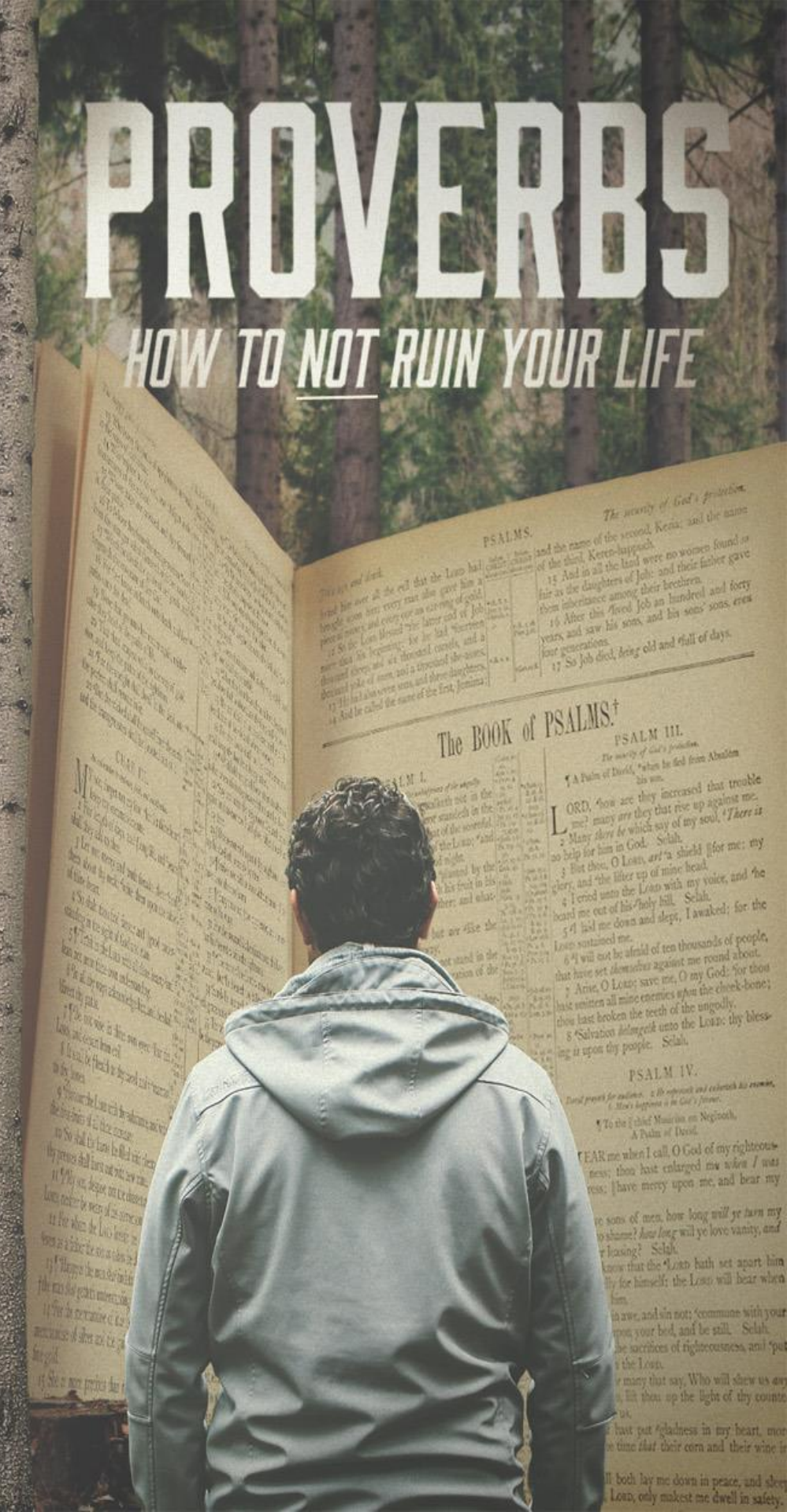


Buoy #3 Question

In light of my past
experience what
lessons have I
learned?

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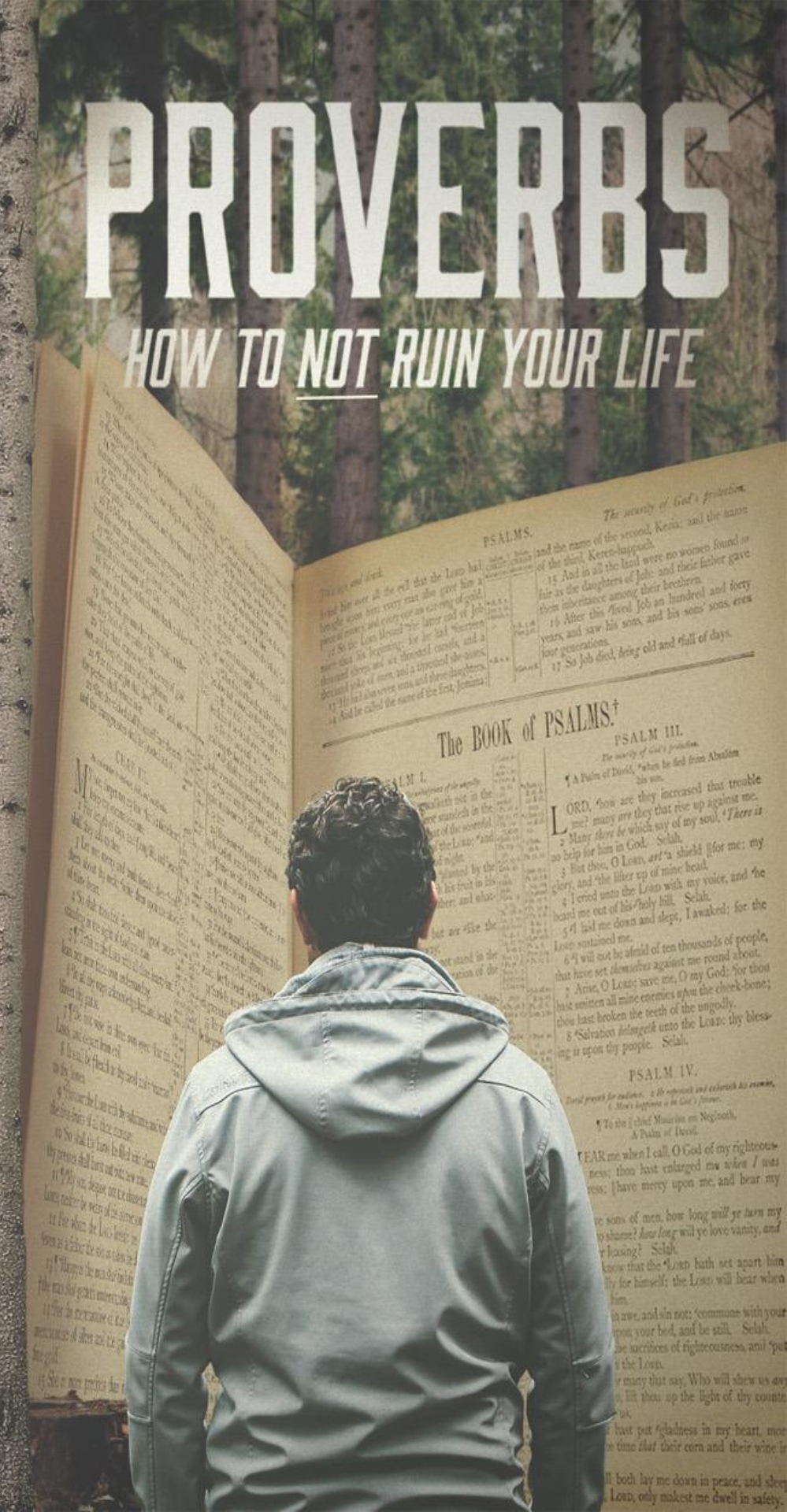


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Buoy #4

The Clarity of Time

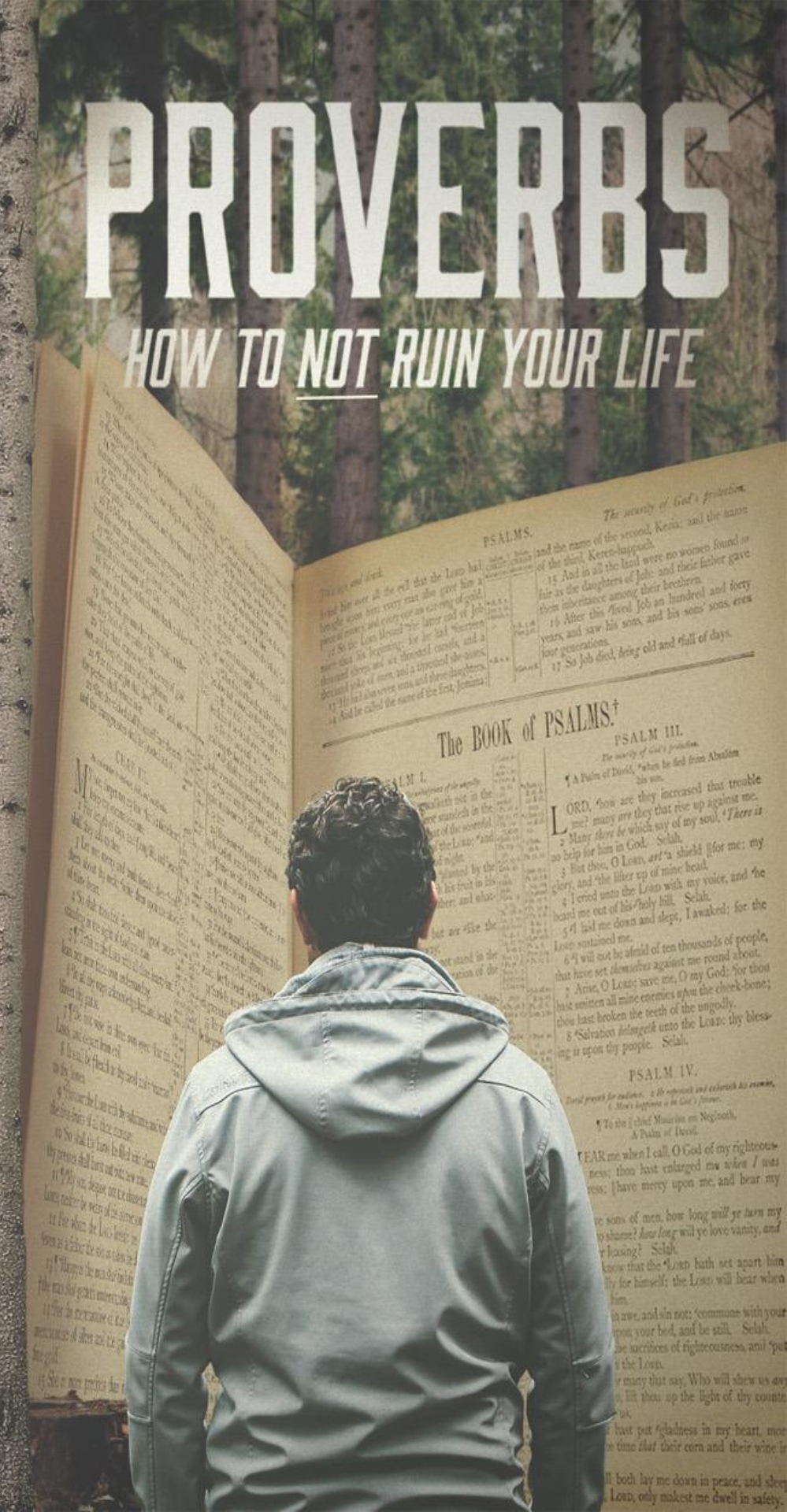


Proverbs 19:2

Desire without
knowledge is not
good—how much
more will **hasty** feet
miss the way!

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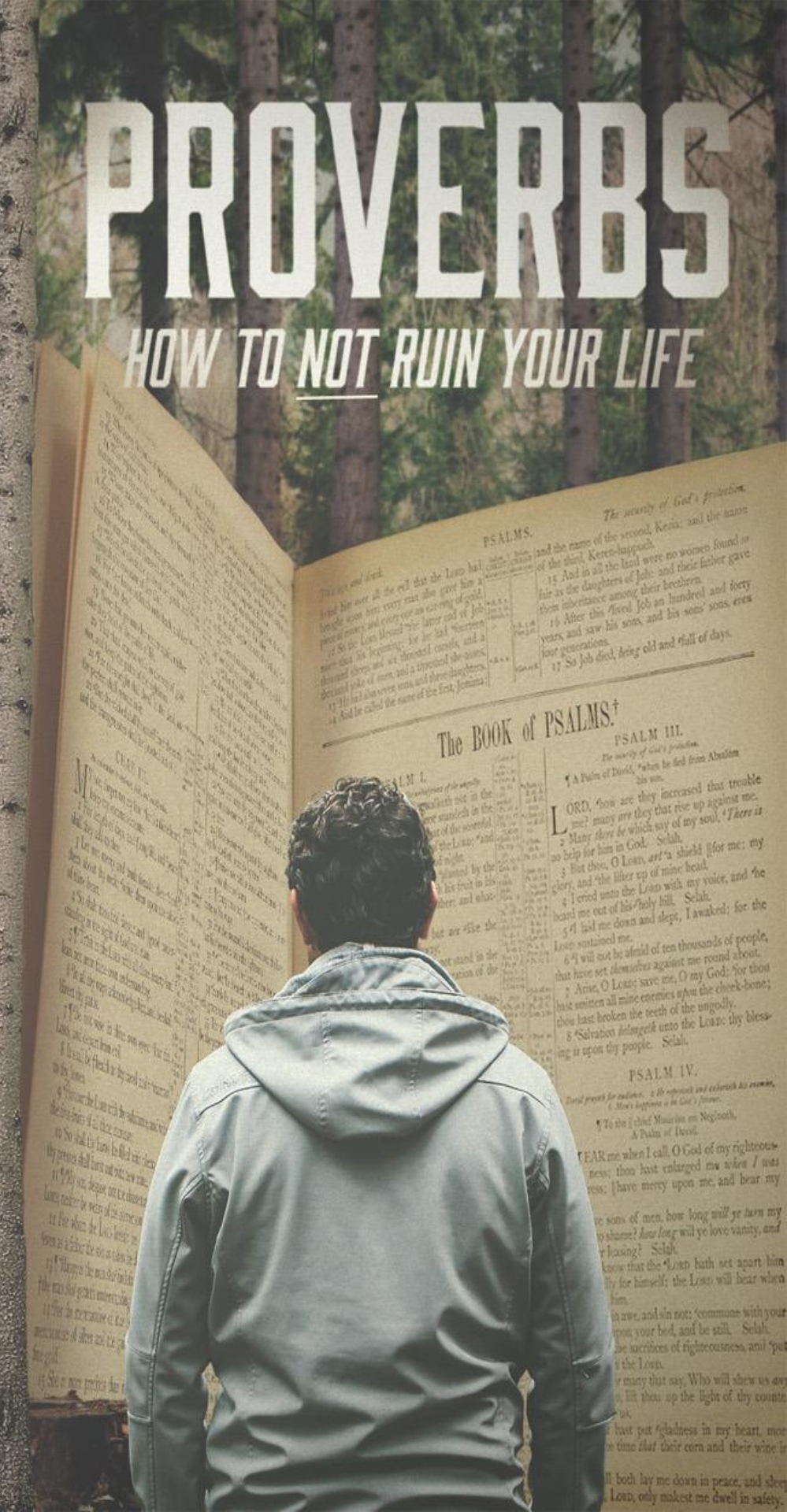


Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the
diligent lead to
profit as surely as
haste leads to
poverty.

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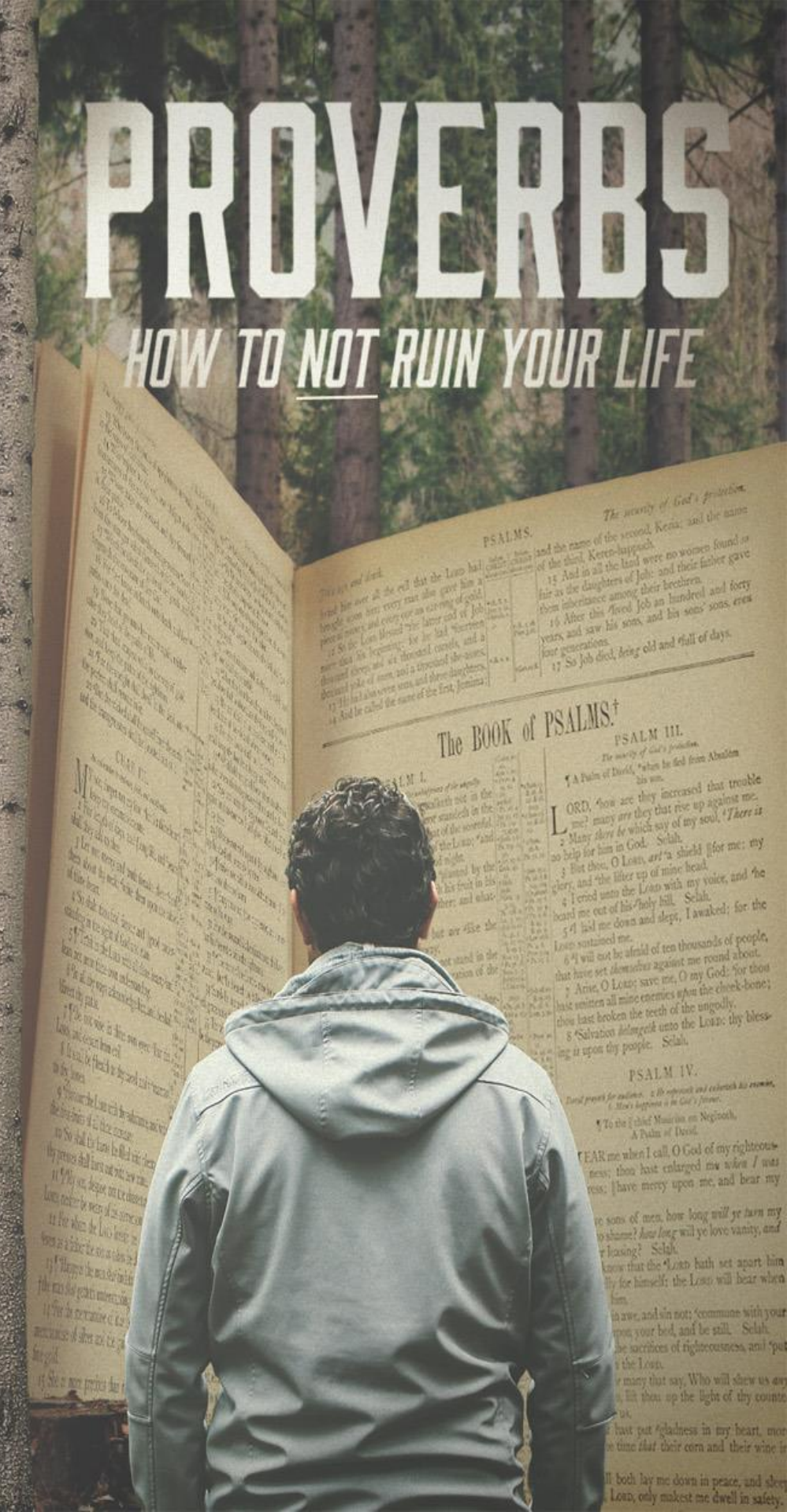


Proverbs 18:17

The one who states
his case first seems
right, until the other
comes and
examines him.

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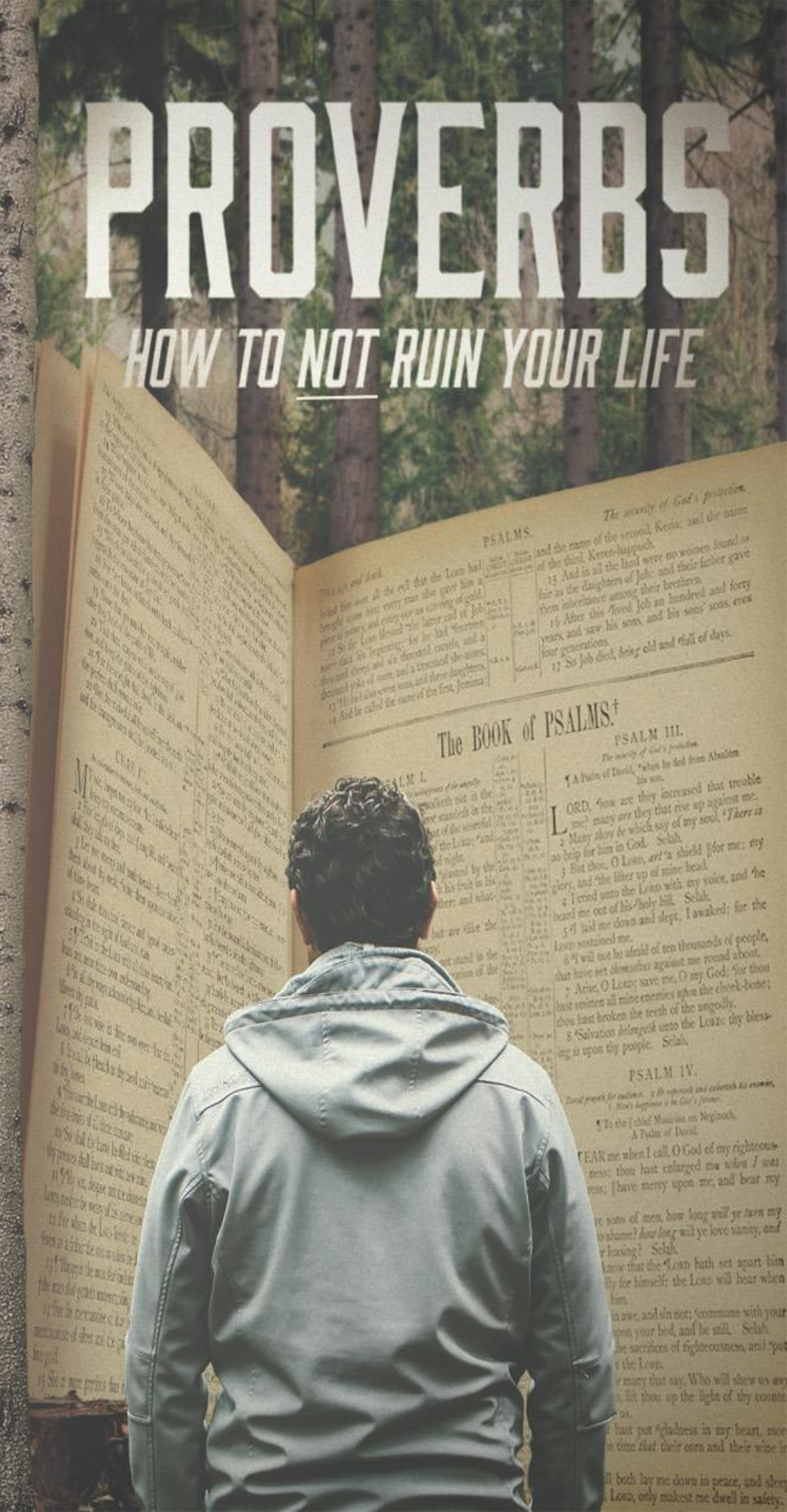


Buoy#4 Question

Is the pressure of
time forcing you to
make a premature
decision?

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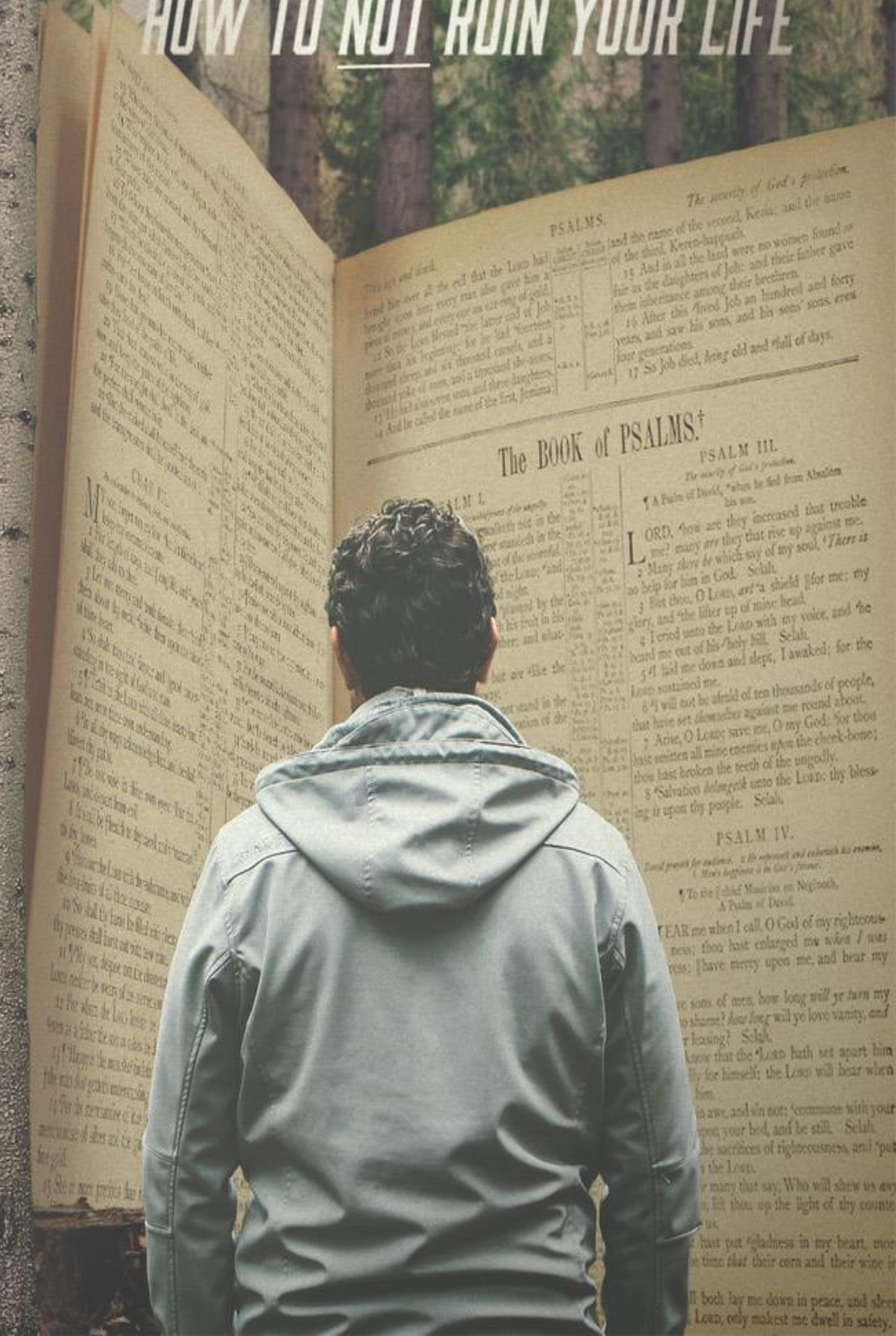


Buoy #5

The Honesty of Community

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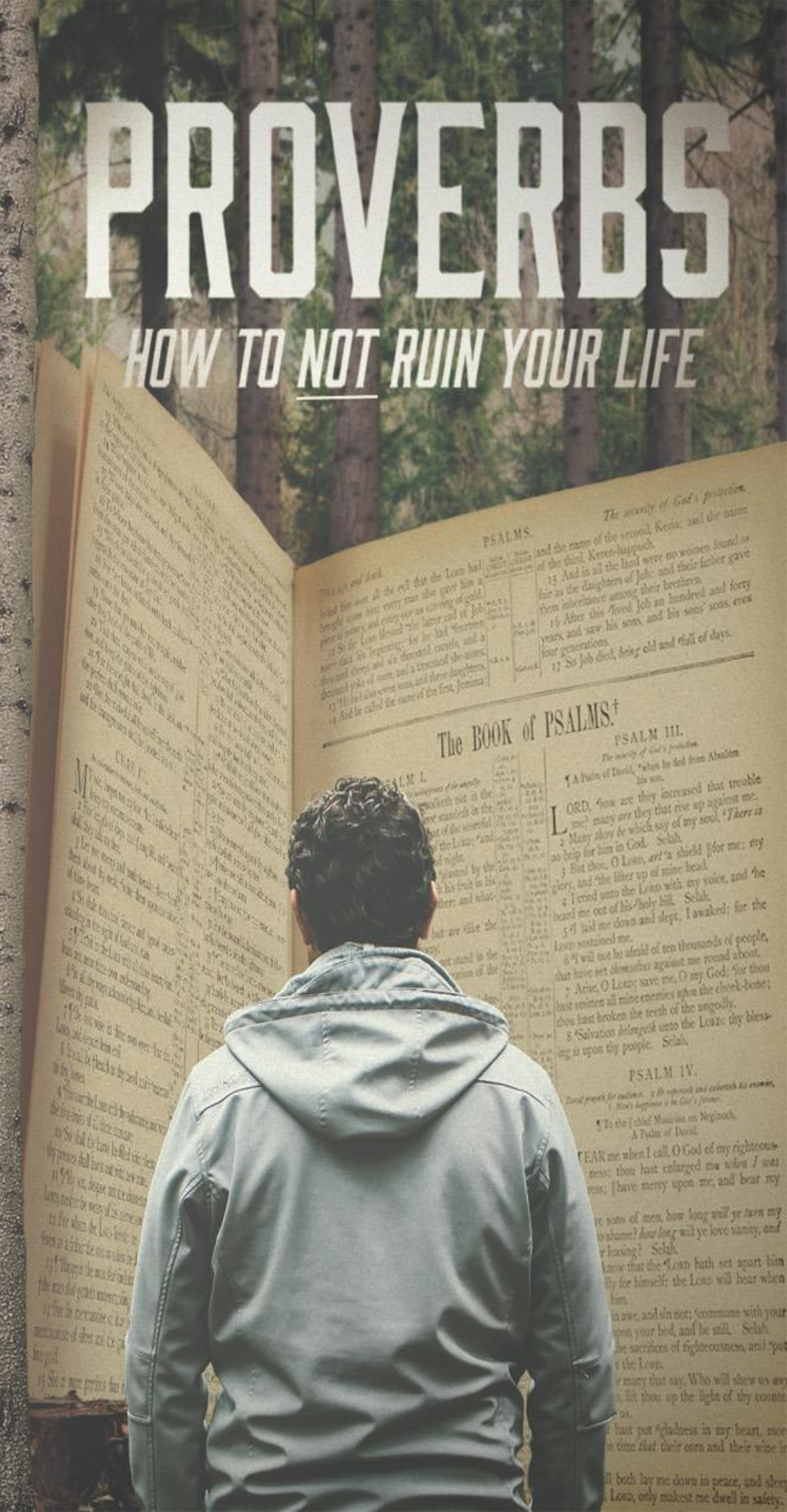


Proverbs 11:14

For lack of guidance
a nation falls, but
victory is won
through many
advisers.

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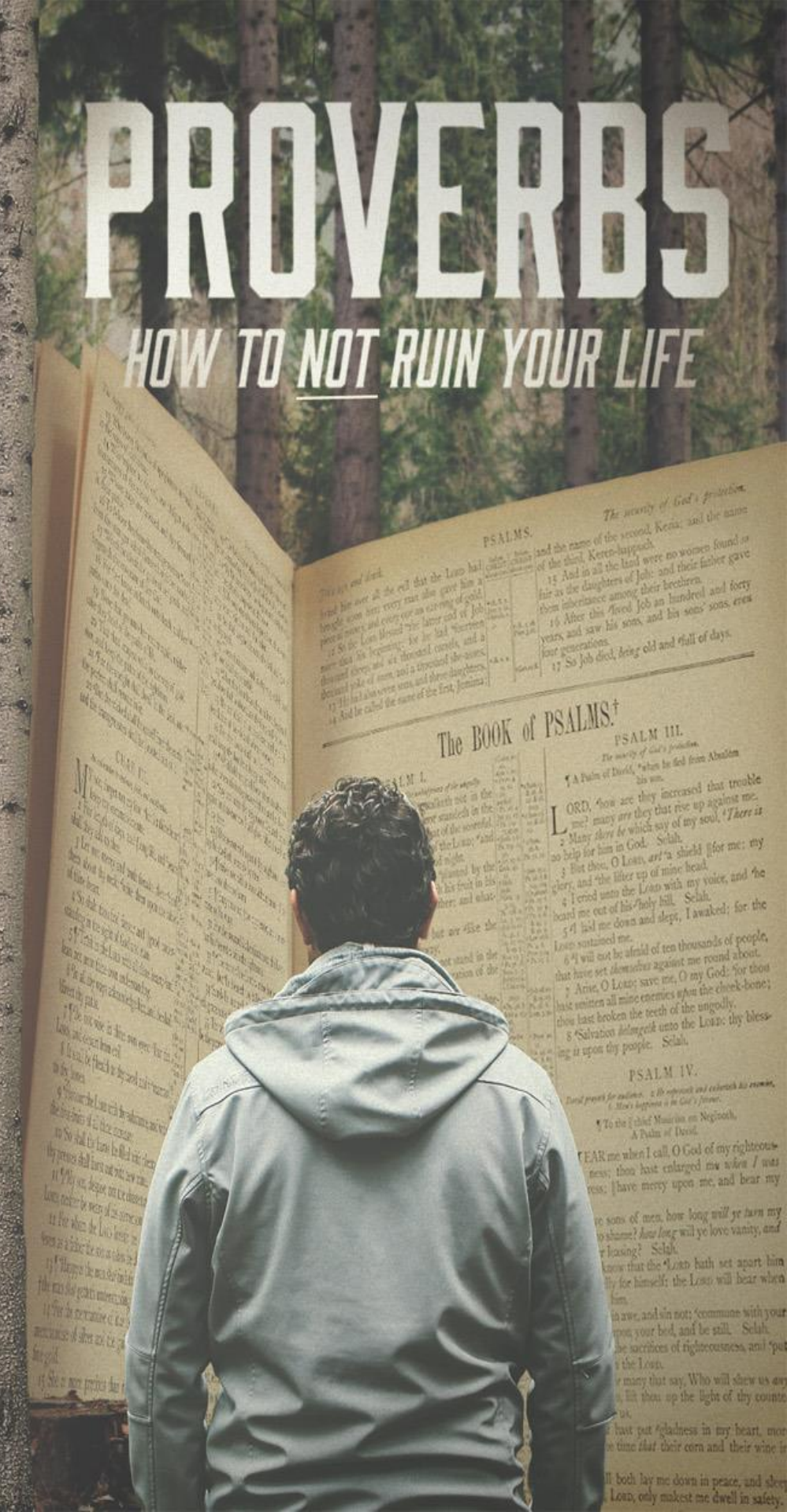


Proverbs 15:22

Plans fail for lack of
counsel, but with
many **advisers** they
succeed.

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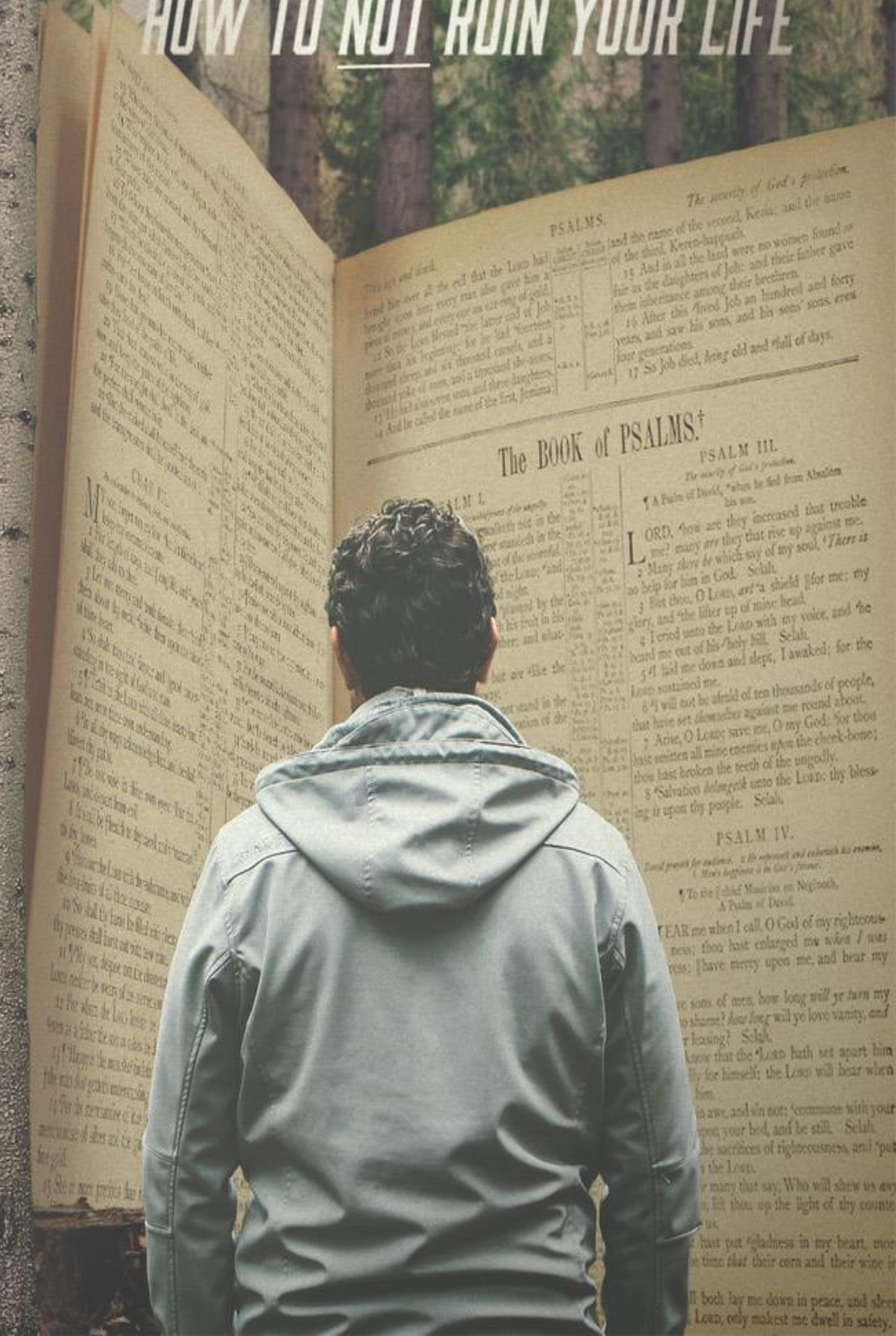
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Proverbs 13:20
Walk with the wise
and **become wise,**
for a companion of
fools **suffers**
harm.

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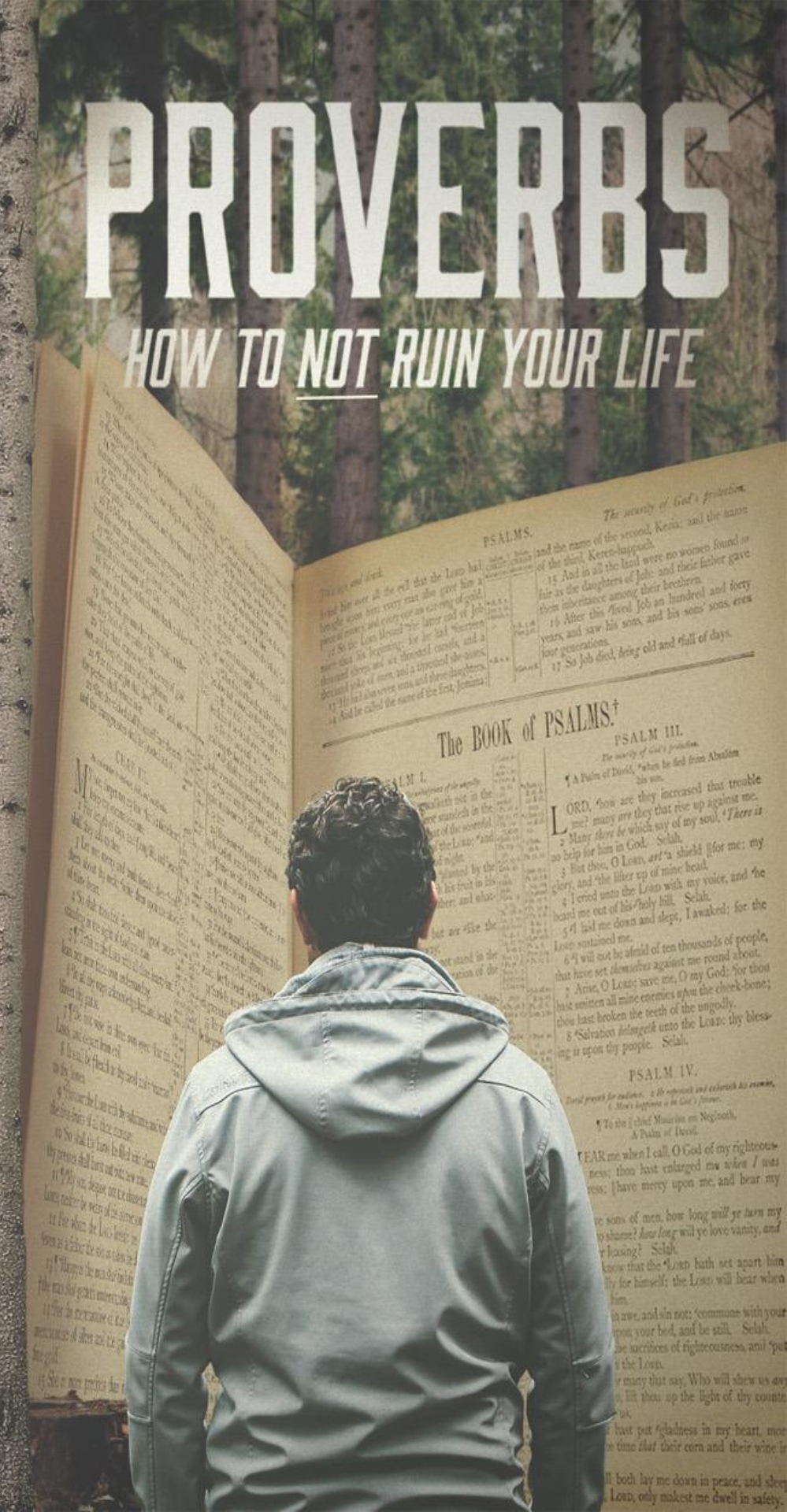


Proverbs 10:17

Whoever **heeds**
discipline shows the
way to life, but
whoever **ignores**
correction leads
others astray.

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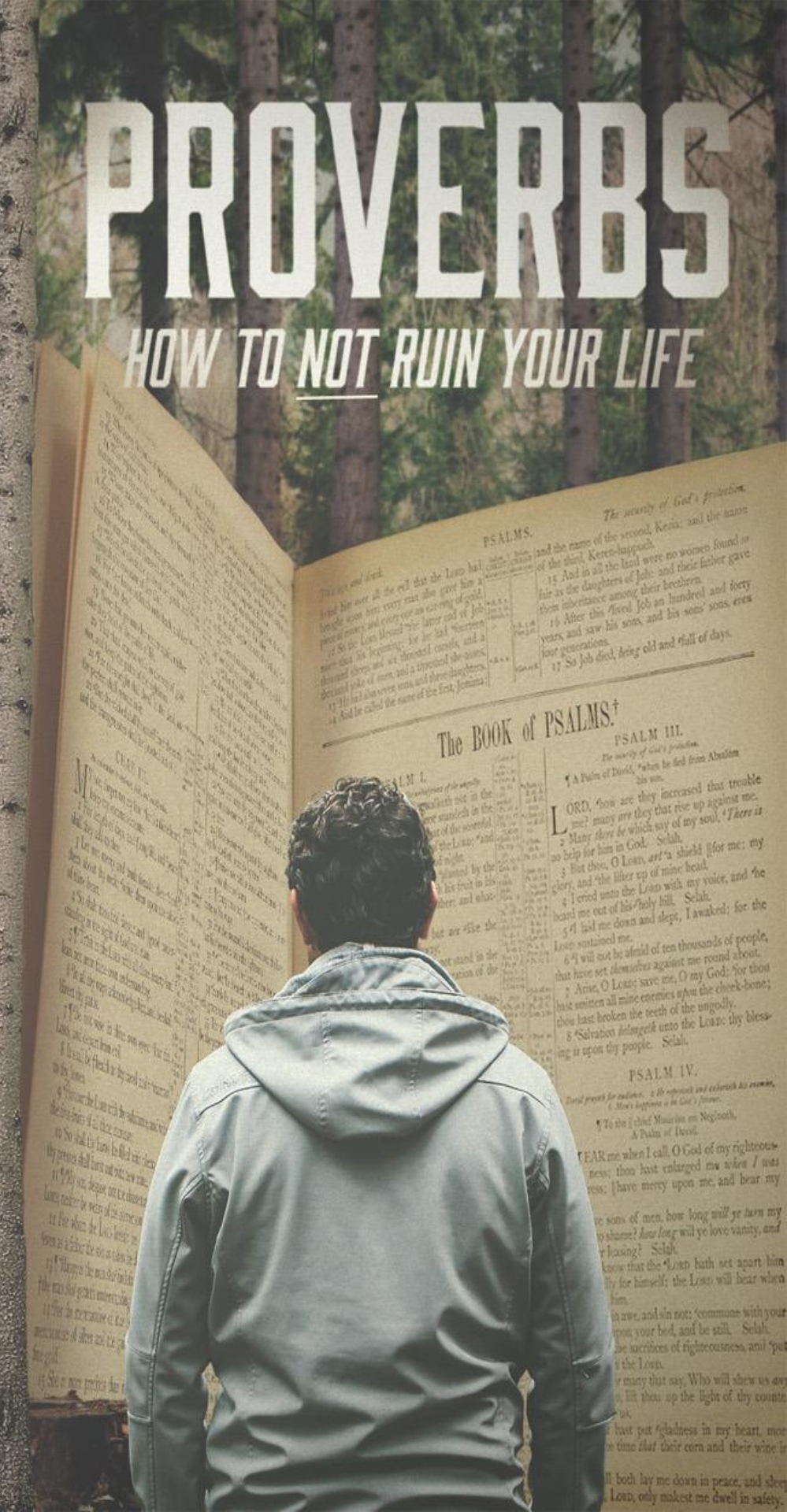


Buoy #5 Question

What is the collective counsel of my community?

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5 Buoys to Navigate Decisions

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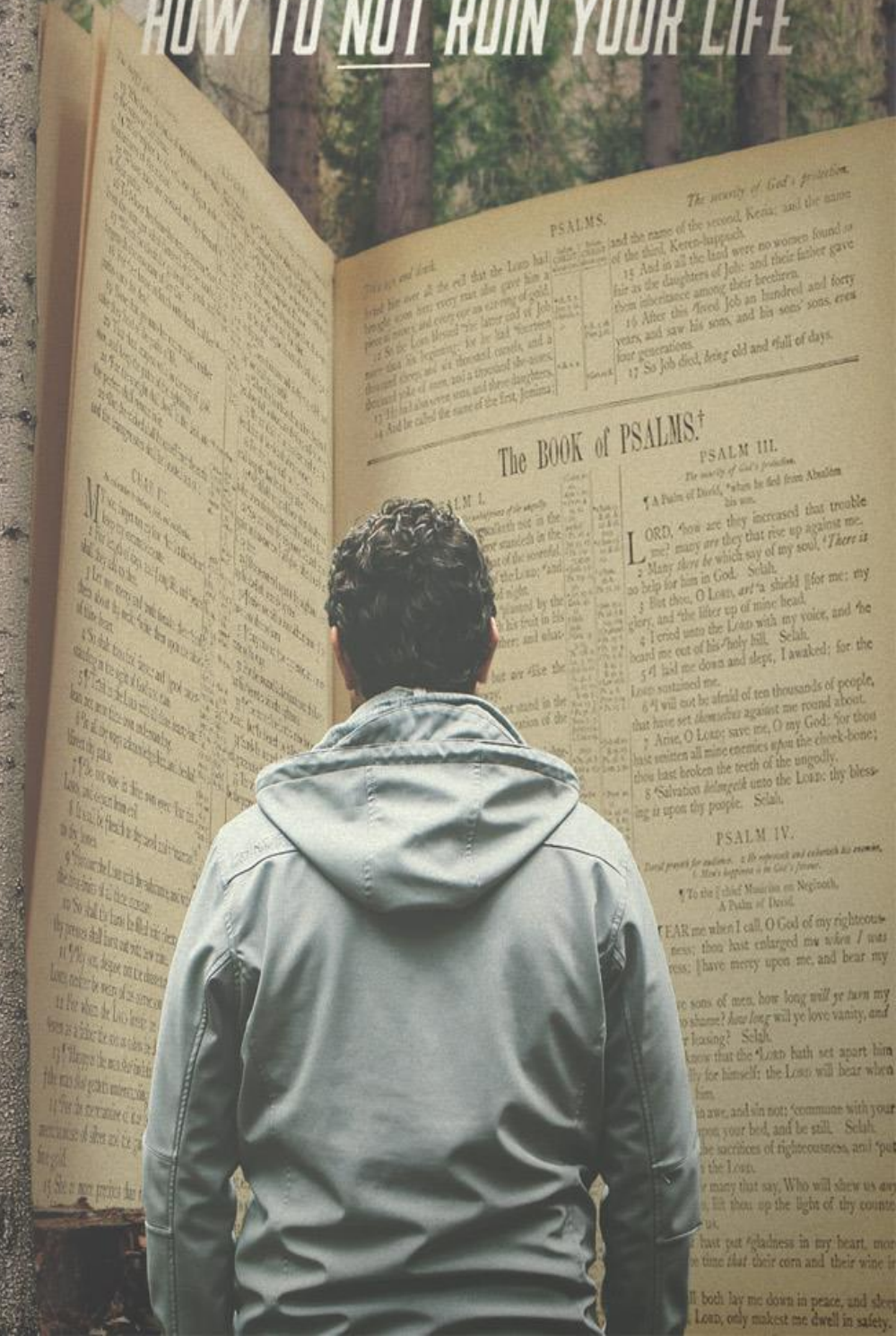
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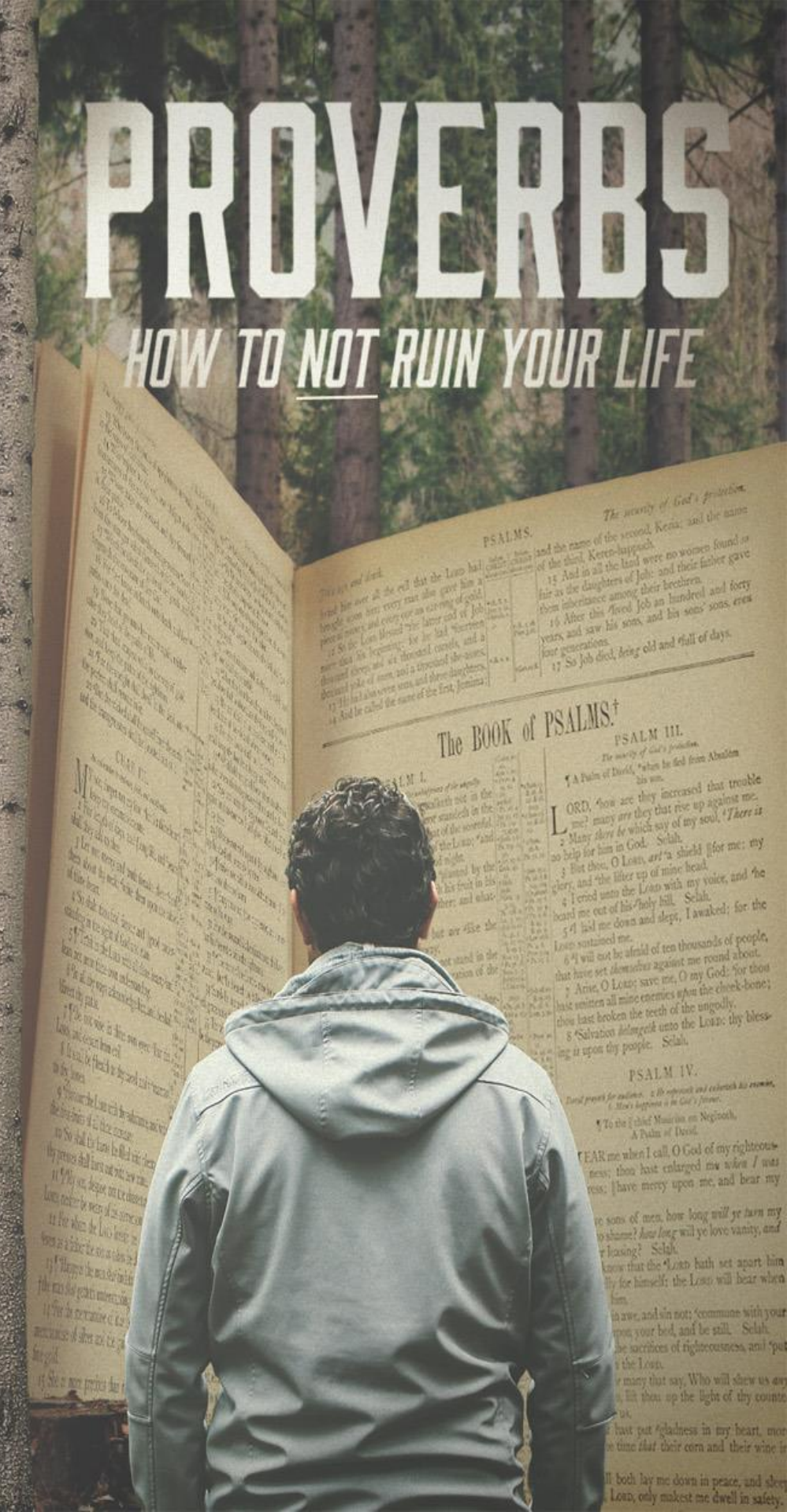
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