A person with dark hair, wearing a grey hooded jacket, is seen from behind, looking at a massive, open book that is taller than they are. The book is propped up against a tree in a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The pages of the book are filled with text, and some parts are highlighted in yellow. The scene is bathed in soft, natural light, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere.

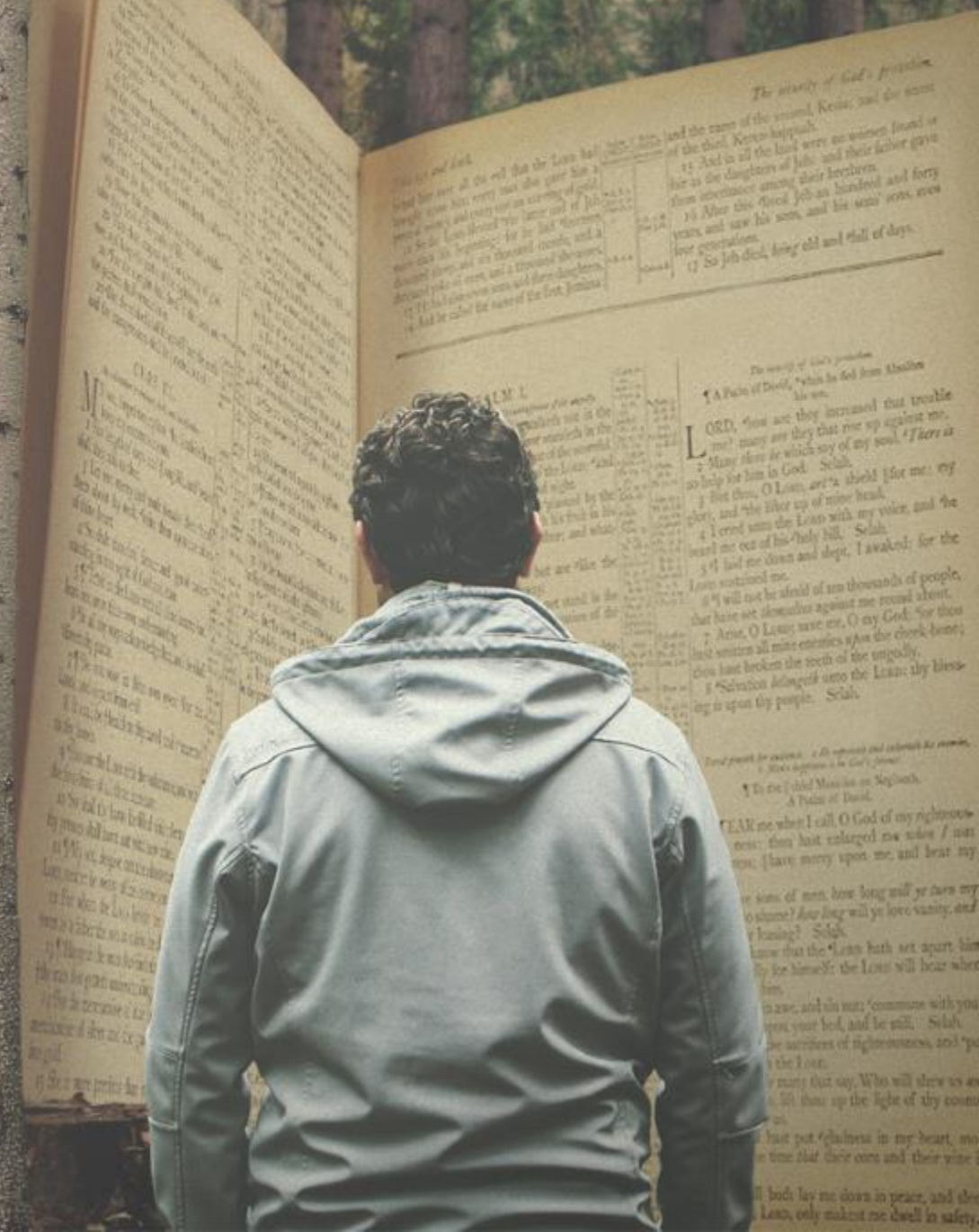
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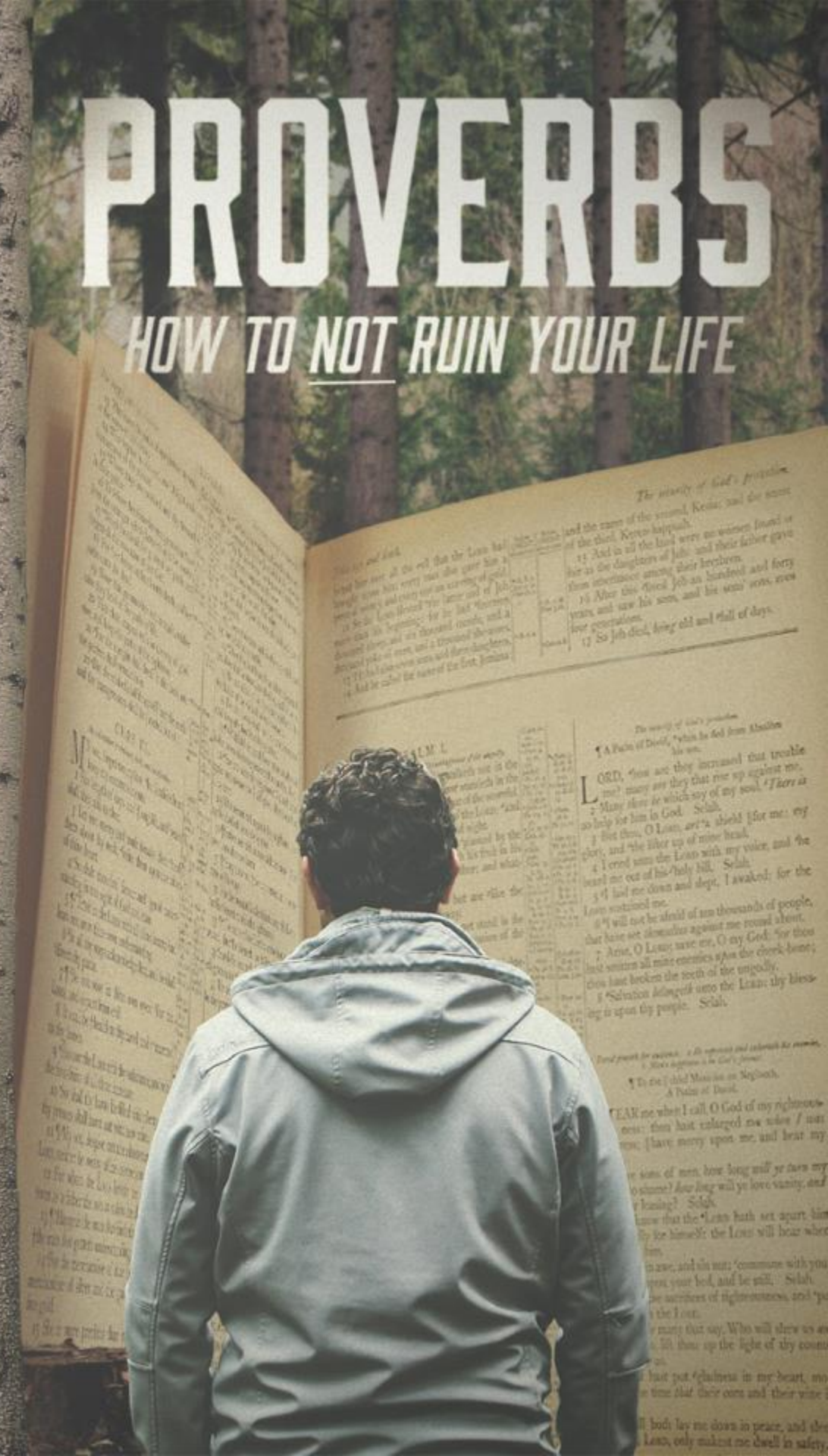
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Death and life

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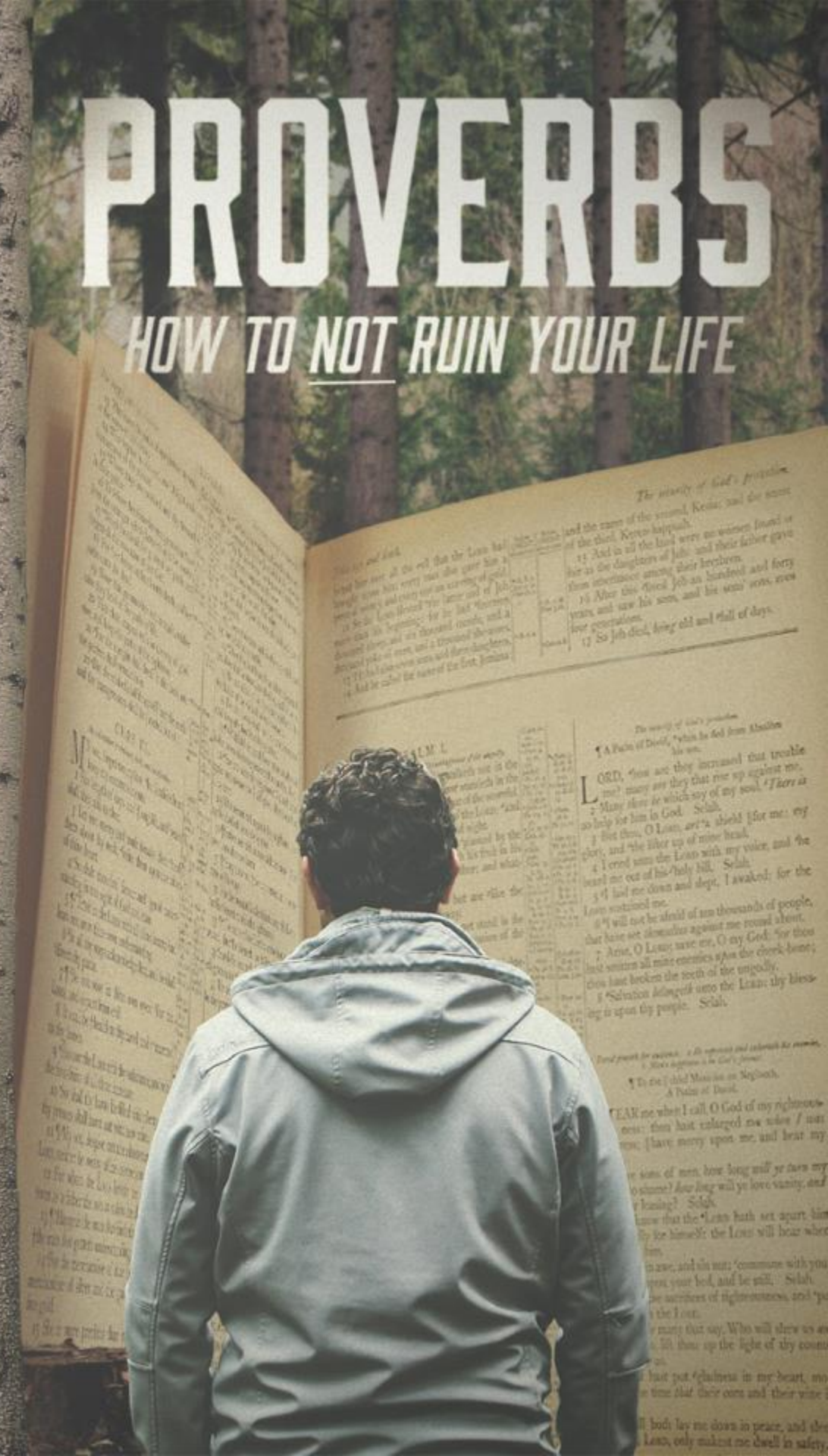
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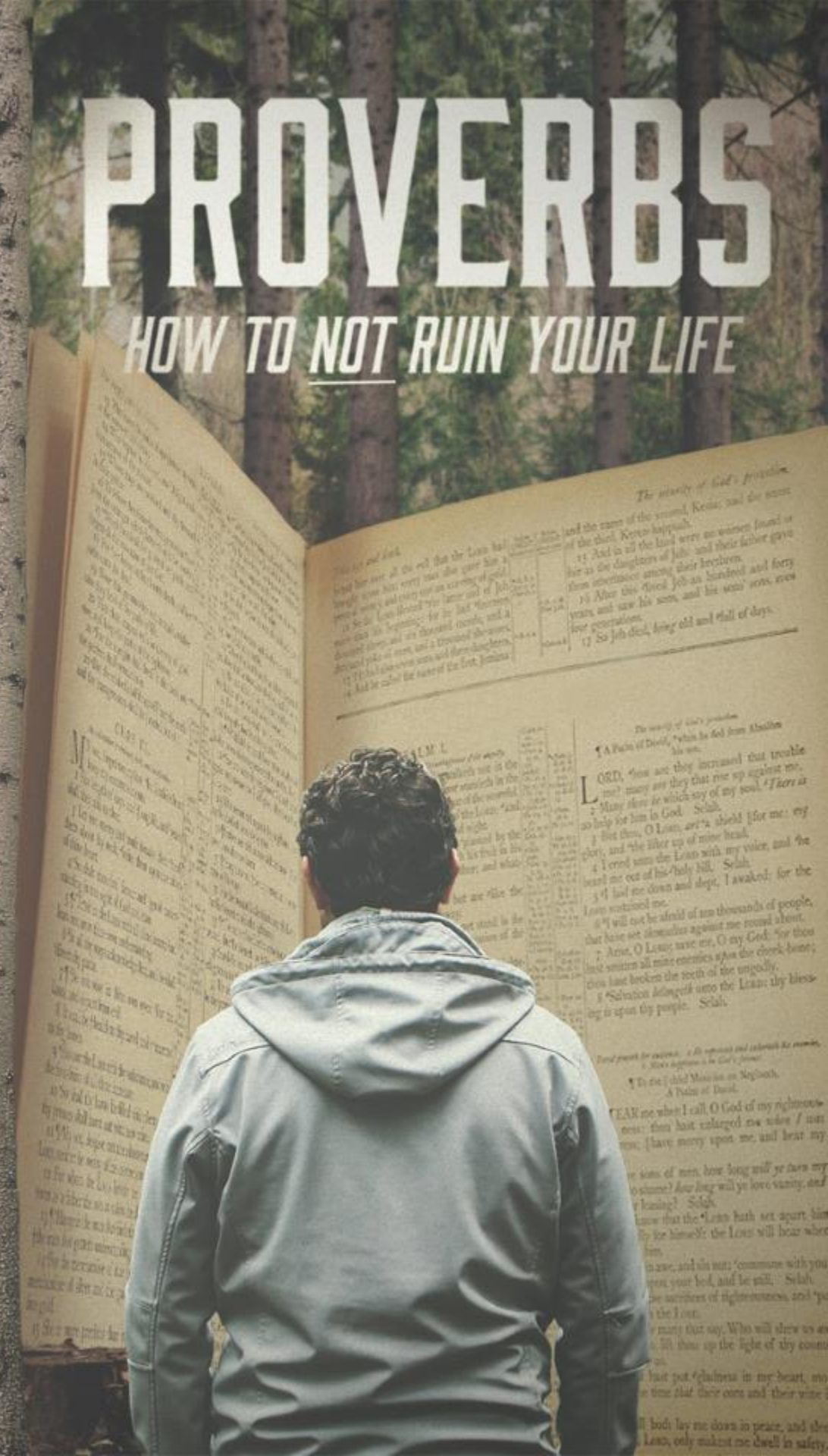


Why Words are so Powerful

Words are Abundant

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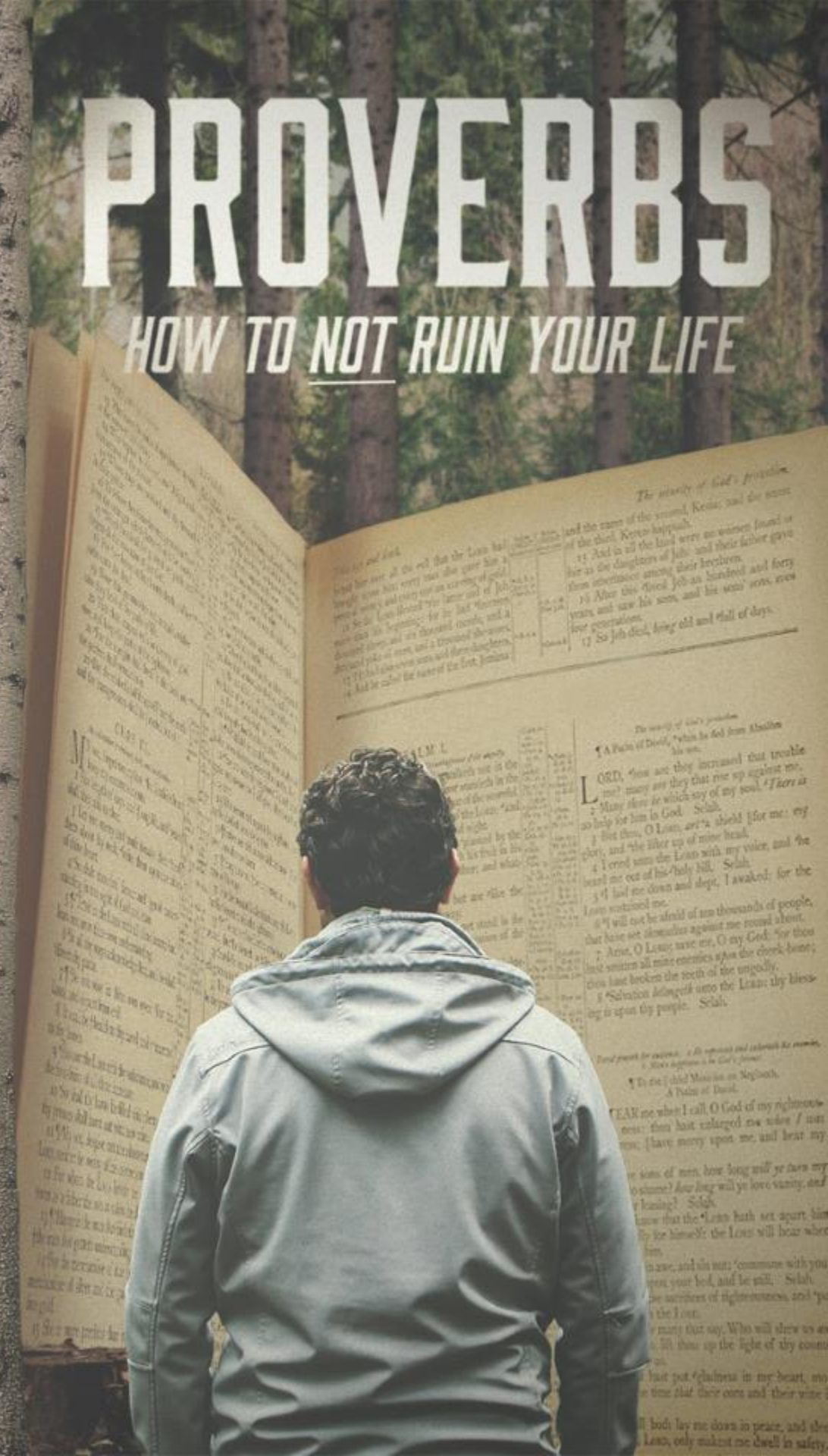


Why Words are so Powerful

Words are Creative

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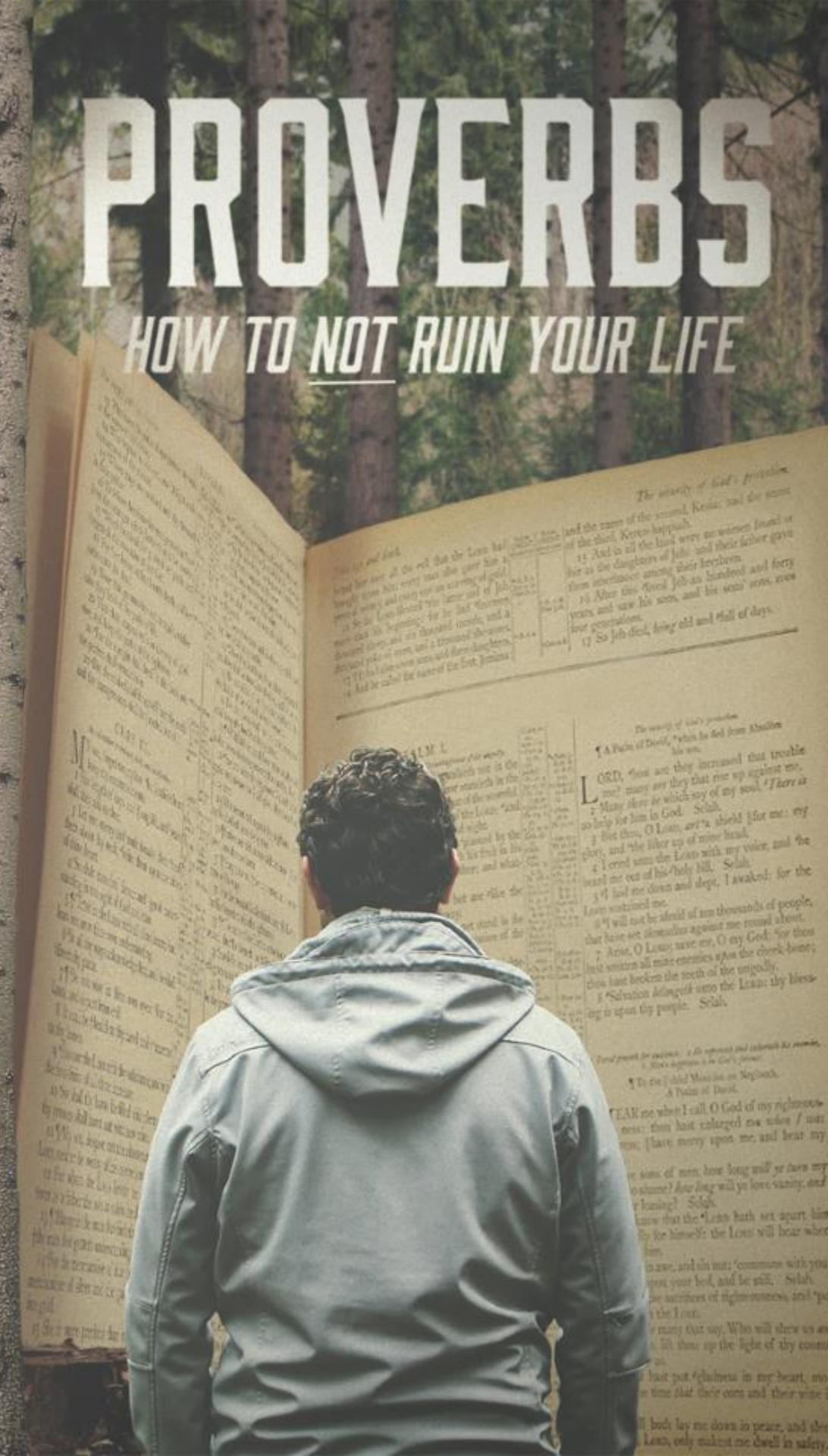


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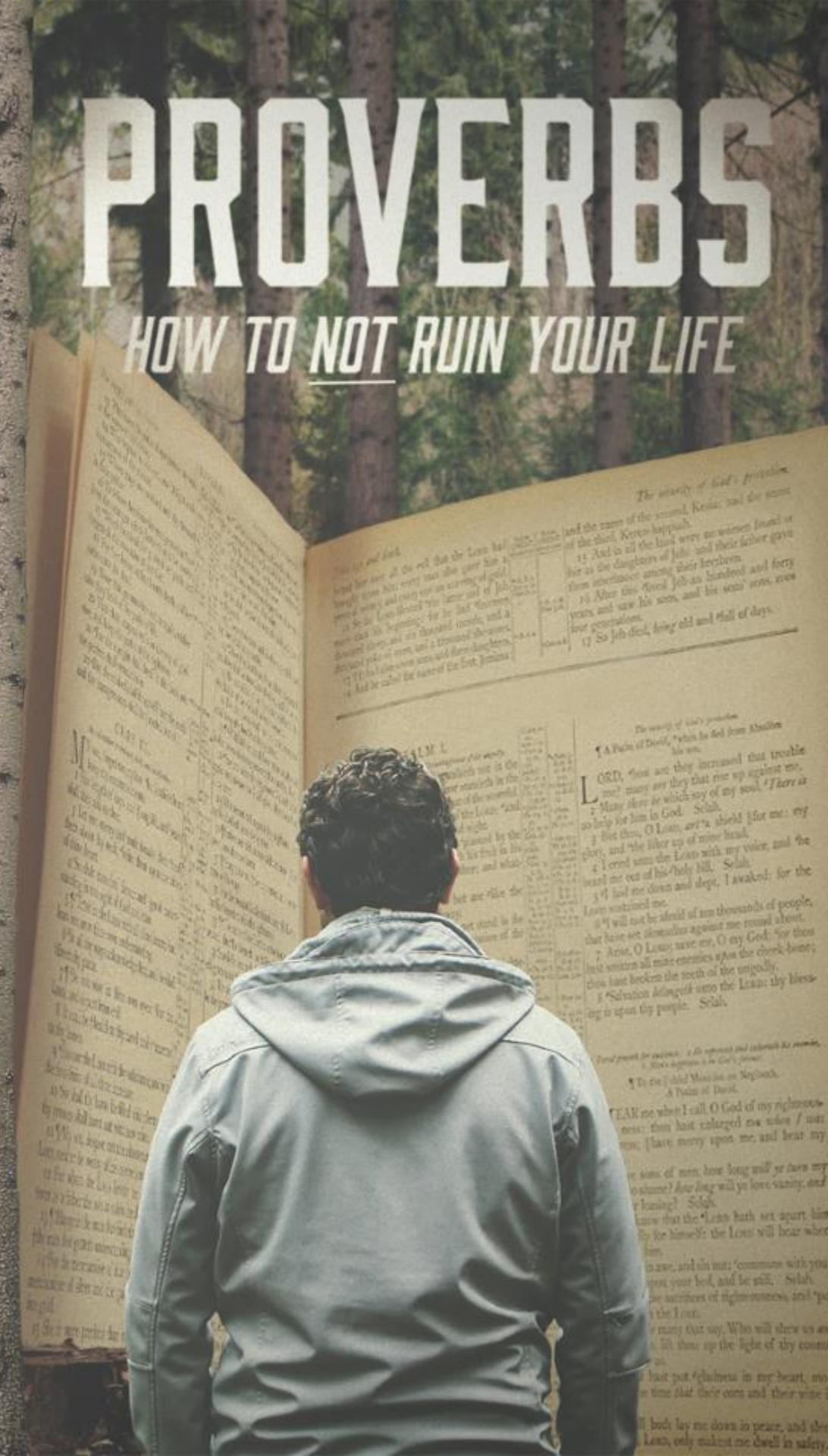


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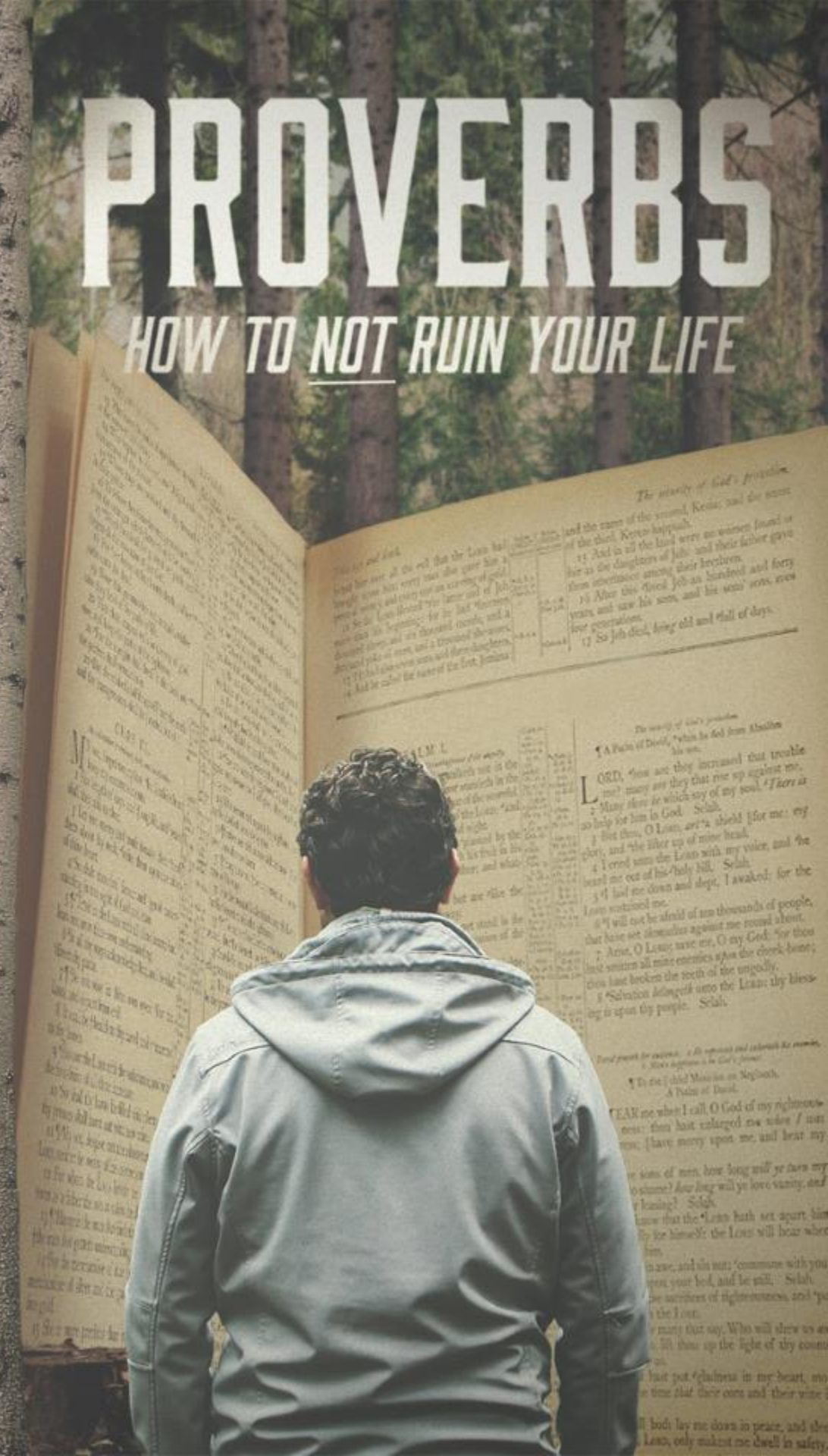


Why Words are so Powerful

Words are Permanent

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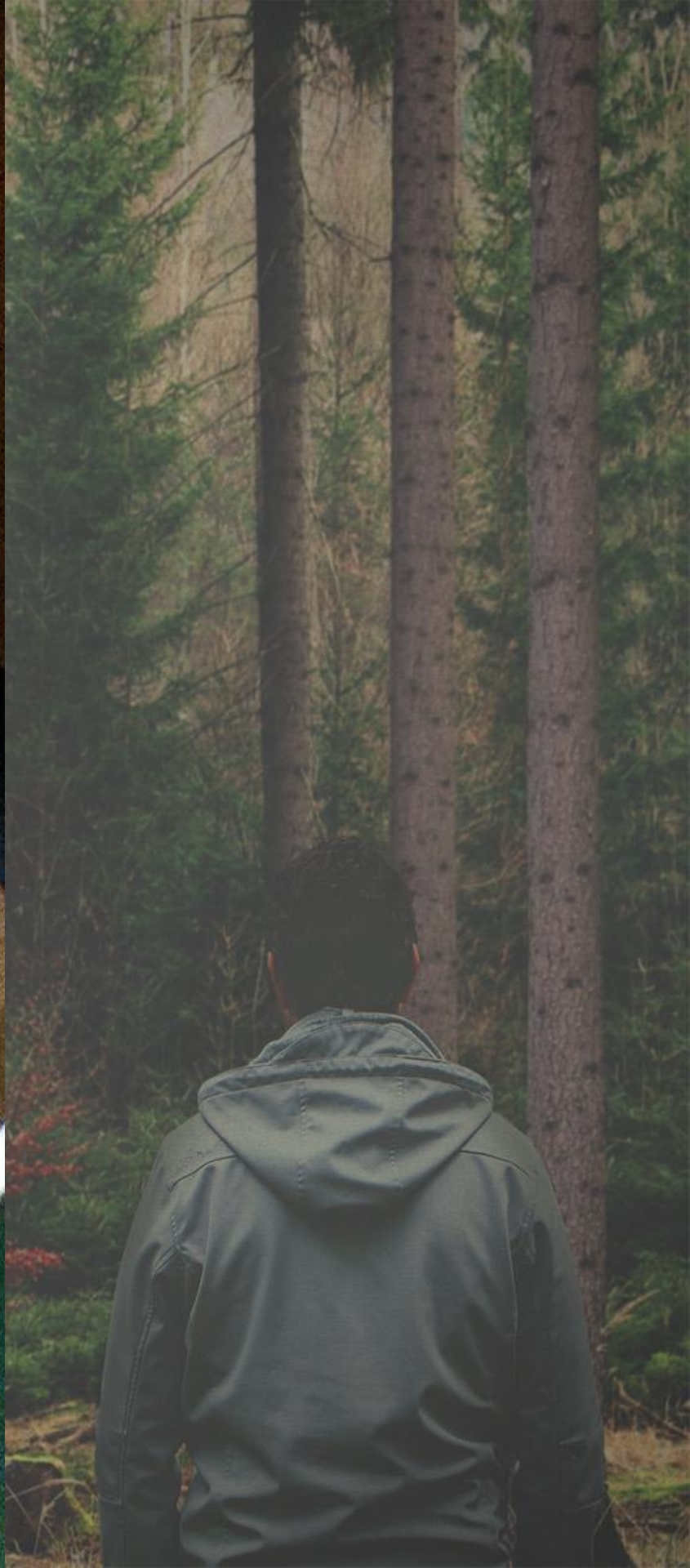
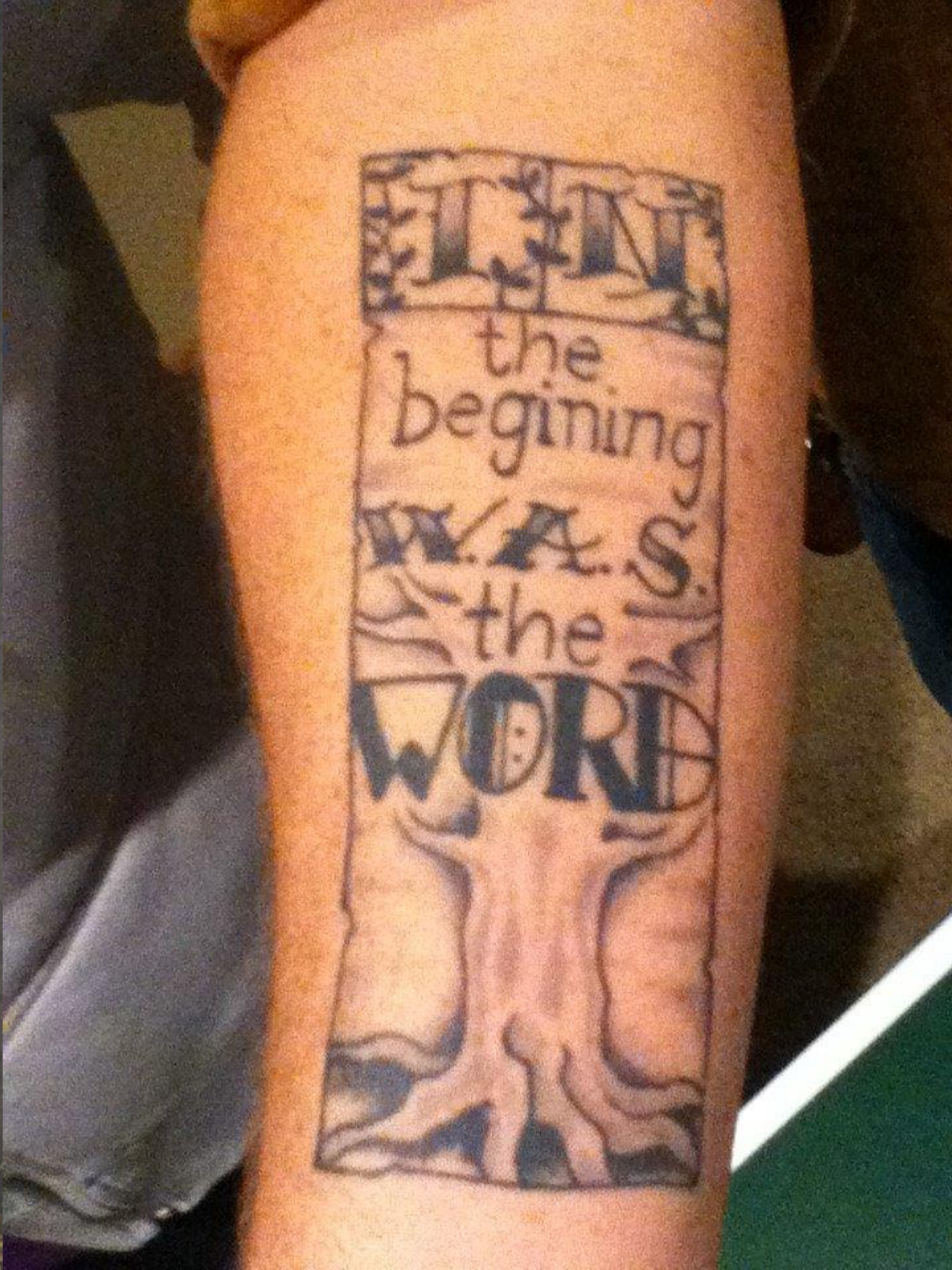






Never don't give up

A close-up photograph of a person's arm featuring a tattoo. The tattoo is written in a black, cursive script and reads "Never don't give up". The skin is fair and shows some minor blemishes. The background of the image is a blurred forest scene with tall trees and green foliage.





Words are...
Abundant, Creative
and Permanent

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Four Resolutions To Make with our Mouths

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#1 Resolve to Speak Less and Listen More.

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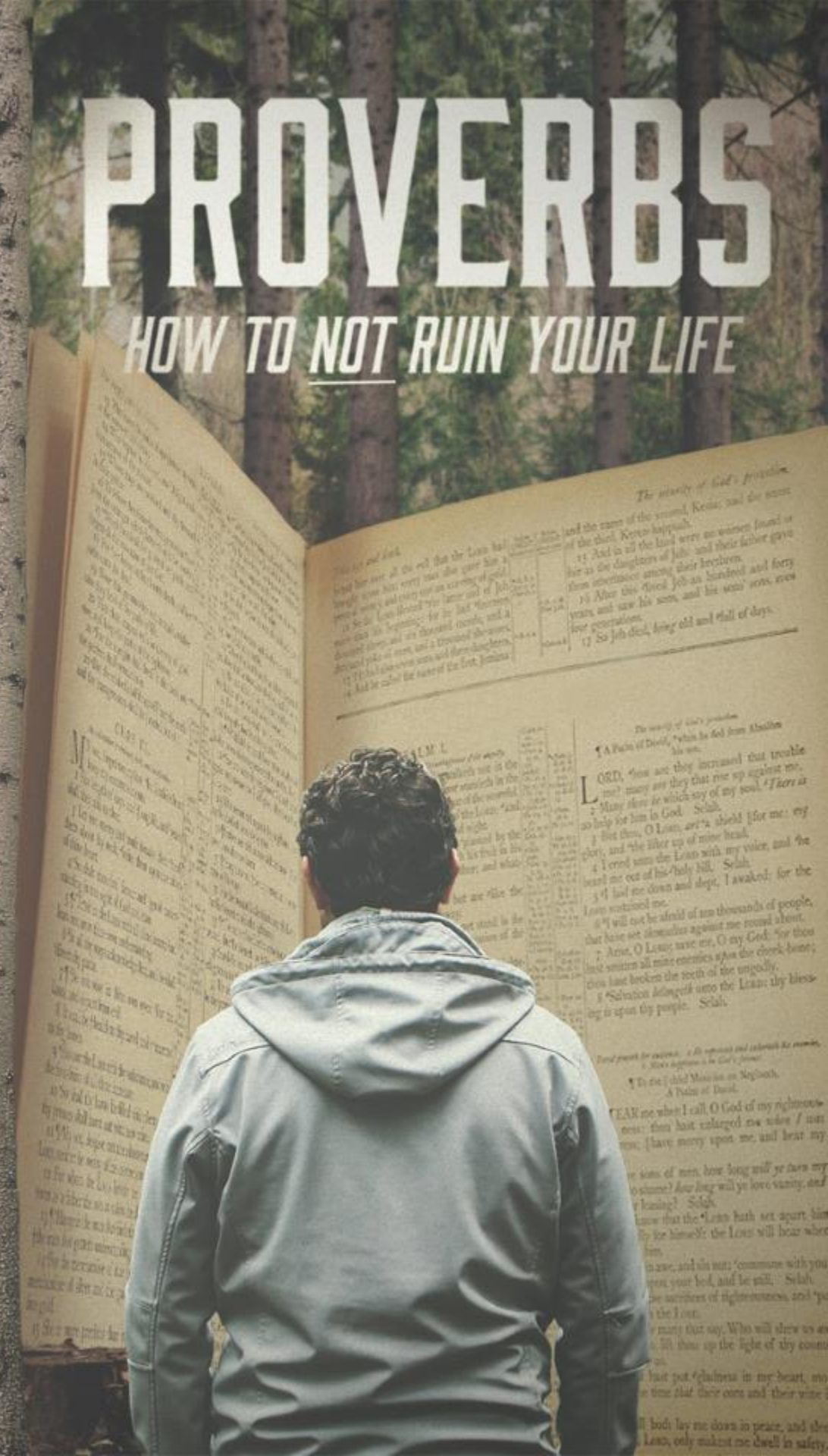


Proverbs 10:19

In the **multitude** of words sin is not lacking, but he who **restrains** his lips is wise.

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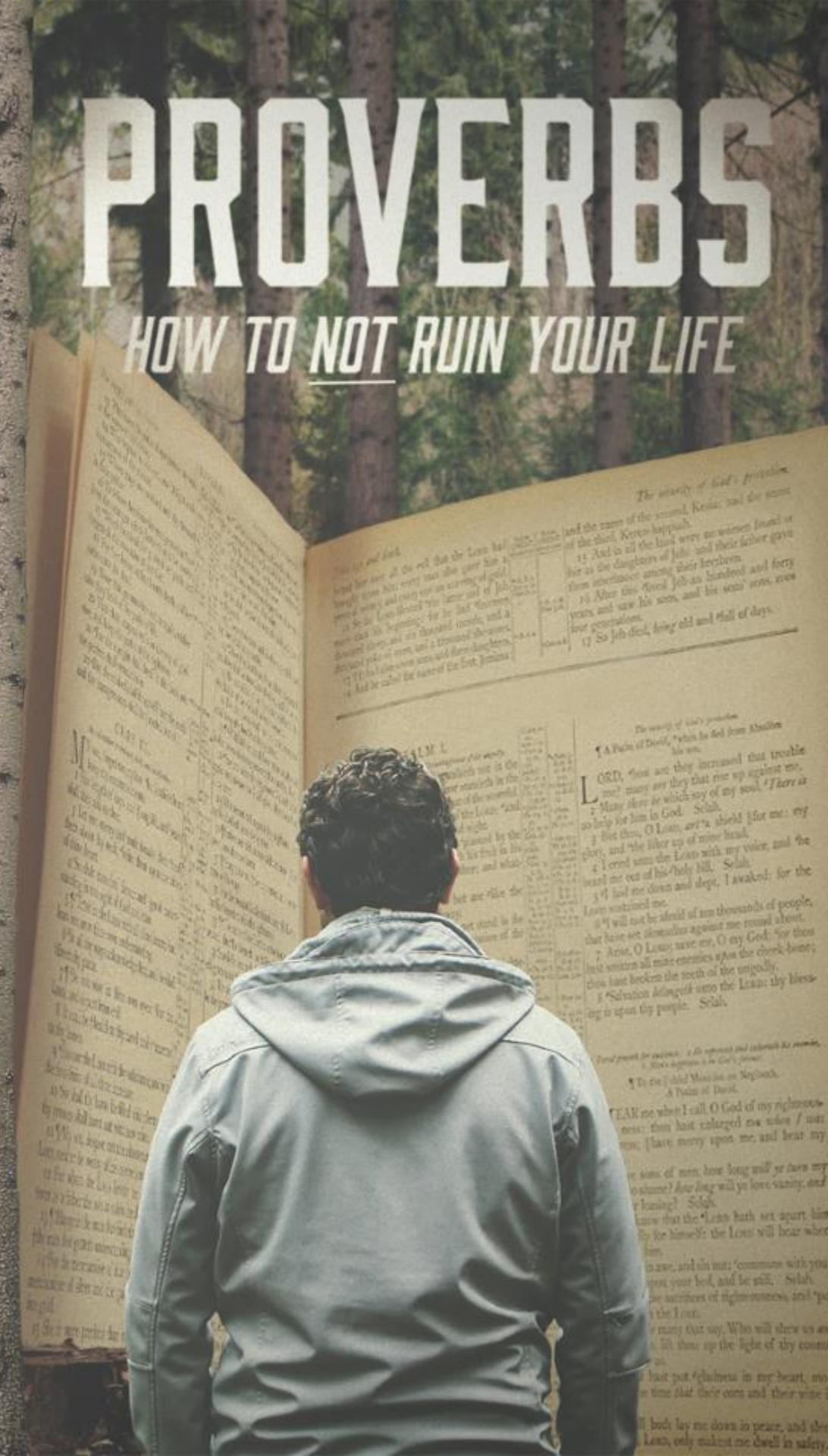


Proverbs 17:28

Even a fool is counted
wise when he **holds
his peace**; when he
shuts his lips, he is
considered perceptive.

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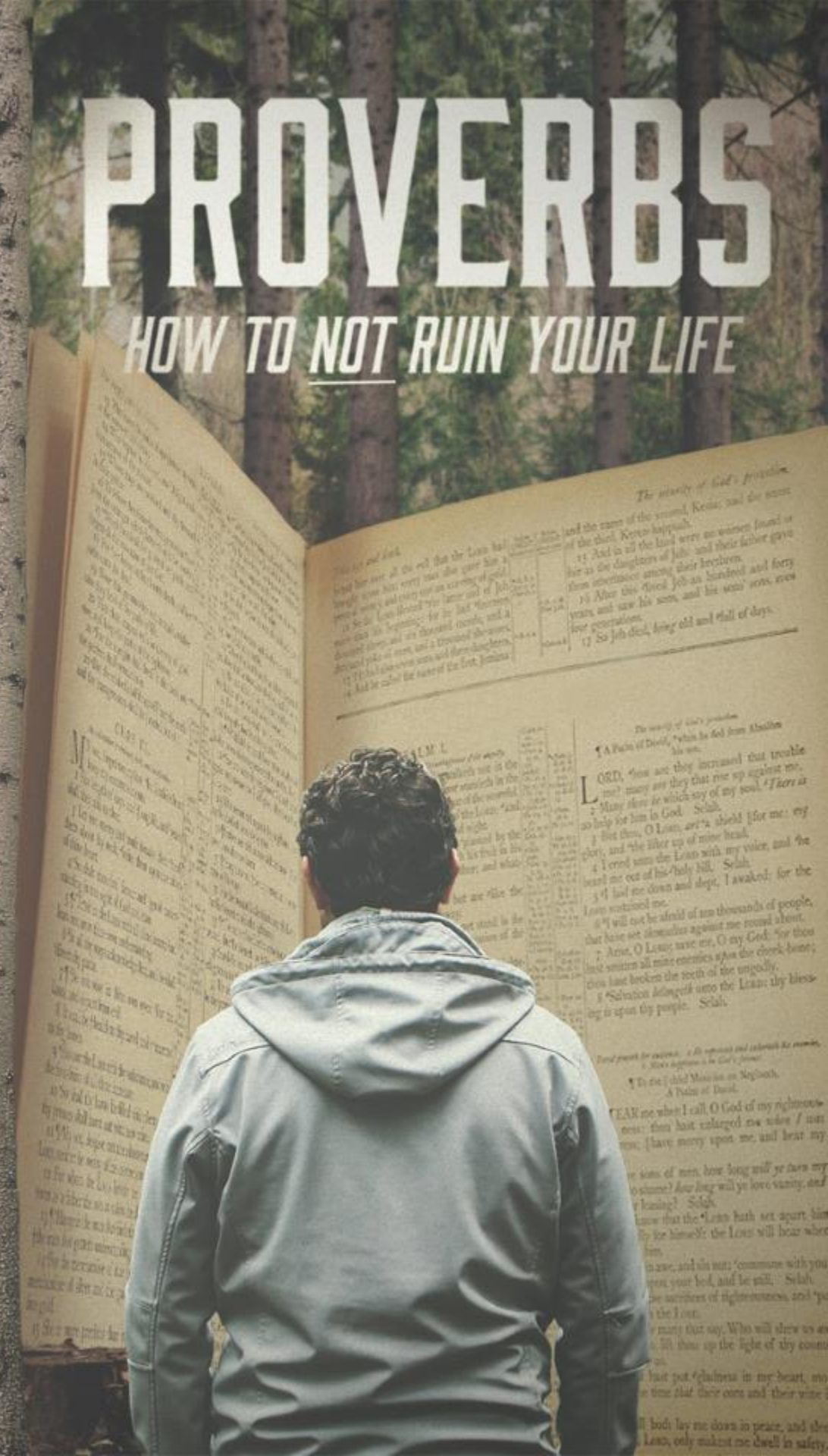


Proverbs 18:13

If one gives an answer
before he **hears**, it is
his folly and shame.

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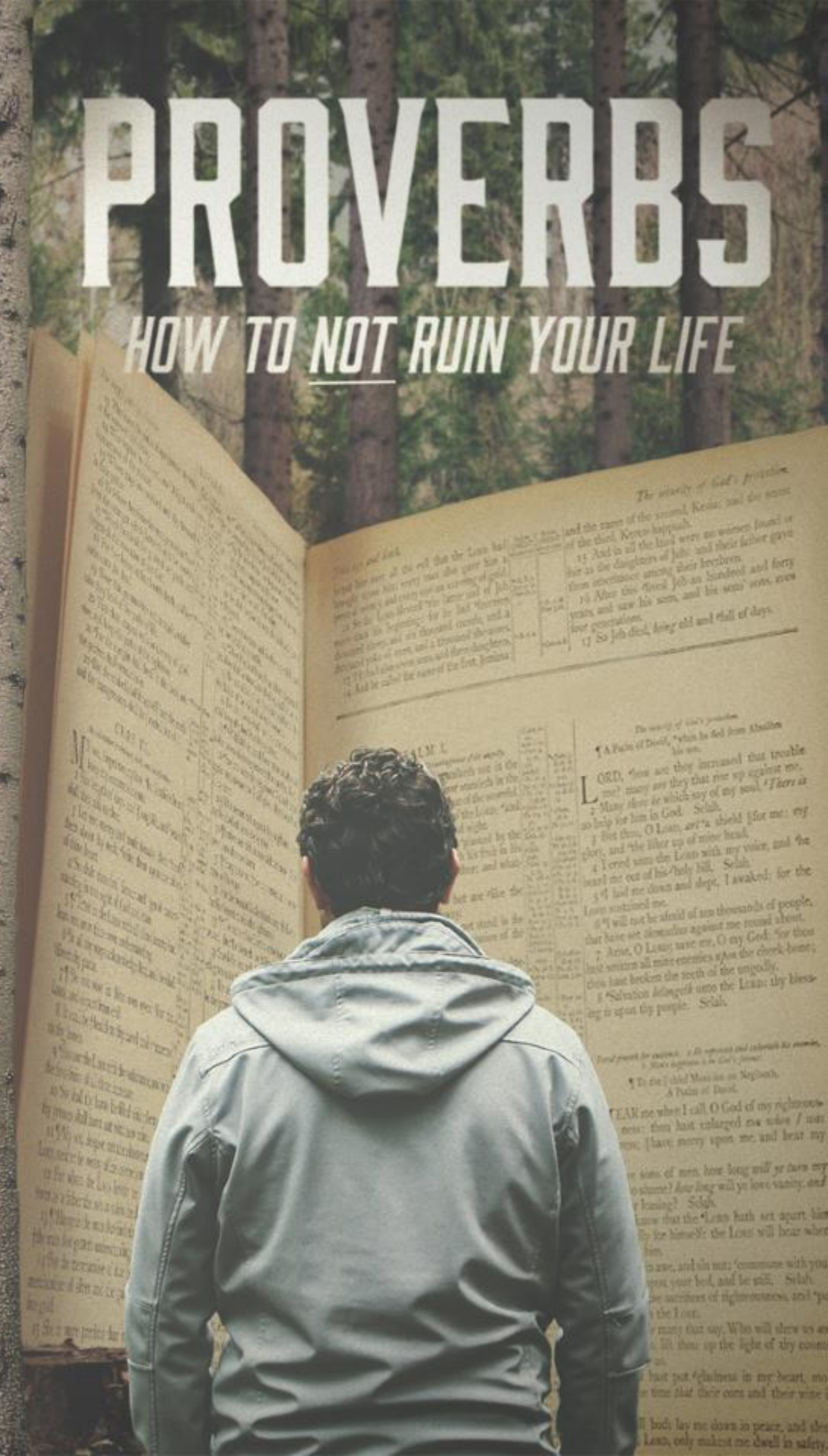
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#2 Resolve to Promote Unity, Not Gossip.

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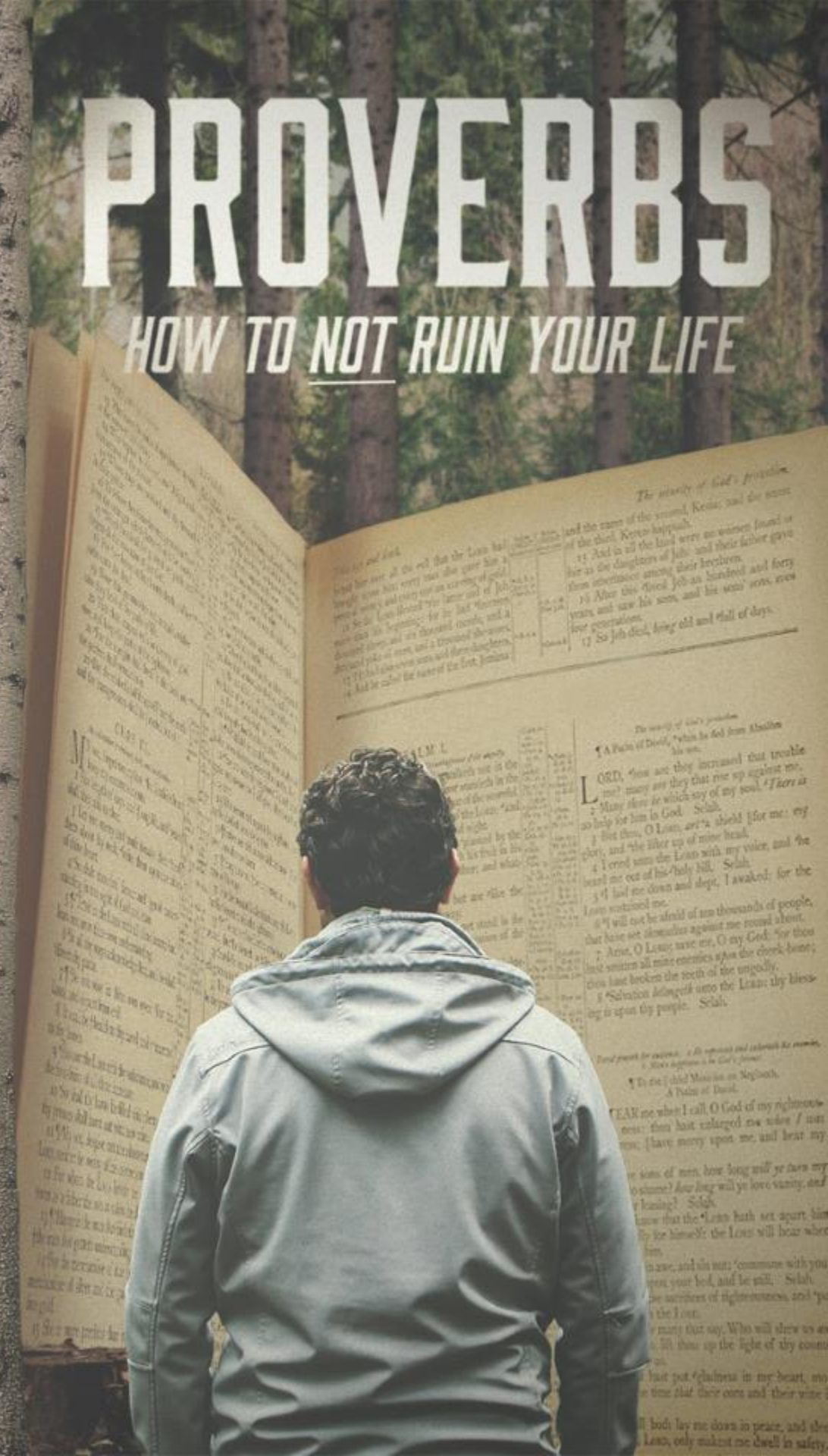


Proverbs 11:13

A gossip **betrays** a confidence, but a trustworthy person **keeps** a secret.

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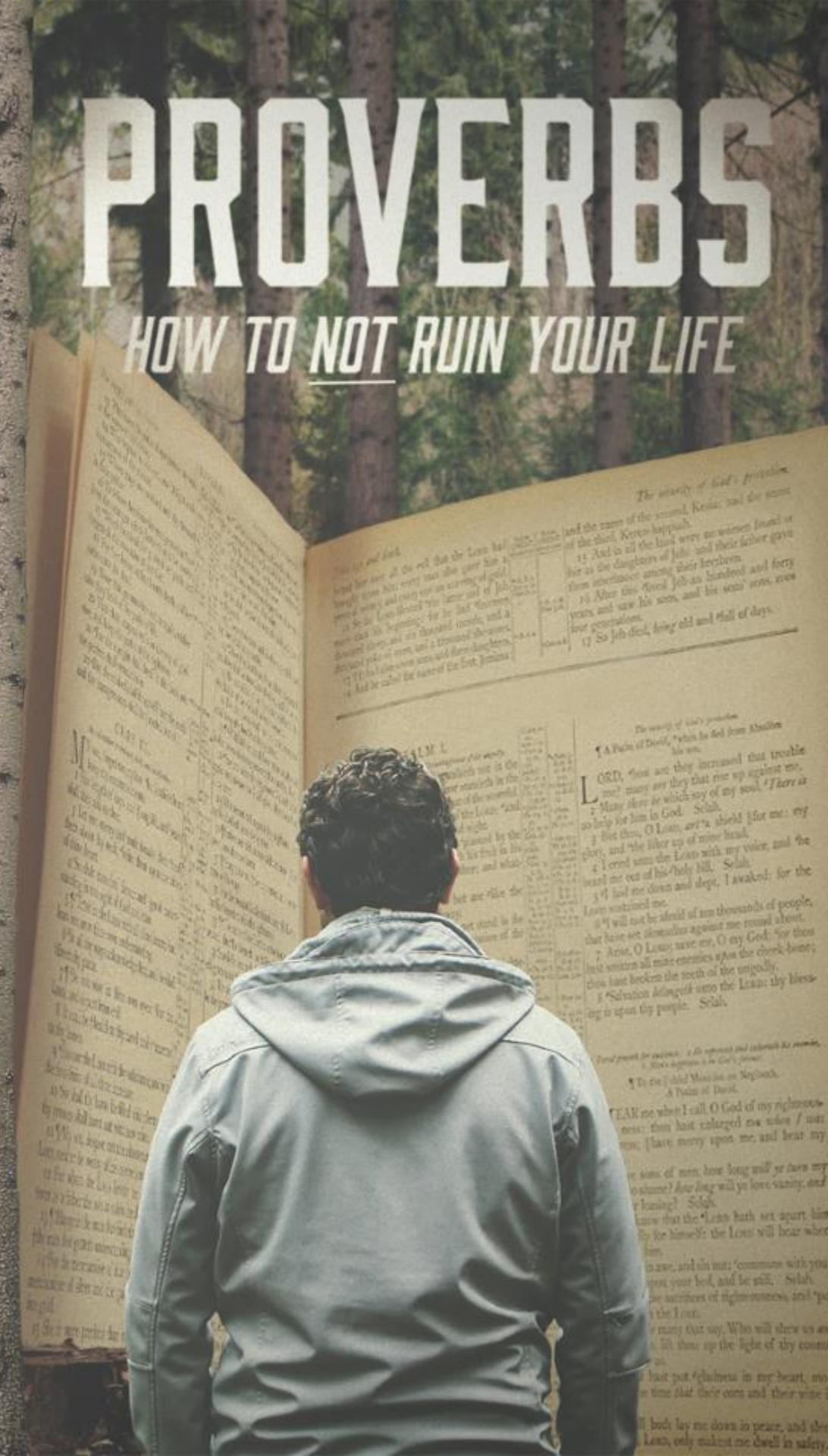


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Proverbs 16:28

A perverse person
stirs up **conflict**, and
a gossip **separates**
close friends.

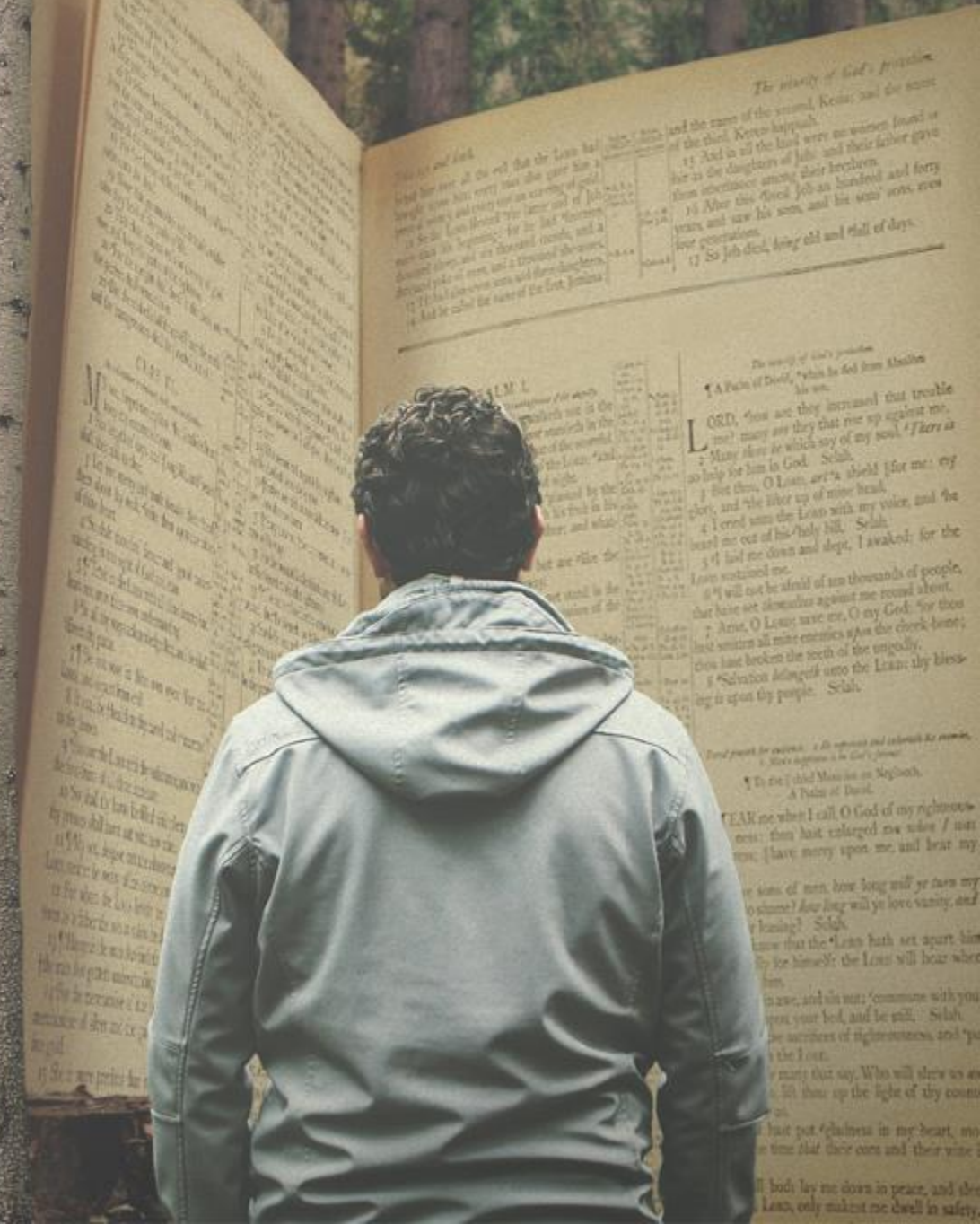


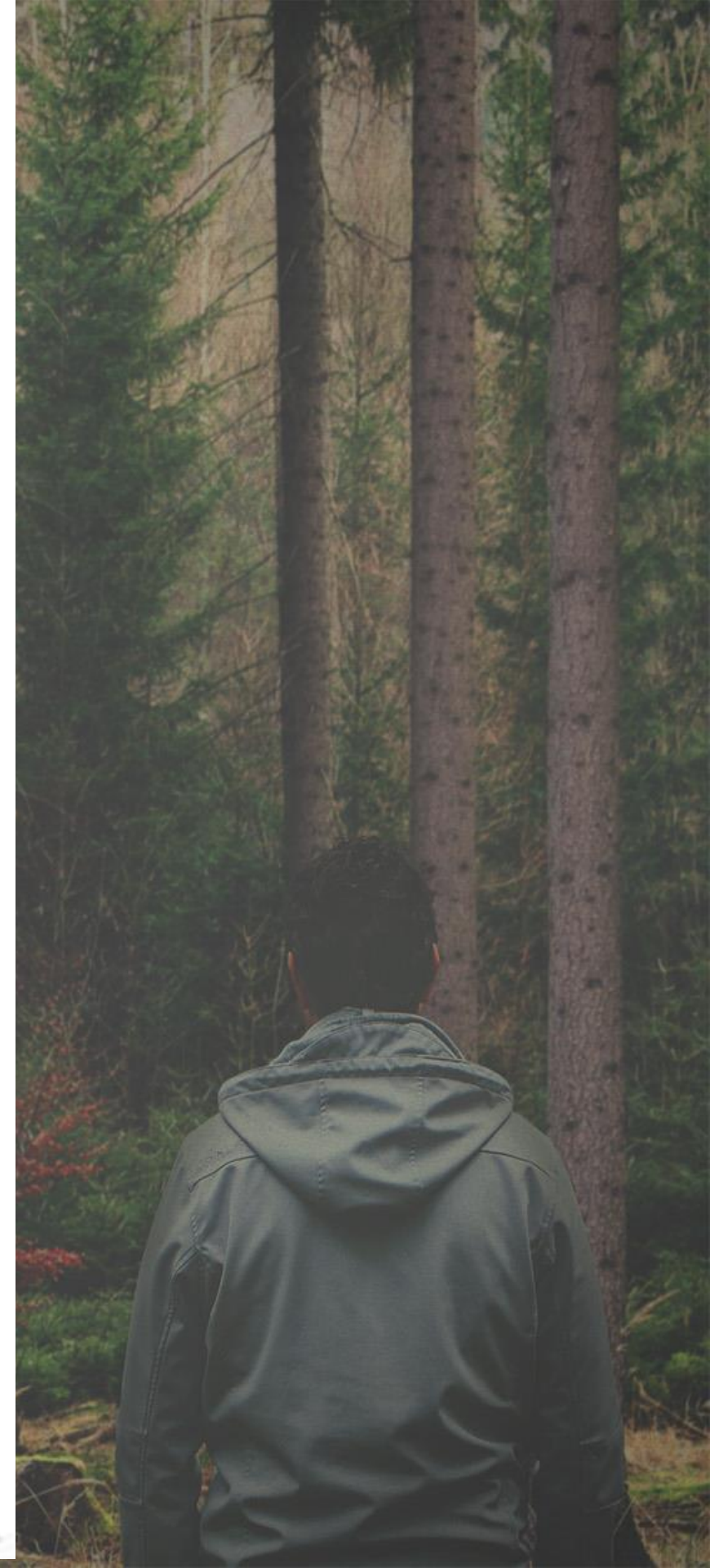
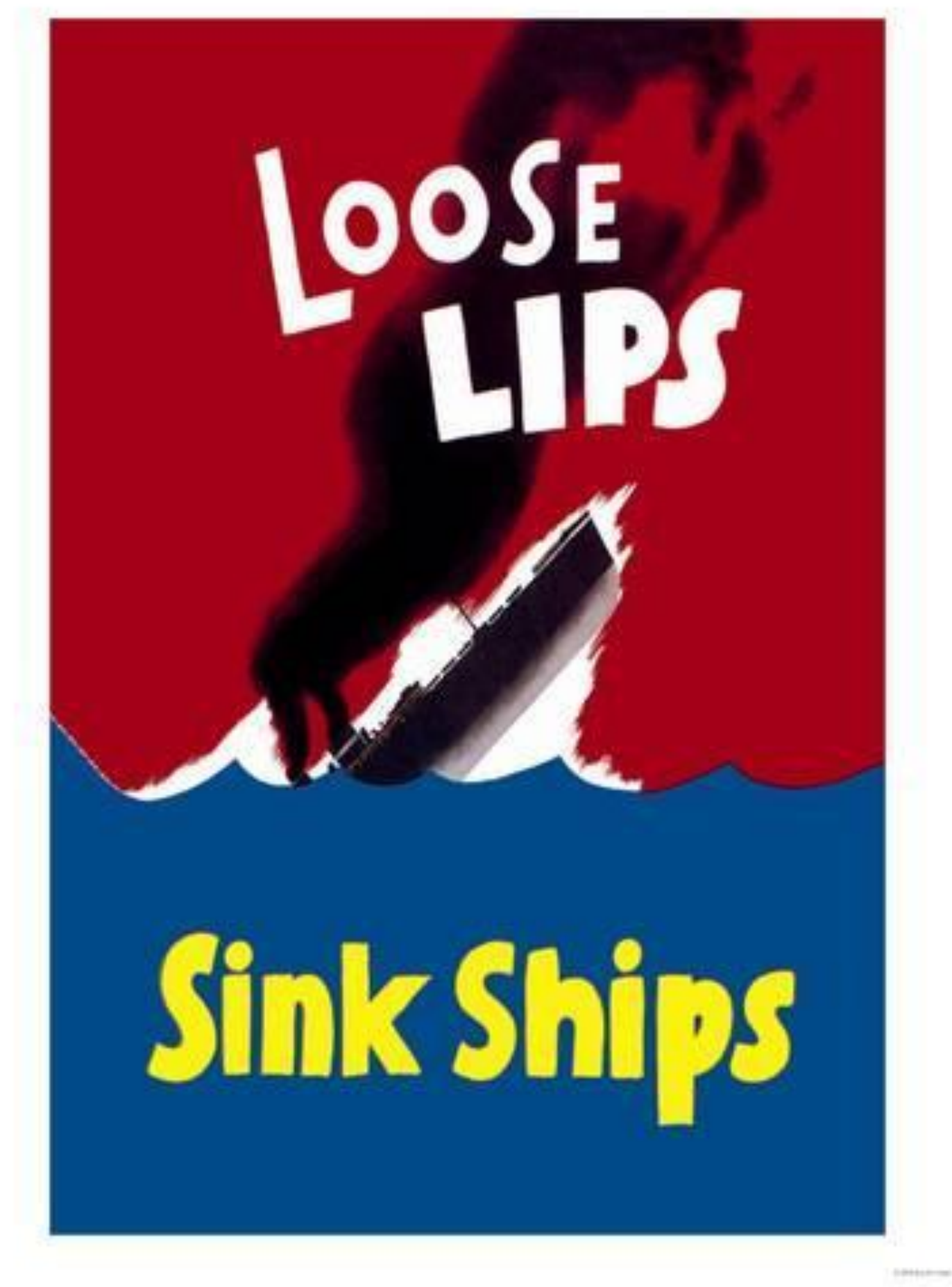
Proverbs 26:20

Without wood a fire
goes out; without a
gossip a quarrel **dies**
down.

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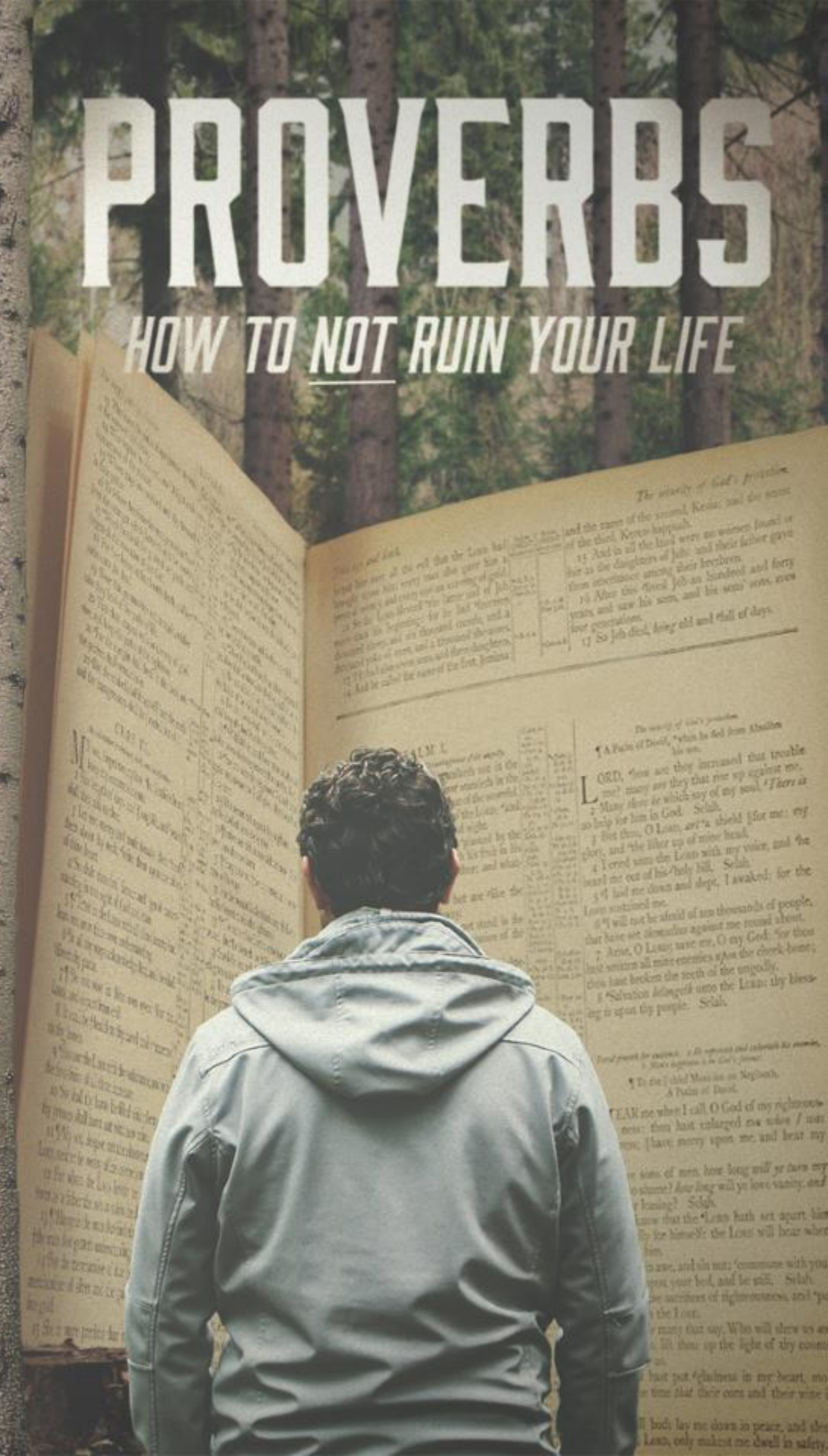




#3 Resolve to Speak Truth, Not Lies.

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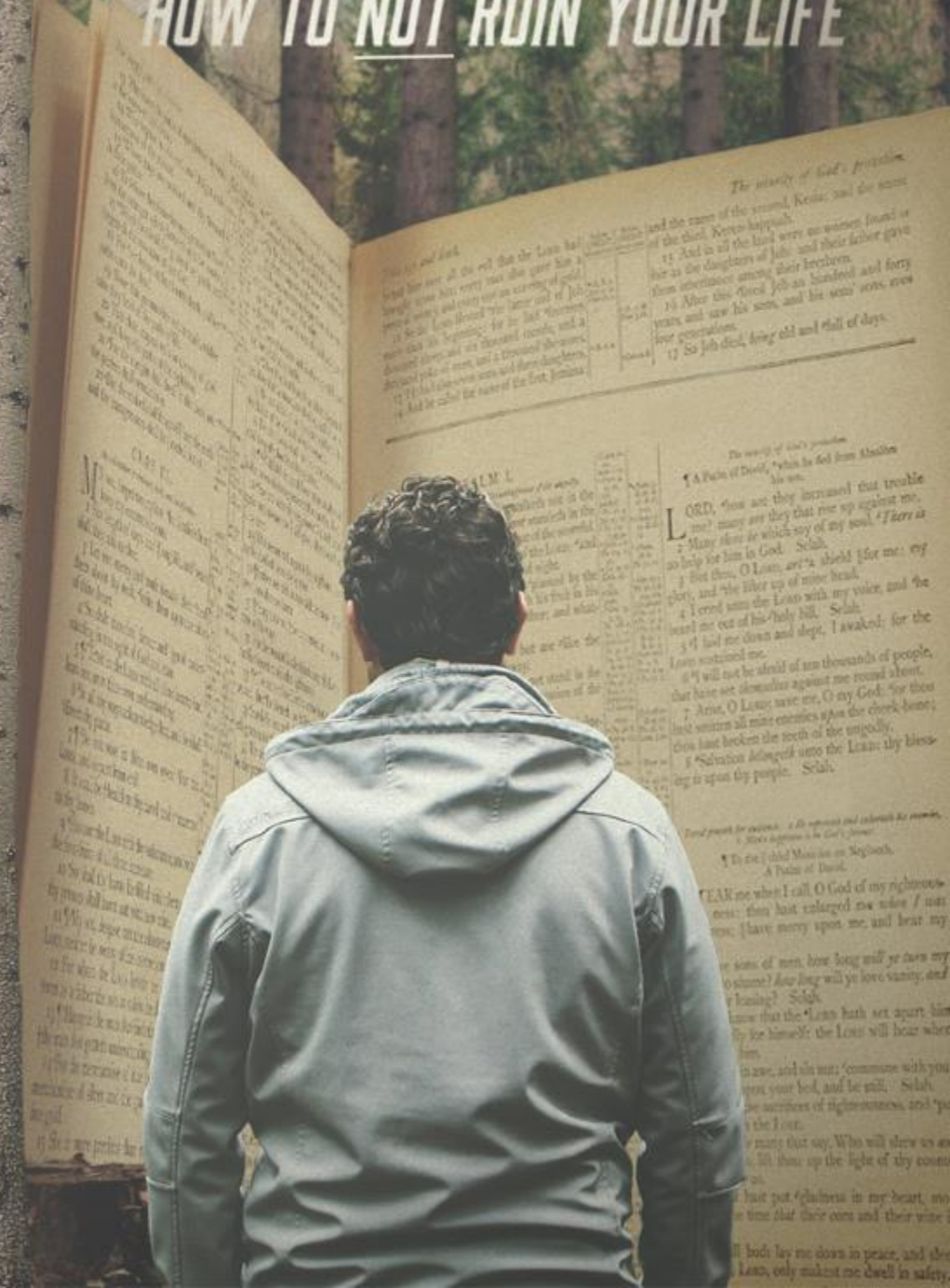


Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are an
abomination to the
Lord, but those who
deal truthfully are His
delight.

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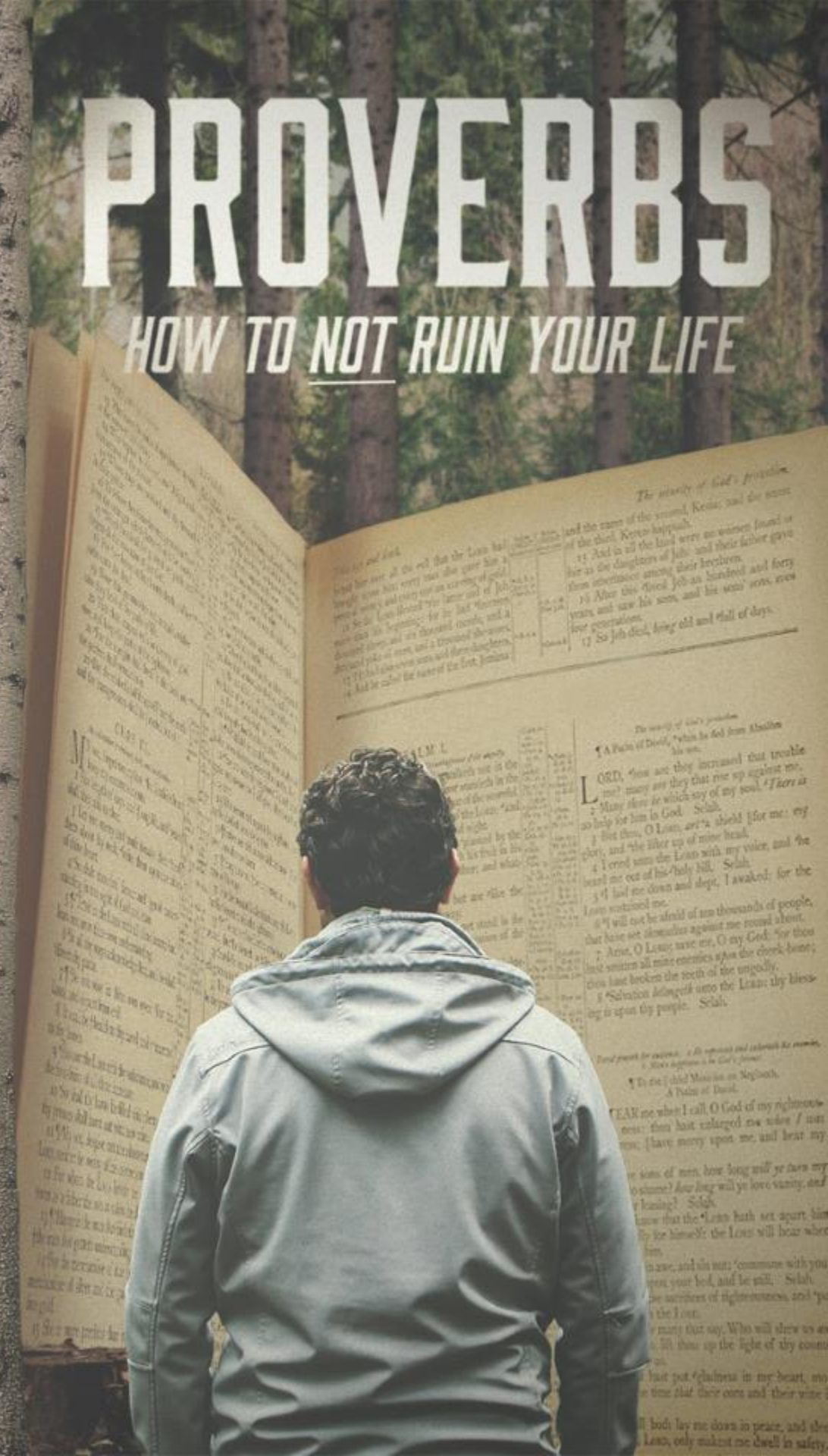


Proverbs 4:24

Put away from you a
deceitful mouth, and
put **perverse** lips far
from you.

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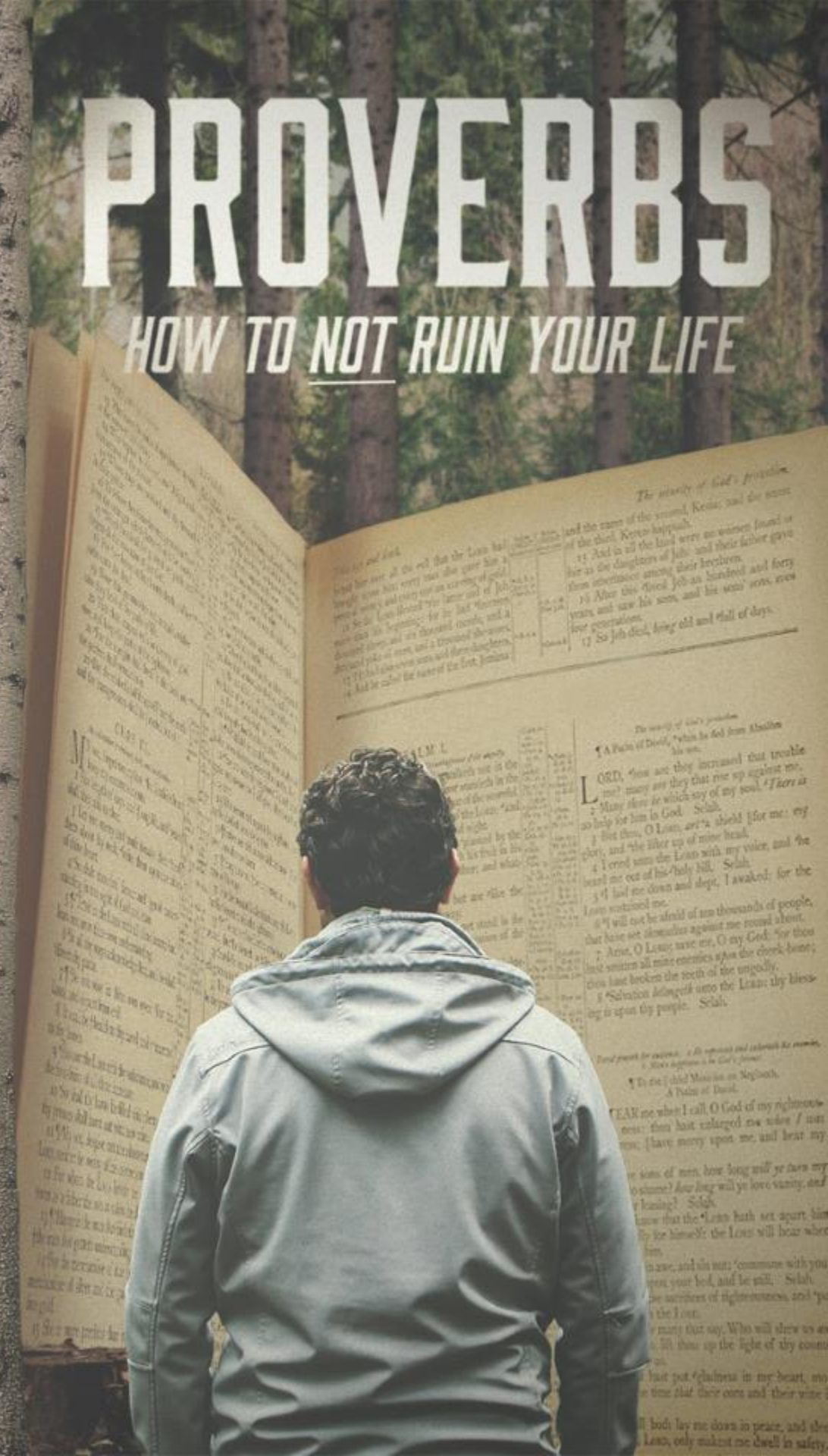


Proverbs 28:23

He who **rebukes** a man will find more favor afterward than he who **flatters** with the tongue.

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#4 Resolve to Encourage, Not Criticize.

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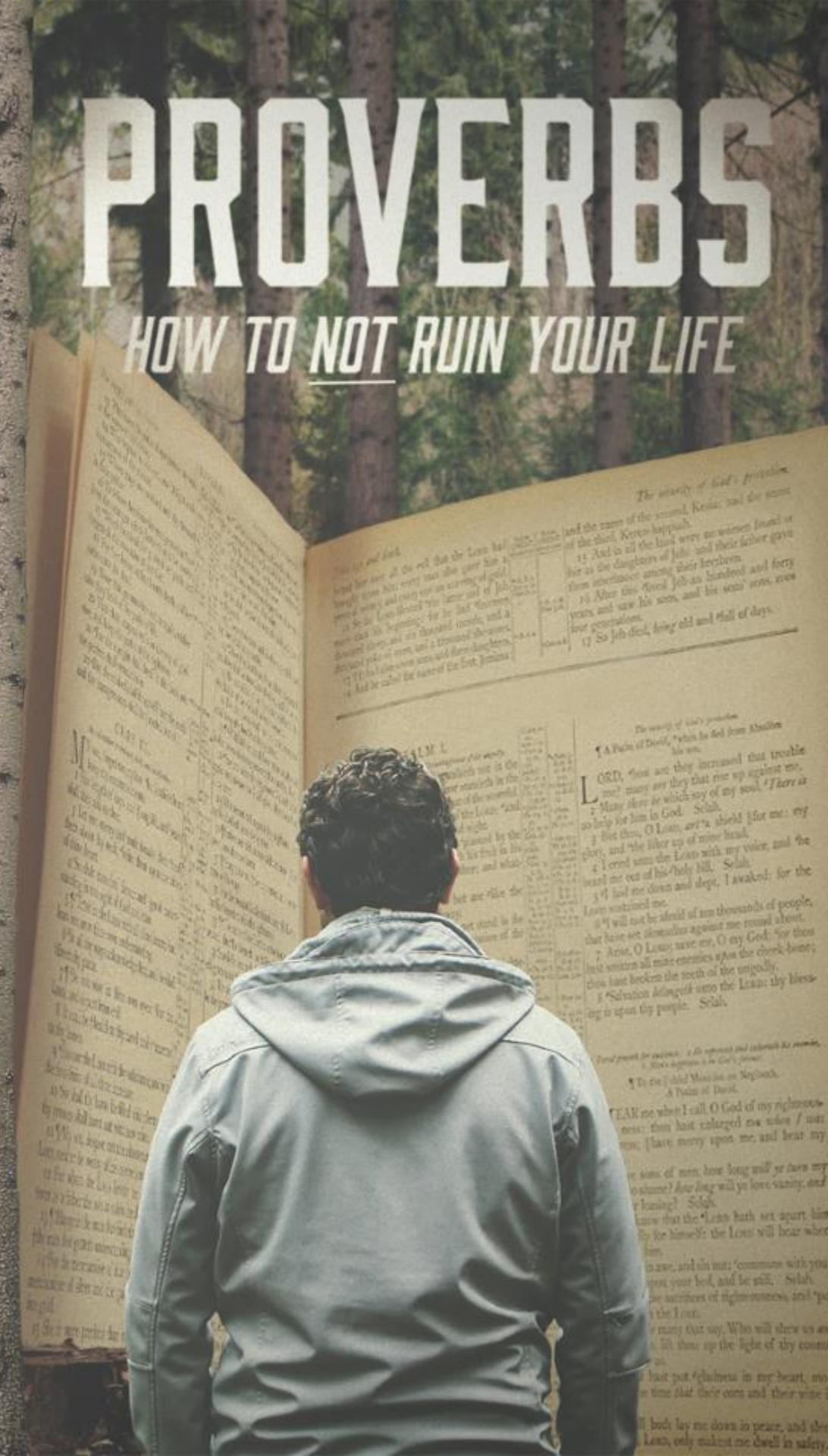


Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of the
righteous is a **well of
life**, but **violence**
covers the mouth of
the wicked.

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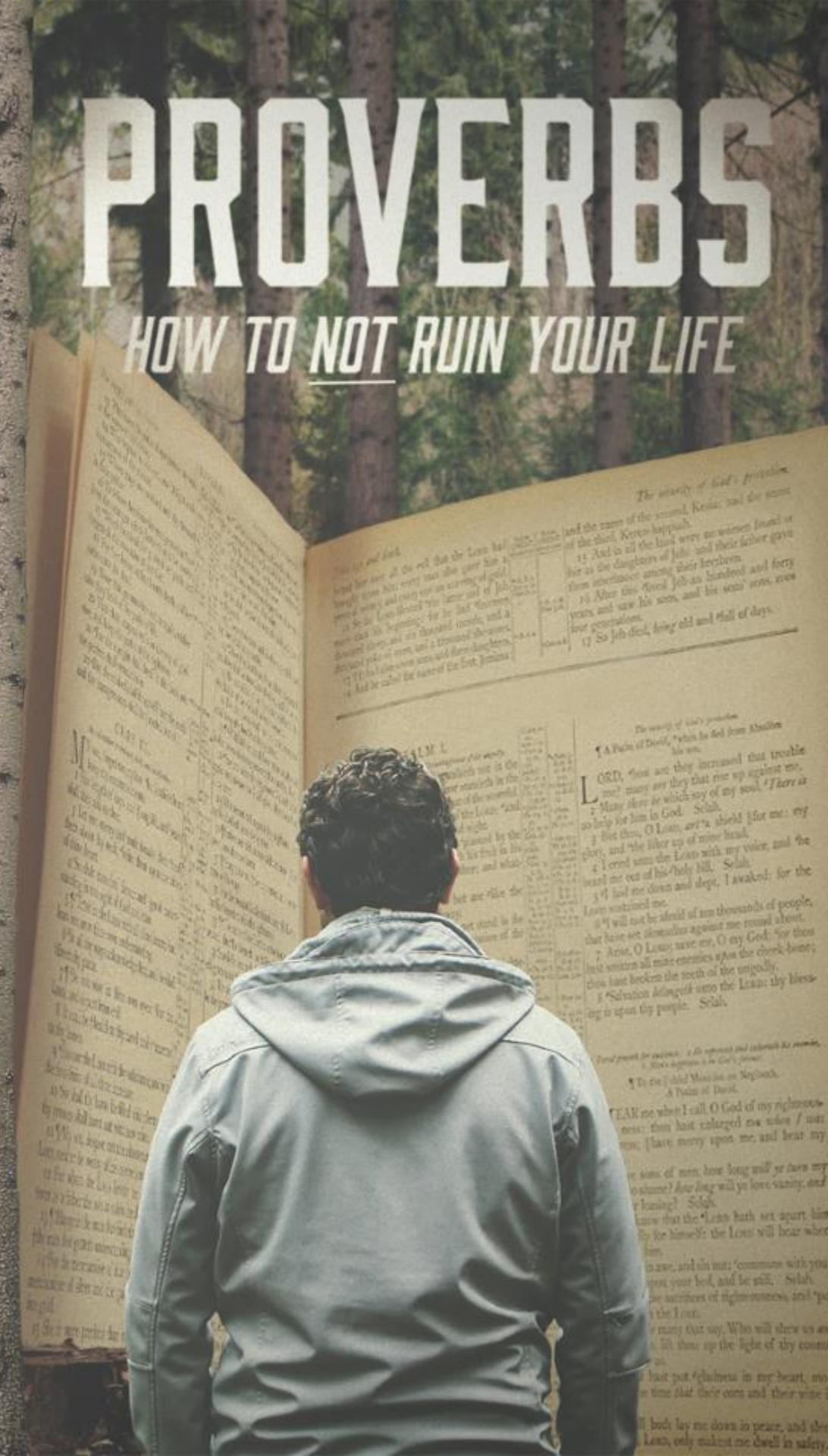


Proverbs 15:4

A gentle tongue is a
tree of life,
but perverseness in it
breaks the spirit.

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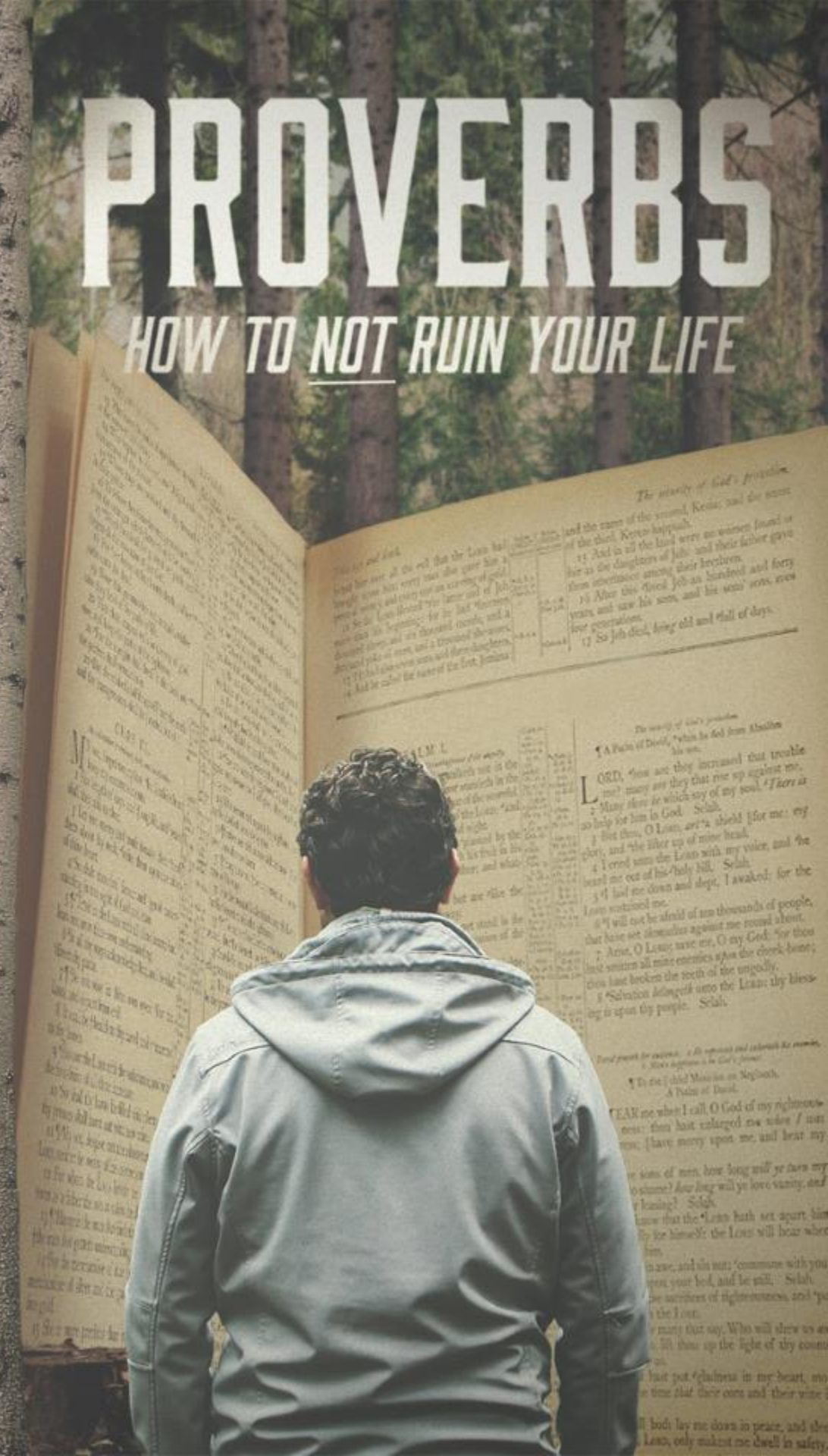


Luke 6:45

For out of the
**abundance of the
heart** the mouth
speaks.

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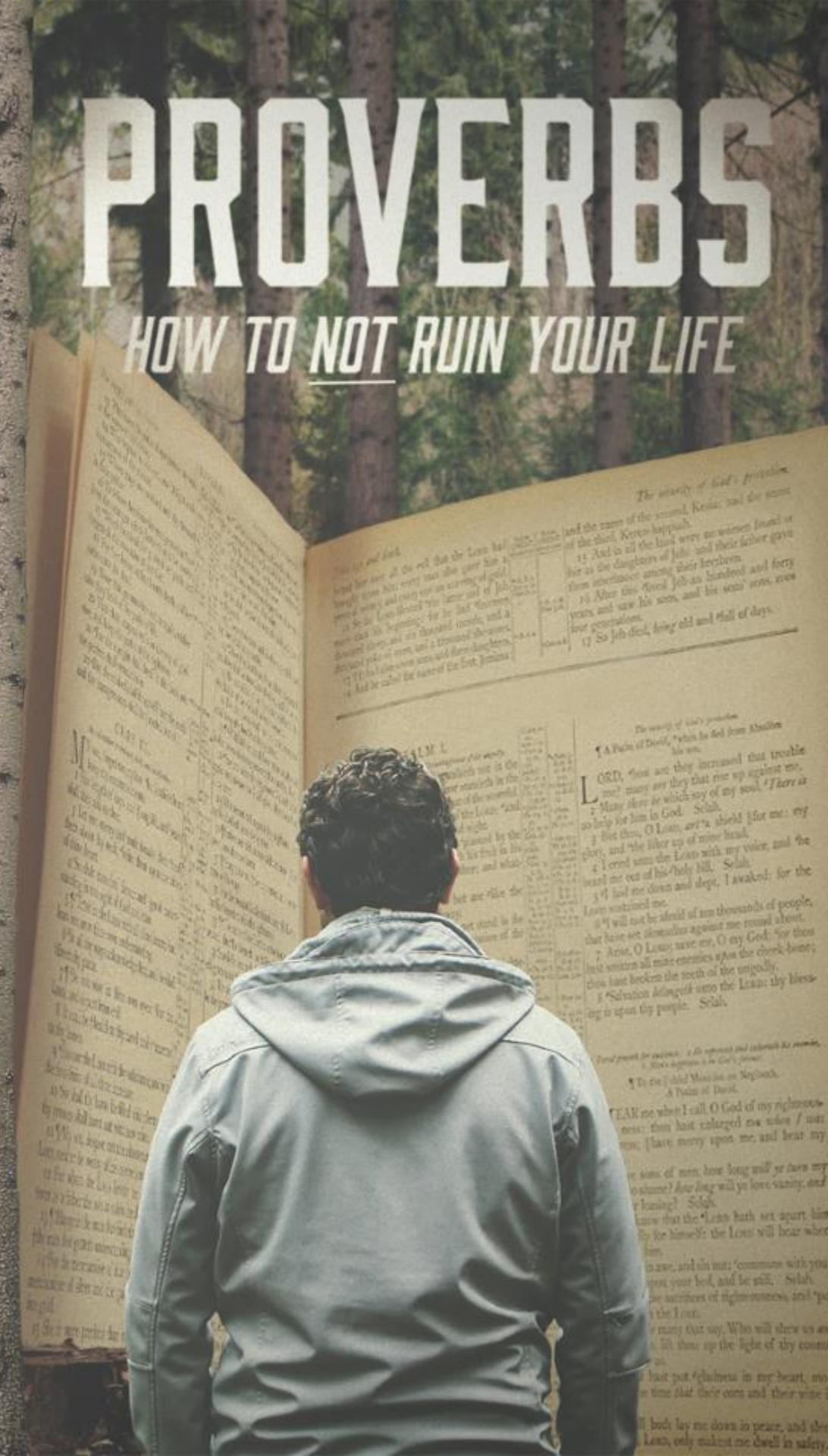


2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone
is in Christ, he is a
new creation. The
old has passed away;
behold, the new has
come.

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A person with dark hair, wearing a grey hooded jacket, is seen from behind, standing in a dense forest of tall, thin trees. They are holding a large, open book that appears to be a Bible. The pages of the book are visible, showing text from the Book of Psalms. Overlaid on the image in large, white, serif capital letters is the word 'PROVERBS'.

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