

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a lush green forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The path is covered in fallen leaves and small plants. The text 'PROVERBS' is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below it, a thin white horizontal line separates the title from the subtitle 'SEARCHING FOR WISDOM', which is written in smaller, white, serif capital letters. At the bottom, the phrase 'Lead with following' is written in a white, italicized serif font.

PROVERBS

SEARCHING FOR WISDOM

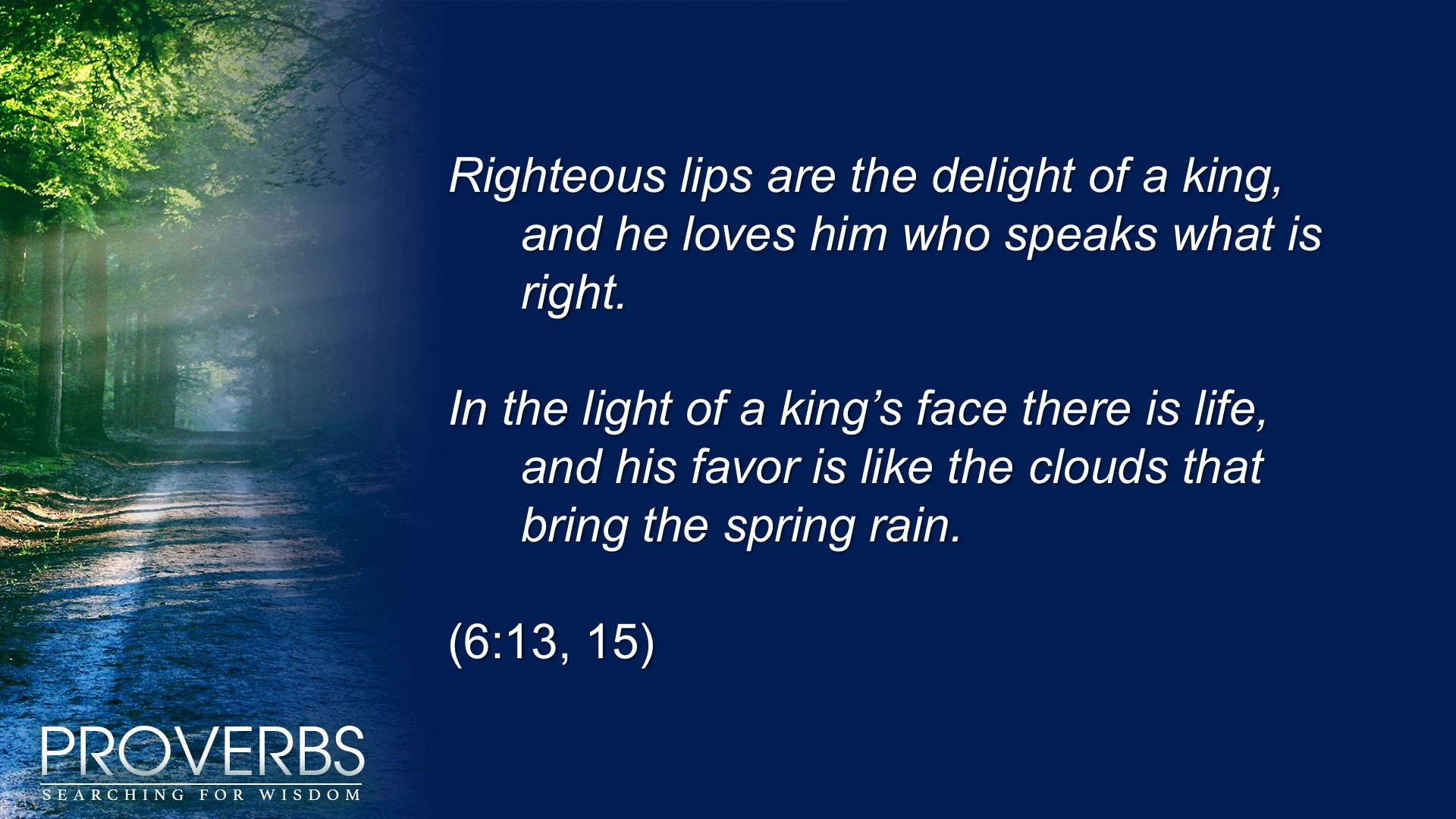
Lead with following

A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The path is dirt and leads into the distance, flanked by tall trees with green foliage. The scene is atmospheric and serene.

*An oracle is on the lips of a king;
his mouth does not sin in judgment.*

*It is an abomination to kings to do evil,
for the throne is established by
righteousness.*

(6:10, 12)

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*Righteous lips are the delight of a king,
and he loves him who speaks what is
right.*

*In the light of a king's face there is life,
and his favor is like the clouds that
bring the spring rain.*

(6:13, 15)

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*A king who sits on the throne of judgment
winnows all evil with his eyes.*

*By justice a king builds up the land,
but he who exacts gifts tears it down.*

*If a king faithfully judges the poor,
his throne will be established forever.*

(20:8, 29:4, 14)

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*By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;*

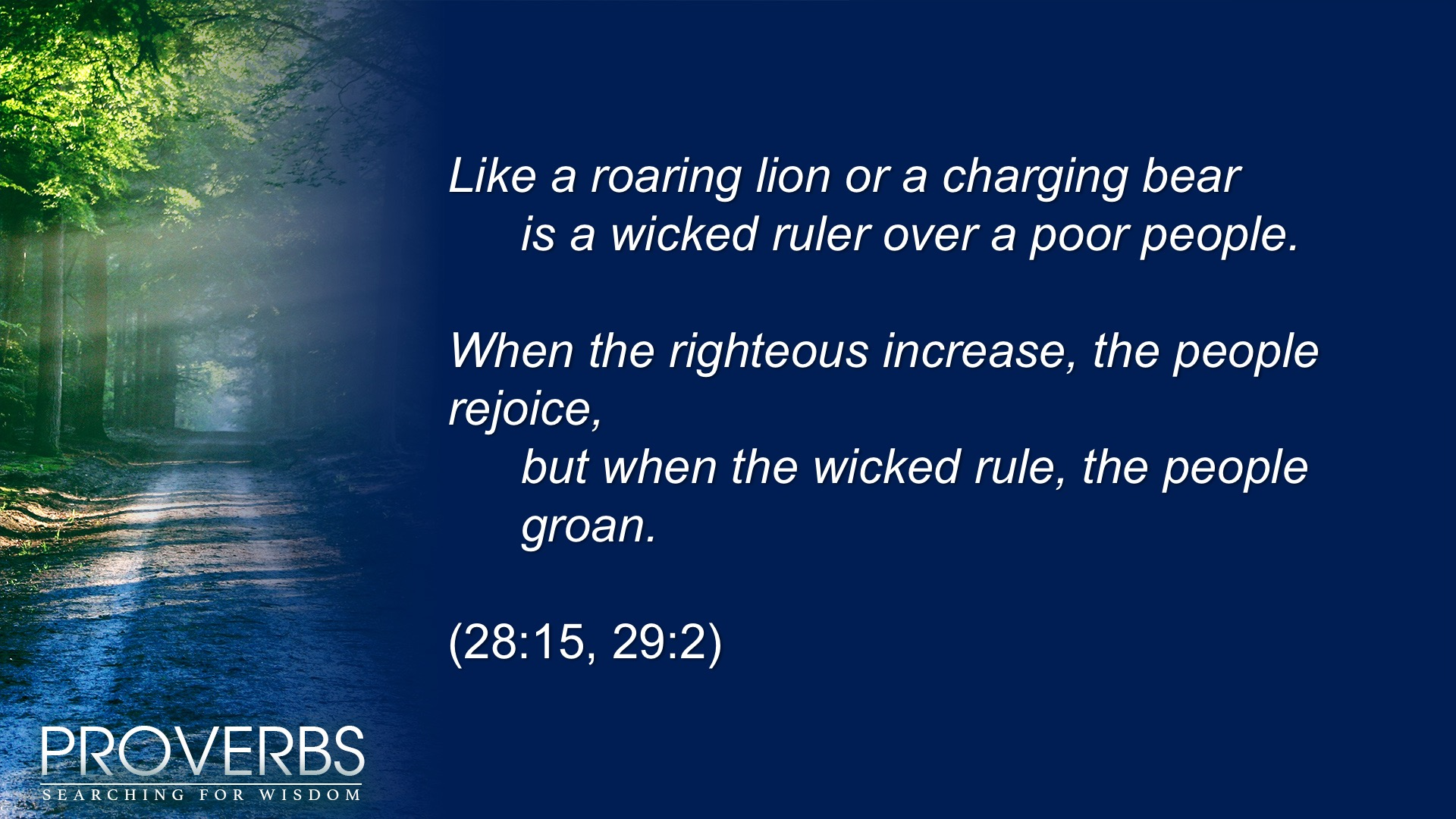
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*A king's wrath is a messenger of death,
and a wise man will appease it.*

*The terror of a king is like the growling of a
lion;
whoever provokes him to anger forfeits
his life.*

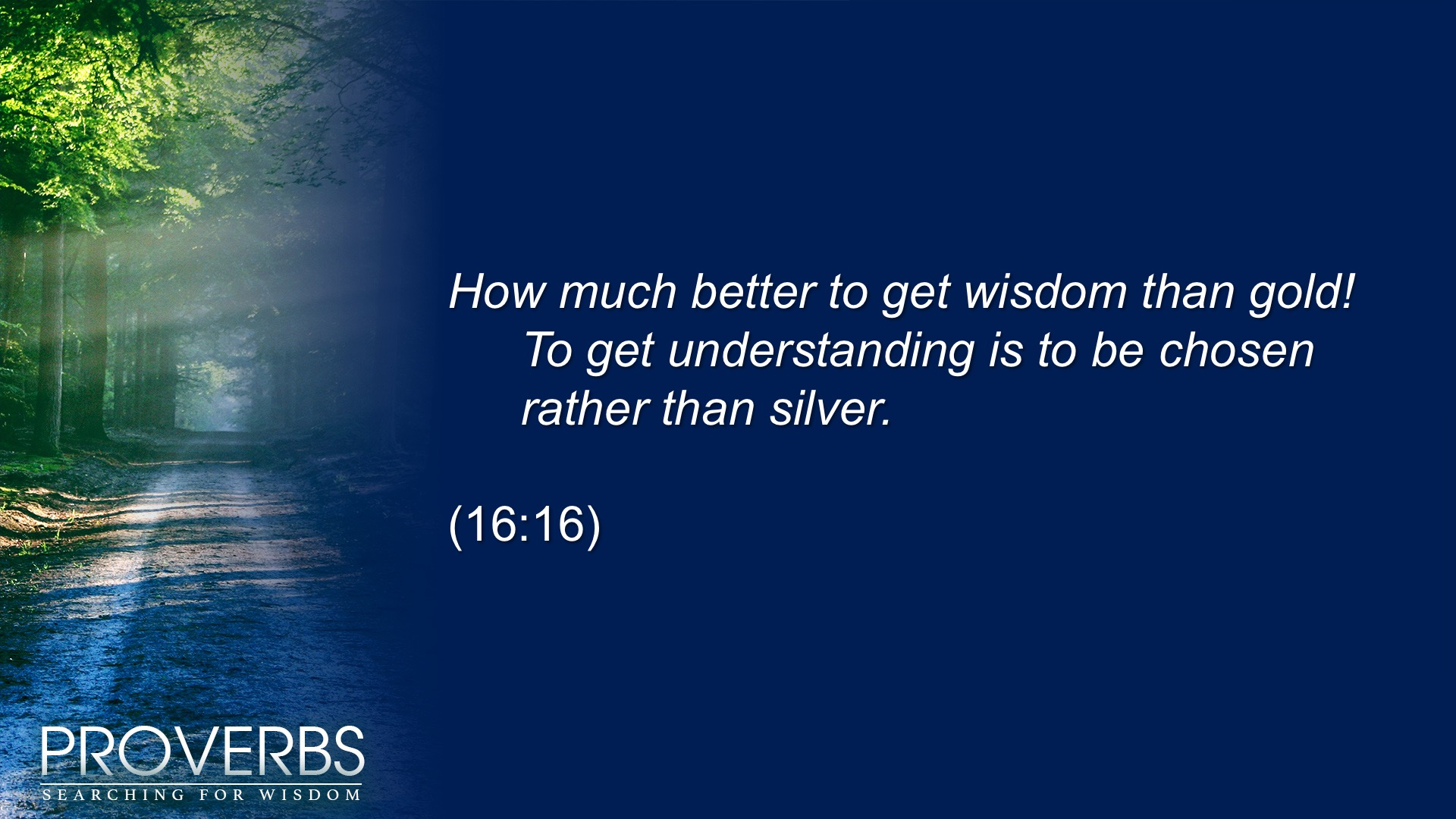
(16:14, 20:2)

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*Like a roaring lion or a charging bear
is a wicked ruler over a poor people.*

*When the righteous increase, the people
rejoice,
but when the wicked rule, the people
groan.*

(28:15, 29:2)

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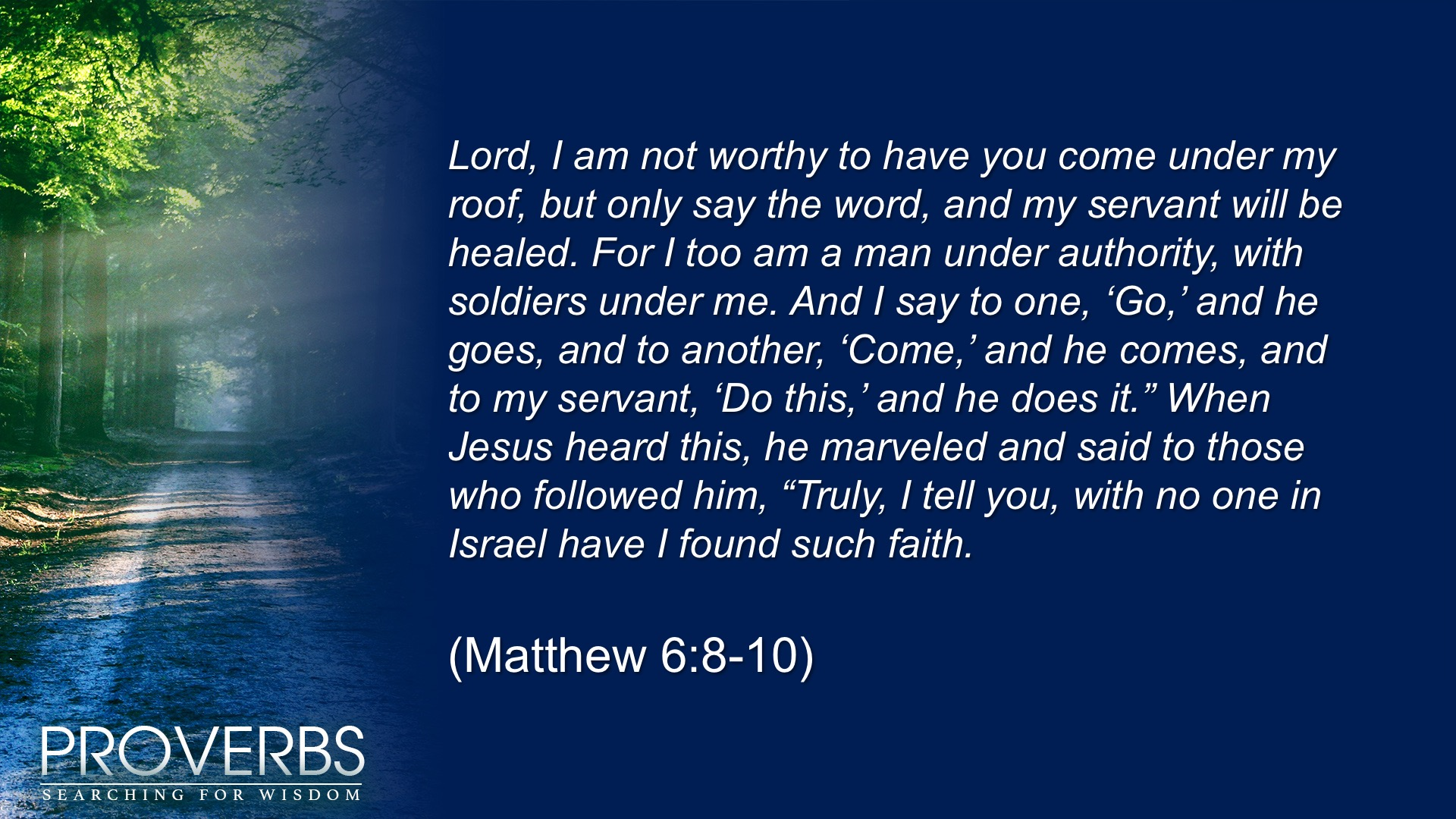
*How much better to get wisdom than gold!
To get understanding is to be chosen
rather than silver.*

(16:16)

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*A just balance and scales are the LORD's;
all the weights in the bag are his work.*

(16:11)

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Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.

(Matthew 6:8-10)



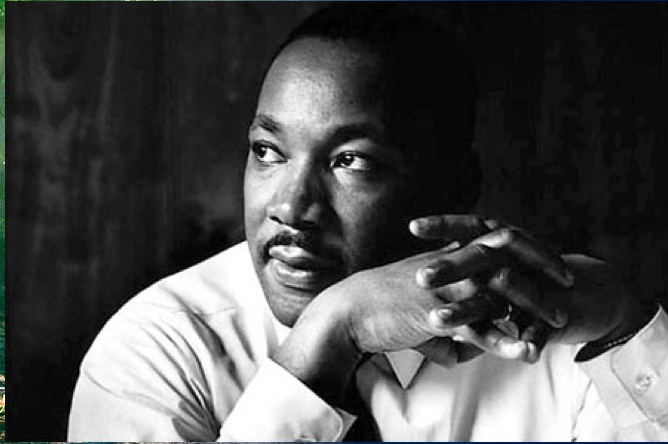
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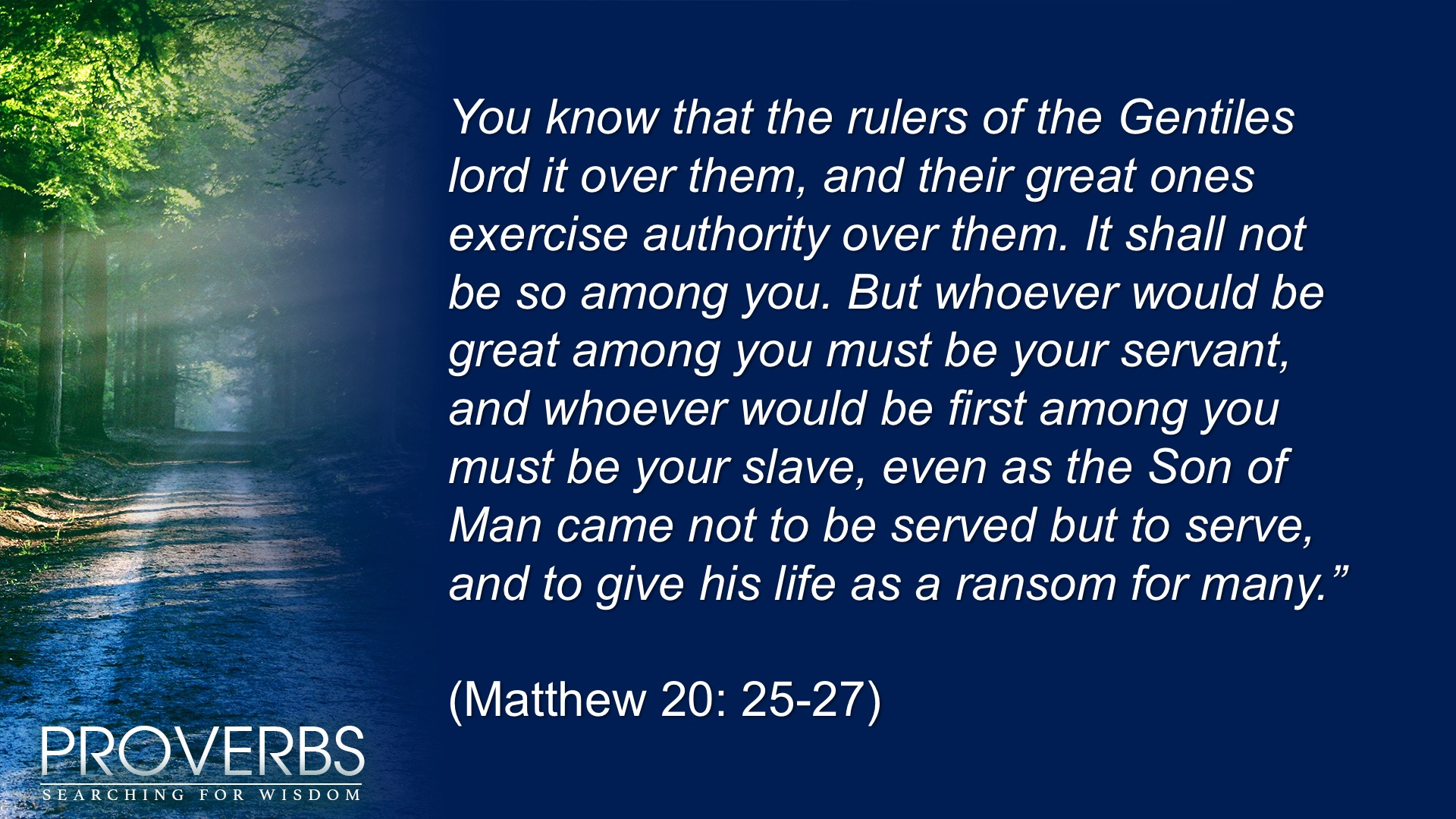
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*...not just to bandage
the victims under the
wheel, but to put a
spoke in the wheel itself*



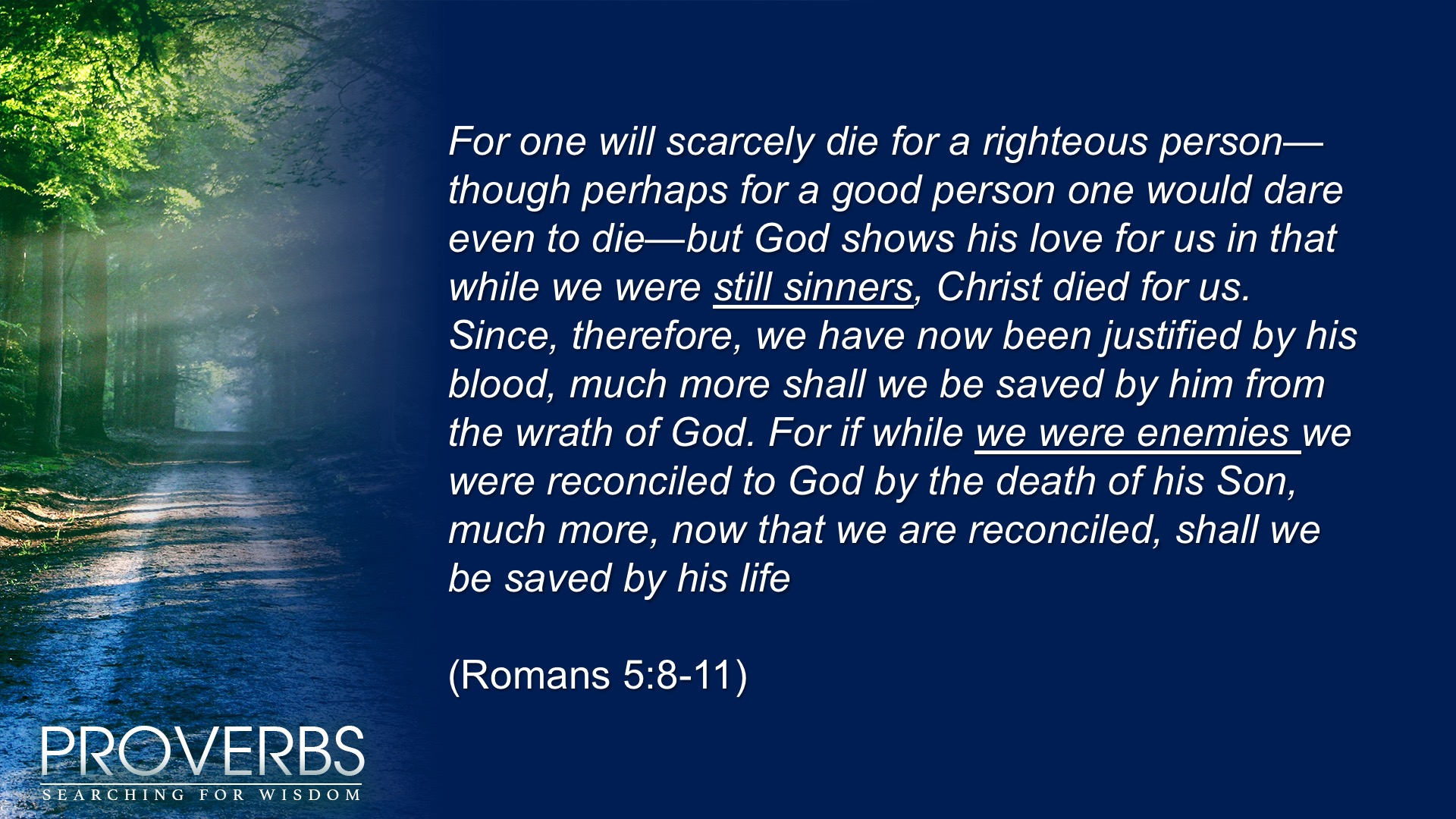
Martin Luther King, Jr

I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for law.

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You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Matthew 20: 25-27)

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*For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person one would dare
even to die—but God shows his love for us in that
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his
blood, much more shall we be saved by him from
the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we
were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,
much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we
be saved by his life*

(Romans 5:8-11)