

The background of the entire slide is a photograph of two hands raised in prayer, palms facing up. A bright, glowing light source is positioned between the hands, creating a lens flare effect. The background is a soft-focus, abstract pattern of purple, blue, and green light streaks.

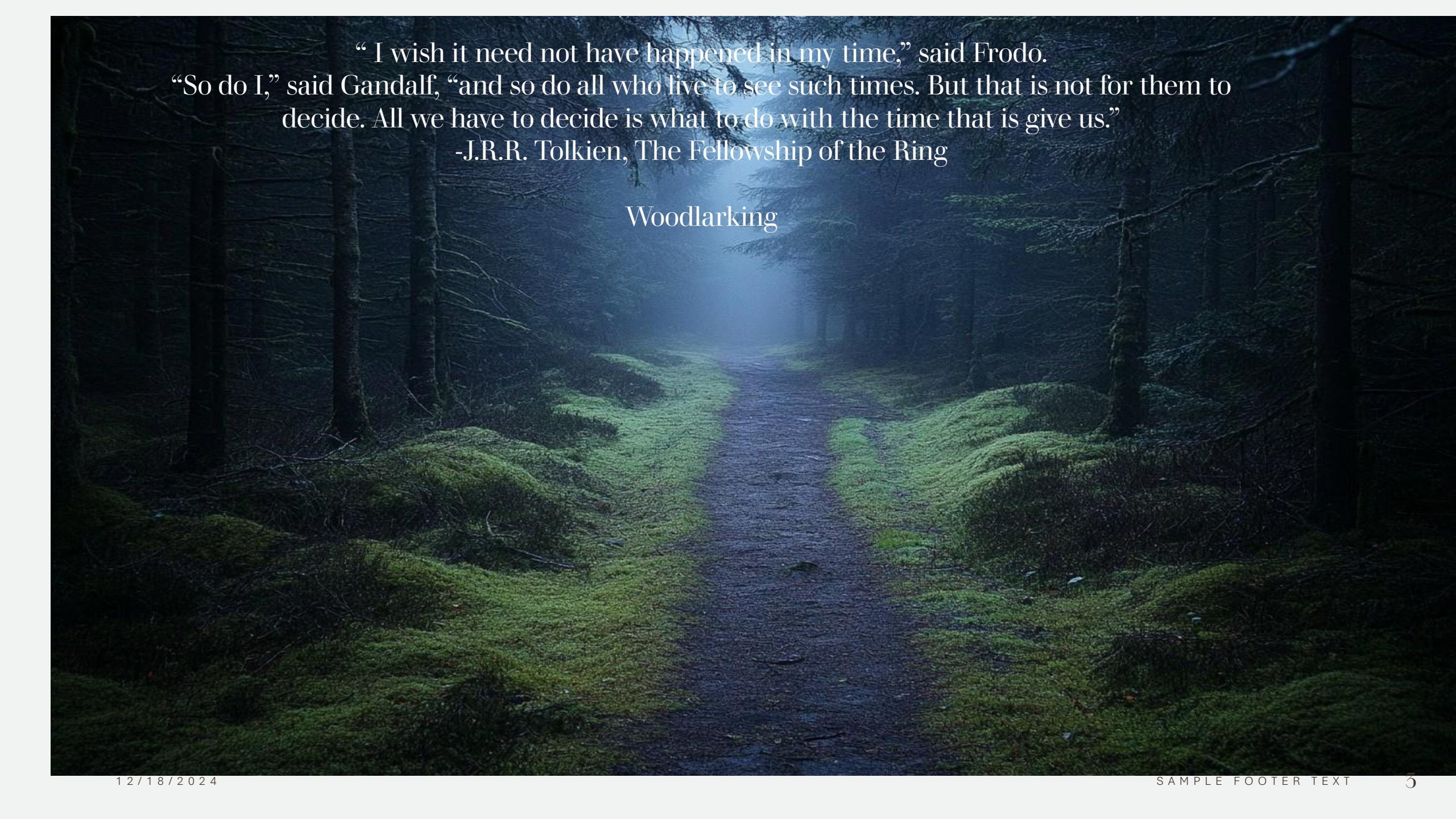
# MARY MAGDALENE COMMUNITY GATHERING

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Let us take  
a few  
moments to  
allow  
Silence in



A dark, misty forest path with moss-covered ground and tall trees. The path is the central focus, leading into the distance. The ground is covered in vibrant green moss, and the trees are tall and thin, creating a dense canopy. The lighting is dim, with a soft glow emanating from the path's end, suggesting a hidden light source or a clearing. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and serene.

“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo.  
“So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is give us.”  
-J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

## Woodlarking

Will matter then be destroyed or not?

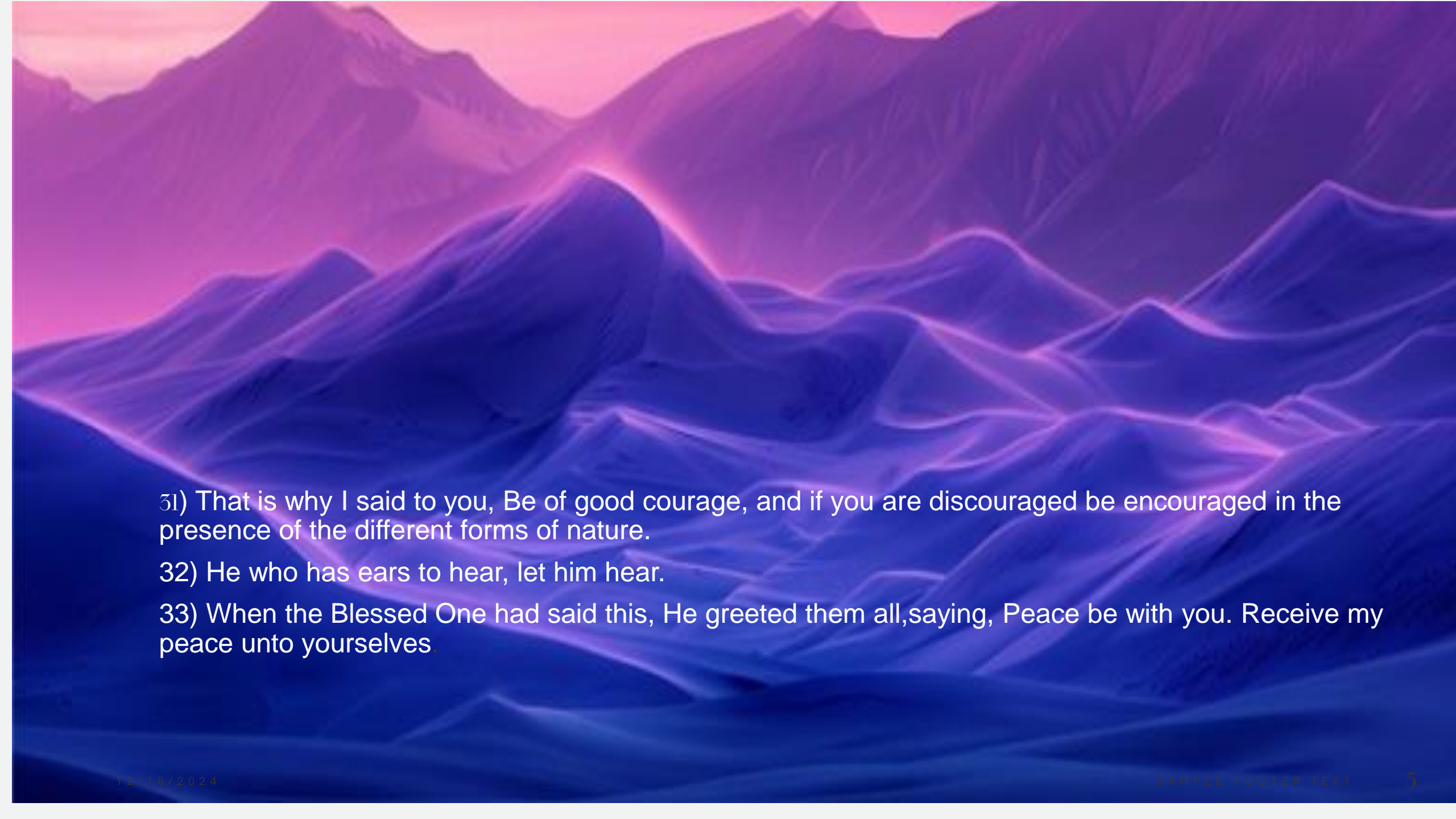
22) The Savior said, All nature, all formations, all creatures exist in and with one another, and they will be resolved again into their own roots.

23) For the nature of matter is resolved into the roots of its own nature alone.

24) He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

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33) When the Blessed One had said this, He greeted them all, saying, Peace be with you. Receive my peace unto yourselves



“In regard to human health and wellness, they discovered that forest bathing helps us recover from stress and trauma by reducing our adrenaline and cortisol levels, and alleviating symptoms of anxiety and depression,” she said. “Forest bathing also decreases blood pressure, improves cardiovascular and respiratory function, and improves our sleep quality, mood, attention, academic performance, creativity and immune function. All this gets a boost when we spend time in forested environments. Some studies have uncovered that spending time in forested environments is even a preventive measure against cancer and disease.”

In Korea and Japan, forest bathing is part of the national health care program. It’s estimated that these practices save billions in health care costs annually.

“We always introduce the real human health benefits because it's important that people know how vital these spaces are and that we protect our forests, Ellisa said. “Because they are a resource and a center for healing.

“They are where we can come to heal”



*She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, And she gives instructions with kindness.”*

Proverbs 31:25 (NLT)



### **Gospel of Mary**

8) And she began to speak to them these words: I, she said, I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to Him, Lord I saw you today in a vision. He answered and said to me,

9) Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me. For where the mind is there is the treasure.

# Since time immortal, mankind has wanted to know the plan

## The Sophia (Wisdom) of Jesus Christ

After he rose from the dead, his twelve disciples and seven women continued to be his followers, and went to Galilee onto the mountain called "Divination and Joy". When they gathered together and were perplexed about the underlying reality of the universe and the plan, and the holy providence, and the power of the authorities, and about everything the Savior is doing with them in the secret of the holy plan, the Savior appeared - not in his previous form, but in his invisible spirit. And his likeness resembles a great angel of light. But his resemblance I must not describe. No mortal flesh could endure it, but only pure, perfect flesh, like that which he taught us about on the mountain called "Of the Olives" in Galilee.

And he said: "Peace be to you, My peace I give you!" And they all marveled and were afraid. **The Savior laughed** and said to them: "What are you thinking about? Are you perplexed? What are you searching for?"

Philip said: "For the underlying reality of the universe and the plan."





Now and then,  
everyone needs....



...a little Jesus



### **Gospel of Mary Chapter 8:**

10) And desire said, I did not see you descending, but now I see you ascending. Why do you lie since you belong to me?

11) The soul answered and said, I saw you. You did not see me nor recognize me. I served you as a garment and you did not know me.

12) When it said this, it (the soul) went away rejoicing greatly.

19) The first form is darkness, the second desire, the third ignorance, the fourth is the excitement of death, the fifth is the kingdom of the flesh, the sixth is the foolish wisdom of flesh, the seventh is the wrathful wisdom. These are the seven powers of wrath.

### **Gospel of the Beloved Companion**

42:5 the leaves at the bottom of the tree are thick and plentiful, so no light penetrates to illuminate the way. But fear not, for I am the way and the light, and I tell you that, as one ascends the tree, the leaves that block one from the light are fewer, so it is possible to see all more clearly.

Those who seek to ascend must free themselves of the world. If you do not free yourself from the world, you will die in the darkness that is the root of the tree. But if you free yourself, you will rise and reach the light that is the eternal life of the spirit.'



# Who do you seek?

- Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What are you looking for?” (John 1:38) Or, in other translations, “What do you want?” or “What are you seeking?” The two men don't answer the question, they instead ask Jesus, “Where are you staying?” ... and Jesus says, “Come and see.” Mar 25, 2021

- John 18:4-6 New Century Version (NCV)

Knowing everything that would happen to him, Jesus went out and asked, “Who is it you are looking for?” They answered, “Jesus from Nazareth.” “I am he,” Jesus said. (Judas, the one who turned against Jesus, was standing there with them.)

# Who do you seek?

*But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" (John 20:11–15)*

## Chapter 5

- 1) But they were grieved. They wept greatly, saying, How shall we go to the Gentiles and preach the gospel of the Kingdom of the Son of Man? If they did not spare Him, how will they spare us?
- 2) Then Mary stood up, greeted them all, and said to her brethren, Do not weep and do not grieve nor be irresolute, for His grace will be entirely with you and will protect you.
- 3) But rather, let us praise His greatness, for He has prepared us and made us into Men.



## The OTHER Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself for not doing things perfectly, the courage to forgive myself because I'm working on doing better, and the wisdom to know that you already love me just the way I am.



# PRAYERS

# REQUESTS

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

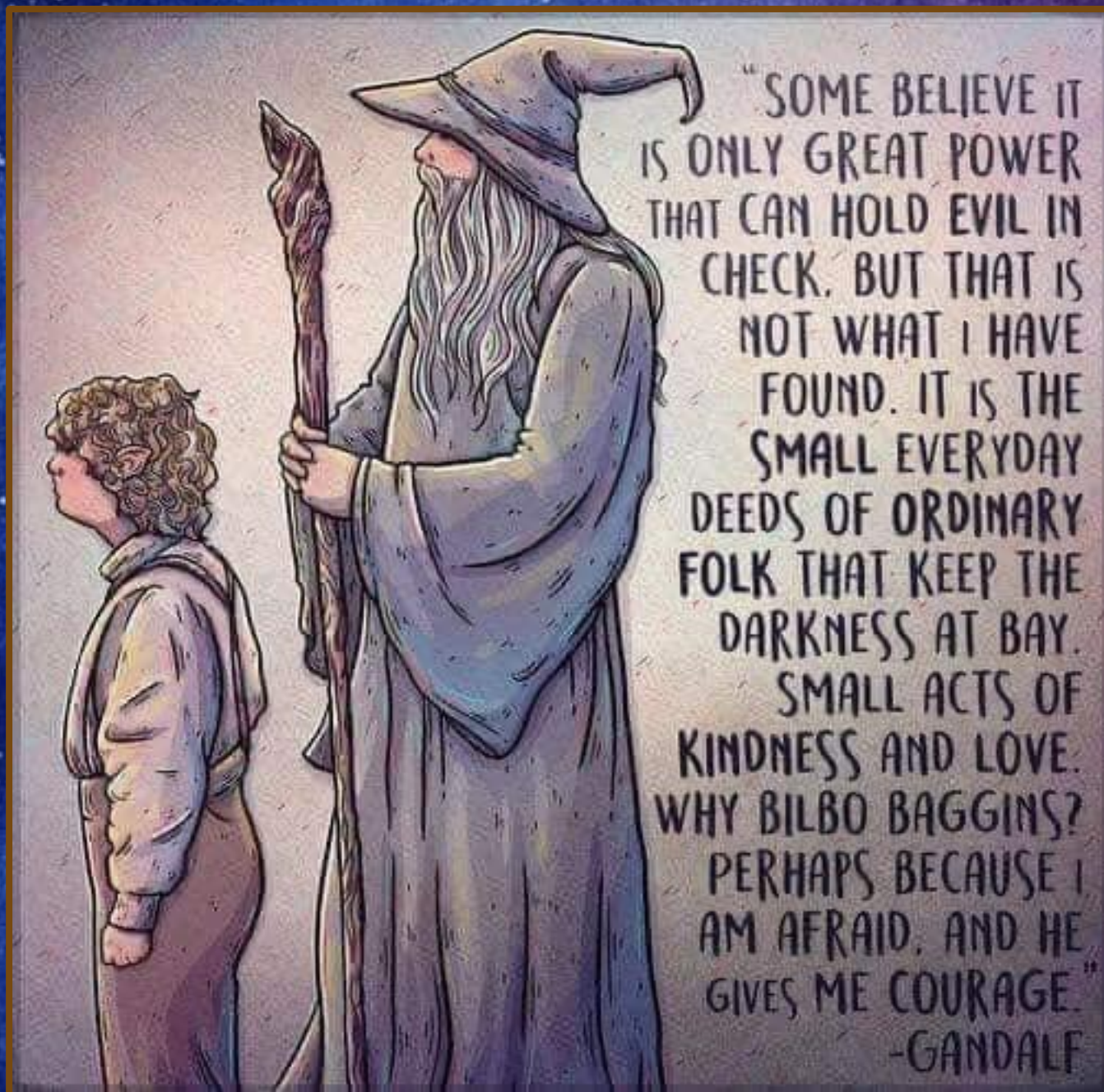
Philippians 4:6 (English Standard Version)

# THOUGHTS



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"SOME BELIEVE IT IS ONLY GREAT POWER THAT CAN HOLD EVIL IN CHECK. BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT I HAVE FOUND. IT IS THE SMALL EVERYDAY DEEDS OF ORDINARY FOLK THAT KEEP THE DARKNESS AT BAY. SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS AND LOVE. WHY BILBO BAGGINS? PERHAPS BECAUSE I AM AFRAID. AND HE GIVES ME COURAGE."  
-GANDALF

# Our Next Gathering

Sunday, December 29, 2024