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Another Chance

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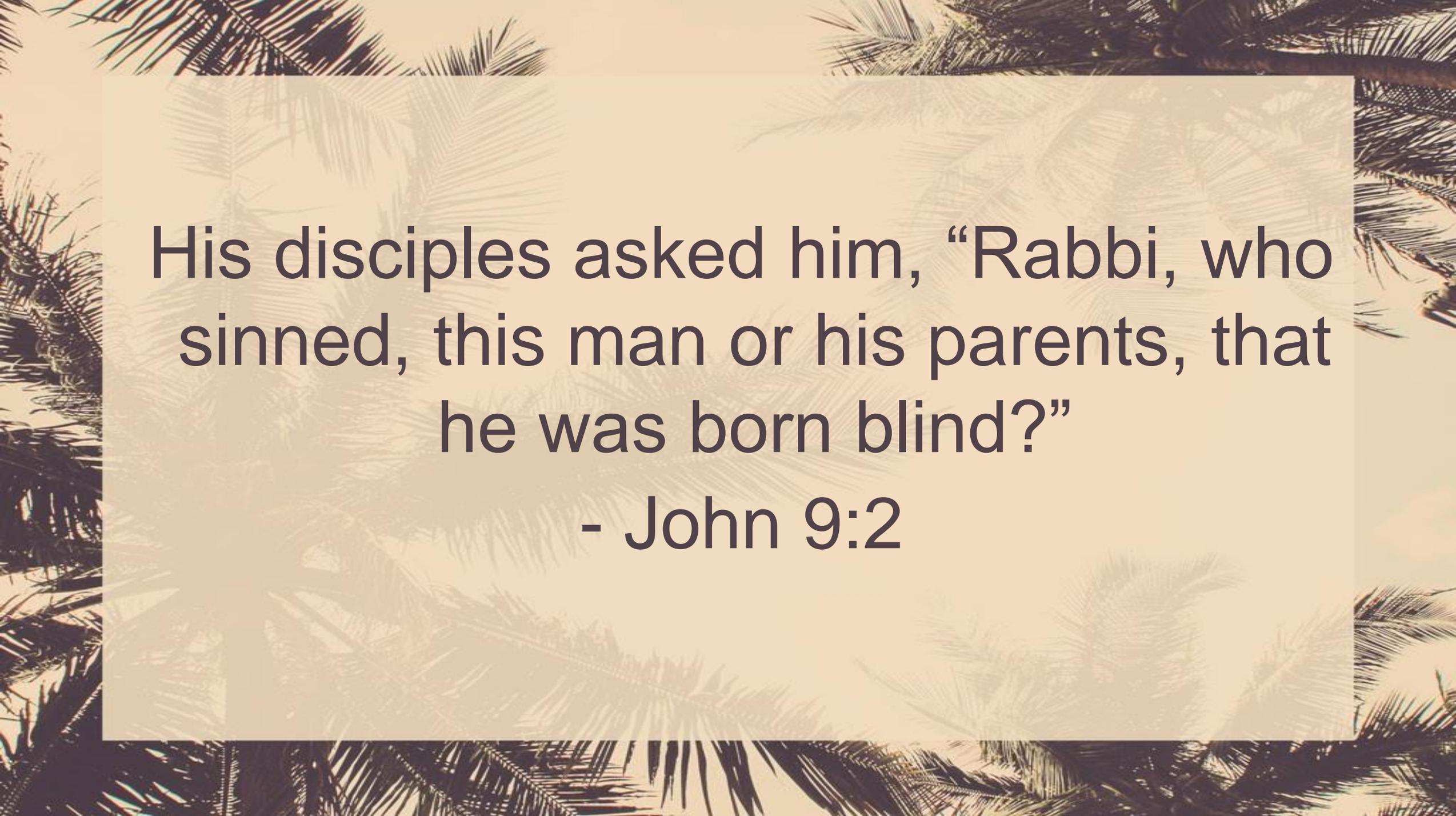
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Siloam – Tower that took 18 lives.

Response from Jesus

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His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

- John 9:2

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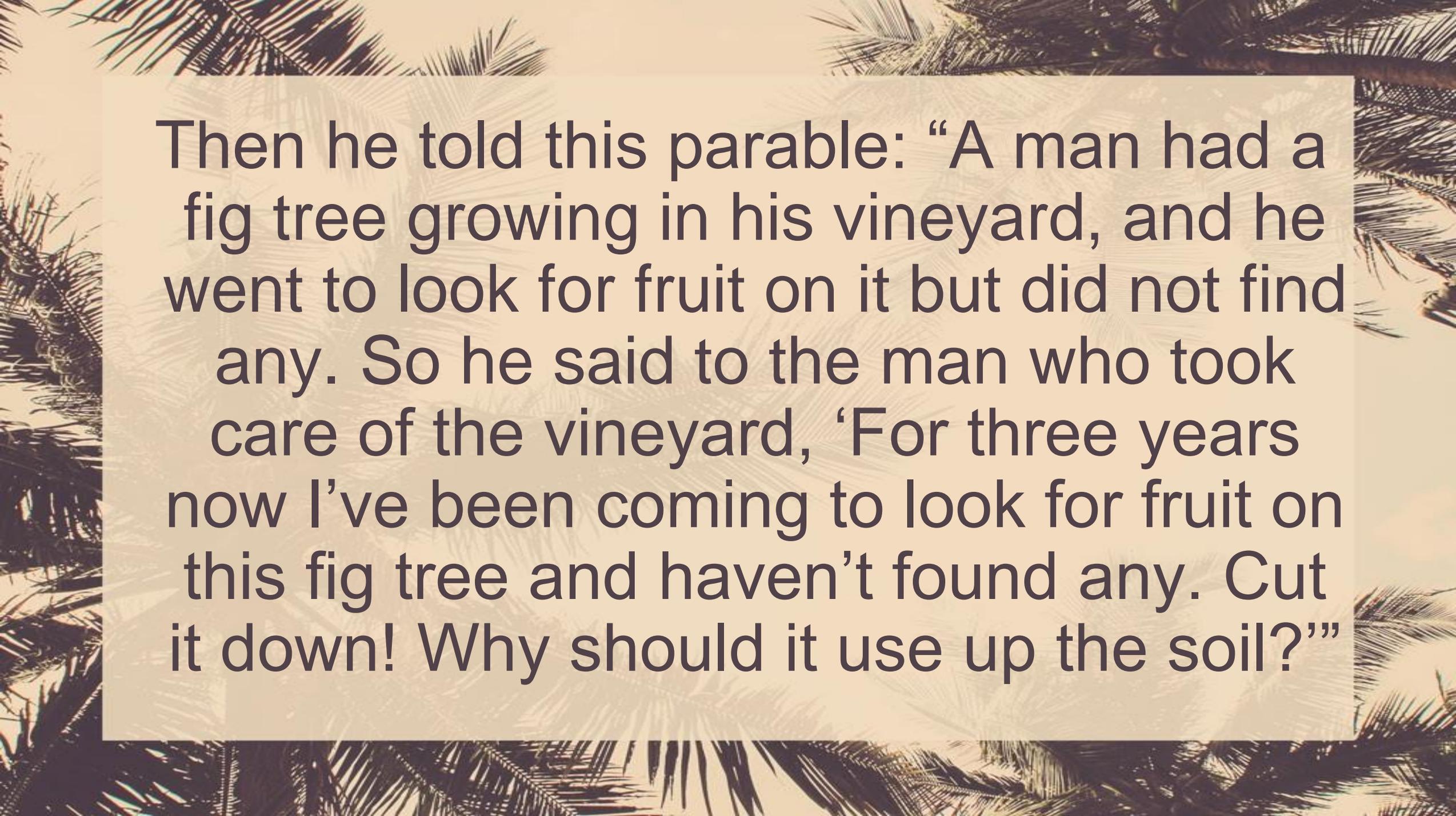
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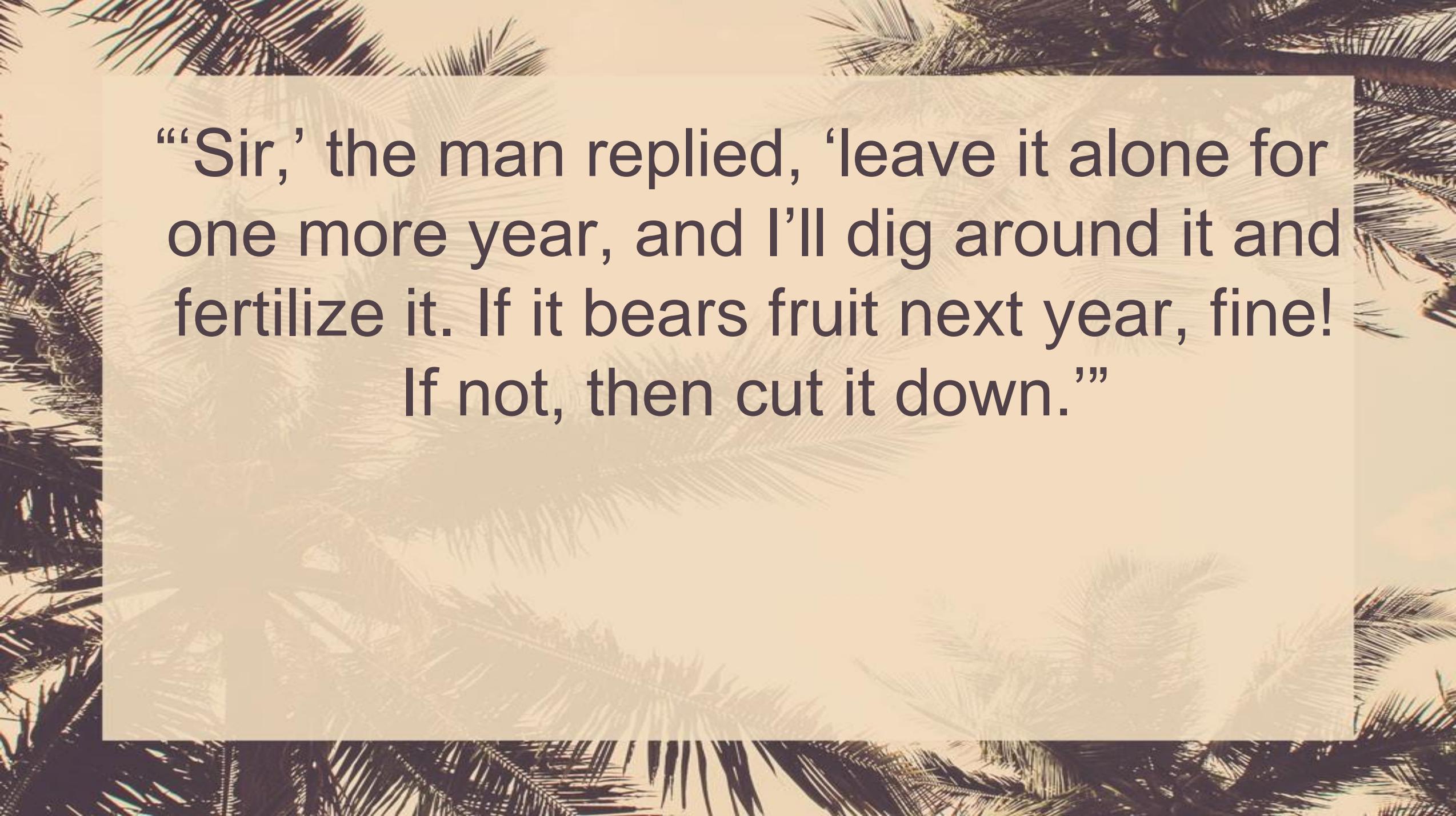
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What is repentance to you?

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

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On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.

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Jesus Is Our Mediator

“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”

-1 Timothy 2:3-5

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“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Our Response

- Repentance – Turn to God
- Acceptance – The Savior / Jesus
- Sharing – The Good News

