A photograph of a dirt path winding through a lush green forest. The path is in the foreground, leading into the distance. The trees are dense with green foliage, and sunlight filters through the canopy on the right side. A semi-transparent dark green rectangular box is centered over the middle of the image, containing white text.

THE NARROW PATHWAY

GIVE GENEROUSLY

THE PATHWAY

WORSHIP TOGETHER REGULARLY

SERVE OTHERS

SHARE YOUR STORY

ENJOY GOD'S PRESENCE

GIVE GENEROUSLY

DO LIFE TOGETHER

LIVE DIFFERENTLY

ECCLESIASTES 5

18 This is what I have observed to be good: **that it is appropriate** for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. 19 Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.

ECCLESIASTES 5

20 They seldom reflect on the days of their life,
because God keeps them occupied with
gladness of heart.

ECCLESIASTES 6

I have seen another evil under the sun, and it weighs heavily on mankind: 2 God gives some people wealth, possessions and honor, so that they lack nothing their hearts desire, **but God does not grant them the ability** to enjoy them, and strangers enjoy them instead. This is meaningless, a grievous evil.

ECCLESIASTES 6

3 A man may have a hundred children and live many years; yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity and does not receive proper burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. 4 It comes **without meaning**, it departs in darkness, and in darkness its name is shrouded. 5 Though it never saw the sun or knew anything, it has more rest than does that man—

ECCLESIASTES 6

6 even if he lives a thousand years twice over
but fails to enjoy his prosperity. Do not all go to
the same place?

MATTHEW 6

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MARK 10

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

2 CORINTHIANS 8

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 **In the midst of a very severe trial**, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty **welled up in rich generosity**. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 CORINTHIANS 8

5 And they **exceeded** our expectations: They gave themselves **first of all** to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.



**THEIR DISCOVERY: THE RESURRECTION
CHANGED EVERYTHING!**

WHAT CHANGED:

**THE RESURRECTION IS A NEW REALITY
THAT FREES US
FROM IDOLS**

ACTS 16

19 When her owners realized that their **hope of making money was gone**, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.

ACTS 2

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

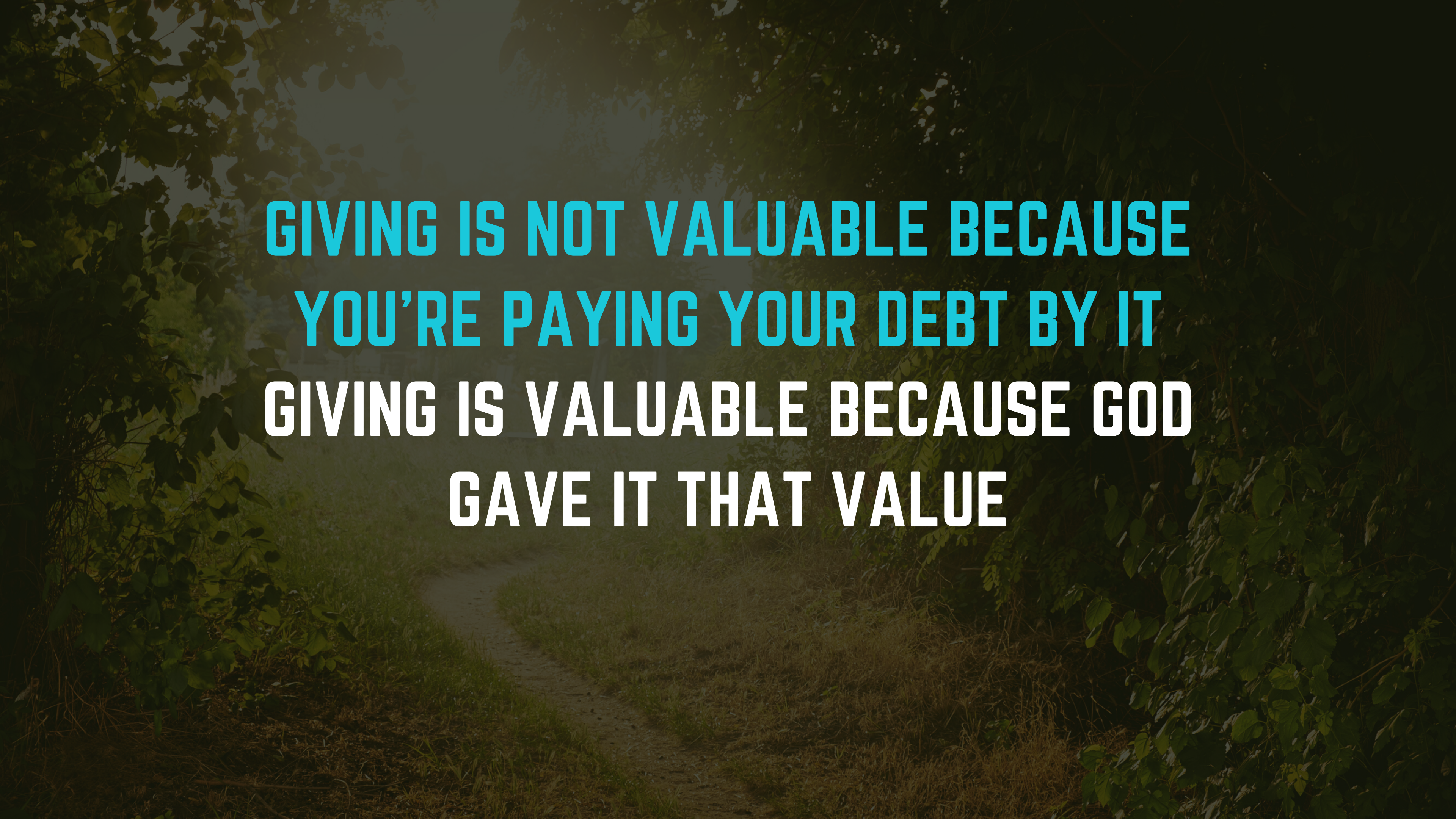
A photograph of a narrow dirt path winding through a dense forest. The path is covered with dry leaves and grass. The trees and foliage are lush green, and a soft mist or fog hangs in the air, creating a serene and somewhat mysterious atmosphere. The lighting is diffused, suggesting an overcast day or early morning/late evening.

WHAT CHANGED:

**AS WE FOR-GIVE BECAUSE OF GRACE
WE ALSO GIVE BECAUSE OF GRACE**

LUKE 19

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord,
“Look, Lord! Here and **now I give** half of my
possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated
anybody out of anything, **I will pay** back four
times the amount.”



**GIVING IS NOT VALUABLE BECAUSE
YOU'RE PAYING YOUR DEBT BY IT
GIVING IS VALUABLE BECAUSE GOD
GAVE IT THAT VALUE**

WHAT CHANGED:

**WE HAVE SOMETHING
TO CONTRIBUTE
(THOUGH JESUS PAID IT ALL)**

**WHEN CHRIST CROWNS OUR MERIT
AT THE HEAVENLY BANQUET, HE'S
SIMPLY PRAISING HIS OWN GIFTS.
THAT IS WHAT HE GAVE TO US IN
THE FIRST PLACE.**

ST. AUGUSTINE



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