

A detailed illustration of a magical forest at night. A glowing, winding path leads through a lush landscape with mossy rocks, glowing plants, and ancient trees. In the background, a full moon hangs in a starry sky over a misty forest. The scene is framed by large, gnarled tree trunks on either side.

# THE WILDERNESS, THE LIONS, AND THE TEACHER

A journey where the greatest dangers are  
designed to reveal the greatest truths.





“It was the  
biggest lion I’ve  
ever seen.”

- The Watchman

The encounter left the group shaken. The threat was real, immediate, and overwhelming. But the physical beast was only a shadow of the true challenge.





“THE LION THAT IS IN YOU, IS GREATER. IF YOU SEE  
THE LION WHO LIVES IN YOU, YOU WILL NOT BE  
AFRAID OF ANY OTHER LION OR ANYTHING ELSE.”

- Elijah



THE CHOICE IS NOT IF YOU WILL FACE LIONS, BUT HOW.

“If you do not learn to face the lions, you will be running from them the rest of your life. If you do not chase them they will chase you far from your purpose, and you will die in this wilderness.” - Elijah

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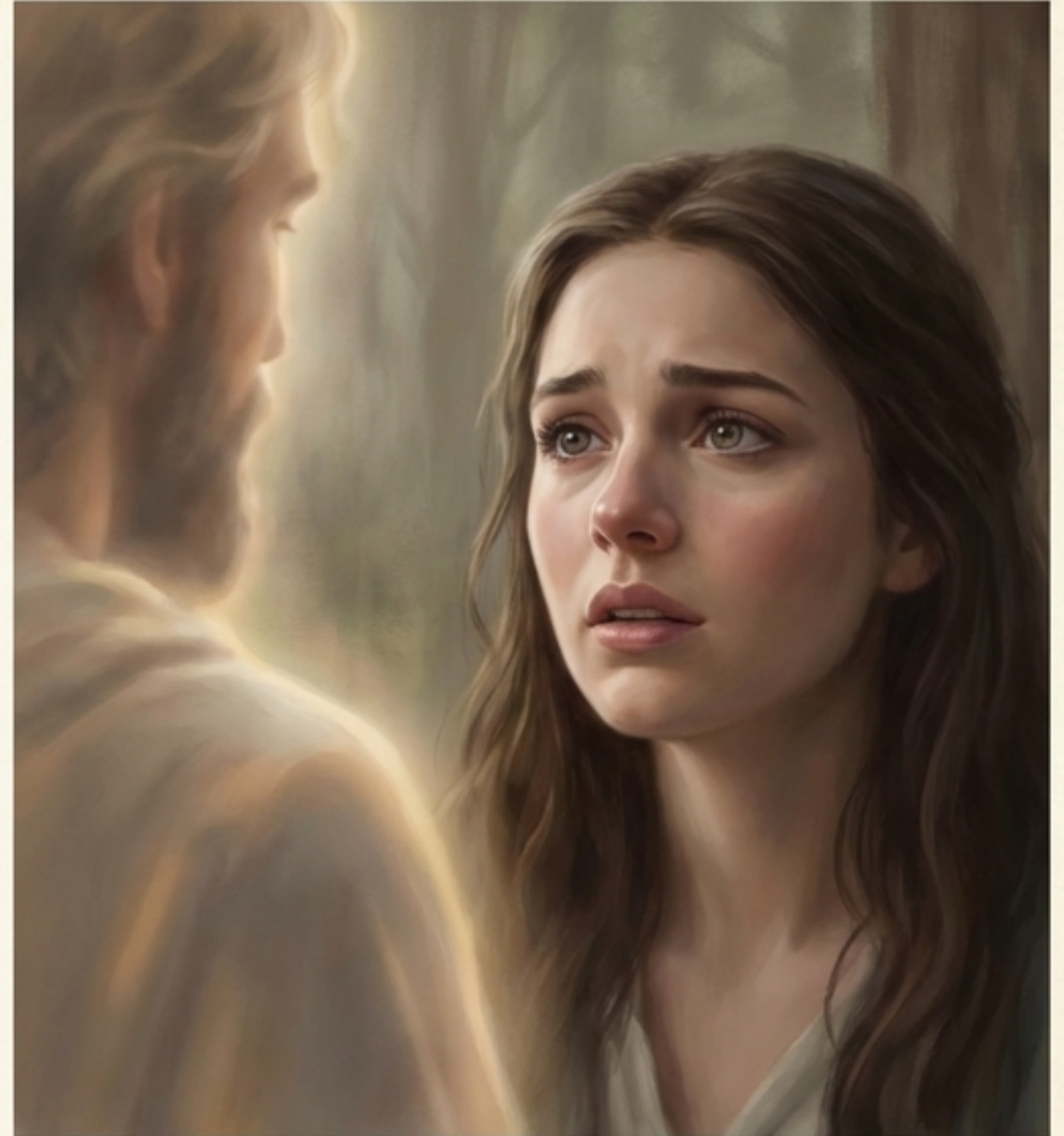


# A Challenge of the Heart

With the immediate threat gone, a deeper anxiety surfaces. Are we special enough? Are our questions a burden?

**Mary:** “It’s just hard to believe that we would be so special, to have you come to help us.”

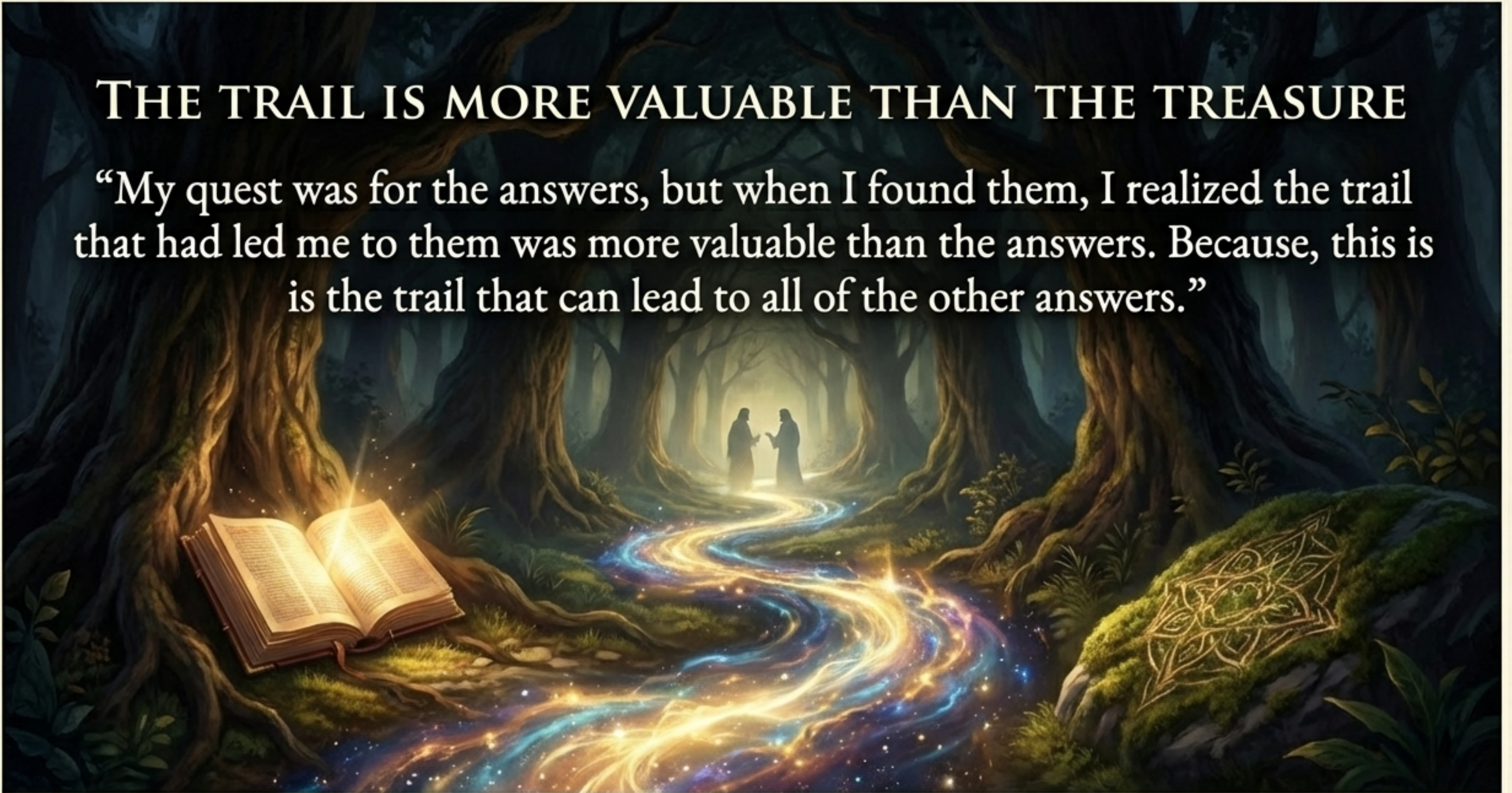
**Elijah:** “I did not come to answer your questions... It is more important that the Lord cares about your questions.”





# THE TRAIL IS MORE VALUABLE THAN THE TREASURE

“My quest was for the answers, but when I found them, I realized the trail that had led me to them was more valuable than the answers. Because, this is the trail that can lead to all of the other answers.”





# Learning to Hear the Word Himself

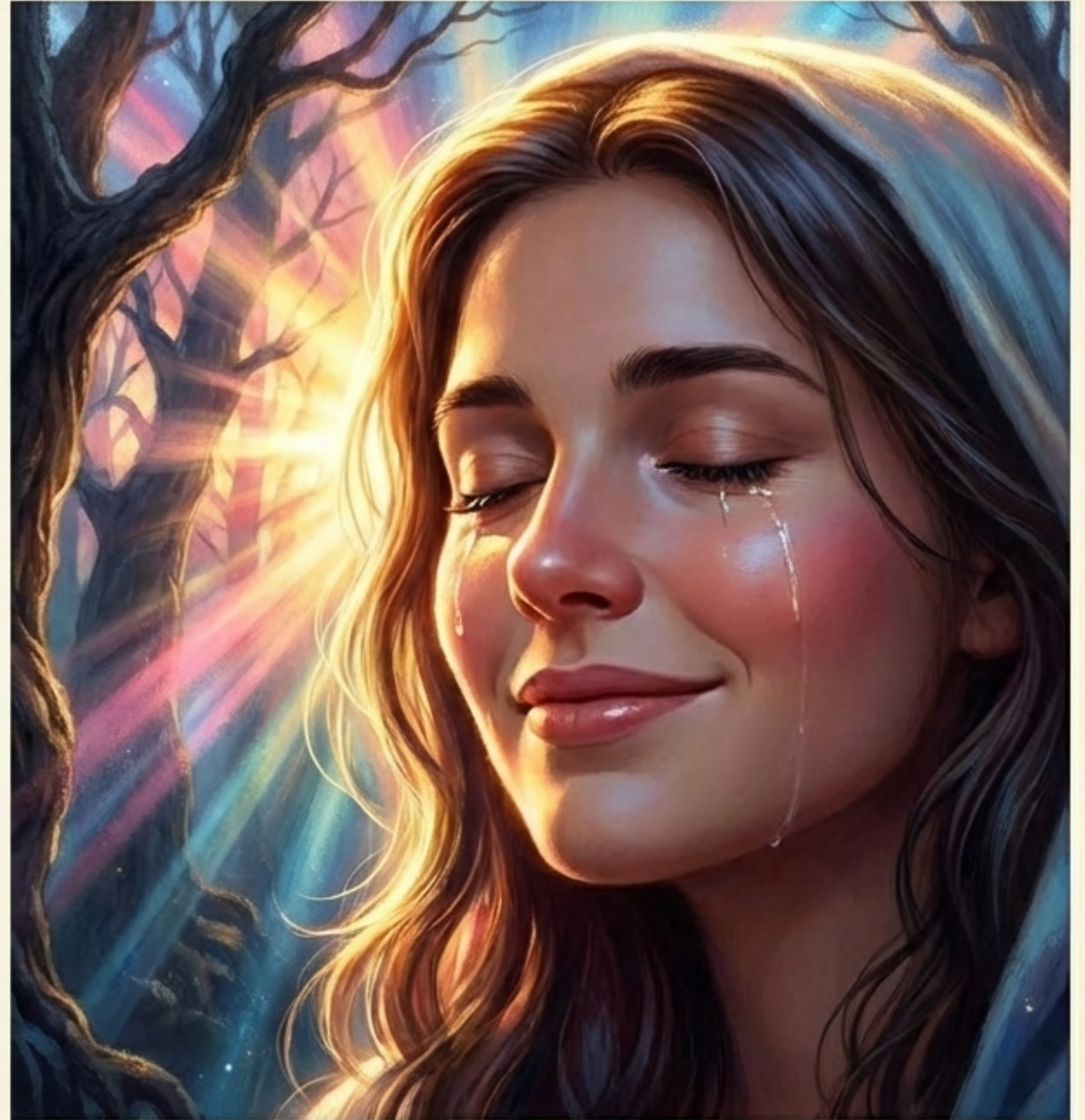
He became my Teacher... He would teach me in unique ways that I came to recognize as His ways. Someone might give me a book... I would feel compelled to watch a movie... I heard the answer to my question. There are *no coincidences* for those on the quest, but rather divine encounters.





“To know that He cares enough... made me feel His love. I really want to know Him, more than just have my questions answered. They’re still important, but suddenly they are now a quest, instead of a stumbling block for me.”

– The Seeker.





# The Attack of a Desperate Enemy

“We were all looking in the direction he had gone when a terrible roar came from the trees nearby... a massive black lion leapt into the clearing... Then it locked eyes with me.”





# The Lesson Lived



**Key Moment:** Mary stepped right in front of it, causing the big cat to almost fall backward in surprise. A moment later it vanished into the trees.

**Elijah's Commentary:** When you face the lion, he will see the Lion that lives in you.



# The Enemy's Opening



“The biggest opening the lions have is a division among you. Any who begin to separate from the group will be easy prey.” - **Elijah**



# The Cord of Three Strands That Cannot Be Broken



1. **Knowing the voice** of the Lord.
2. **Obedying** Him.
3. **Dwelling** in His presence.

**Elijah's Affirmation:** "Seal these three things in your heart. Resolve each day to get to know His voice better, to do His will, and to abide in Him. These will keep you, and they will lead you to the kingdom."



# The Paradox of True Safety



Everything that can be shaken...



...is being shaken.  
Only the kingdom cannot be shaken.

“You are in the will of the Lord, and there is no safer place than being in His will. The Lion who is with you, is much greater than those who are seeking to devour you.”



# One Day in the Wilderness



“That is why He allows those lions to roam here. They are for our sake—they drive us to the Lord.”

“I think we can learn in one day here, what may have taken years to learn on that ship.”





# The Gospel of the Kingdom

“We are actually on the greatest adventure and the greatest treasure hunt there can be in this life...  
This message will not go forth in just words, but in power, the power of those who live it.”