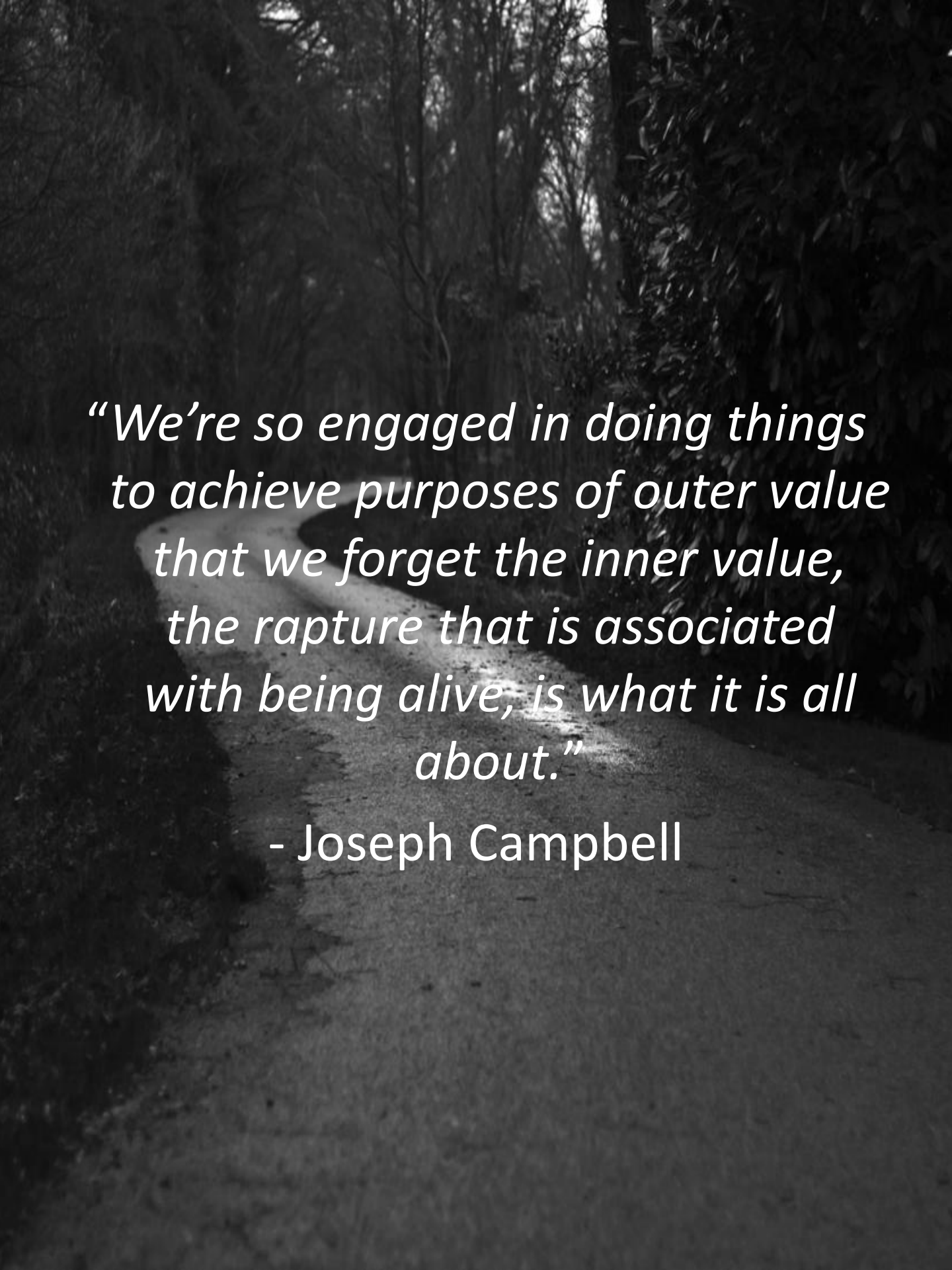


A PILGRIM'S PRAYER

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“We’re so engaged in doing things to achieve purposes of outer value that we forget the inner value, the rapture that is associated with being alive, is what it is all about.”


- Joseph Campbell

For too long,
I've wondered through this world
Asleep.

Events trickled by.
People came and went.
My *only* goal: survive until tomorrow.

Experiences serve no significance.
Relationships, void of meaning.
Lessons lost.
Love never risked.

But that still, quiet voice
Emerges from remembered past,
Beckoning me to new beginnings.



And now I *awaken*
To a new, yet familiar path.

One with *power*.

As I fall in love
With the adventure of *becoming*.¹

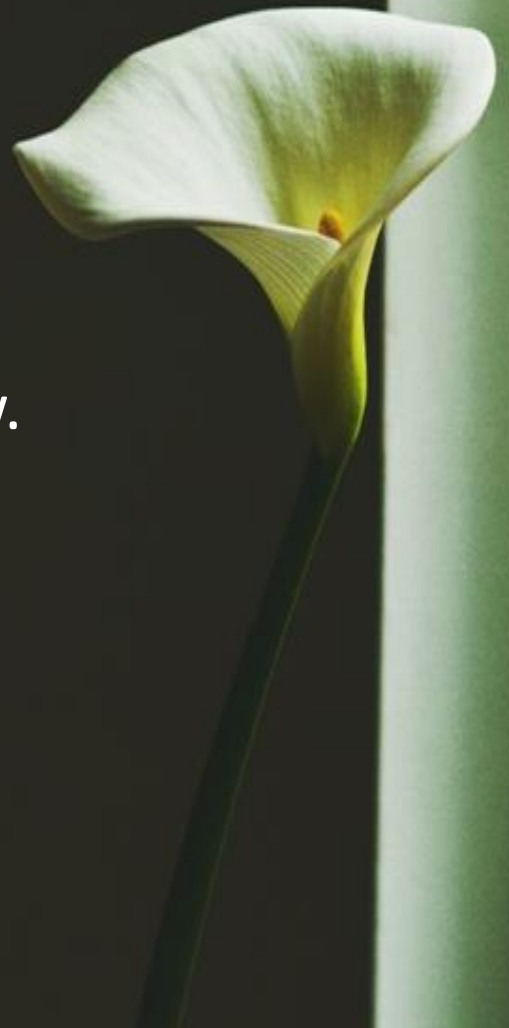
Learning to see
where I once was blind.
Hear, where silence once invaded.

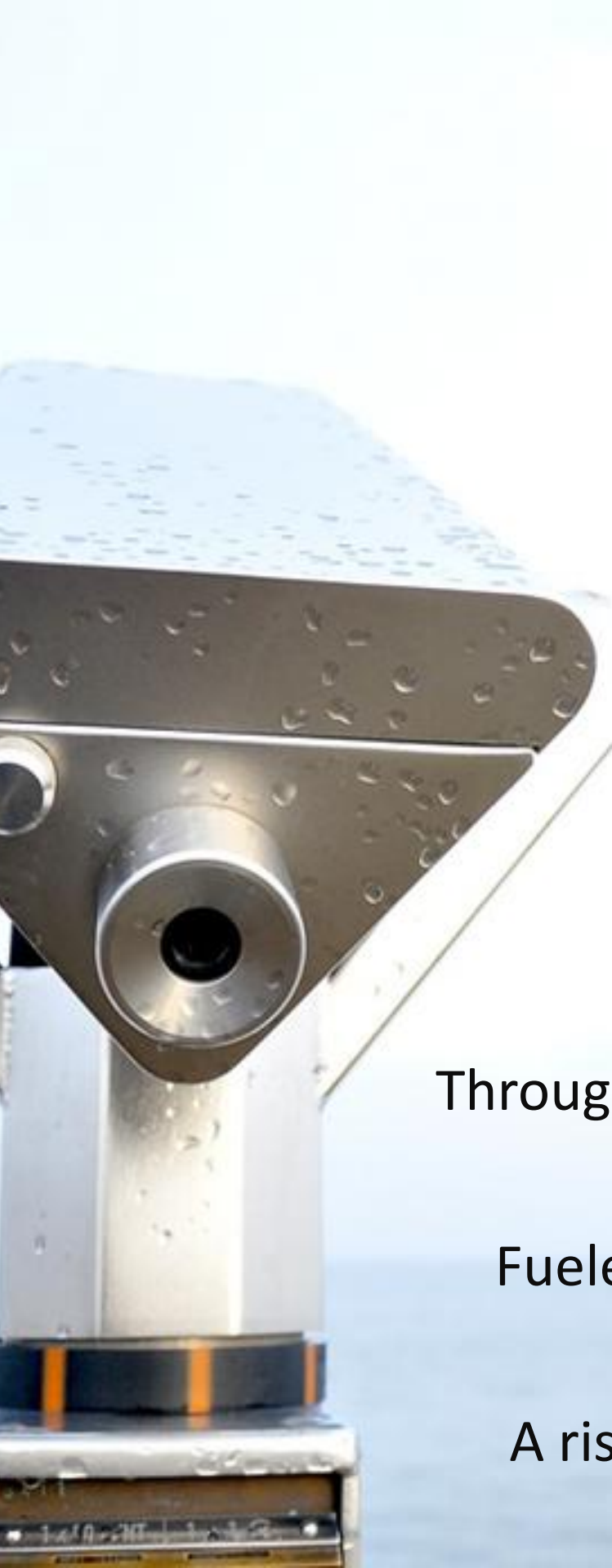
Awakened to Significance.
Overcome by Beauty.
Amazed at the wisdom
That comes with distance traveled.

And I wander no more
My steps, driven by intention.
Purpose.
Passion.

I wake with excitement,
Knowing that with each day
Comes gifts of insight.
Meaning.
Potential.

My constitution renewed.
Guided by a desire to grow.
The courage to start.
The diligence to endure.
The patience to reflect.
The honesty to change.
The willingness to teach.



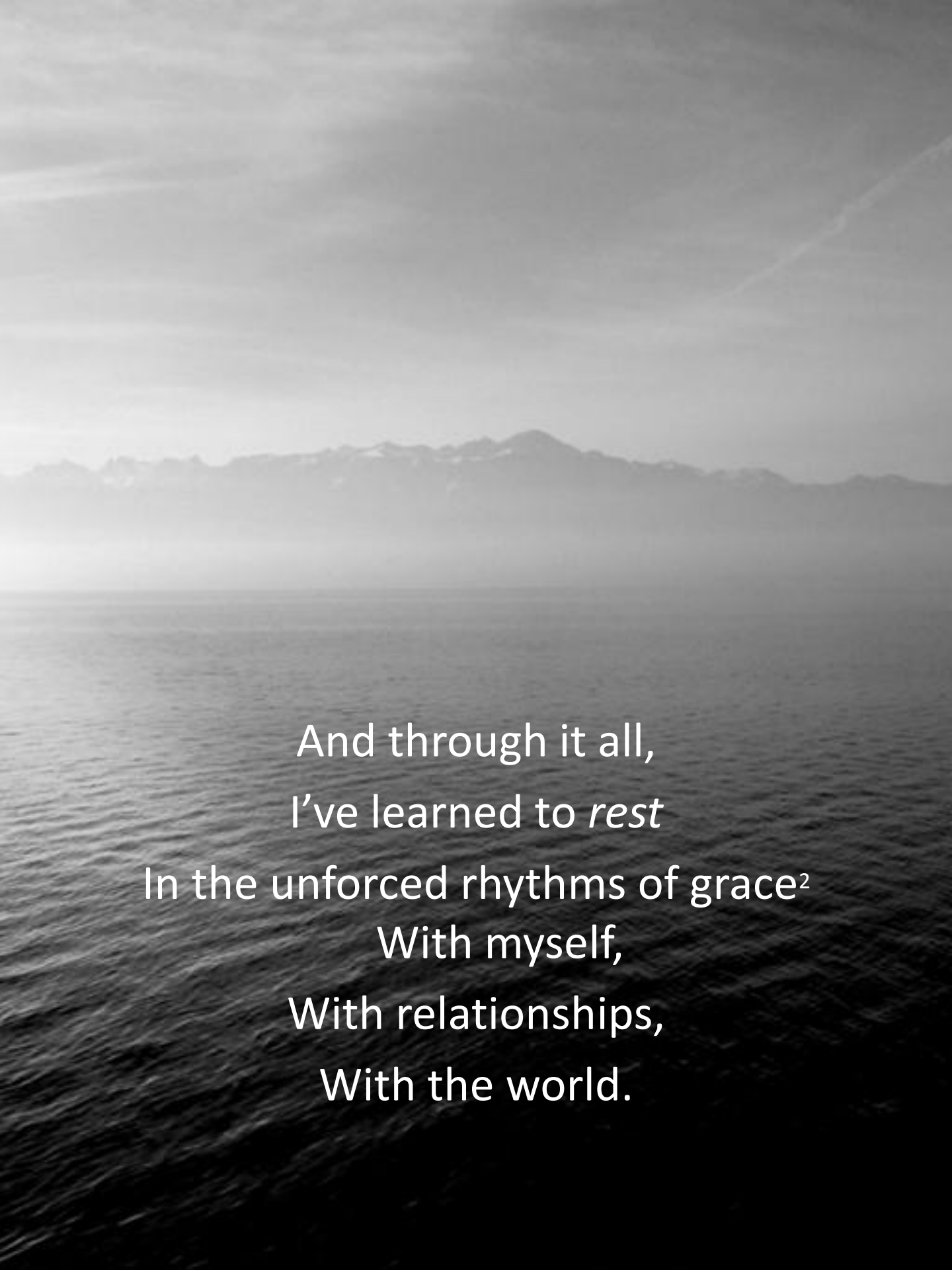


Allowing people to
Speak into my life

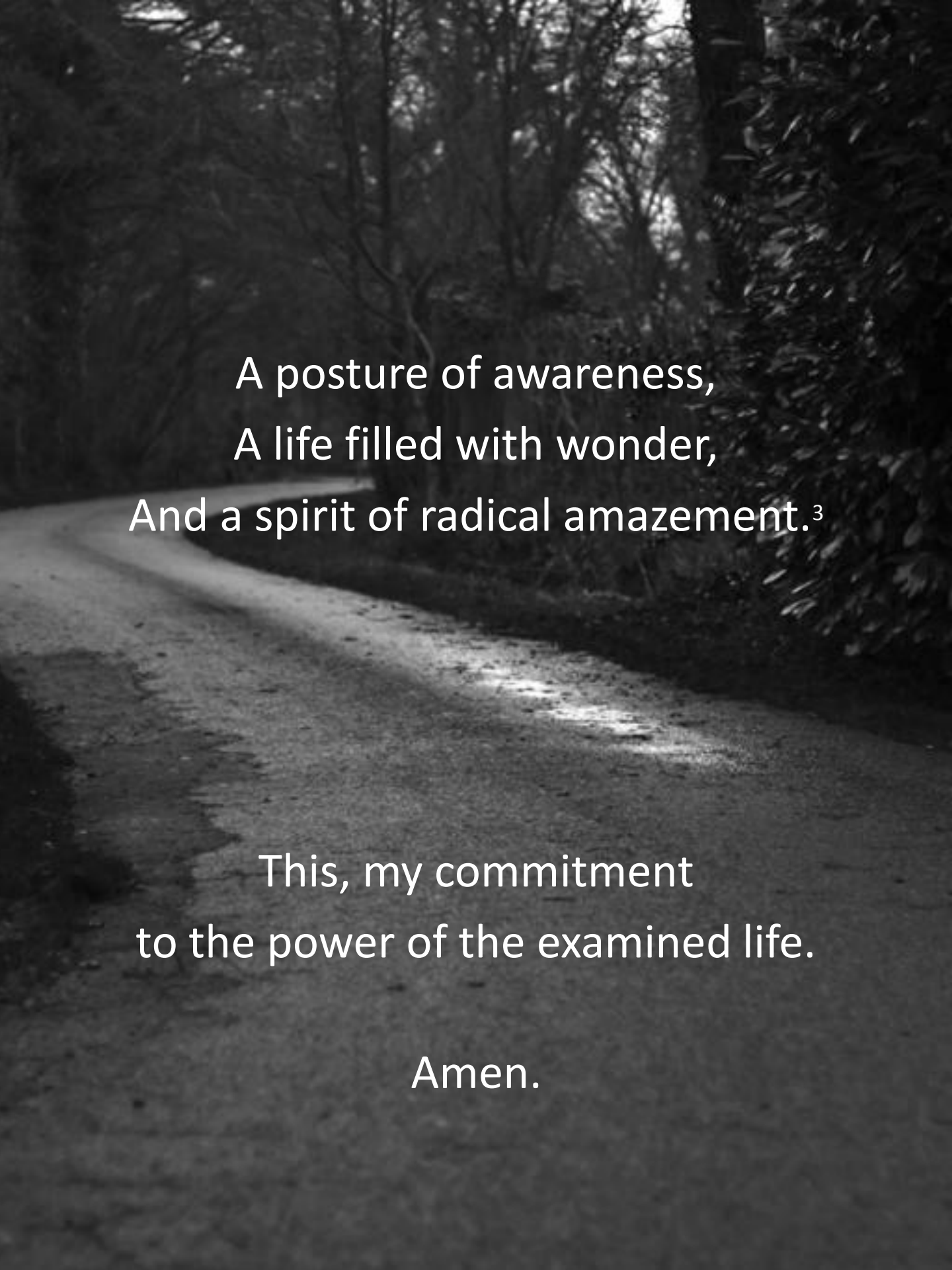
And I,
Humbly,
Into theirs.

Through the lense of love –
A common Spirit,
Fueled by Sacred Breath.

A risk worth the reward.



And through it all,
I've learned to *rest*
In the unforced rhythms of grace²
With myself,
With relationships,
With the world.



A posture of awareness,
A life filled with wonder,
And a spirit of radical amazement.³

This, my commitment
to the power of the examined life.

Amen.

ENDNOTES

¹ *Old Testament Wisdom* (p. 190), Manly P. Hall

² Matthew 11:28-30, The Message translation.

³ “*Radical Amazement*” is the focus of an essay by Abraham Joshua Heschel. <http://www.awakin.org/read/view.php?tid=1080>