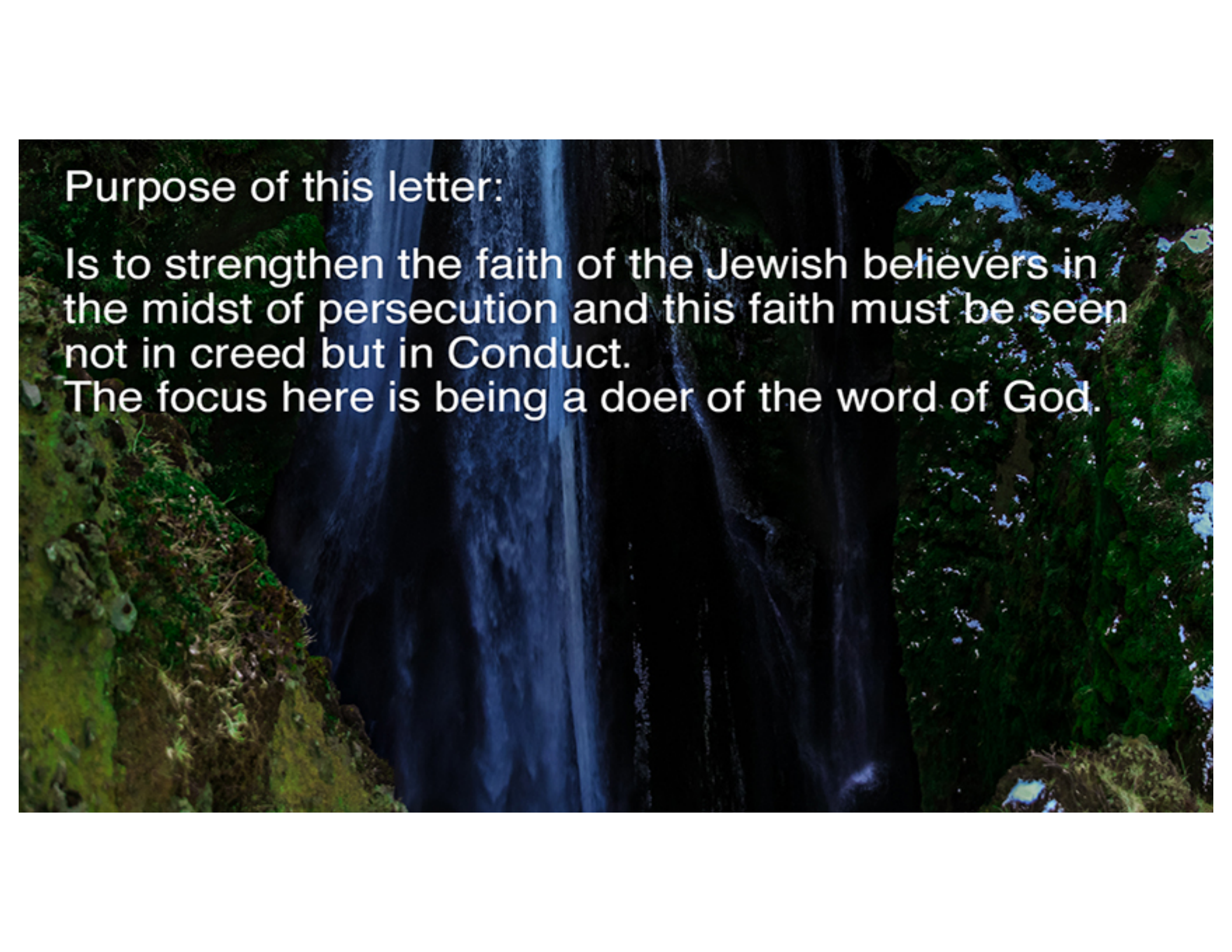
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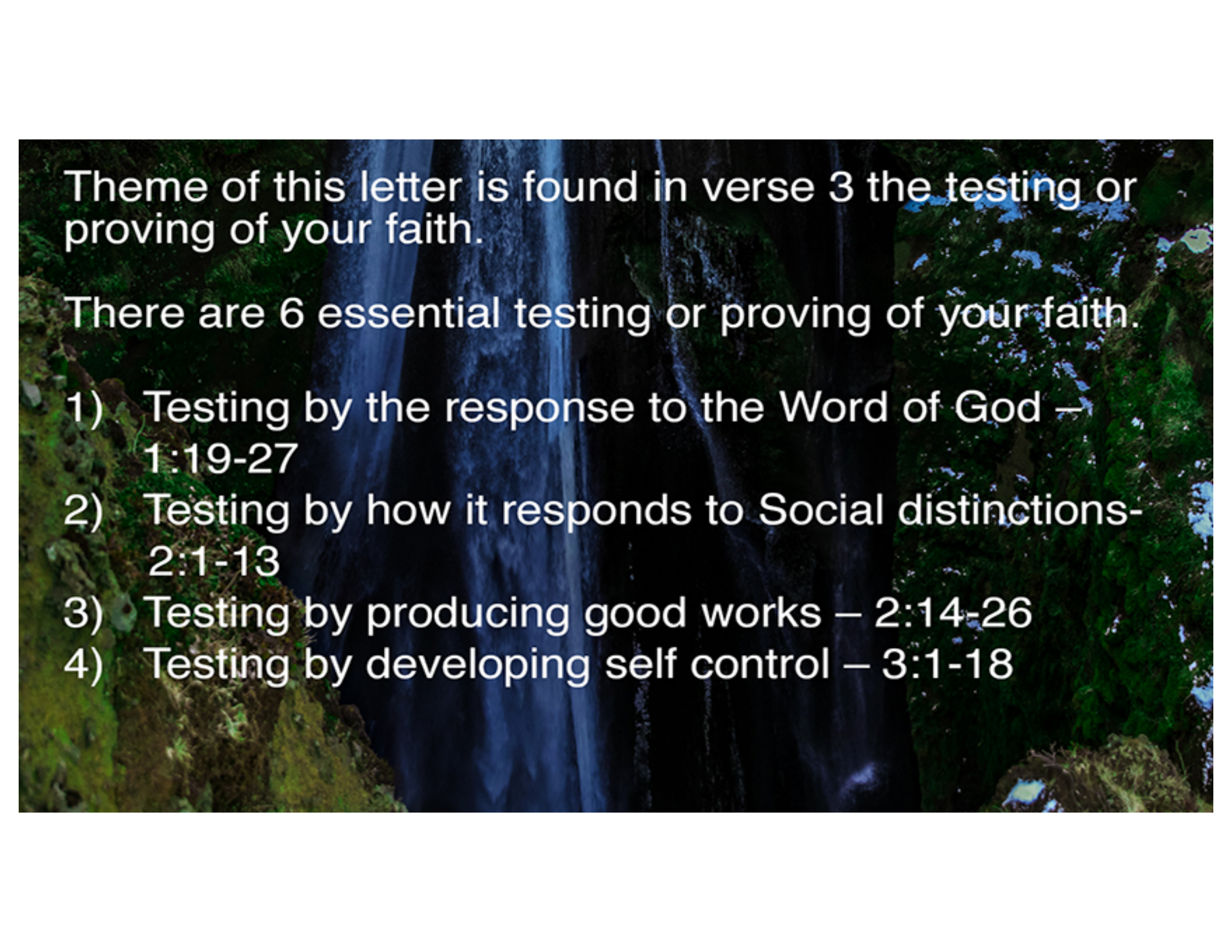
James is really Jacob, half brother to Jesus
Jesus appeared to James after the resurrection
James was married
James was the first leader or Pastor of the Jerusalem church
James the Just, a prayerful man, also known as Camel knees
He died a martyrs death in AD 61-62
Letter written approximately between 45-50 Ad
Letter was written to those Jewish believers living outside of the land of Judea.

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Purpose of this letter:

Is to strengthen the faith of the Jewish believers in the midst of persecution and this faith must be seen not in creed but in Conduct.

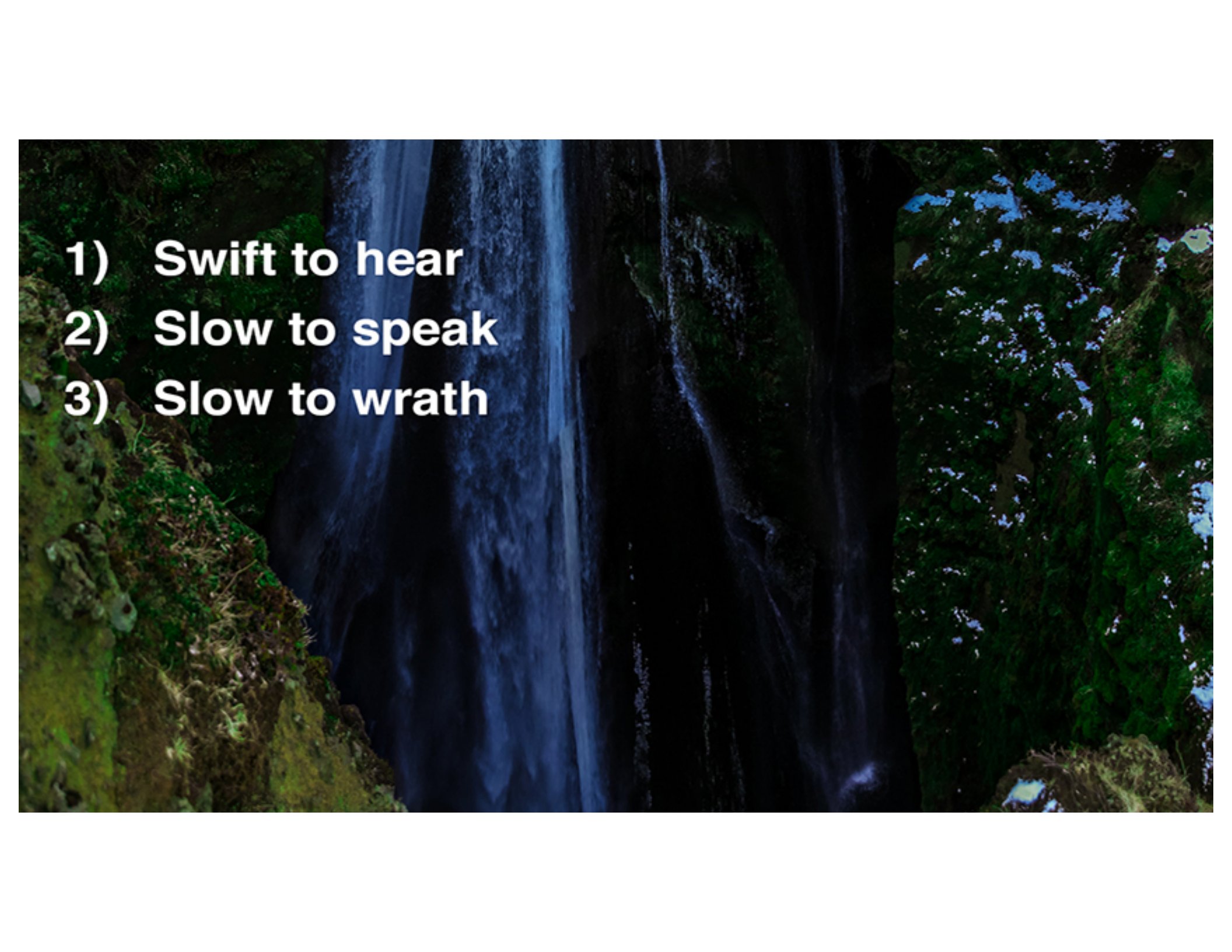
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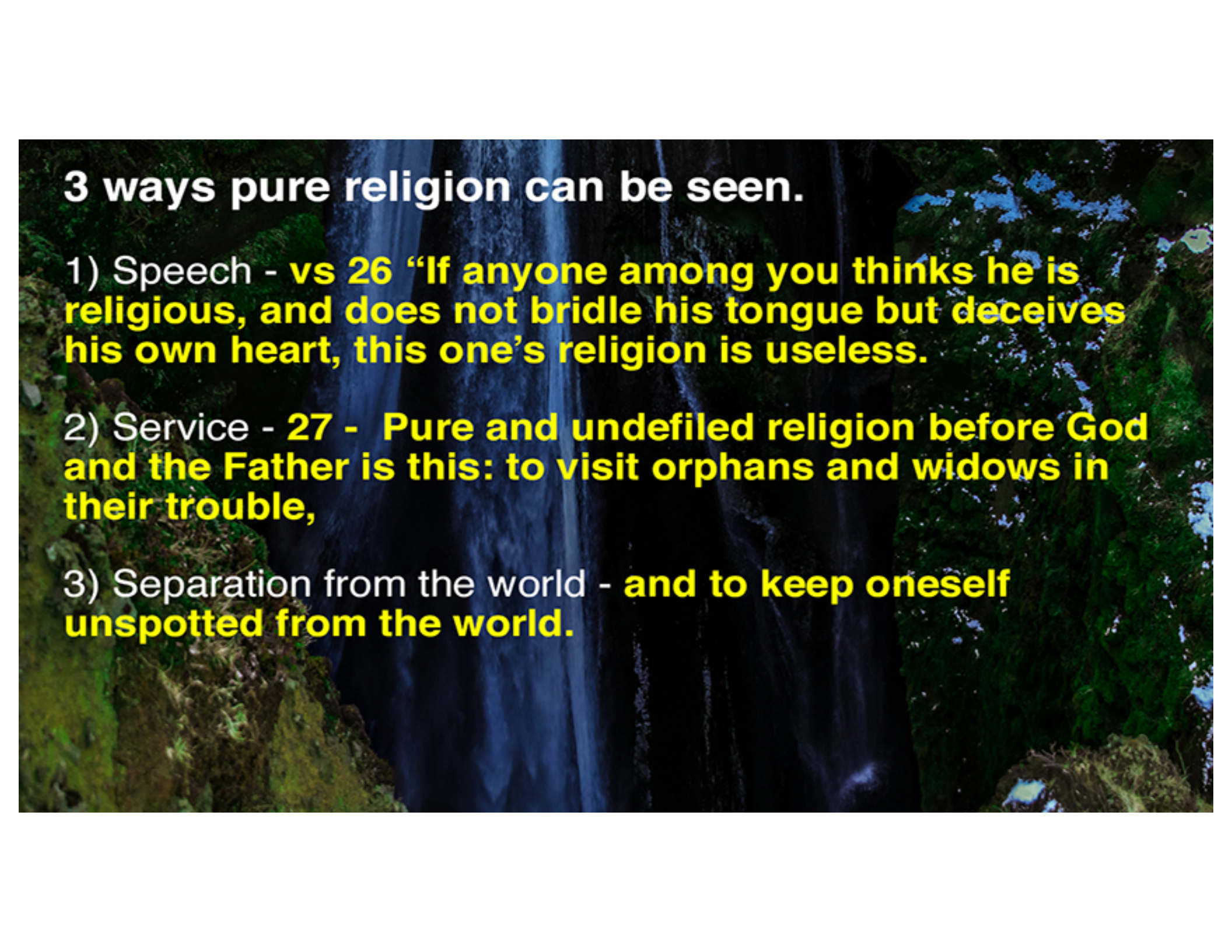
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Theme of this letter is found in verse 3 the testing or proving of your faith.

There are 6 essential testing or proving of your faith.

- 1) Testing by the response to the Word of God – 1:19-27
- 2) Testing by how it responds to Social distinctions- 2:1-13
- 3) Testing by producing good works – 2:14-26
- 4) Testing by developing self control – 3:1-18

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- A photograph of a waterfall cascading down a mossy rock face in a lush forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, contrasting with the dark, green moss and foliage. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the waterfall.
- 1) Swift to hear**
 - 2) Slow to speak**
 - 3) Slow to wrath**



3 ways pure religion can be seen.

- 1) Speech - **vs 26 “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.**
- 2) Service - **27 - Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble,**
- 3) Separation from the world - **and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.**