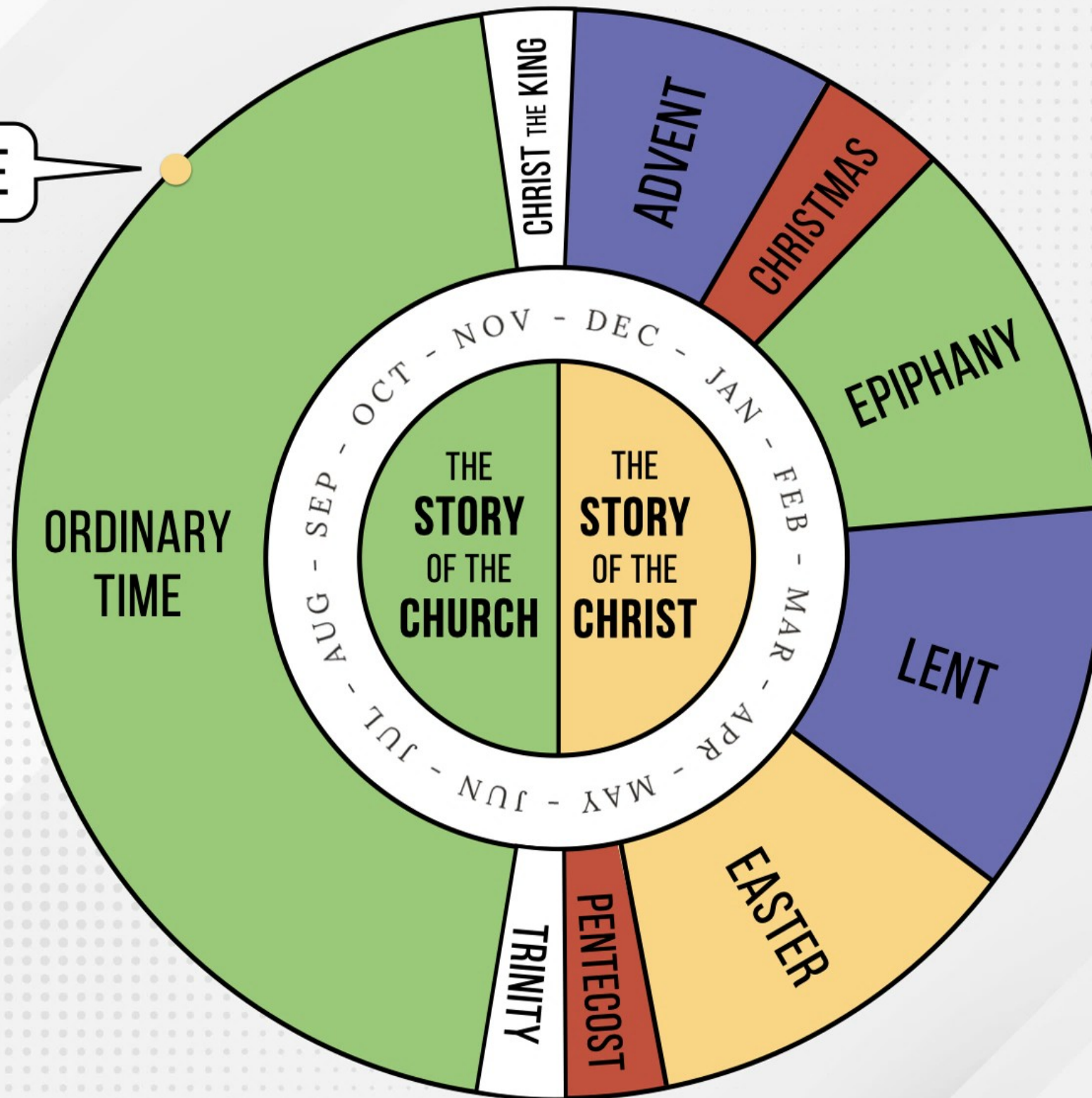




Next Week's Guest Preacher
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THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

CYCLE OF LIGHT

GOD with us

Advent: Anticipation
Christmas: Incarnation
Epiphany: Revelation

CYCLE OF LIFE

GOD for us

Lent: Crucifixion
Easter: Resurrection
Pentecost: Ascension

CYCLE OF LOVE

GOD in us

Trinity: Magnification
Ordinary Time: Mission
Christ the King: Conclusion

I JOHN 2:28-29

²⁸ And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming. ²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him.

I JOHN 3:1-10

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that **when Christ appears, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.

I JOHN 3:1-10

³ All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. **And in Him is no sin.** ⁶ No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him.

I JOHN 3:1-10

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

I JOHN 3:1-10

⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of

God. ¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

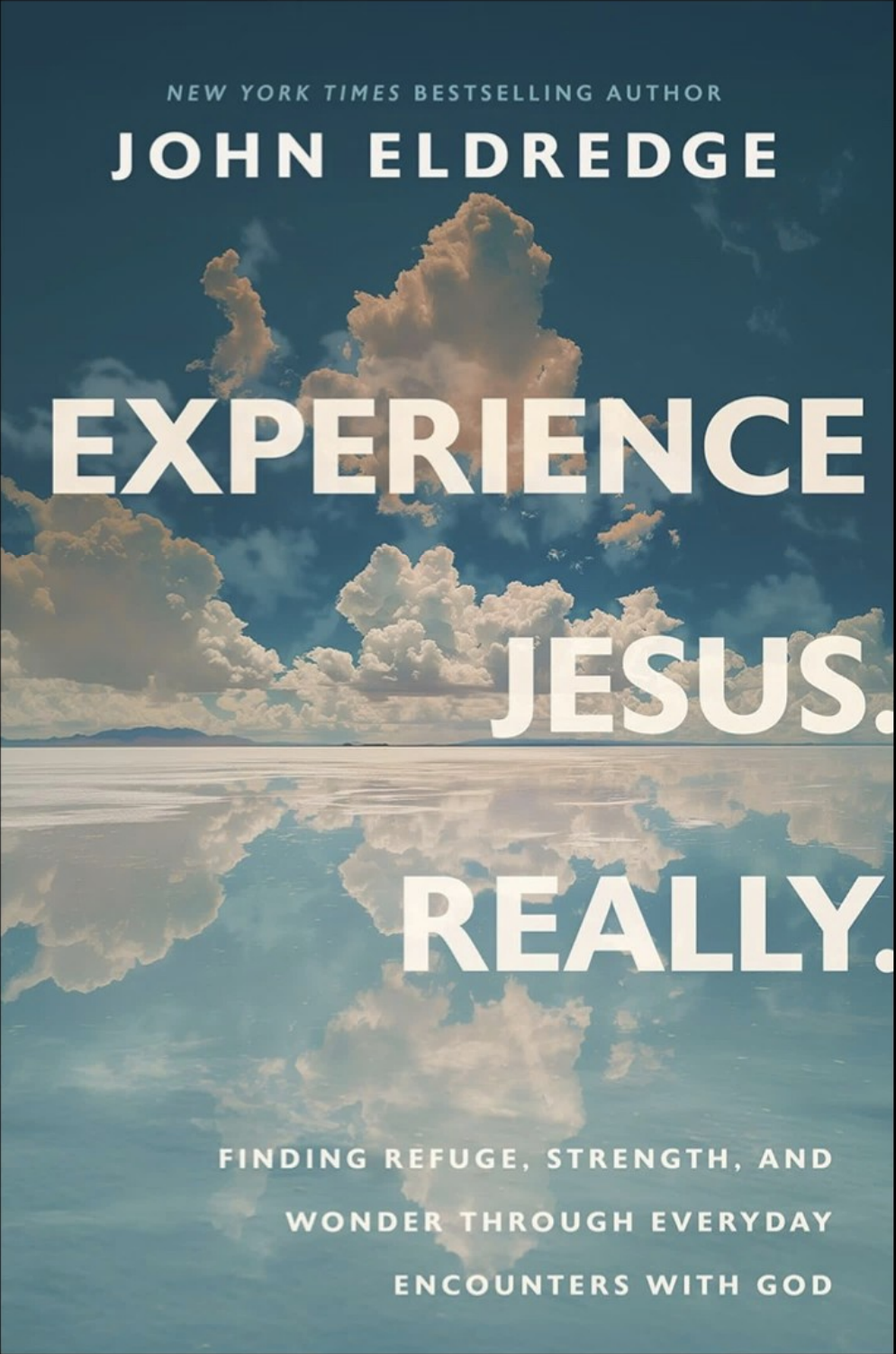
THIS IS HOW WE KNOW

1. Everyone **WHO** does what is right... (2:29)
2. All **WHO** have this hope... (3:3)
3. Everyone **WHO** sins... (3:4)
4. No one **WHO** lives in Him... (3:6a)
5. No one **WHO** continues to sin... (3:6b)
6. The one **WHO** does what is right... (3:7)
7. The one **WHO** does what is sinful... (3:8)
8. No one **WHO** is born of God... (3:9)
9. We know **WHO** the children of God are (3:10a)
10. We know **WHO** the children of the devil are (3:10b)
11. Anyone **WHO** does not do what is right... (3:10c)
12. Anyone **WHO** does not love their siblings... (3:10d)



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FINDING REFUGE, STRENGTH, AND
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Repeated processes shape the soul; this has been core to discipleship for millennia... Discipleship to the internet has shaped your soul to expect immediate answers to your questions; given you a deep suspicion to all forms of mystery; fueled your addiction to that the "practical" is the real stuff of life; while eroding your confidence that you can know anything for certain because yesterday's facts are savagely overturned. We are all worn out from this way of operating in the world because *there is no life in it.*



Common Grackle



Blue Jay



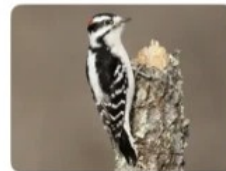
Eastern Meadowlark



Brown-headed Cowbird



Red-winged Blackbird

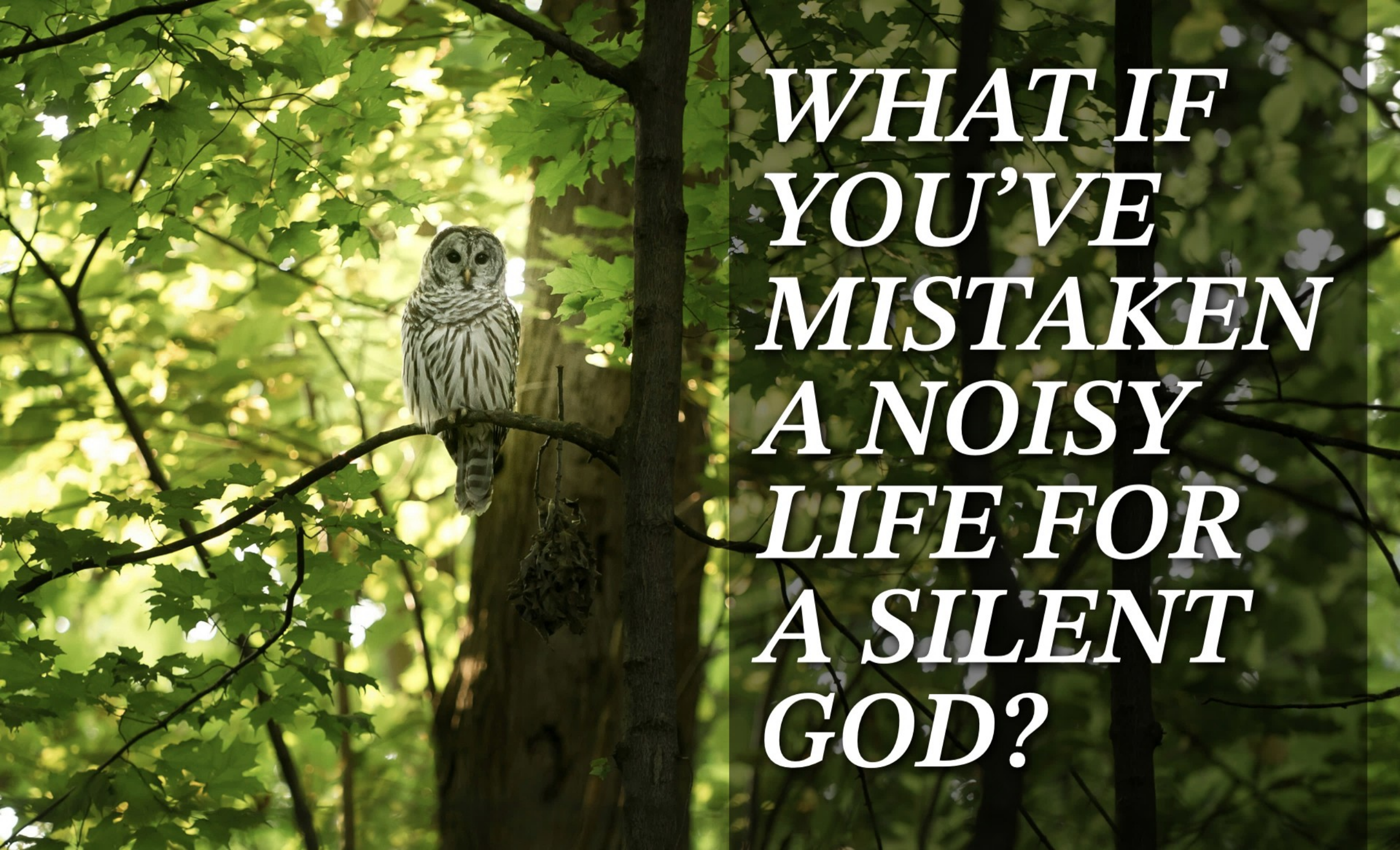


Downy Woodpecker



European Starling



A barred owl is perched on a thin tree branch, facing forward. The owl has white feathers with dark horizontal stripes. The background is a dense forest with green leaves, and sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a bokeh effect. A dark, textured object, possibly a nest or a piece of bark, hangs from the branch below the owl.

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