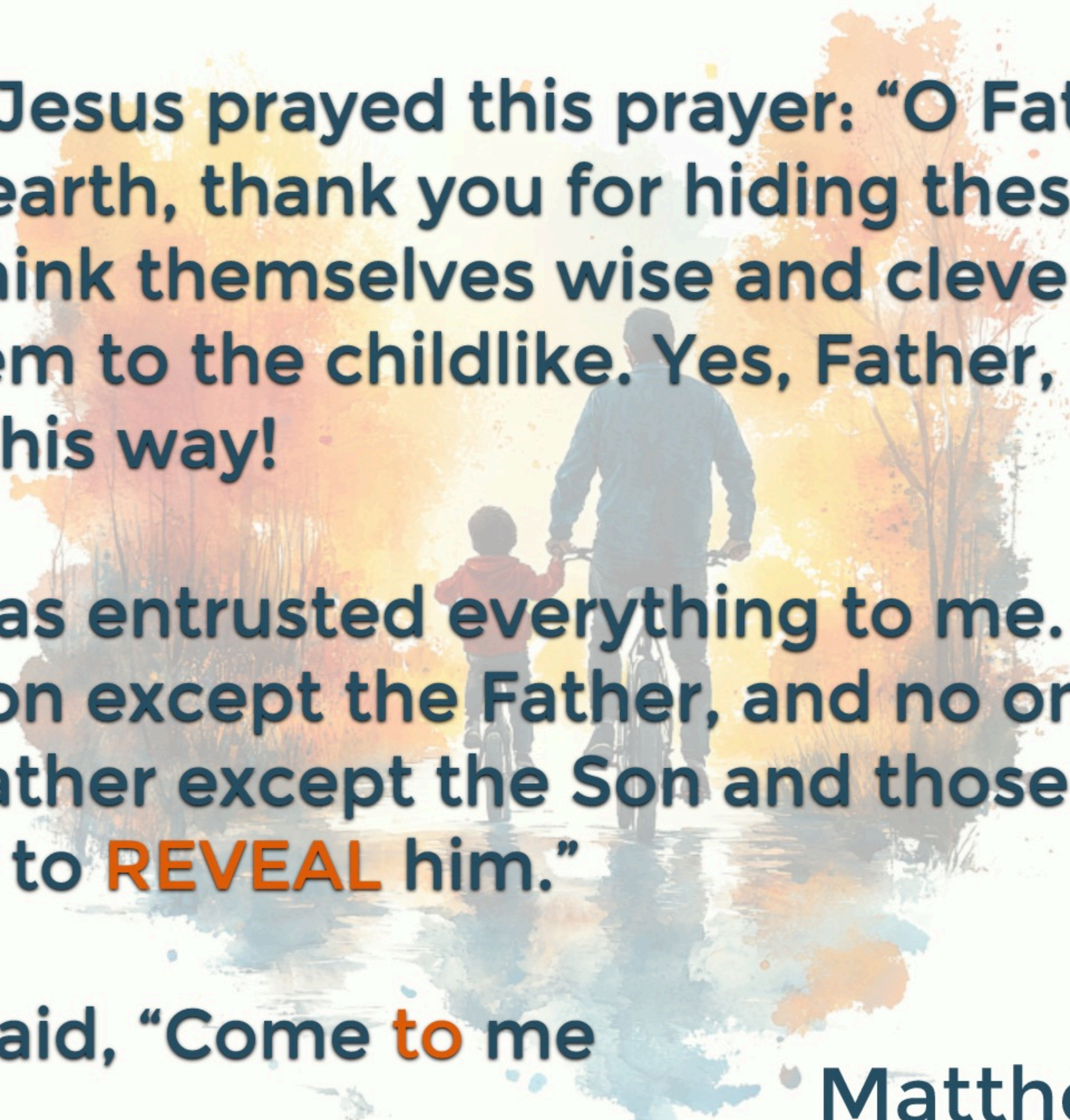




The
Father
REVEALED



At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way!

“My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to **REVEAL** him.”

Then Jesus said, “Come **to** me

Matthew 11:25–28

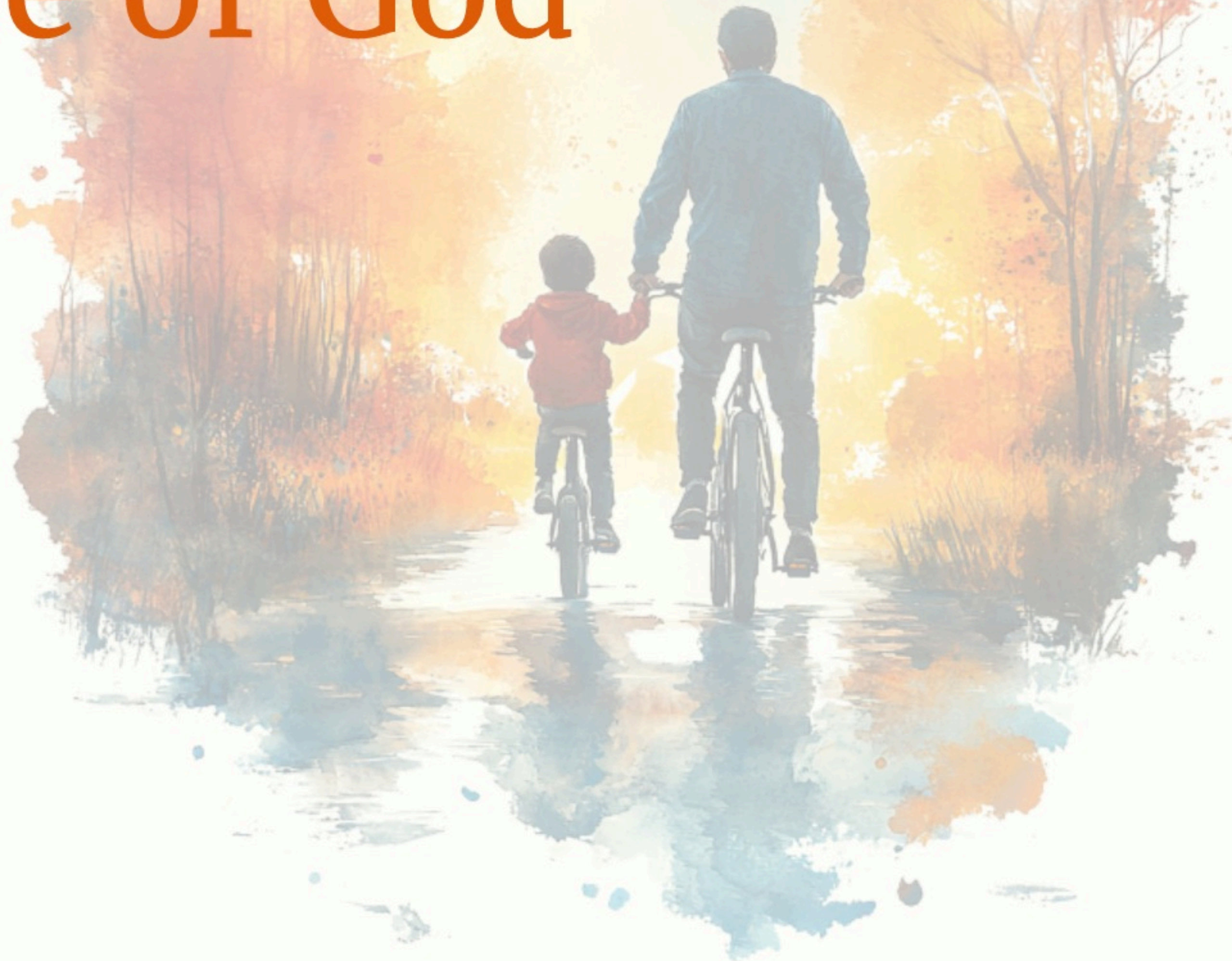
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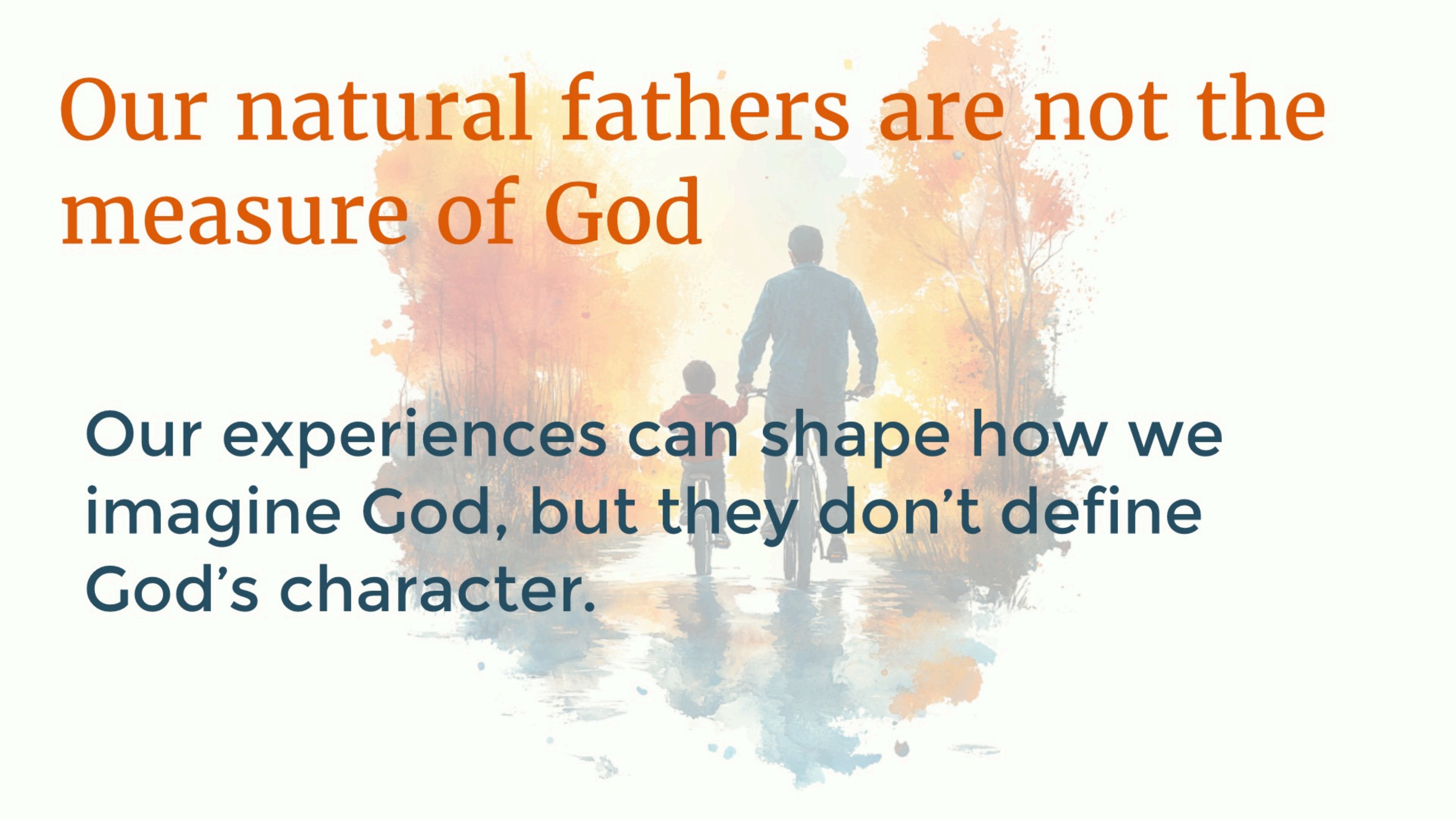


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The Father revealed by Jesus is therefore not an idealised version of human fatherhood. God is the source and definition of fatherhood; human fatherhood is meant to reflect Him.

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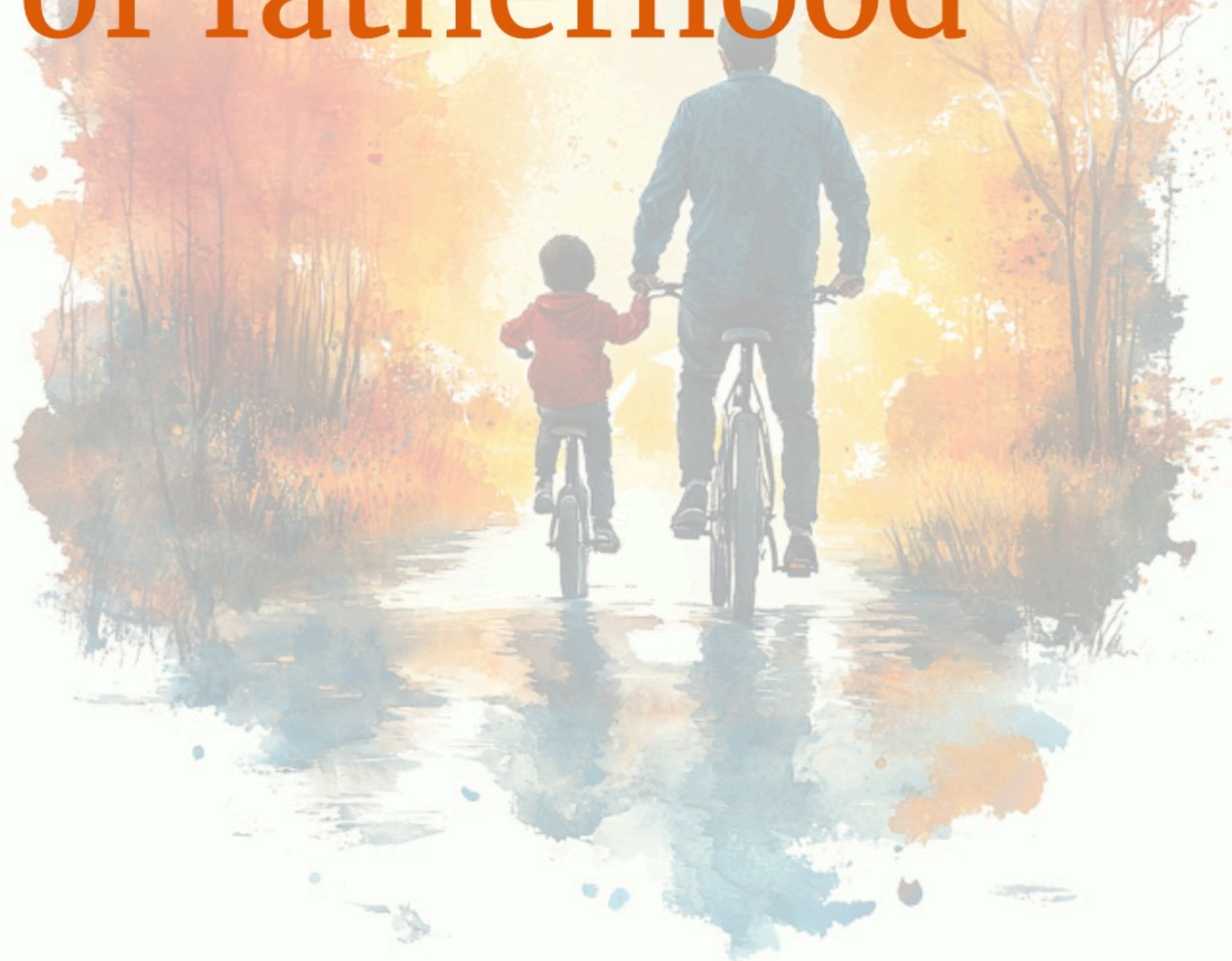




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Our experiences can shape how we
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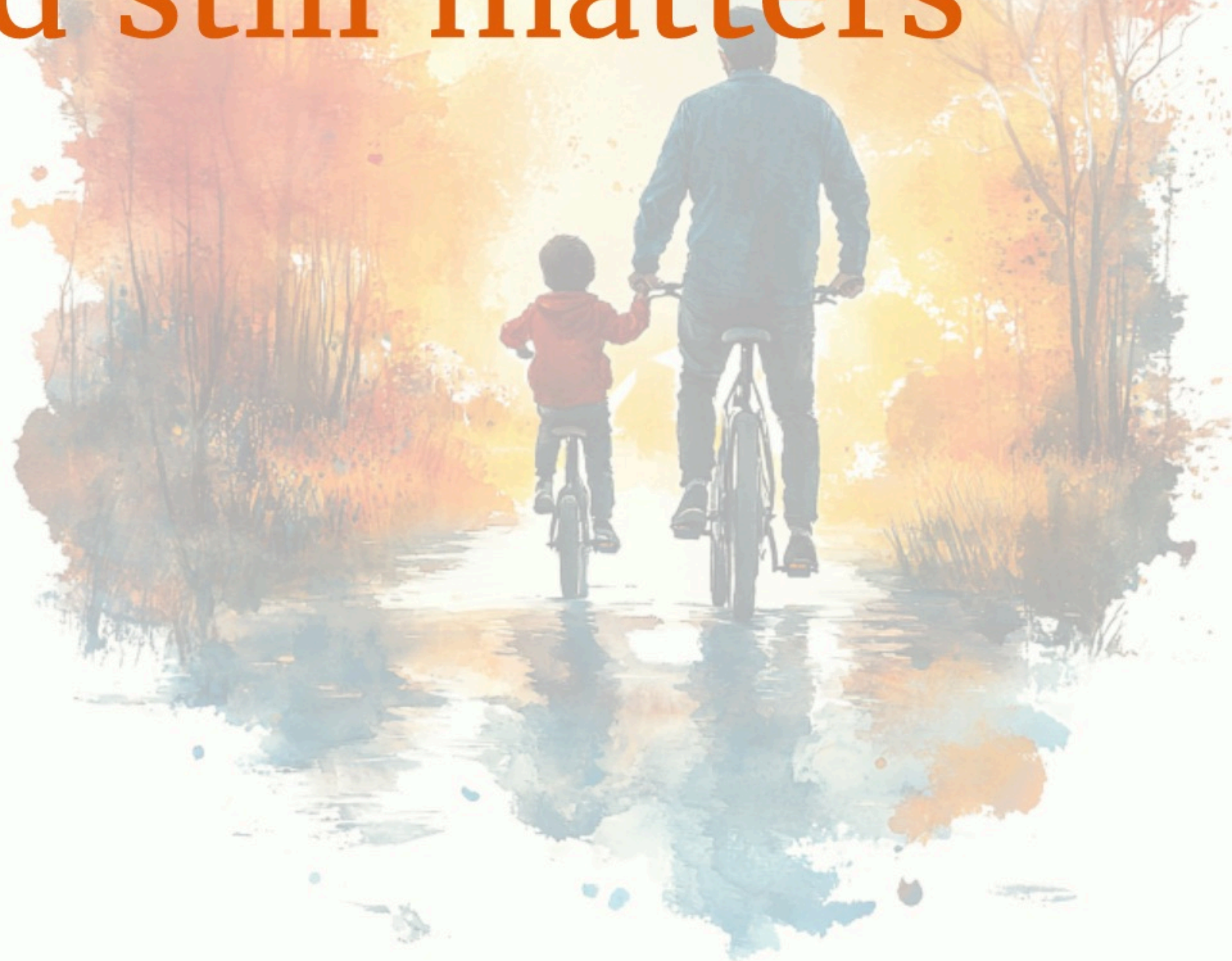
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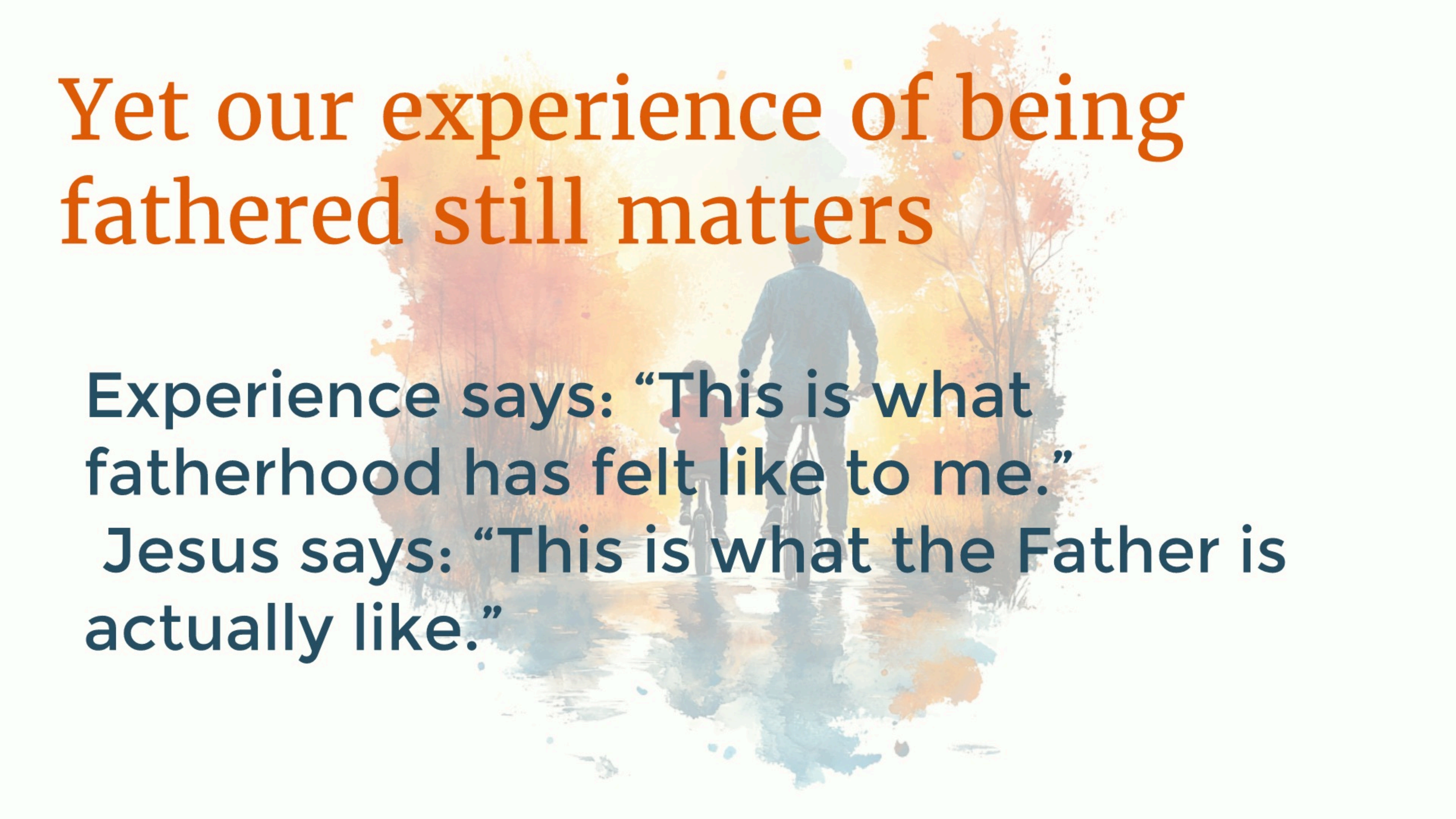


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Rather, Christianity invites us to move in the opposite direction: “Jesus shows me what the Father is like, therefore I can begin to reinterpret my understanding of fatherhood through Him.”

Yet our experience of being
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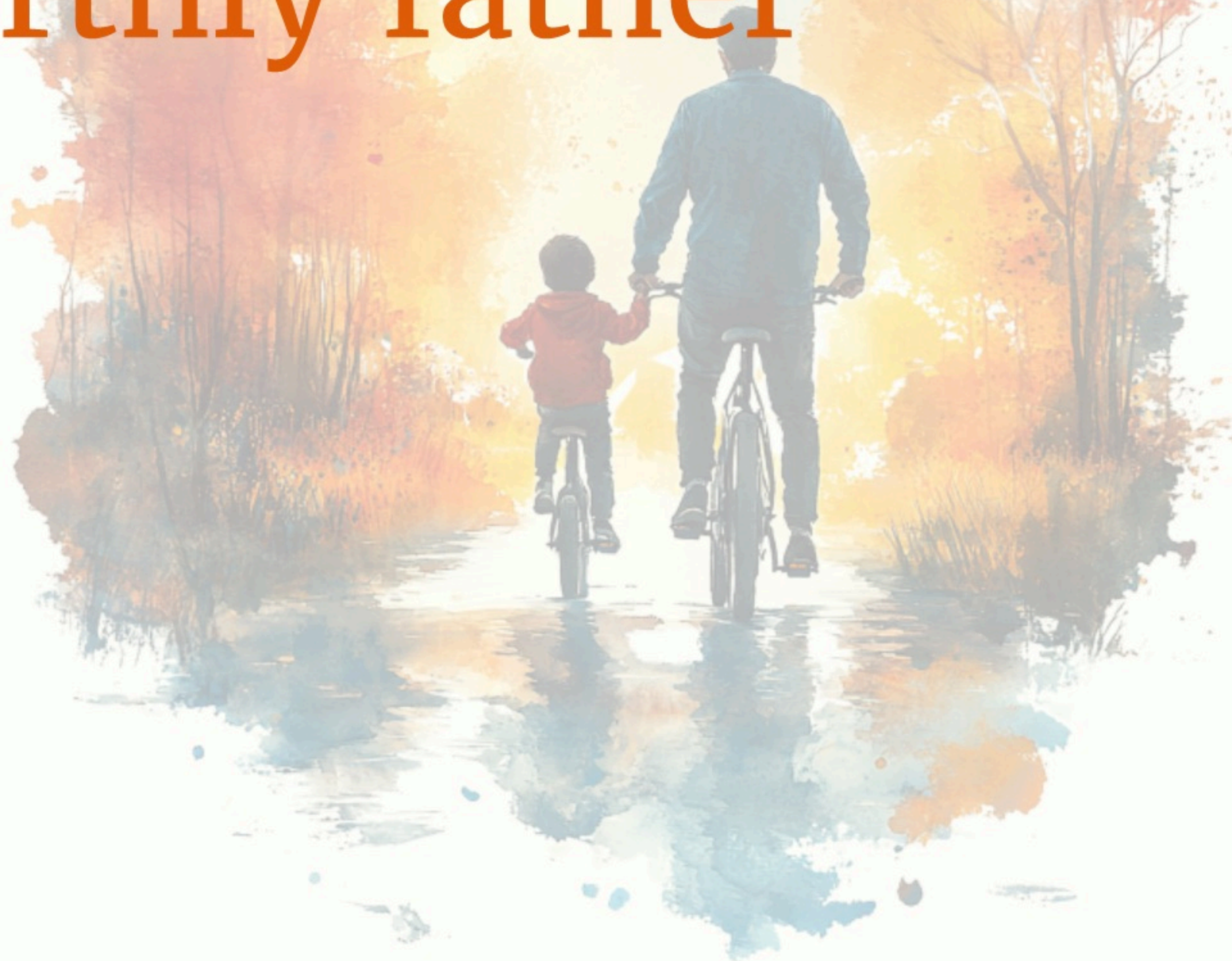


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Experience says: “This is what
fatherhood has felt like to me.”

Jesus says: “This is what the Father is
actually like.”

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Jesus reveals the Father from within
the eternal relationship of the Son with
the Father.

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That's why Jesus' revelation is qualitatively different. He doesn't merely say, "God is like a really good dad." He brings us into the relationship He Himself has with the Father and teaches us to say:

"Our Father."

