An aerial photograph of a river winding through a lush, green forest. The river's water is a vibrant turquoise color, contrasting with the deep greens of the surrounding trees. The riverbed is visible in some areas, showing a mix of rocks and sand. The overall scene is serene and natural.

**Jesus inaugurated His Kingdom that it
might be experienced *HERE and NOW*,
even as we wait for its full installation
*THERE and THEN.***

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a lush, green forested canyon. The river is characterized by white-water rapids and a prominent rocky bar in the center. The surrounding forest is dense with various shades of green trees. The overall scene is serene and natural.

Don't miss the mission.

The Context of Colossians

“The context is that erroneous teachers implied that Christ’s work of redemption was incomplete—that certain other religious practices were required to supplement Christ’s saving death and resurrection...Paul adamantly insists in Colossians that adding to the Gospel message is really subtracting from grace.”

—Mary Ann Getty

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a dense forest. The river is the central focus, with white water rapids and a rocky bed. The surrounding forest is lush and green, with sunlight filtering through the trees. The overall scene is serene and natural.

“Colossians is a Celebration of the completeness of Christ.”

—Richard Warfield Sylvester III

A Simple Outline of Colossians

I. Defining the Completeness of Christ

(1:13-29)

II. Defending the Completeness of Christ

(2:1-23)

III. Demonstrating the Completeness of

Christ *(3:1-4:6)*

Prayer precedes movement

- **Hannah — *1 Samuel 1:9-20***
- **Nehemiah — *Nehemiah 1:1-11, 2:1-5***
- **Elijah — *1 Kings 18:30-38***

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Prayer moves us into mission—Col. 4:2-6
I. Characteristics of Prayer—vv.2-4

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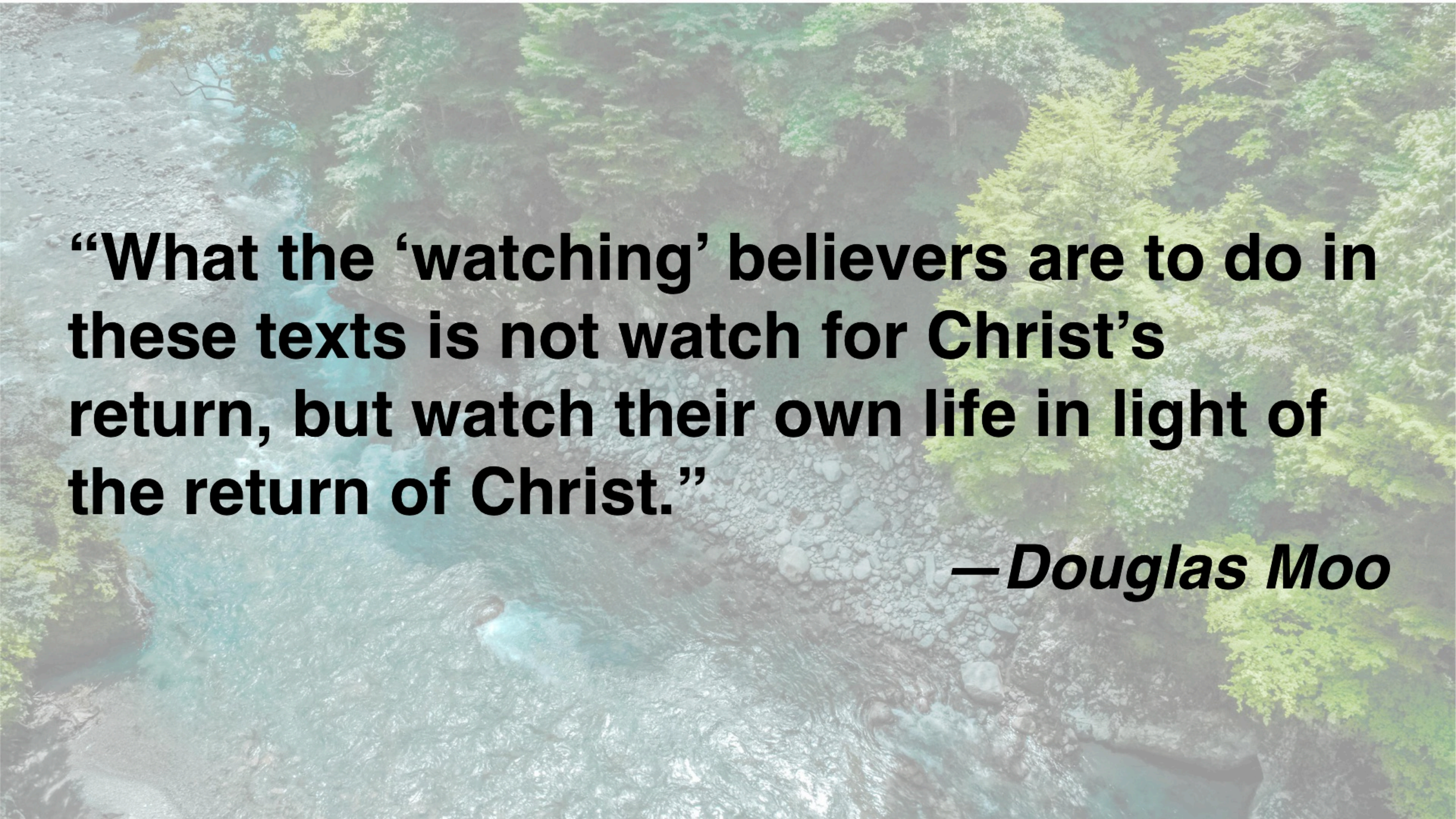
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c. Thankful —v.2

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“What the ‘watching’ believers are to do in these texts is not watch for Christ’s return, but watch their own life in light of the return of Christ.”

—Douglas Moo

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d. Transformative—vv.3-4

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Colossians 4:4

Make it clear=Make it appear

An aerial photograph of a river winding through a lush, green forest. The water is clear and turbulent, with white rapids visible. The surrounding trees are dense and vibrant green, creating a natural frame for the river.

Prayer moves us into mission—Col. 4:2-6

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II. Challenges of Prayer—vv.5-6

a. Live faithfully within culture—v.5

b. Live with civility toward others—v.6a

c. Live a questionable life—v.6b

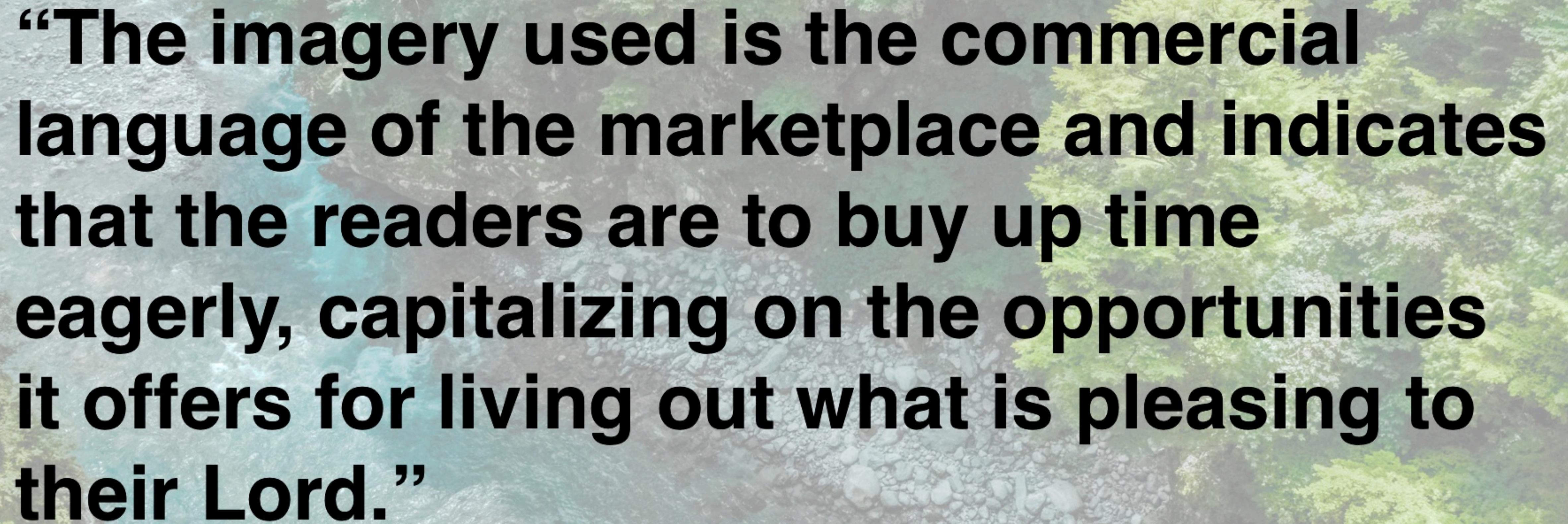
From Wow to How—shake some salt

- **Sacrifice—*Leviticus 2:13***
- **Commitment—*Numbers 18:19***
- **Healing—*2 Kings 2:19-22***
- **Seasoning—*Job 6:6-7***
- **Preservative—*Colossians 4:6***

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Colossians 4:5

Best use of the time=Buy up the time

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“The imagery used is the commercial language of the marketplace and indicates that the readers are to buy up time eagerly, capitalizing on the opportunities it offers for living out what is pleasing to their Lord.”

– Andrew T. Lincoln

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- 1. Leaders must set the example on how to differ with others without demonizing them.**
- 2. Leaders must set the example of how to have spirited conversations without “drawing blood.”**

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- 3. Leaders must not interrupt others who are talking and must not dominate the conversation.**
- 4. Leaders must set the example of limiting their volume levels and refusing to use “incendiary” or “belittling” words that guarantee to derail discussion**

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- 5. Leaders must set the example of being courteous in word and deed to everyone at every level.**
- 6. Leaders must never stereotype.**
- 7. Leaders must apologize immediately when they are wrong, instead of denying or doubling down.**

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8. Leaders must form opinions carefully and stay open minded if better information comes along.

9. Leaders must set the example of showing up when they say they are going to show up and doing what they say they are going to do.

An aerial photograph of a river with white-water rapids, surrounded by a dense forest of green trees. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, with a rocky section in the middle. The text is overlaid on the top left portion of the image.

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Jesus' questionable life

- **Where do you get that living water?**
— Jn 4:11
- **Who gave you this authority? — Lk 20:2**
- **Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? — Mt 15:2**
- **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**
— Mk 2:7
- **Who is this? — Mk 4:41**

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