

A scenic landscape featuring a large, gnarled tree with dense green foliage growing on a rocky, grassy cliffside. The tree's trunk is dark and twisted, leaning slightly to the right. The background shows a vast, hazy valley with rolling hills and a distant town or city, all under a soft, overcast sky. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

JOURNEY:
We Are Blessed!



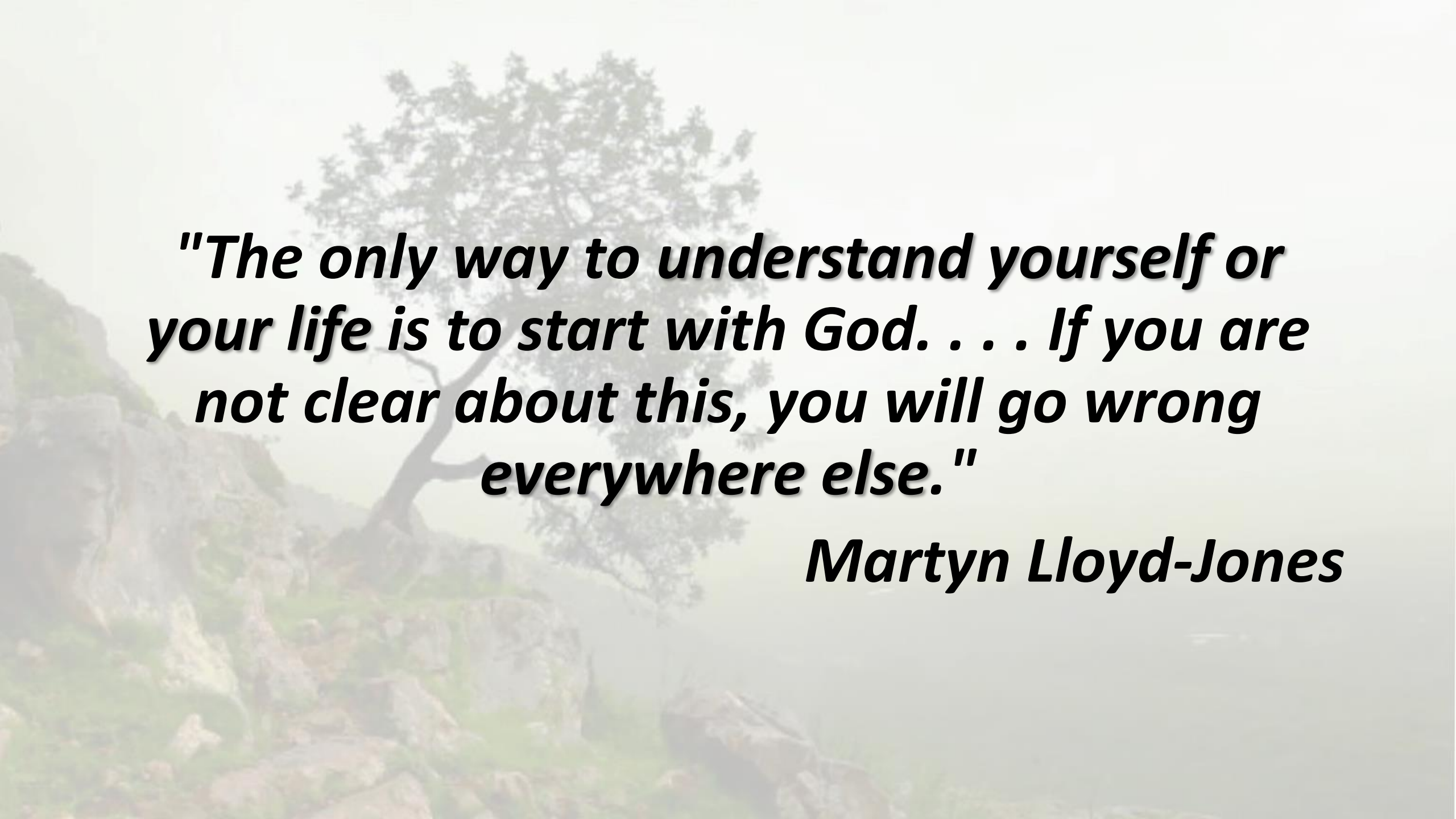


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A misty, mountainous landscape with a large tree in the foreground. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with soft light filtering through the trees and mist. The text is overlaid on this background.

"The only way to understand yourself or your life is to start with God. . . . If you are not clear about this, you will go wrong everywhere else."

Martyn Lloyd-Jones



Ephesians 1:1-3

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with EVERY spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For He chose us in him

Our Father Chose Us

- **His decision was made long before humanity was created.**
- **His decision was made knowing that we would rebel against Him.**

A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky outcrop. The scene is hazy, with a large tree in the foreground on the left, and a body of water or valley in the distance. The overall tone is soft and ethereal.

John 1:16

**From His fullness we have all received grace
upon grace.**

Our Father Chose Us

- **His decision was made long before humanity was created.**
- **His decision was made knowing that we would rebel against Him.**
- **His decision was rooted in His fierce love and commitment to redeem lost people to Himself.**



1 Peter 2:9

***⁹ YOU ARE a chosen people. YOU ARE royal priests,
(YOU ARE) a holy nation, God's very own
possession As a result, you can SHOW others the
goodness of God, for he called you out of the
darkness into his wonderful light. (NLT)***

A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky outcrop. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a large, leafy tree growing on a rocky ledge in the foreground. The background shows a valley or river valley shrouded in mist, with distant hills or mountains visible. The overall tone is soft and ethereal.

Ephesians 1:4

4 For He chose us in him before the creation of the world TO BE holy and blameless in HIS SIGHT.

When Father Looks at Me, He Sees a Person Who Is . . .

- **Without fault (1 Corinthians 5:21)**
- **Fully accepted in Christ (Romans 15:7)**
- **Co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17; Matthew 13:43)**

We Are Blessed!

- **We have a Father with the power and commitment to turn rebels into followers, haters into lovers.**
- **We have a Father who sees a problem long before it's a problem and has a solution.**
- **We have a Father who sees everything yet declares us holy and blameless in His sight.**
- **We have a Father who has a purpose.**