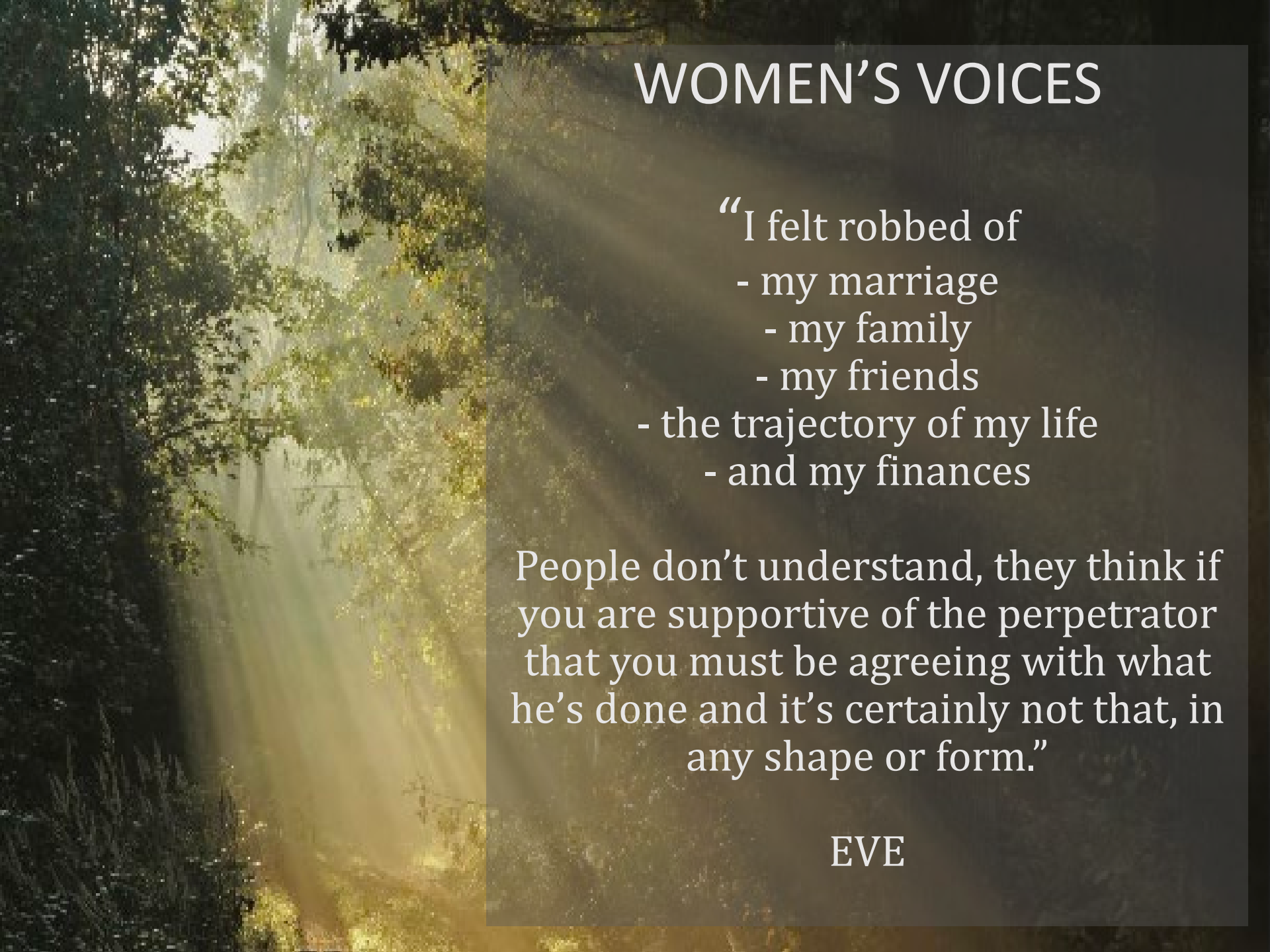




WOMEN'S VOICES

- “I felt robbed of
- my marriage
 - my family
 - my friends
 - the trajectory of my life
 - and my finances

People don't understand, they think if you are supportive of the perpetrator that you must be agreeing with what he's done and it's certainly not that, in any shape or form.”

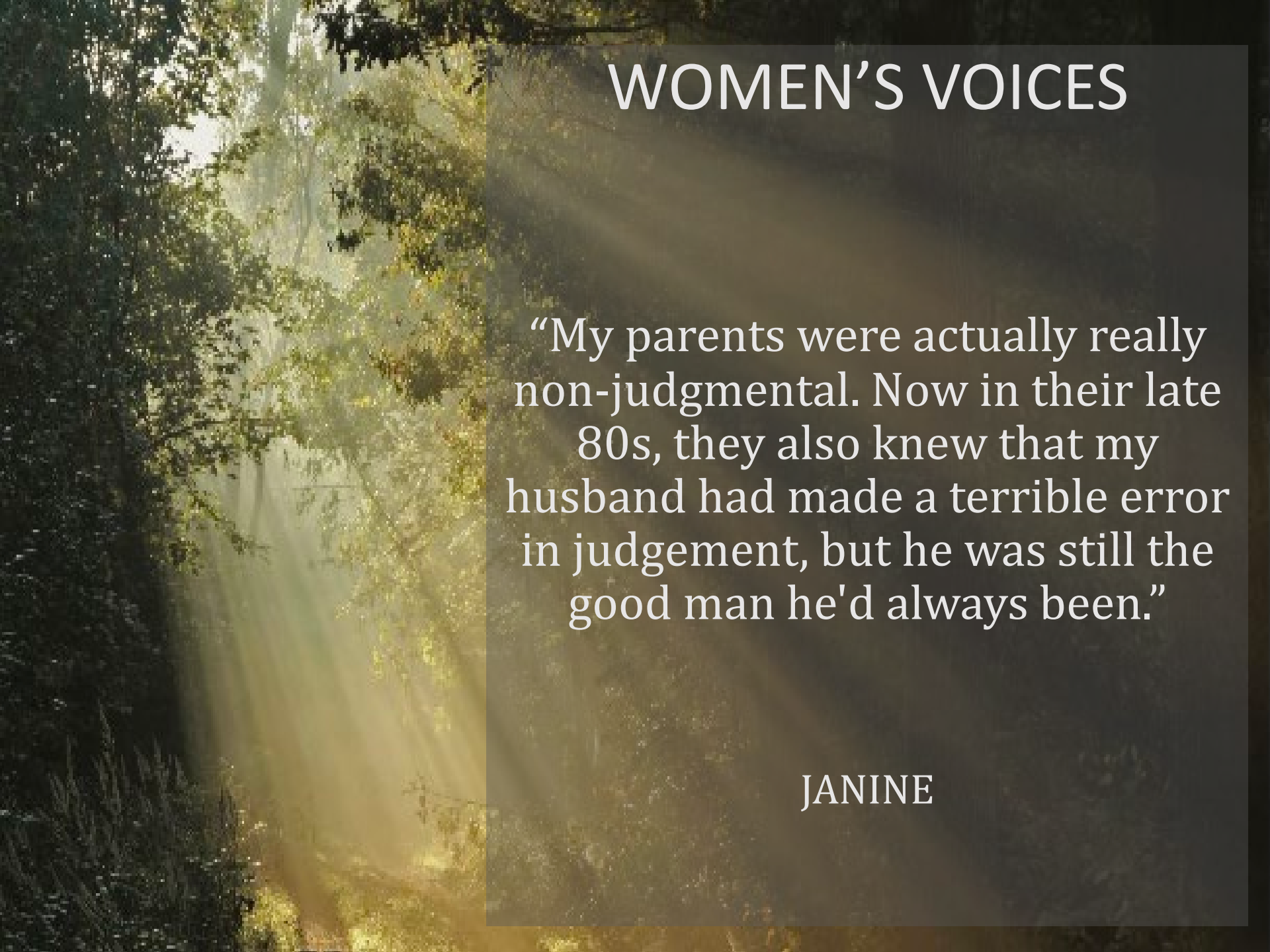
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“People see it as BLACK and
WHITE.
In all of this there are shades of
colour”.

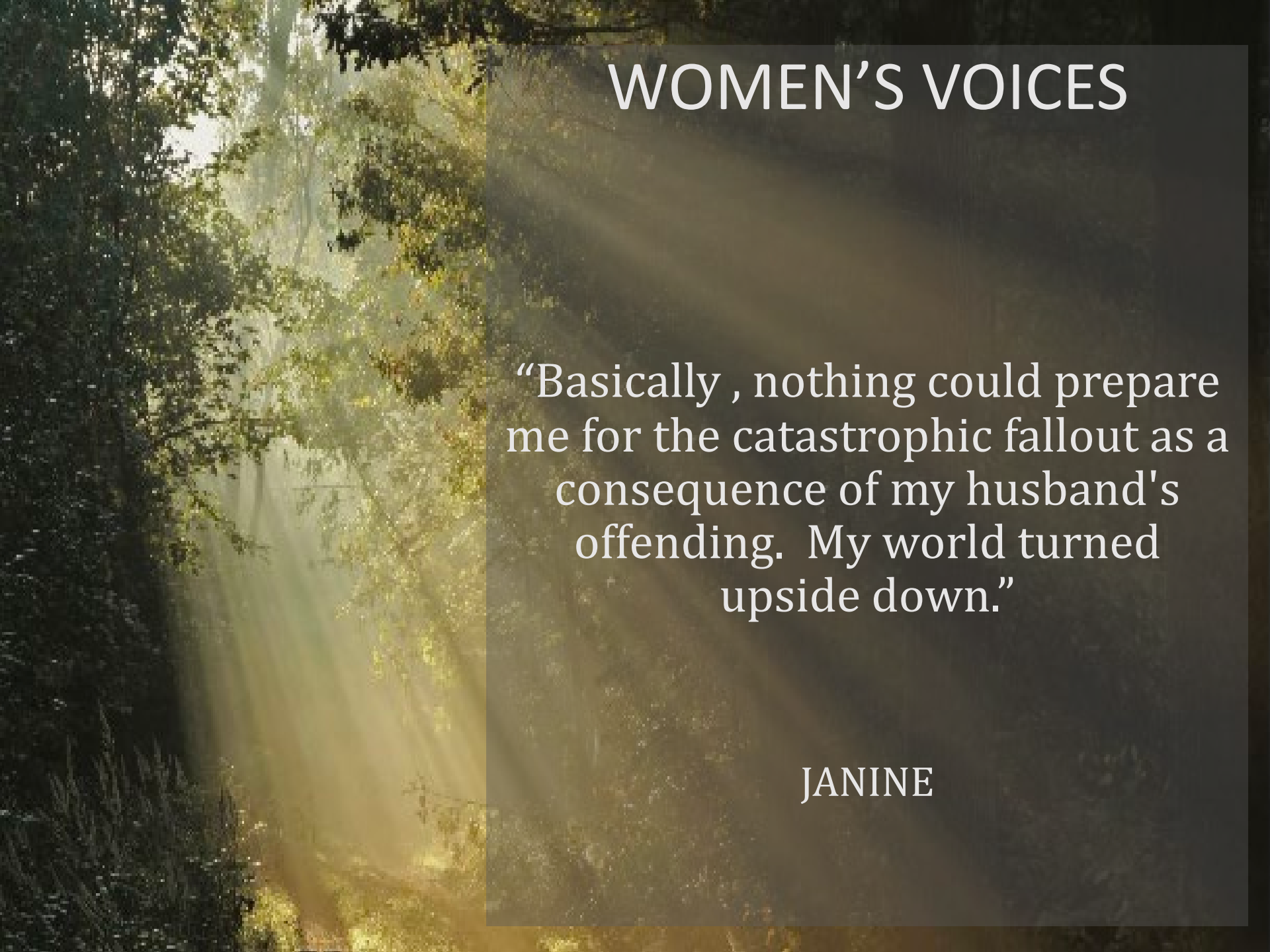
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“My parents were actually really non-judgmental. Now in their late 80s, they also knew that my husband had made a terrible error in judgement, but he was still the good man he'd always been.”

JANINE



WOMEN'S VOICES

“Basically , nothing could prepare me for the catastrophic fallout as a consequence of my husband's offending. My world turned upside down.”

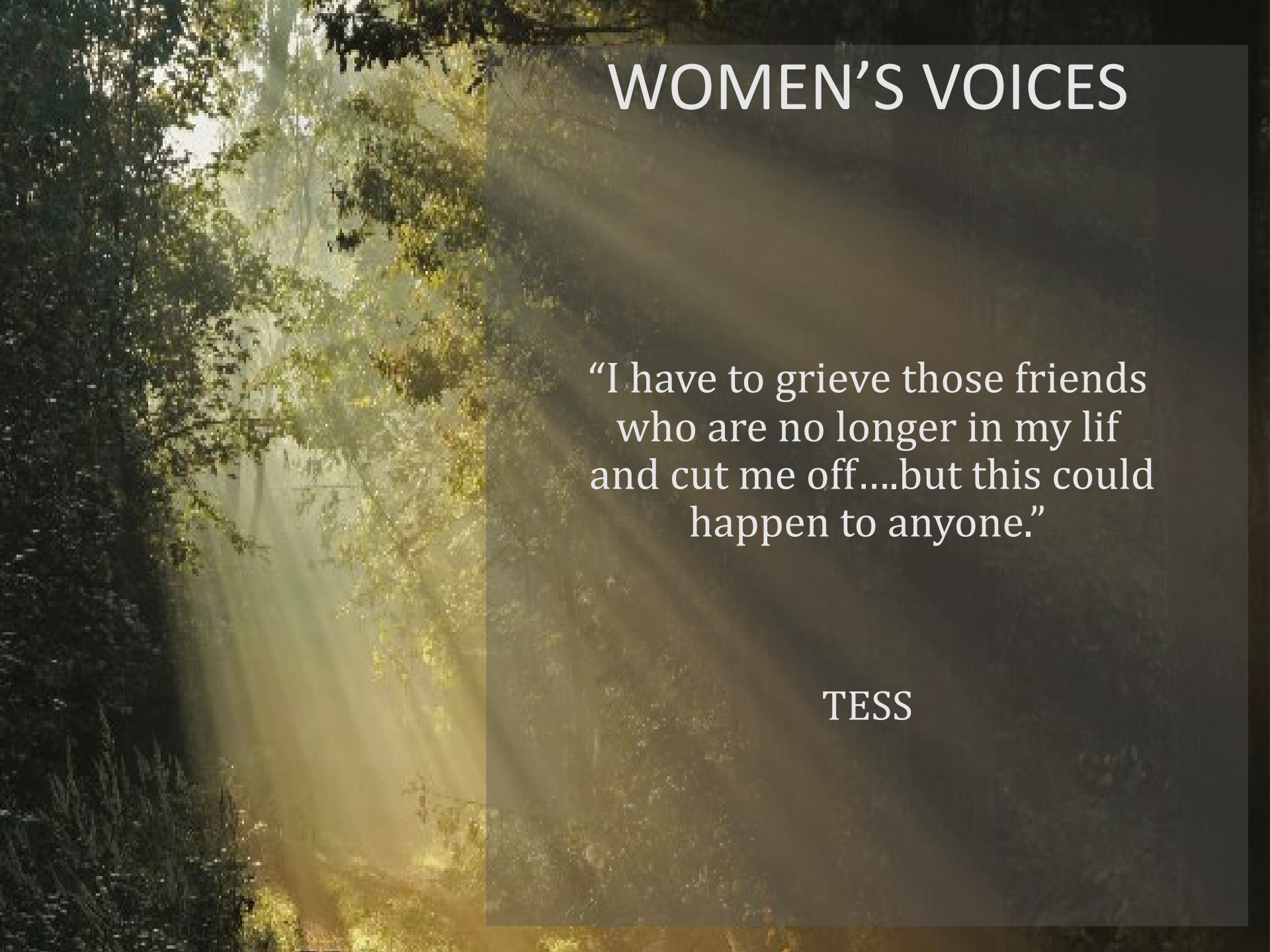
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“Now I’m angry. My husband has rehabilitated. He’s done his time. When will it ever stop? It feels like a lifetime punishment, the goal posts keep changing.”

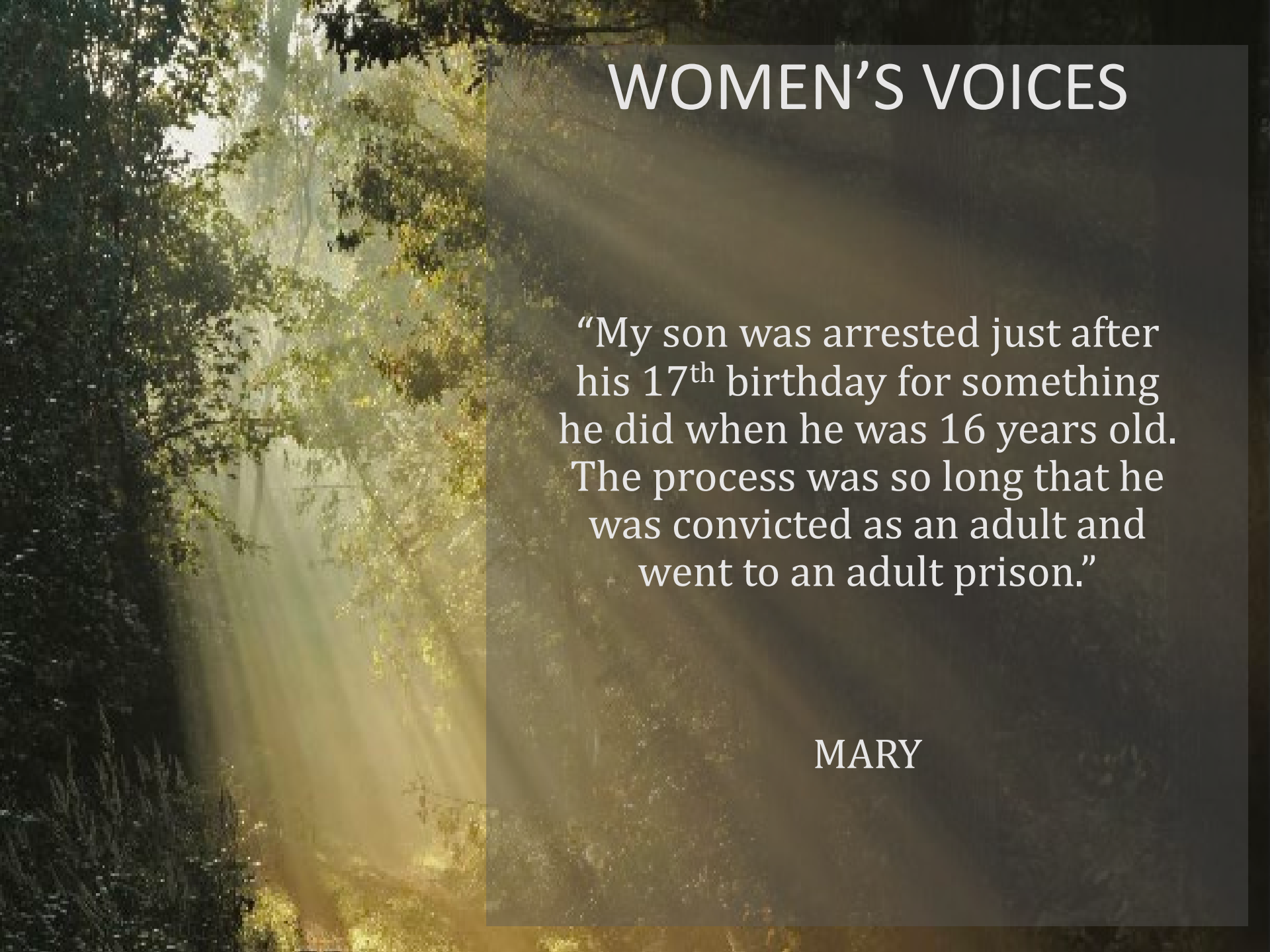
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“I have to grieve those friends
who are no longer in my lif
and cut me off....but this could
happen to anyone.”

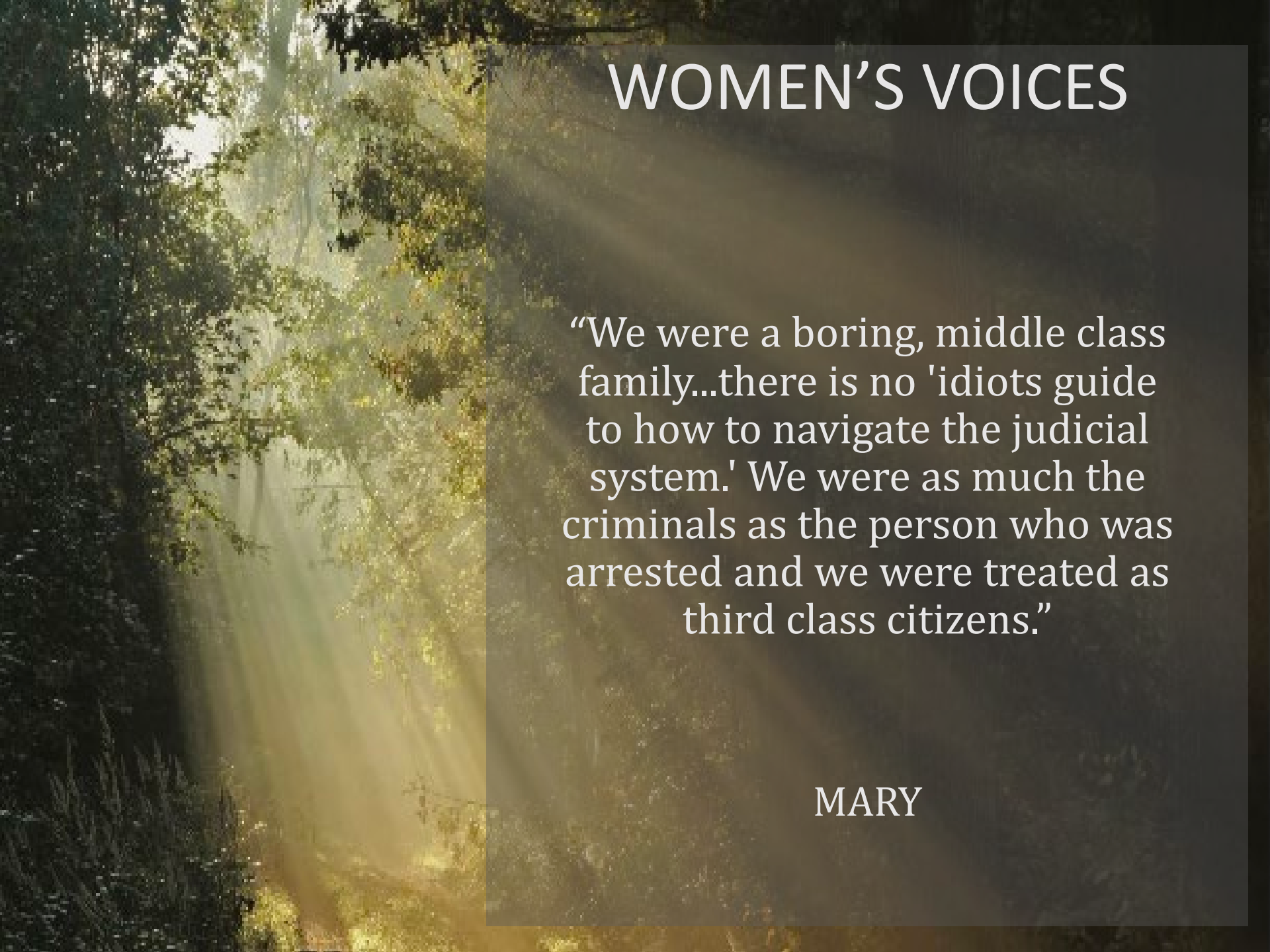
TESS



WOMEN'S VOICES

“My son was arrested just after his 17th birthday for something he did when he was 16 years old. The process was so long that he was convicted as an adult and went to an adult prison.”

MARY



WOMEN'S VOICES

“We were a boring, middle class family...there is no 'idiots guide to how to navigate the judicial system.' We were as much the criminals as the person who was arrested and we were treated as third class citizens.”

MARY



WOMEN'S VOICES

“The after affect of his arrest was
“so much more than the financial
loss of losing a business and a
home, or the emotional loss of
osing my partner and the father
of my son; I’d also lost confidence
in myself and my ability to judge
character and make decisions
– how did I not know?”

BETH



WOMEN'S VOICES

“How do we come out the other side without being forever damaged by the actions that he chose to make?”

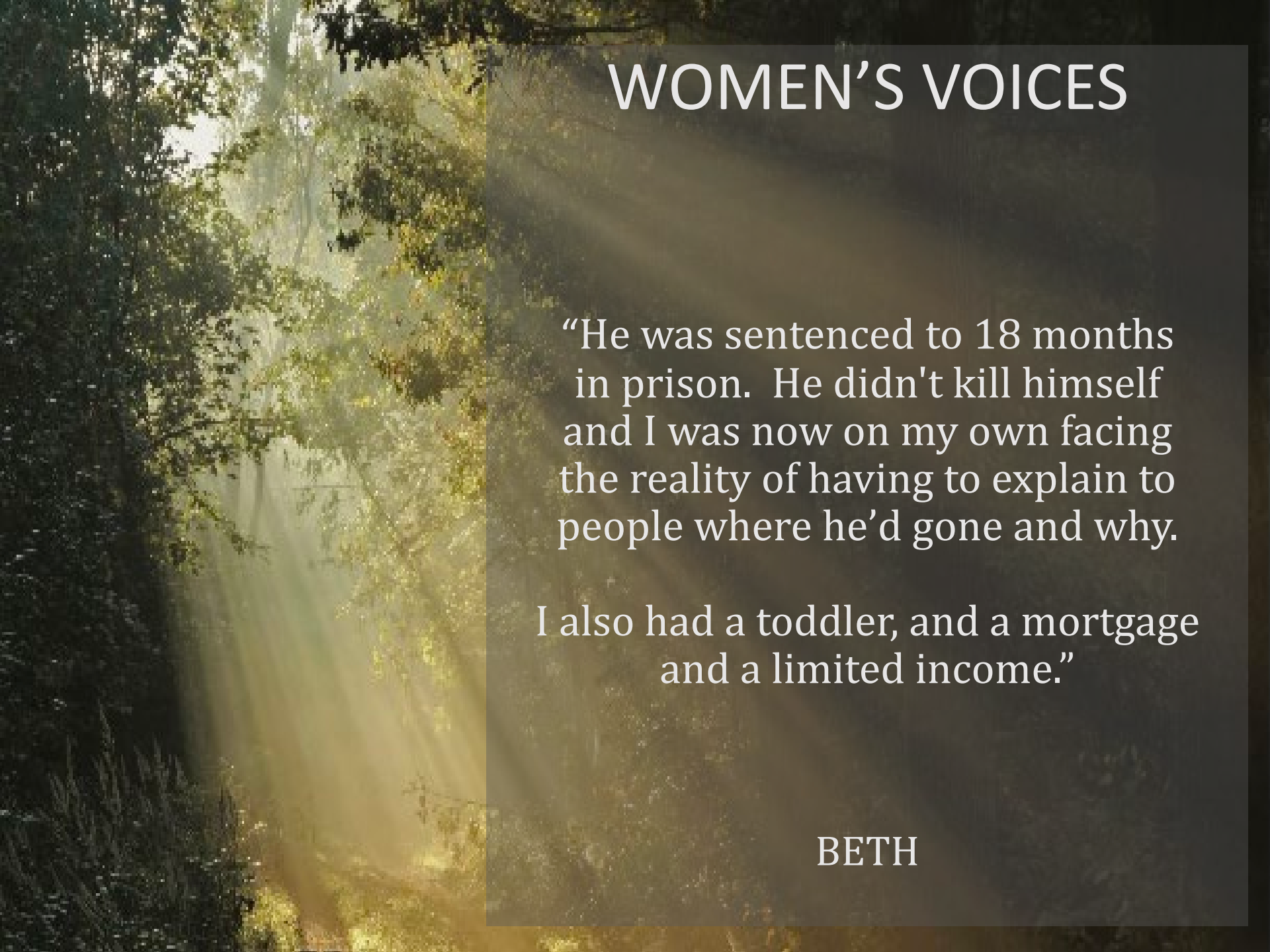
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“I didn't tell anyone. It was a mixture of shame and embarrassment and worry about what people would think of me because I didn't publicly vilify him.”

BETH

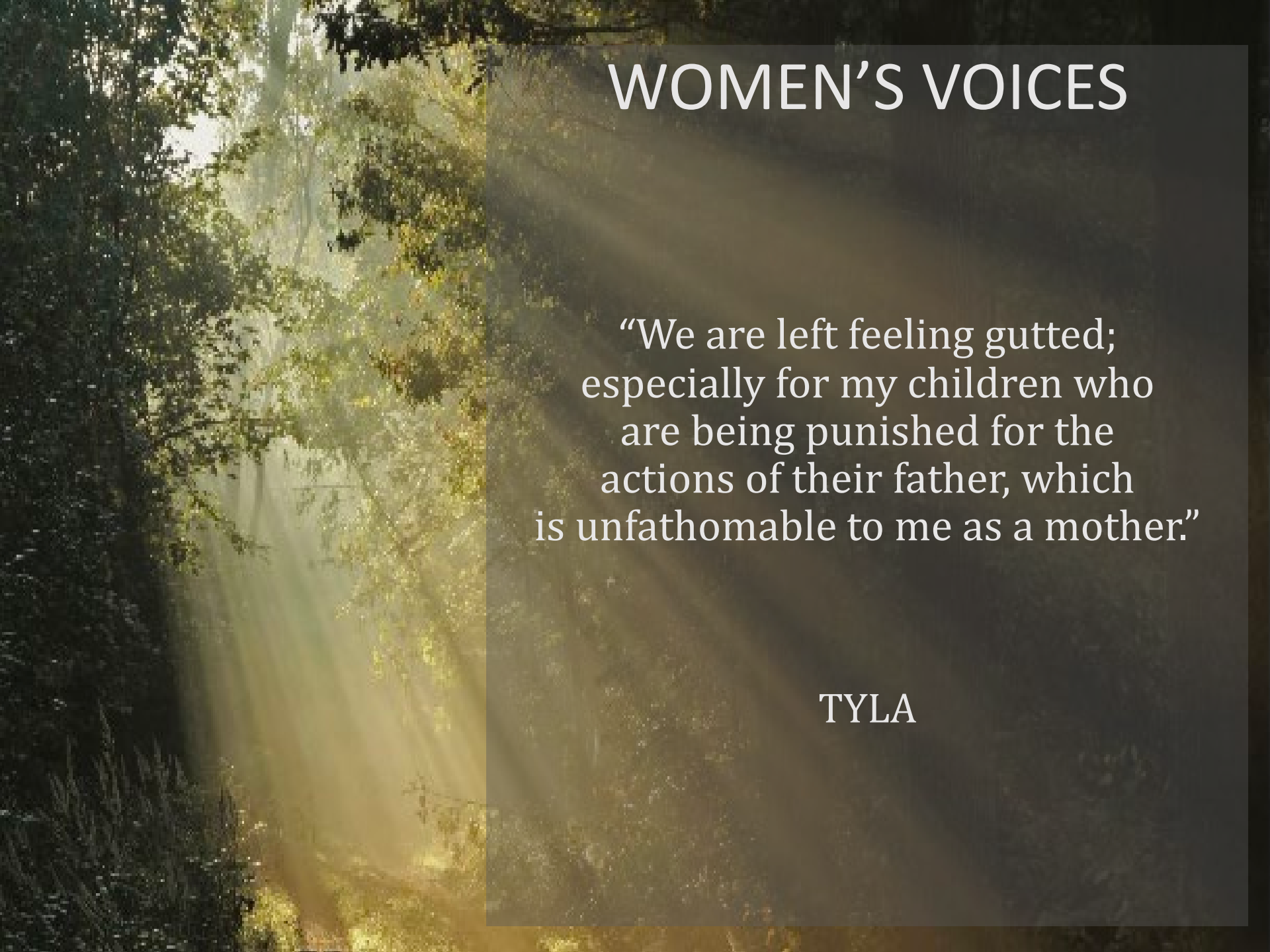


WOMEN'S VOICES

“He was sentenced to 18 months in prison. He didn't kill himself and I was now on my own facing the reality of having to explain to people where he'd gone and why.

I also had a toddler, and a mortgage and a limited income.”

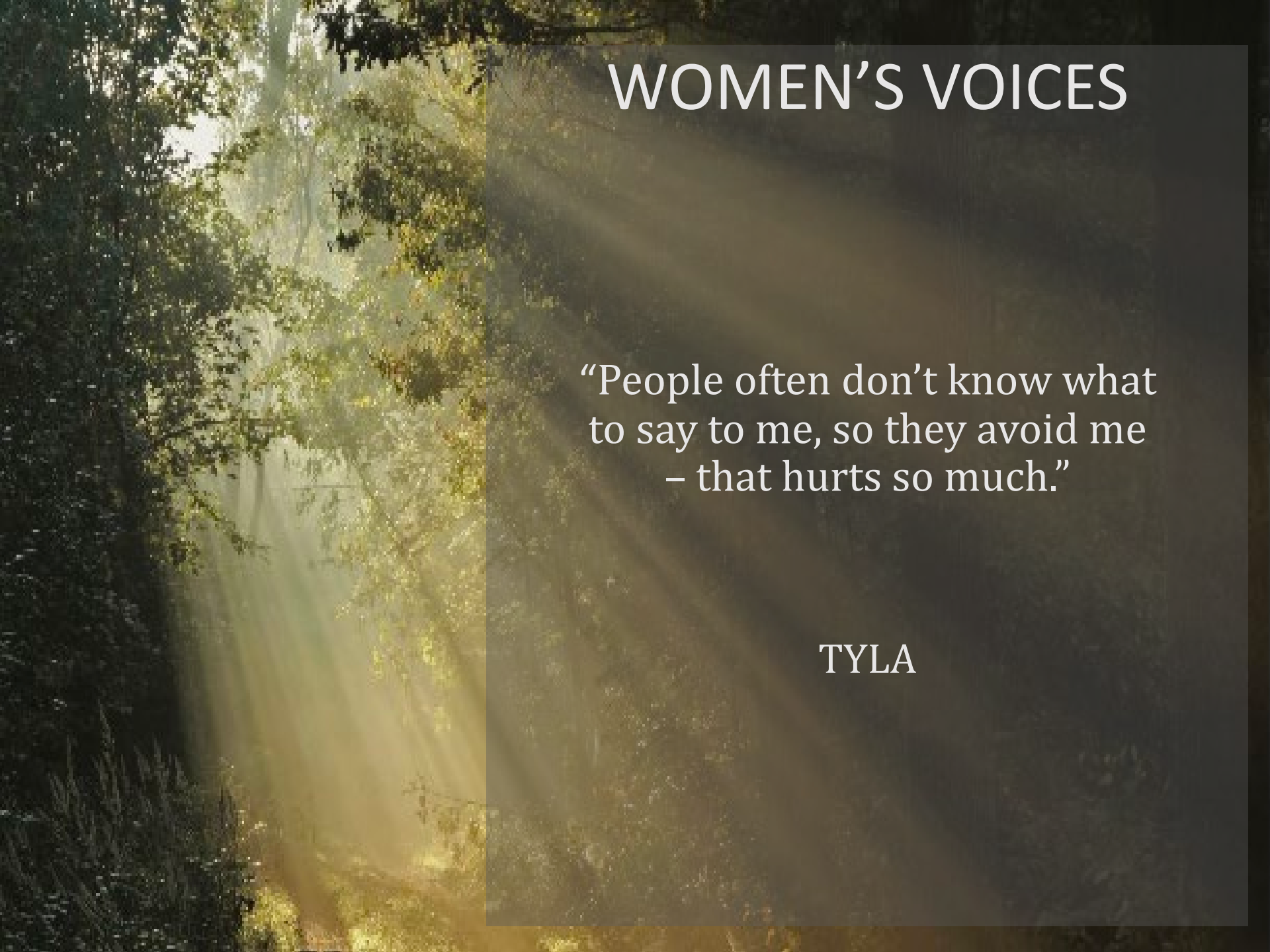
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“We are left feeling gutted; especially for my children who are being punished for the actions of their father, which is unfathomable to me as a mother.”

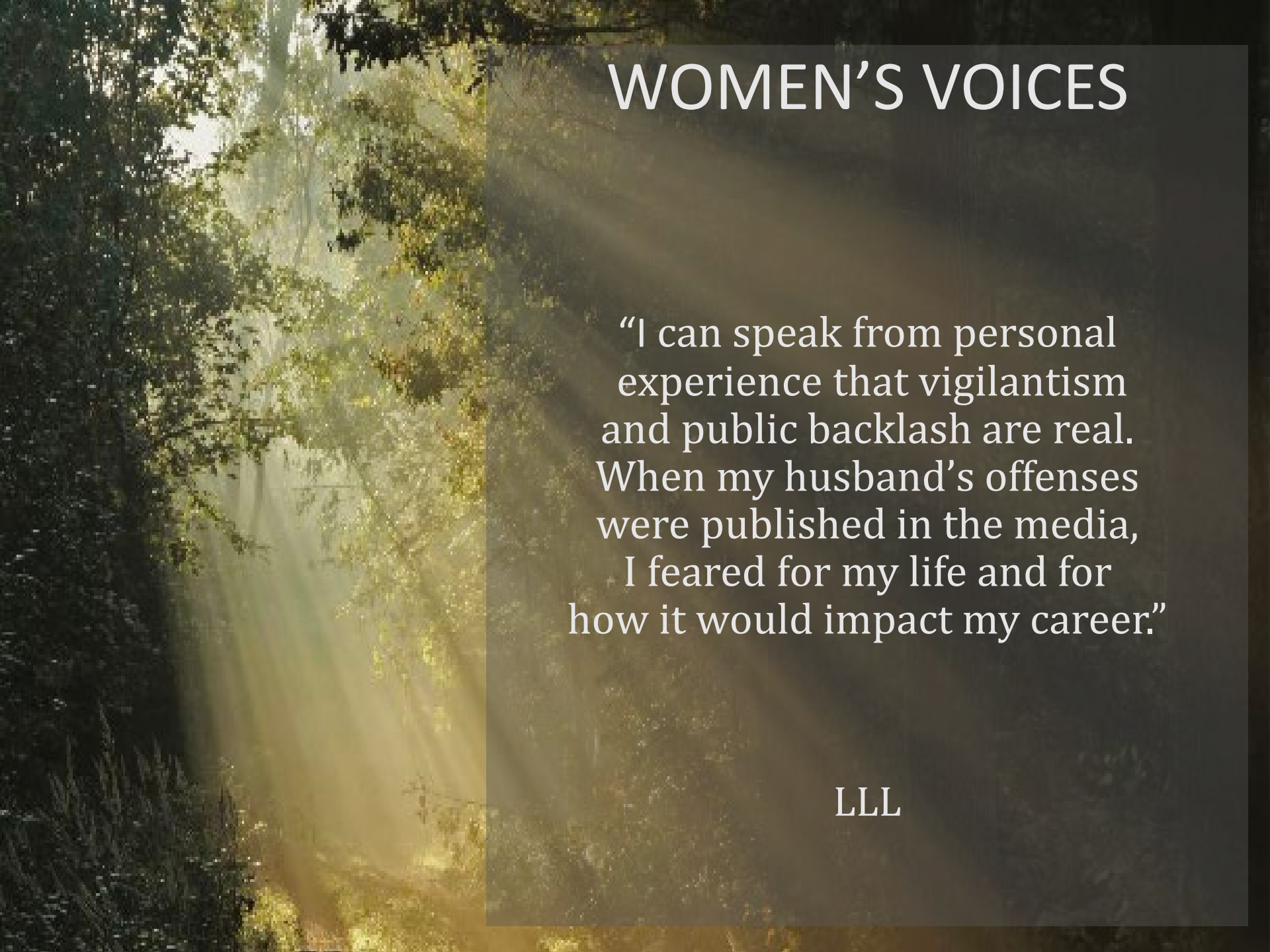
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“People often don’t know what to say to me, so they avoid me – that hurts so much.”

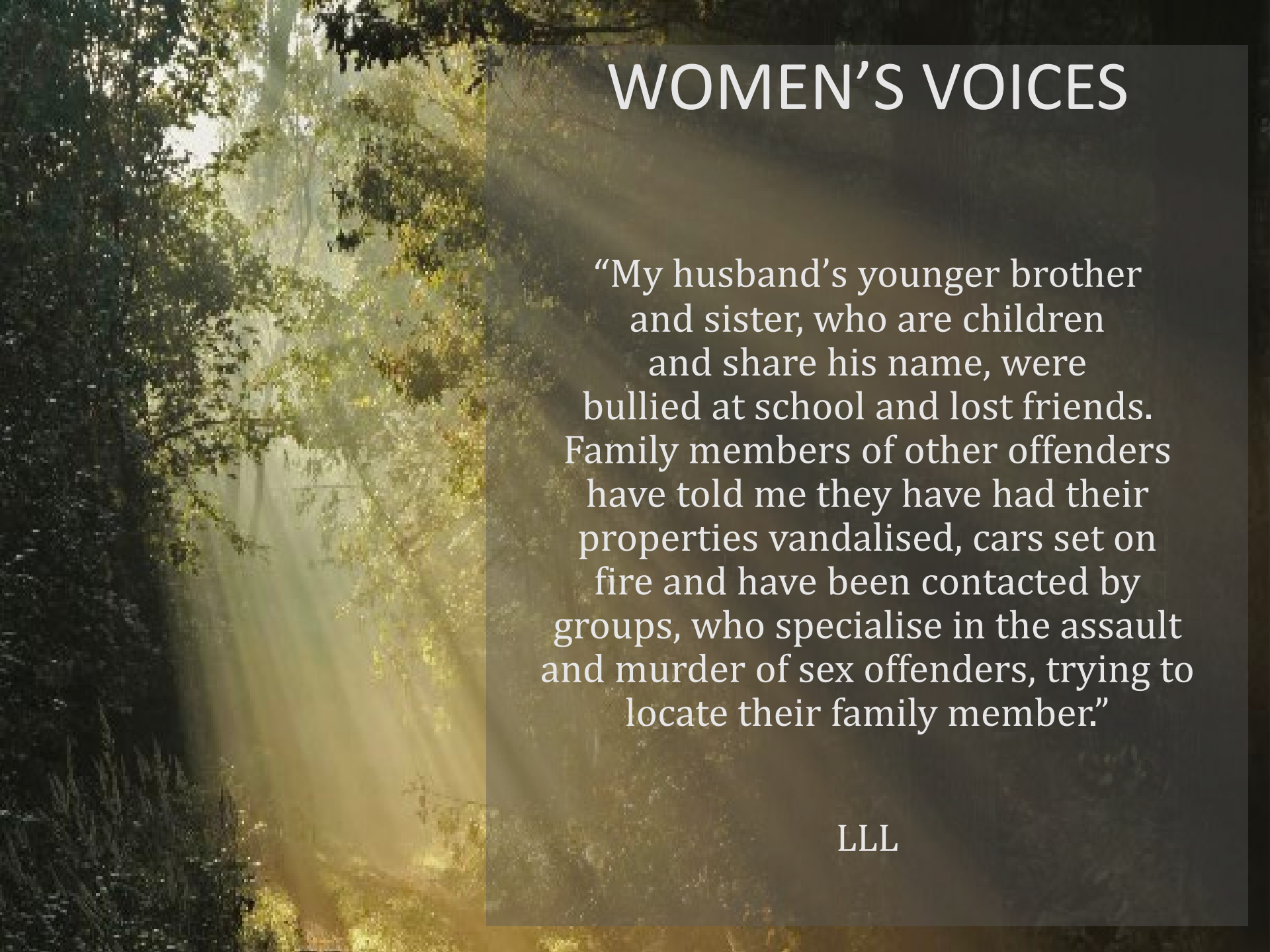
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WOMEN'S VOICES

“I can speak from personal experience that vigilantism and public backlash are real. When my husband’s offenses were published in the media, I feared for my life and for how it would impact my career.”

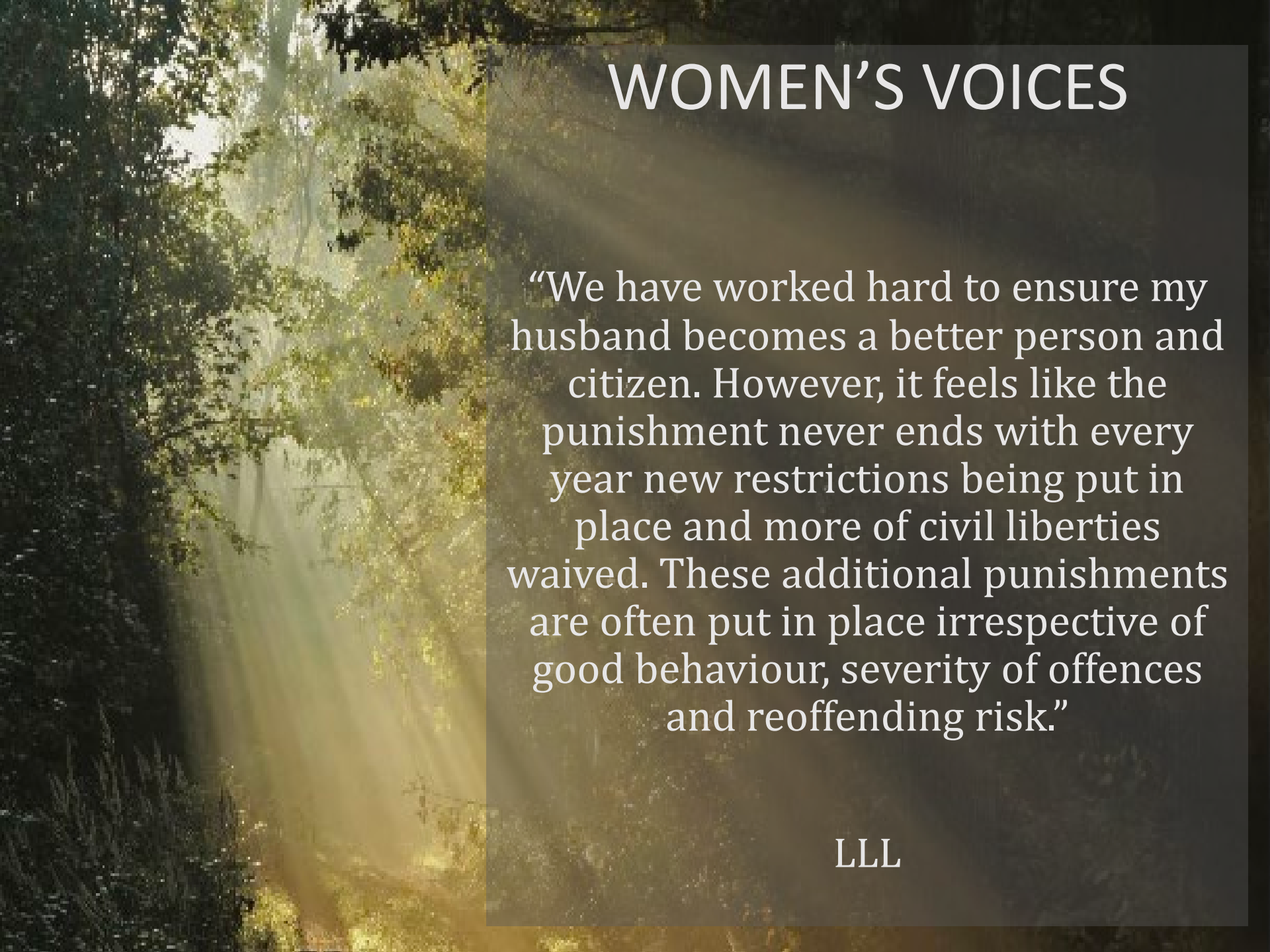
LLL



WOMEN'S VOICES

“My husband’s younger brother and sister, who are children and share his name, were bullied at school and lost friends. Family members of other offenders have told me they have had their properties vandalised, cars set on fire and have been contacted by groups, who specialise in the assault and murder of sex offenders, trying to locate their family member.”

LLL



WOMEN'S VOICES

“We have worked hard to ensure my husband becomes a better person and citizen. However, it feels like the punishment never ends with every year new restrictions being put in place and more of civil liberties waived. These additional punishments are often put in place irrespective of good behaviour, severity of offences and reoffending risk.”

LLL



WOMEN'S VOICES

“The families of sex offenders are innocent people. We are one of the greatest resources the community has in the prevention of reoffending. Please can our lives and safety be taken into consideration?”

LLL