

A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley. In the background, there are rugged mountains under a light sky. A large, solid orange circle, representing a sun or moon, is positioned behind the main title. The foreground shows some green grass and rocks in the river.

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LIVING  
OUT  
SALVATION  
IN PRACTICAL  
WAYS



“Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.” (James 1:2-4)

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- Following Jesus does not shelter you from experiencing adversity.

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- James is not instructing us about how we should feel, but rather how we should think when we come up against trying circumstances.

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- In Scripture, joy is a sense of wellbeing and settled contentment that is rooted, not in one's situation, but in one's choice to trust that God is good and will fulfill His promises.

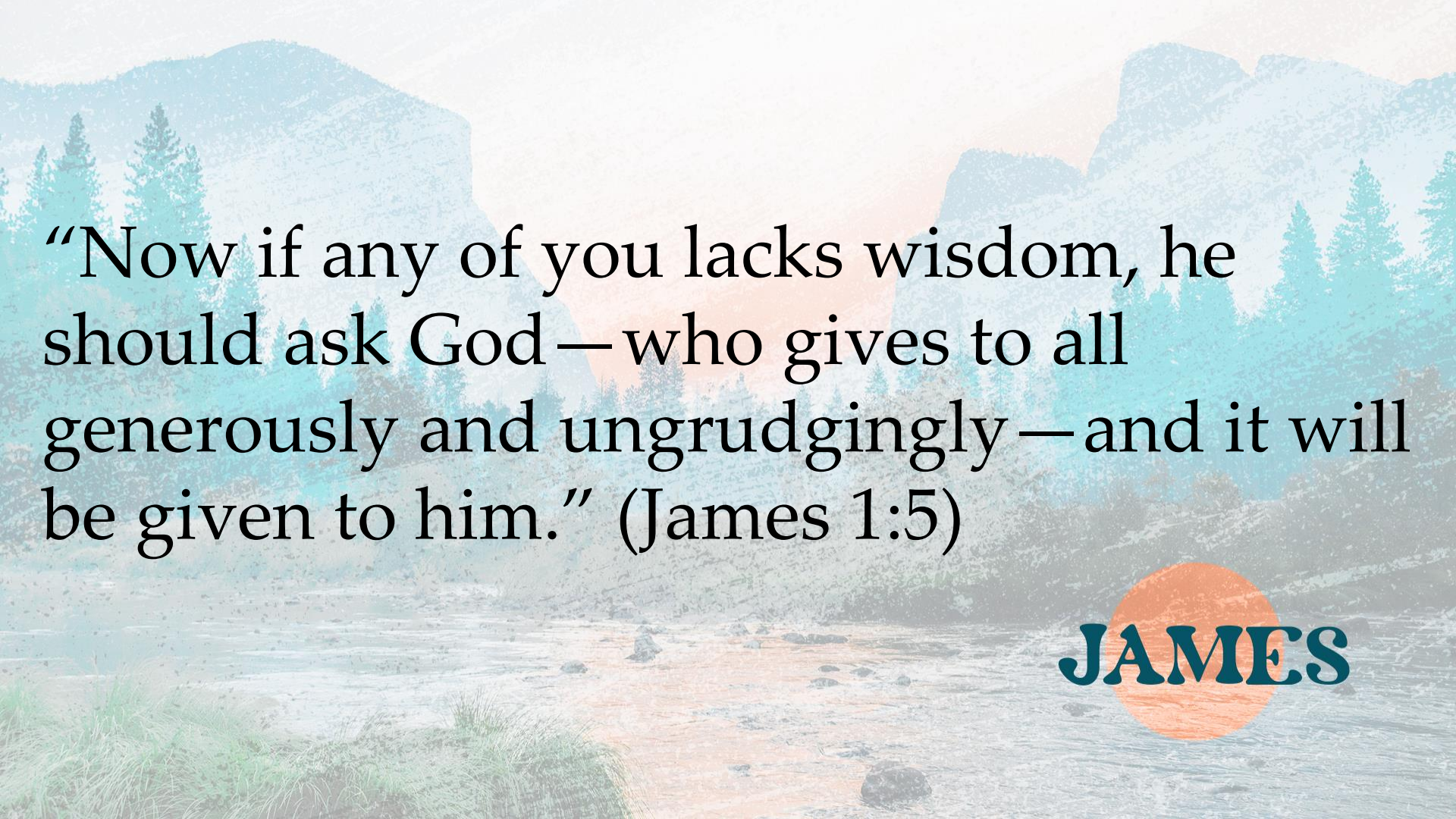
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- Trials serve to prove and temper our faith and cultivate within us a joyful endurance.
- Endurance forms us into the whole, integrated, Christ-embodying people God intends for us to be.

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“Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)

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- To experience newness of life, a Christ follower must exercise joyful endurance, but we come to this task lacking.

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- In our lack, we are not called to muster more tenacity or creativity. We are beckoned to pray—to ask God for His wisdom.

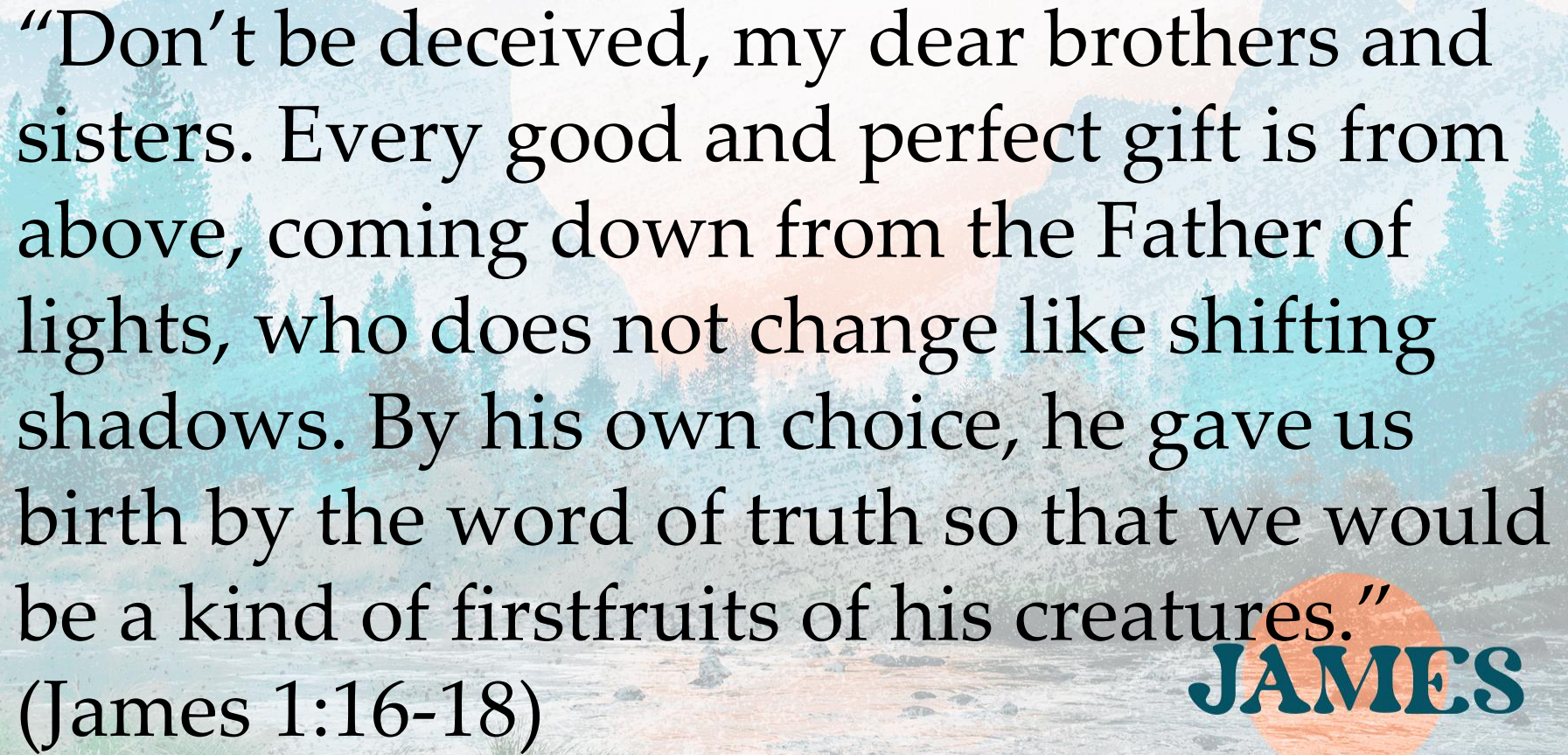
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- God is not stingy. He's not mad at you. He won't gift you garbage or danger to "build your character."

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“Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. By his own choice, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”  
(James 1:16-18)

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- Our God is a **giver**. It is a fundamental aspect of his character, and his character does not **change**.

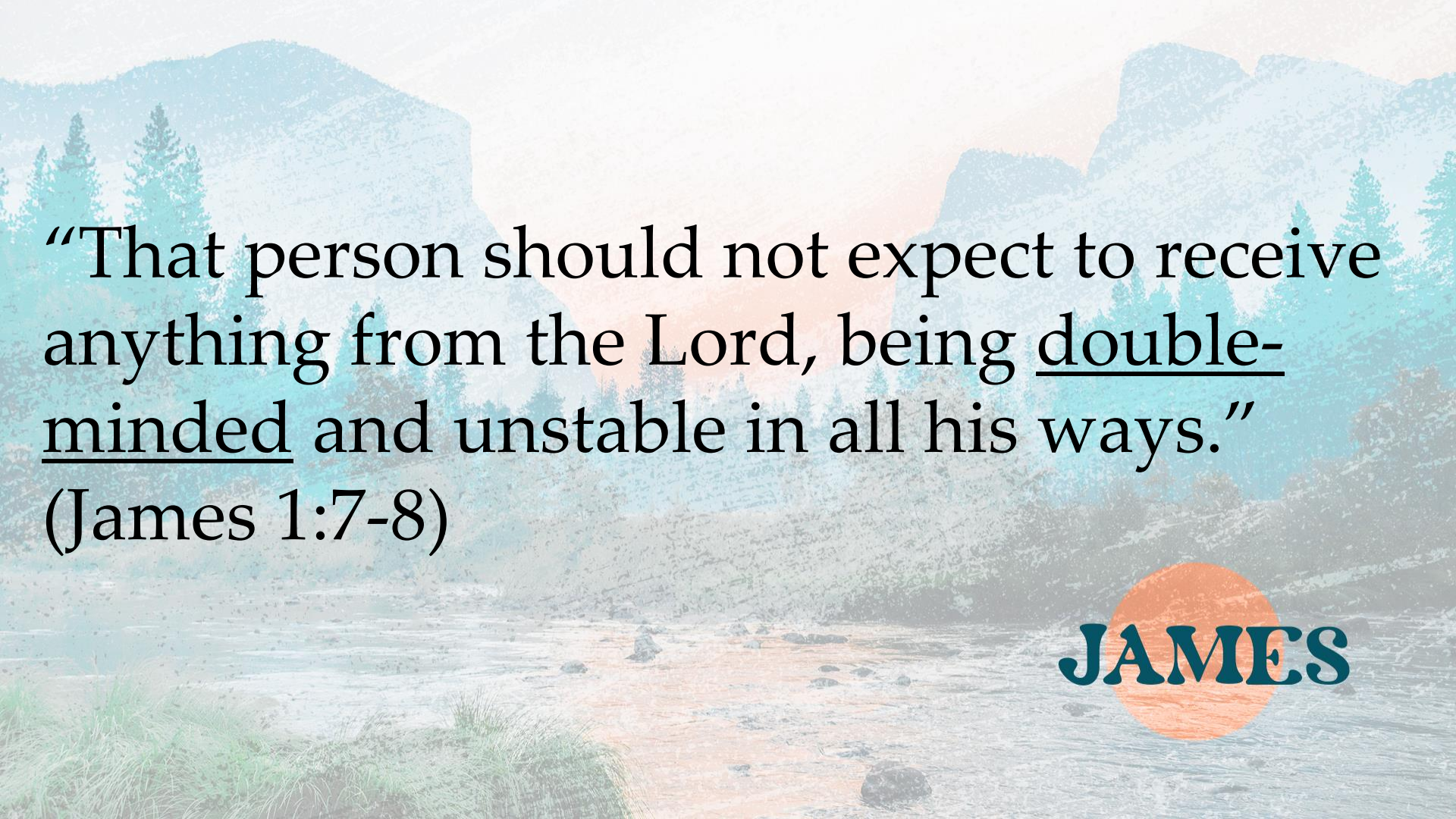
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“Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind.” (James 1:5-6)

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“That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.”

(James 1:7-8)



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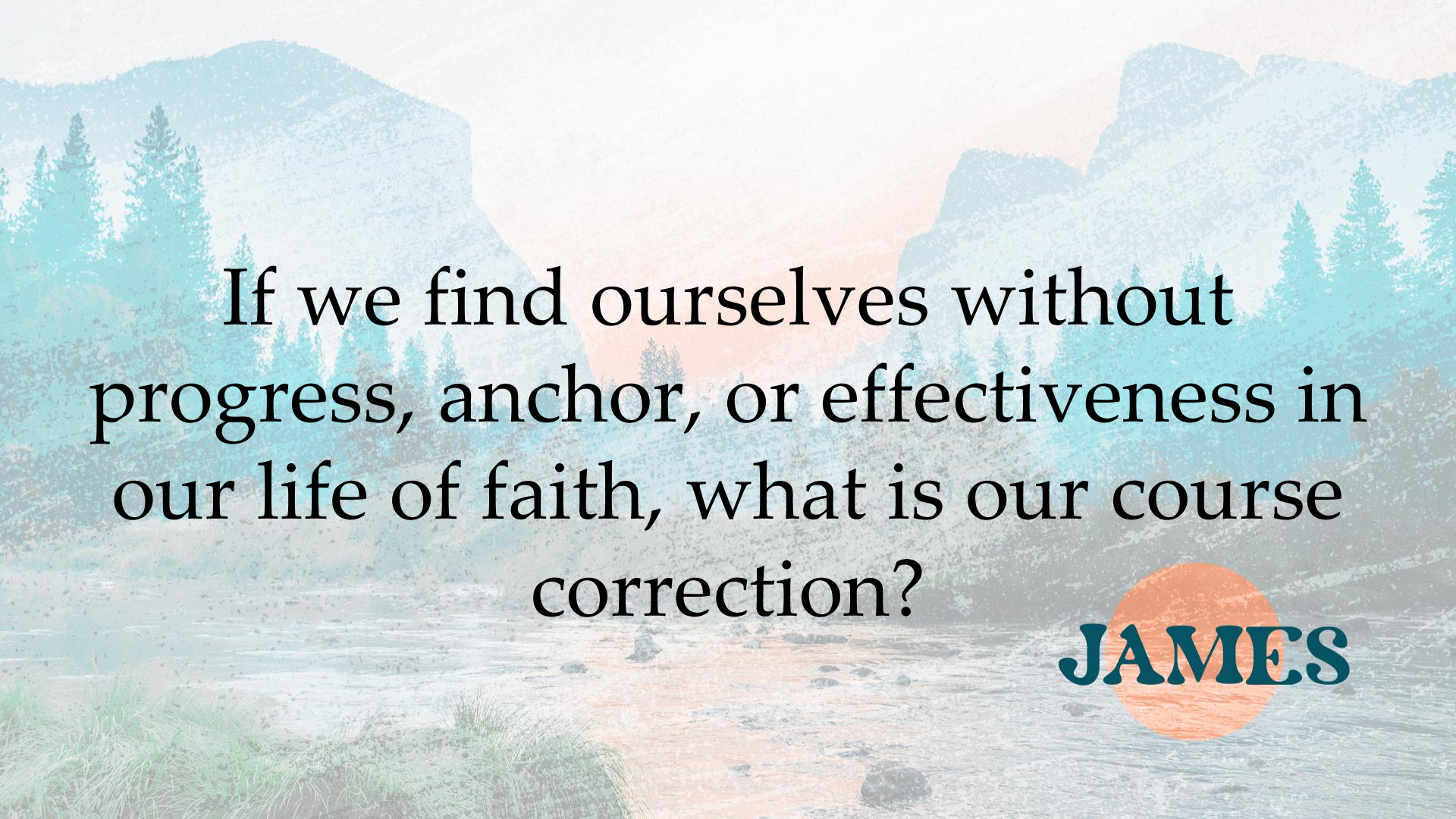
*“the surging sea”*



*“Ryan, I never  
trust a man who  
wears both a belt  
and suspenders.”*








If we find ourselves without  
progress, anchor, or effectiveness in  
our life of faith, what is our course  
correction?

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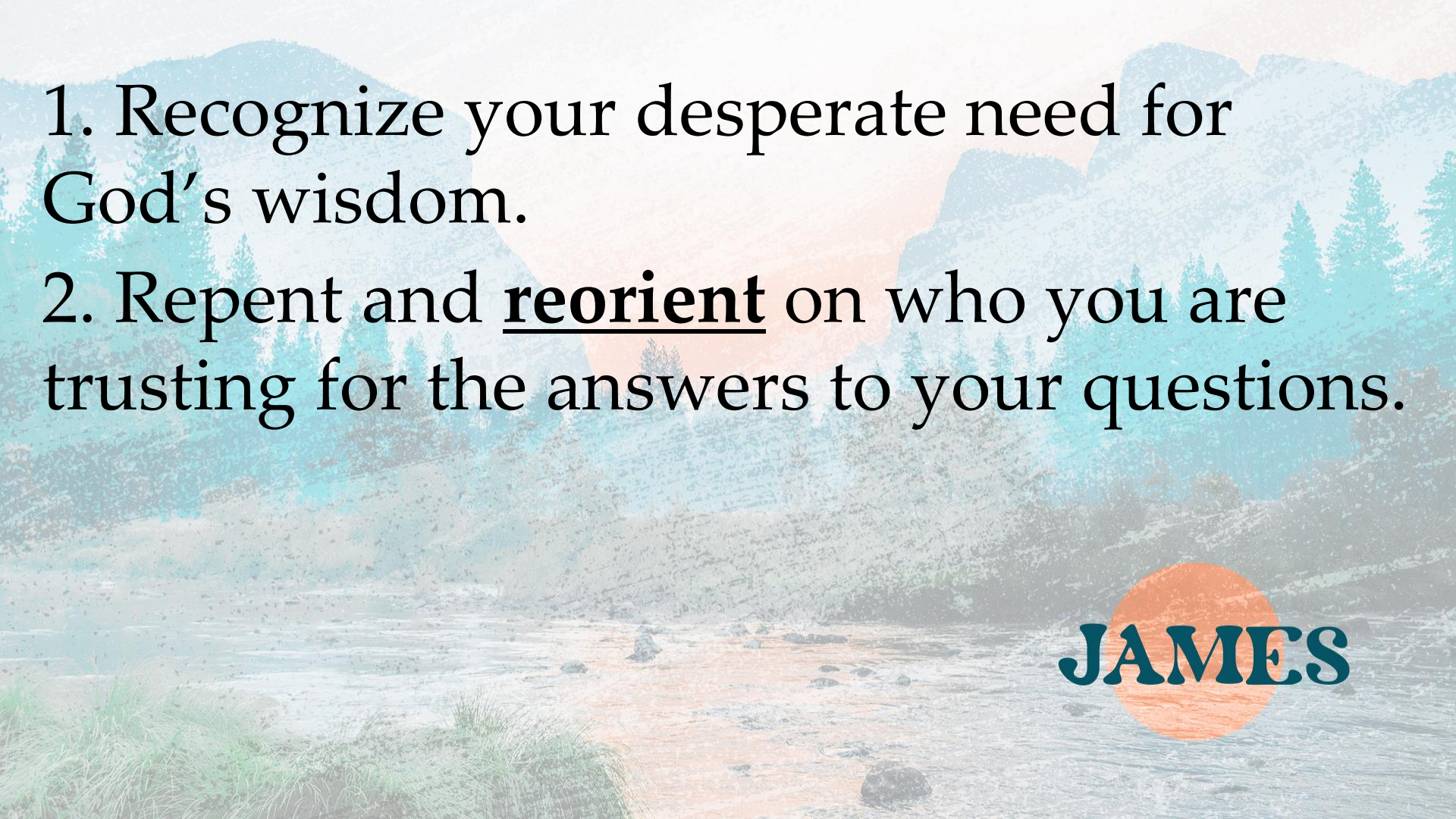


A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley. The river is surrounded by lush green grass and small plants in the foreground. The middle ground is filled with dense evergreen forests on both sides of the river. In the background, majestic mountains rise against a sky with soft, warm colors from a setting or rising sun, creating a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere.

1. Recognize your desperate need for God's wisdom.

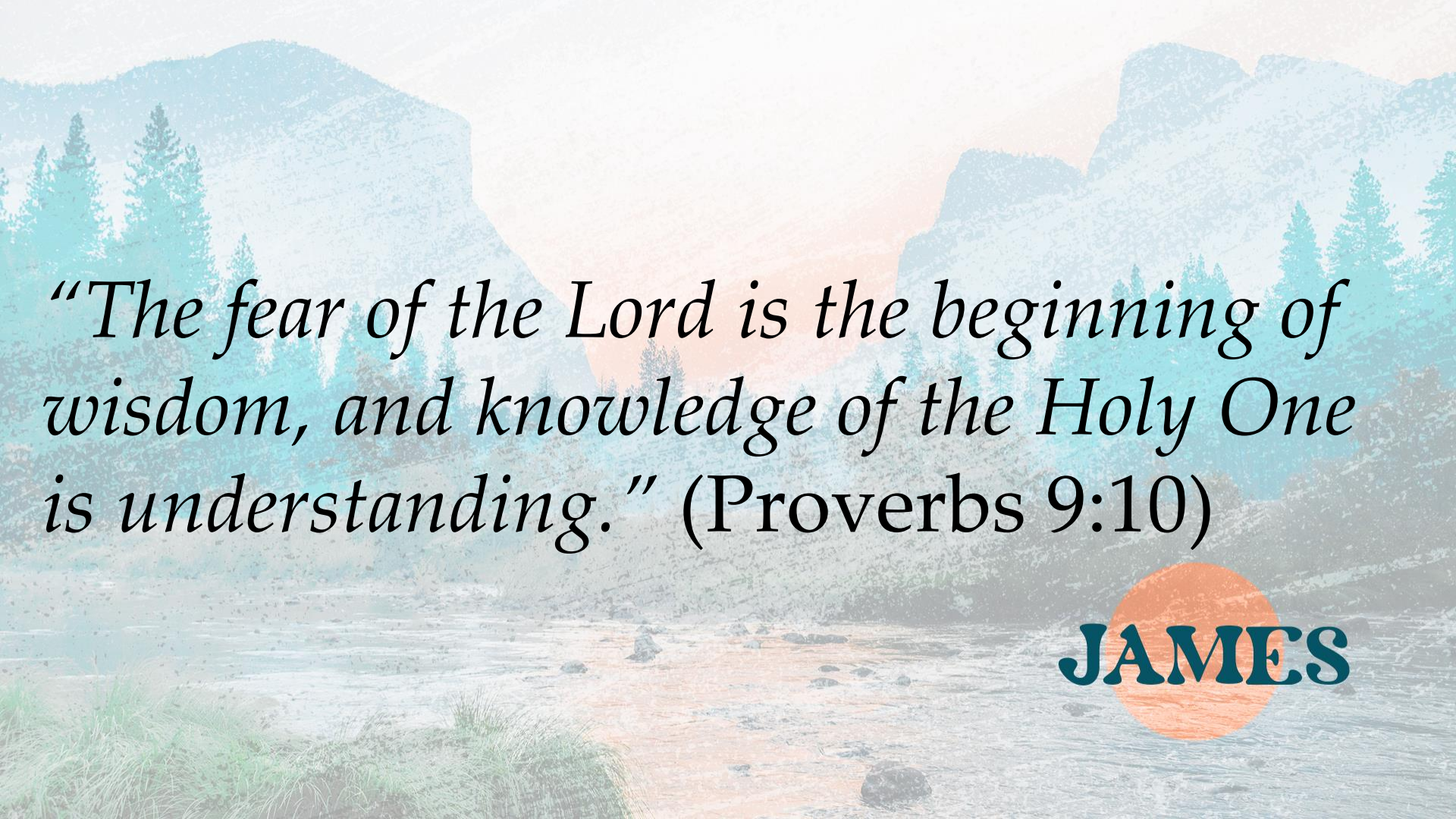
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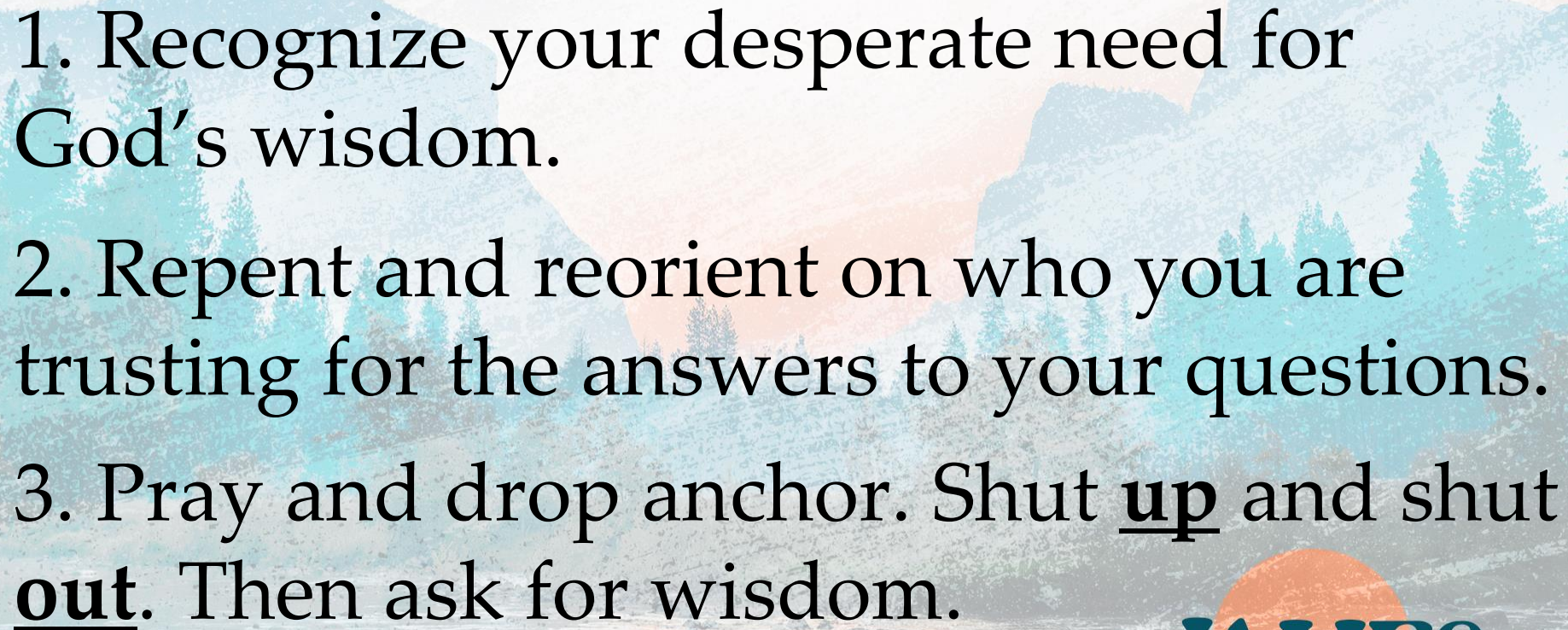




*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)*

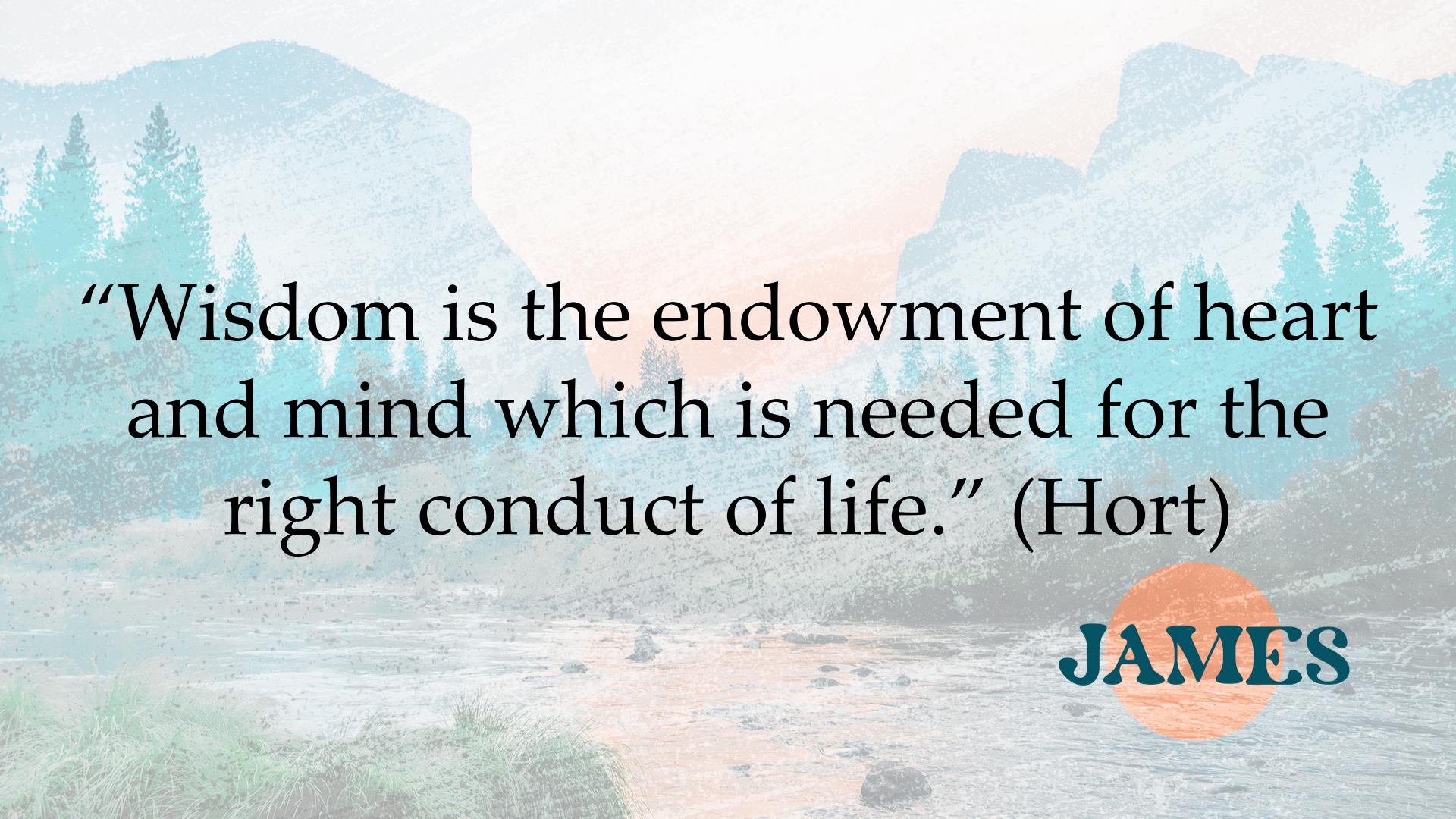
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1. Recognize your desperate need for God's wisdom.
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  3. Pray and drop anchor. Shut up and shut out. Then ask for wisdom.

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“Wisdom is the endowment of heart  
and mind which is needed for the  
right conduct of life.” (Hort)

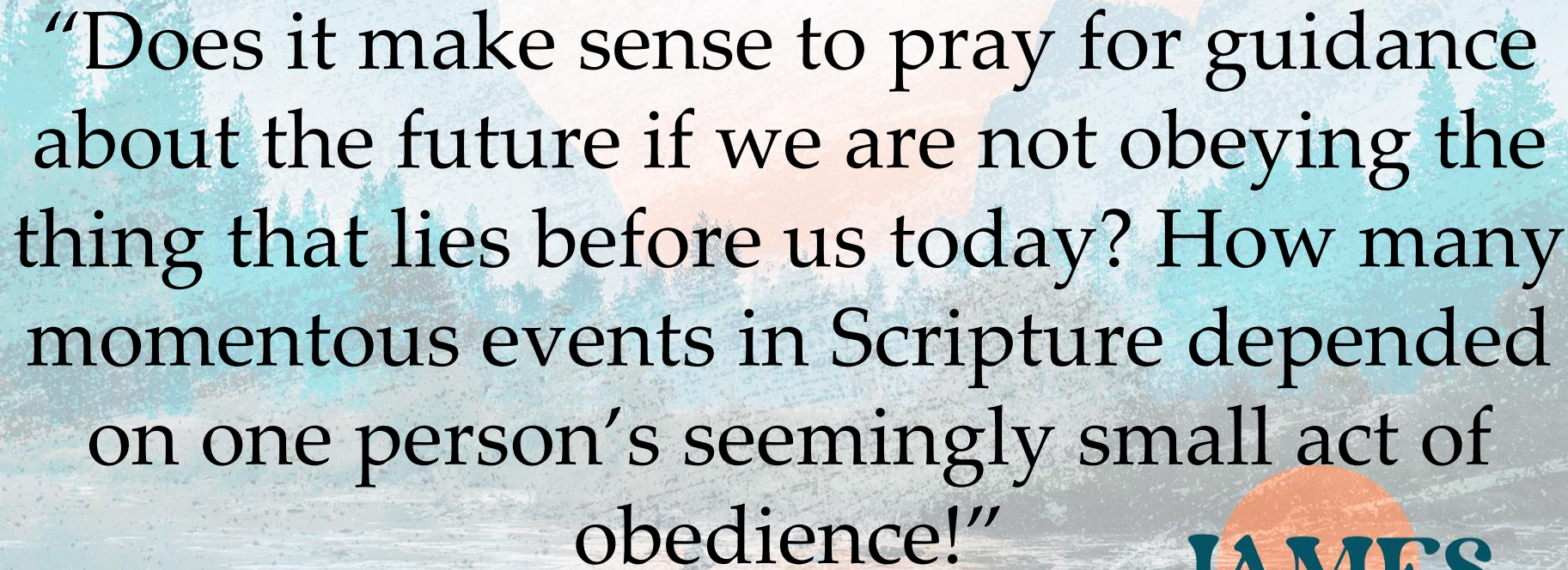
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4. Obey what God says without hesitation or hedging.

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“Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying the thing that lies before us today? How many momentous events in Scripture depended on one person’s seemingly small act of obedience!”

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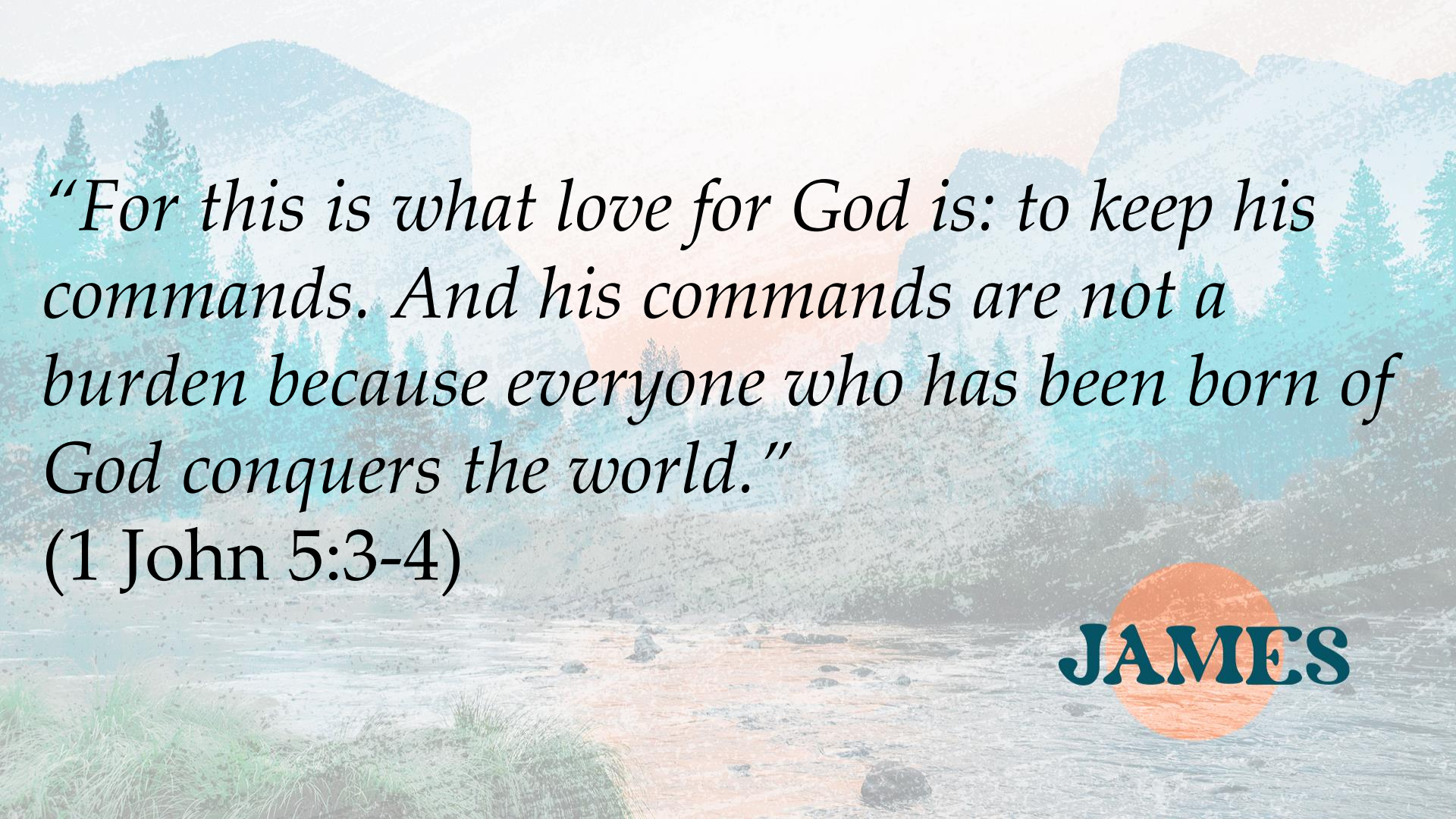


“Rest assured: Do  
what God tells you to  
do now, and, depend  
upon it, you will be  
shown what to do  
next.”

(Elisabeth Elliot)







*“For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world.”*

*(1 John 5:3-4)*

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