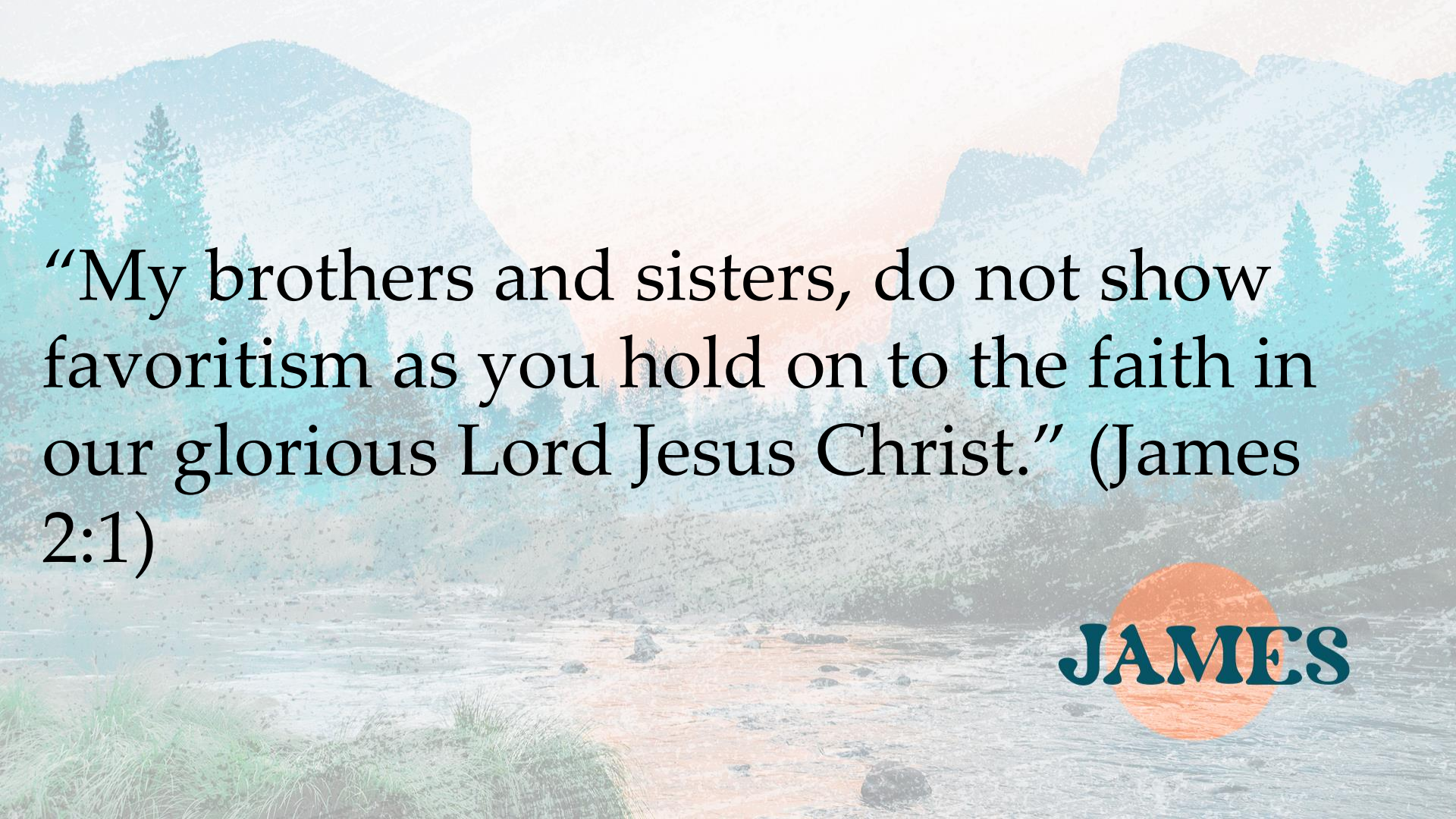


A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley. In the background, there are rugged mountains under a sky with a large, bright orange sun. The foreground shows green grass and rocks in the river. The word "JAMES" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center of the image, partially overlapping the sun and the mountains.

# JAMES

LIVING  
OUT  
SALVATION  
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“My brothers and sisters, do not show favoritism as you hold on to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.” (James 2:1)



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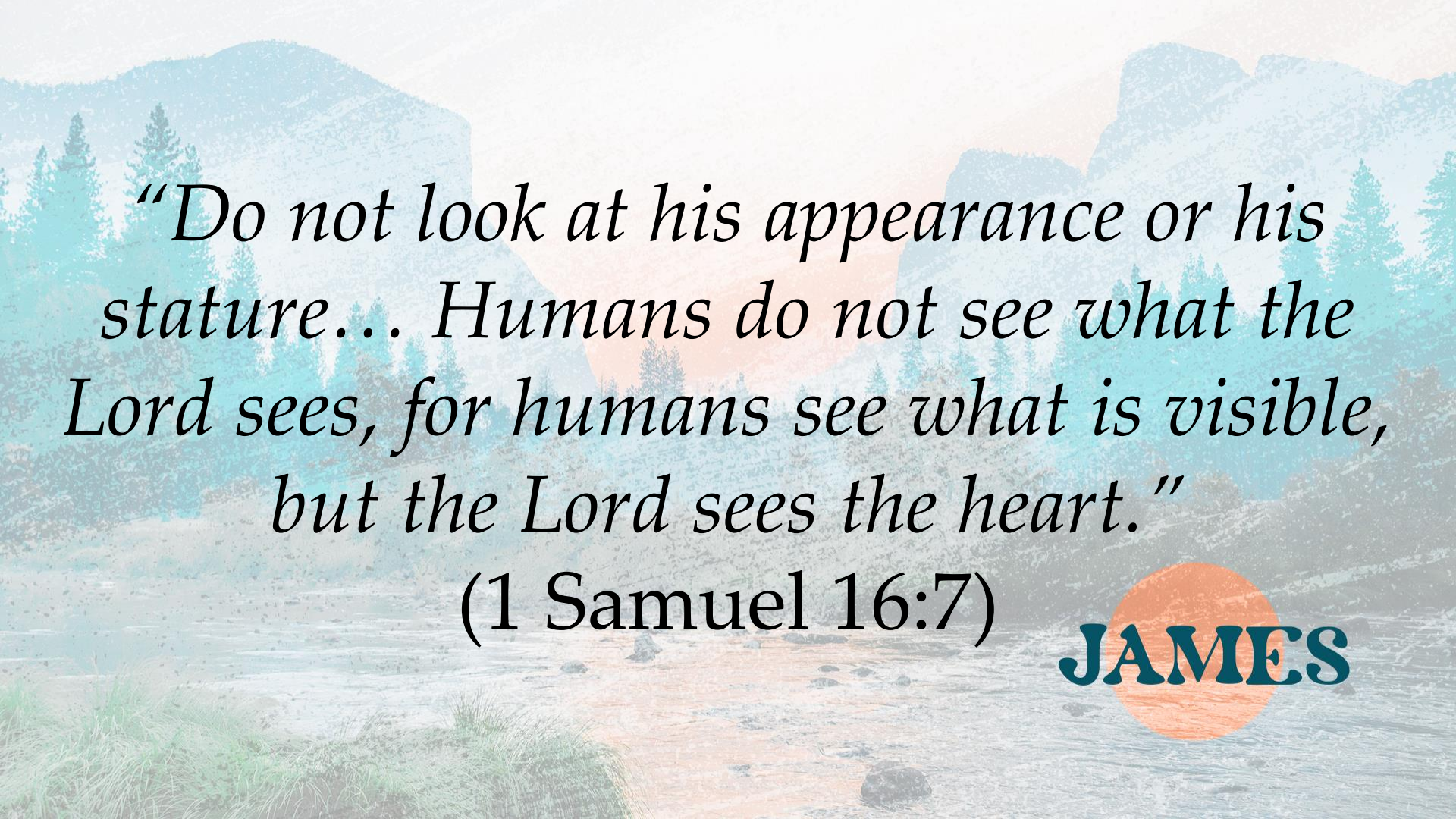


# “Showing favoritism” (Gr. *prosōpolempsia*)

- Literally “receiving the face”
- Judging based on external appearances
- Making distinctions of favor and respect according to a person’s social value

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*“Do not look at his appearance or his stature... Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart.”*

*(1 Samuel 16:7)*




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*“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.”* **JAMES**

*(Deuteronomy 10:17-18)*





Faith to Christ and His message of grace  
are incompatible with expressions of  
prejudice and preference.



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**According to the gospel, what gives a  
person's life value and sacredness?**

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The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ, and the salvation made possible for all who believe. It is the glad announcement that Jesus has defeated evil, sin, and death, through His life, death, and resurrection, and is making all things new, even us.

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“For if someone comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and a poor person dressed in filthy clothes also comes in, if you look with favor on the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Sit here in a good place,’ and yet you say to the poor person, ‘Stand over there,’ or ‘Sit here on the floor by my footstool,’ haven’t you made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

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“Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Didn’t God choose the poor in this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? Yet you have dishonored the poor. Don’t the rich oppress you and drag you into court? Don’t they blaspheme the good name that was invoked over you?”

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“Indeed, if you fulfill the royal law prescribed in the Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well. If, however, you show favoritism, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.” (James 2:5-8)

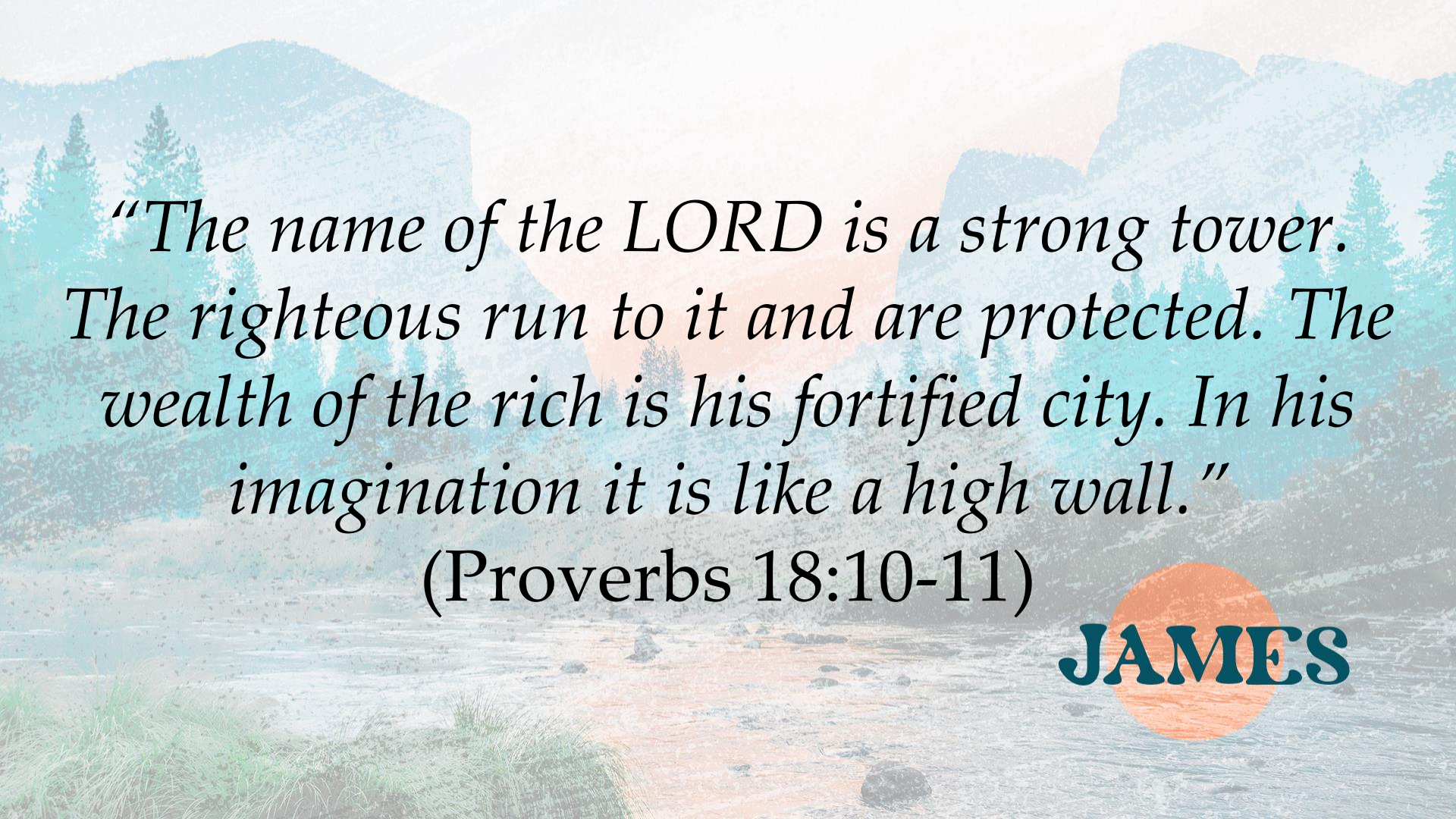
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- A dismissive attitude toward the poor stands in contradiction to God's own evaluation. He honors them! (vv. 5-6)

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*“The name of the LORD is a strong tower.  
The righteous run to it and are protected. The  
wealth of the rich is his fortified city. In his  
imagination it is like a high wall.”*

*(Proverbs 18:10-11)*

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*“Let the brother of humble circumstances boast in his exaltation, but let the rich boast in his humiliation because he will pass away like a flower of the field... In the same way, the rich person will wither away while pursuing his activities.”*

*(James 2:9-11)*

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- Such fawning over the affluent betrays a servile mentality. These are the ones persecuting believers! (vv. 6-7)

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- Such neglect and disregard for lowly violates the centerpiece of Jesus' royal law. Love your neighbor as God has loved you! (vv. 8-13)

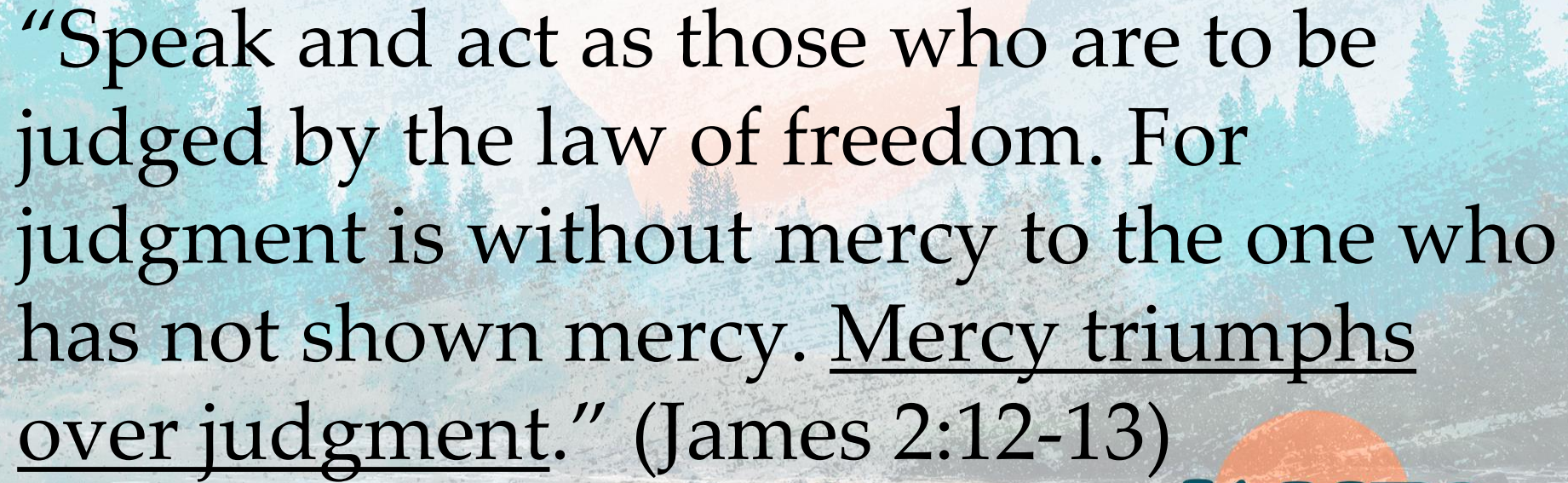
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“For whoever keeps the entire law, and yet stumbles at one point, is guilty of breaking it all. For he who said, Do not commit adultery, also said, Do not murder. So if you do not commit adultery, but you murder, you are a lawbreaker.” (James 2:10-11)

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“Speak and act as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” (James 2:12-13)

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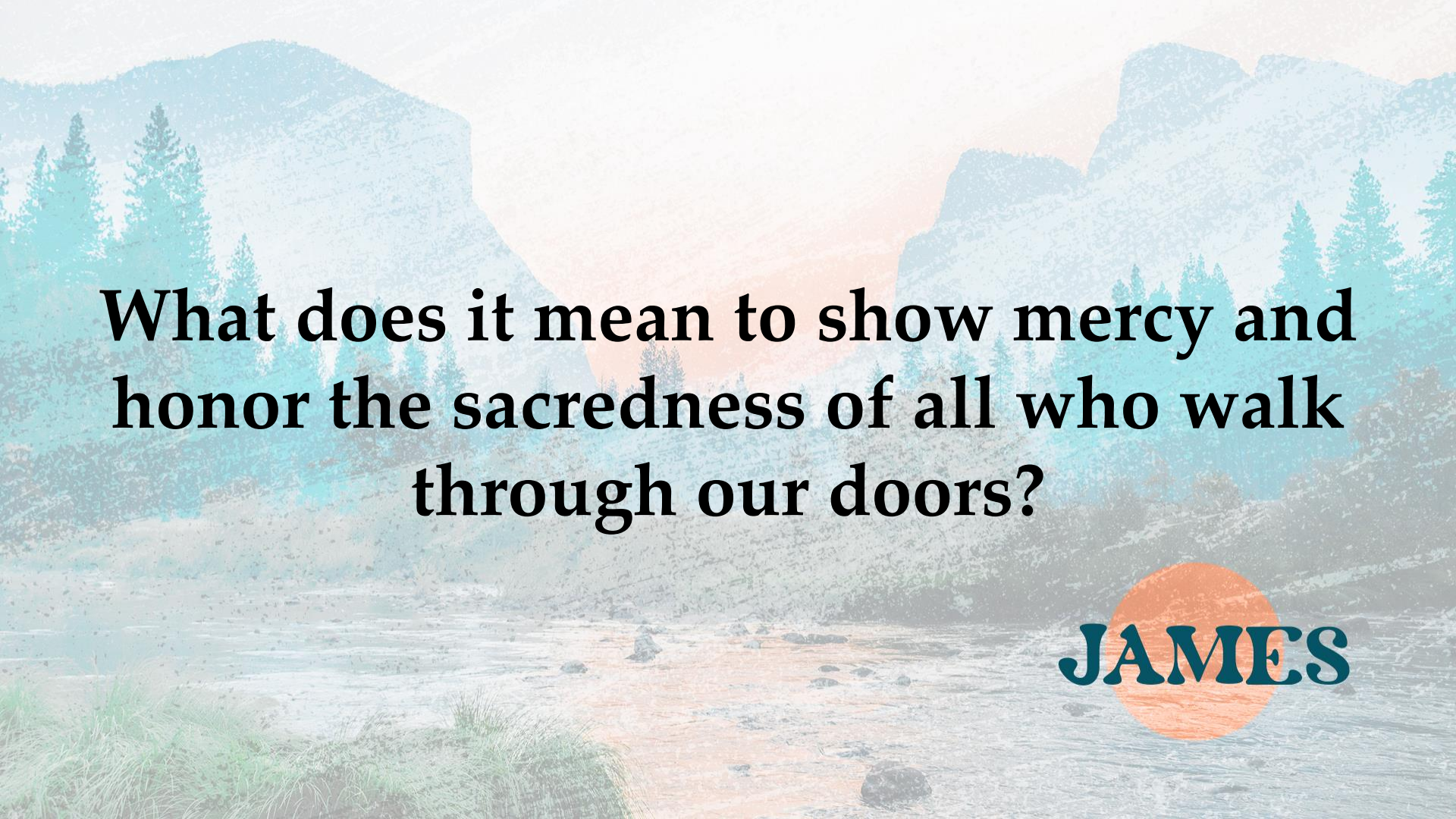


“Jacob exposes how we tend to show favor to people who can benefit us, and we neglect people who can’t, because they are needy. This behavior is opposite of love as Jesus defined it.”

(Tim Mackie)

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**What does it mean to show mercy and  
honor the sacredness of all who walk  
through our doors?**

**JAMES**