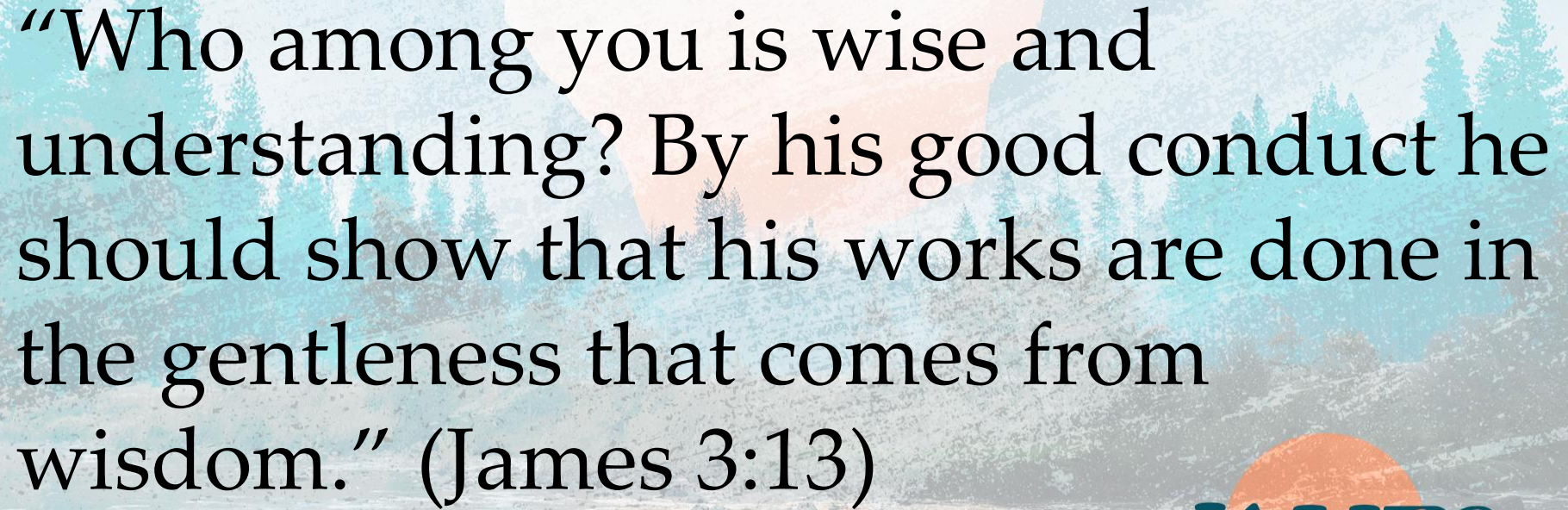


A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley. In the background, there are rugged mountains under a light sky. A large, solid orange circle, representing a sun or moon, is positioned behind the main title. The foreground shows some green grass and rocks in the riverbed.

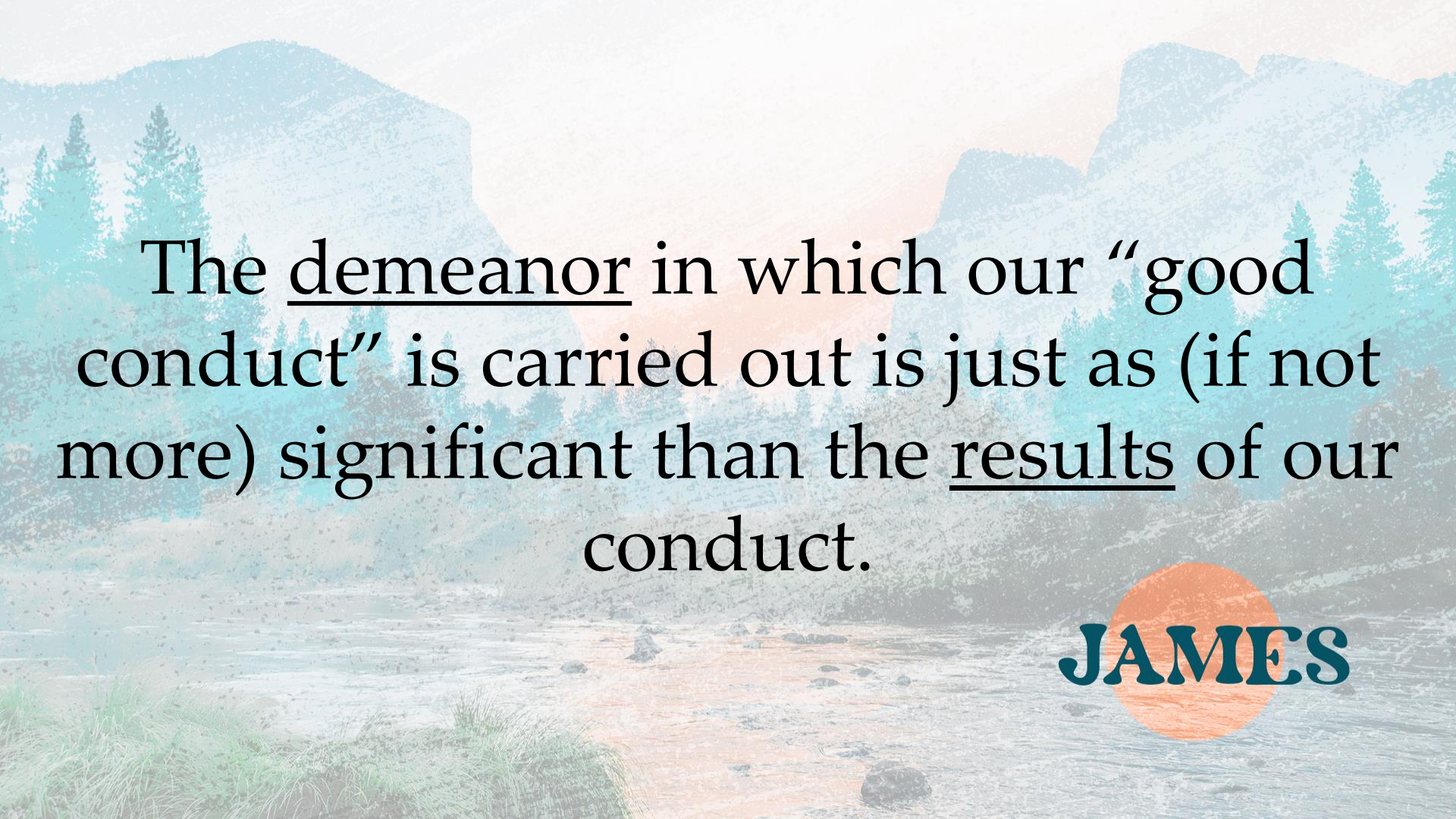
JAMES

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“Who among you is wise and understanding? By his good conduct he should show that his works are done in the gentleness that comes from wisdom.” (James 3:13)

JAMES



The demeanor in which our “good conduct” is carried out is just as (if not more) significant than the results of our conduct.

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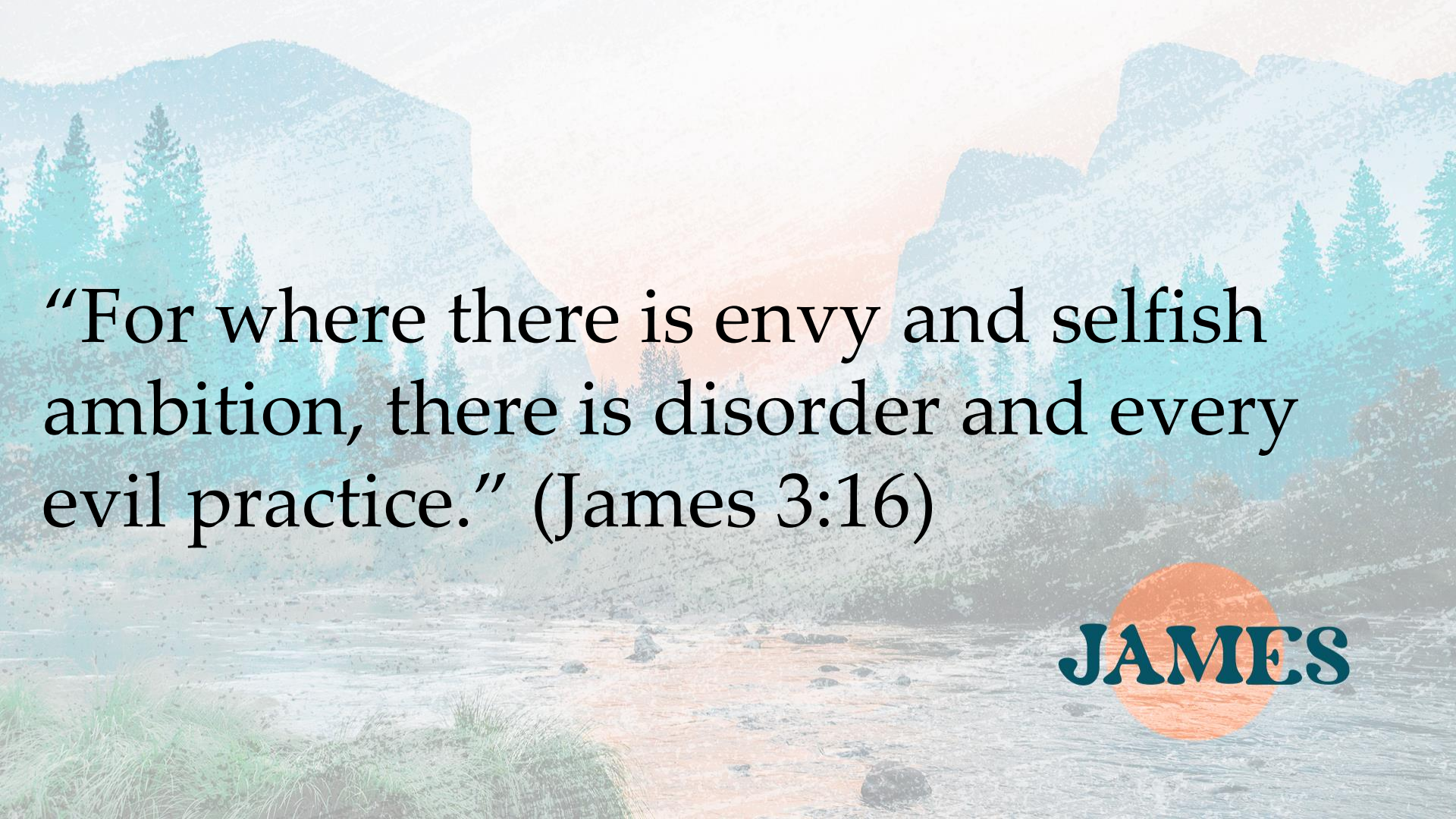
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- *“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*
(Jesus, in Matthew 11:29)

JAMES

“But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don’t boast and deny the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.”

(James 3:14-15)

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“For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice.” (James 3:16)

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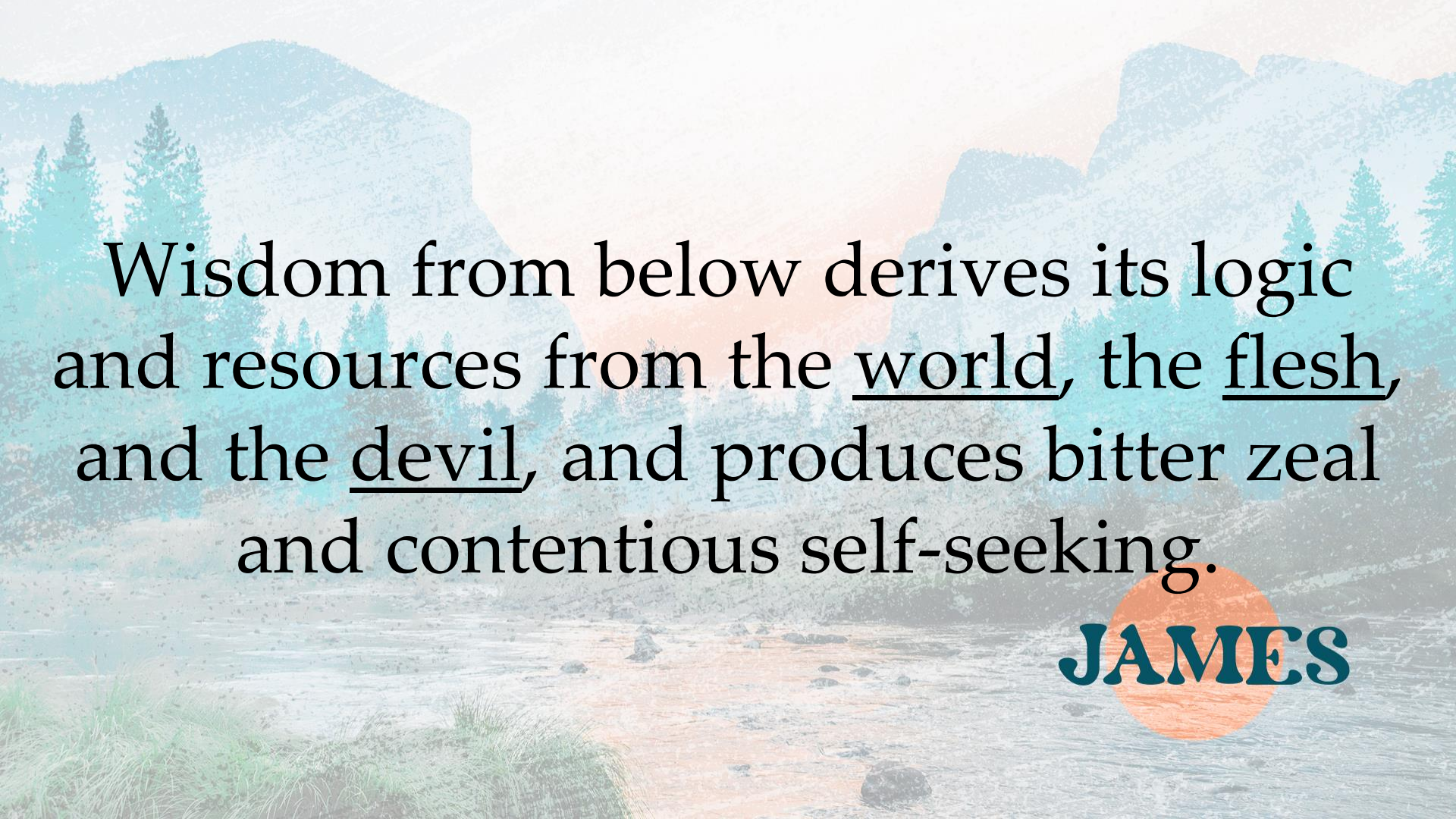


Wisdom from below produces **bitter**
zeal and contentious self-seeking.

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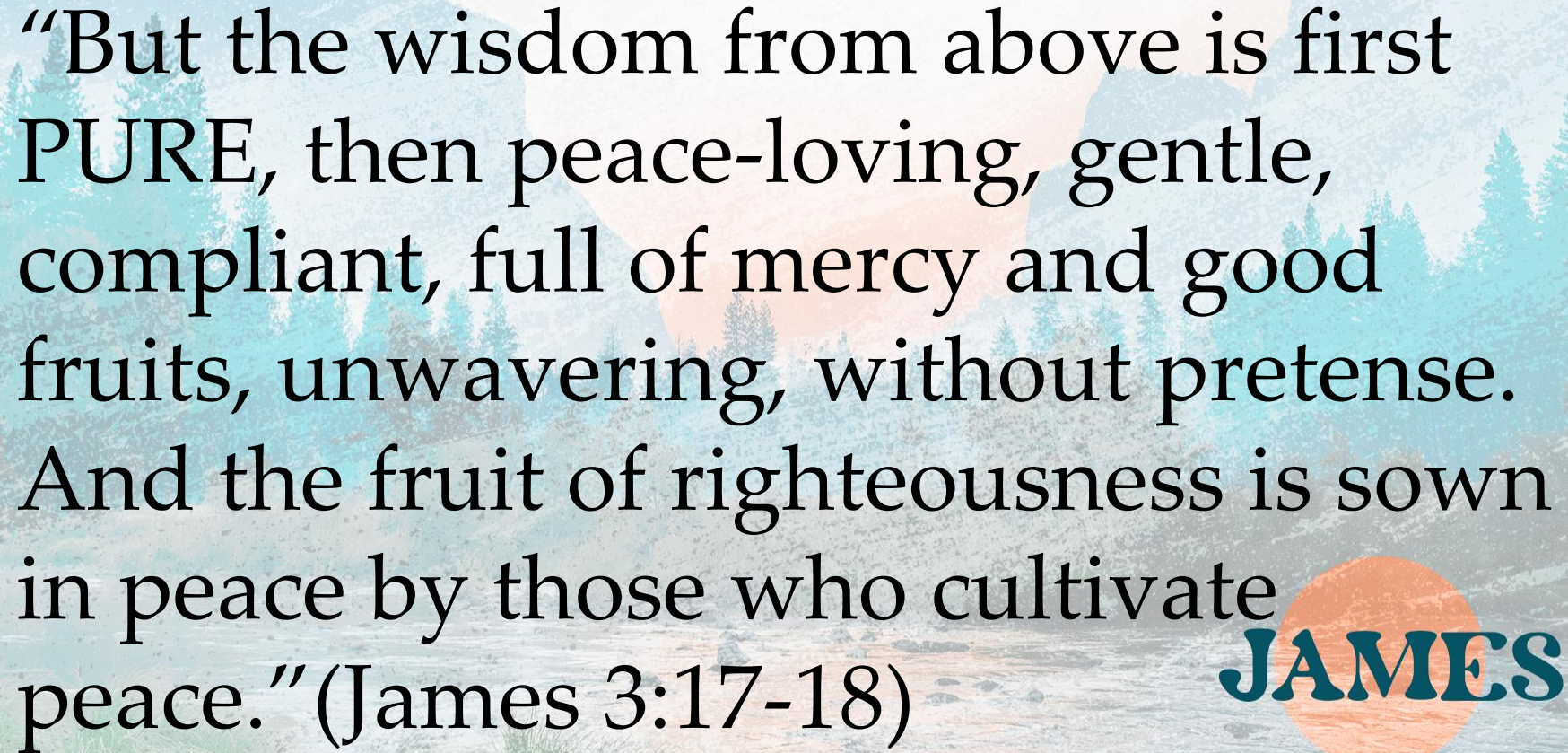
“This kind of envy seeks the best for oneself, regardless of what might be good for another person, always wishing for others to have less than oneself... In a group setting, ‘bitter jealousy’ may manifest ‘a fierce desire to promote one’s own opinion to the exclusion of those of others.’”

JAMES



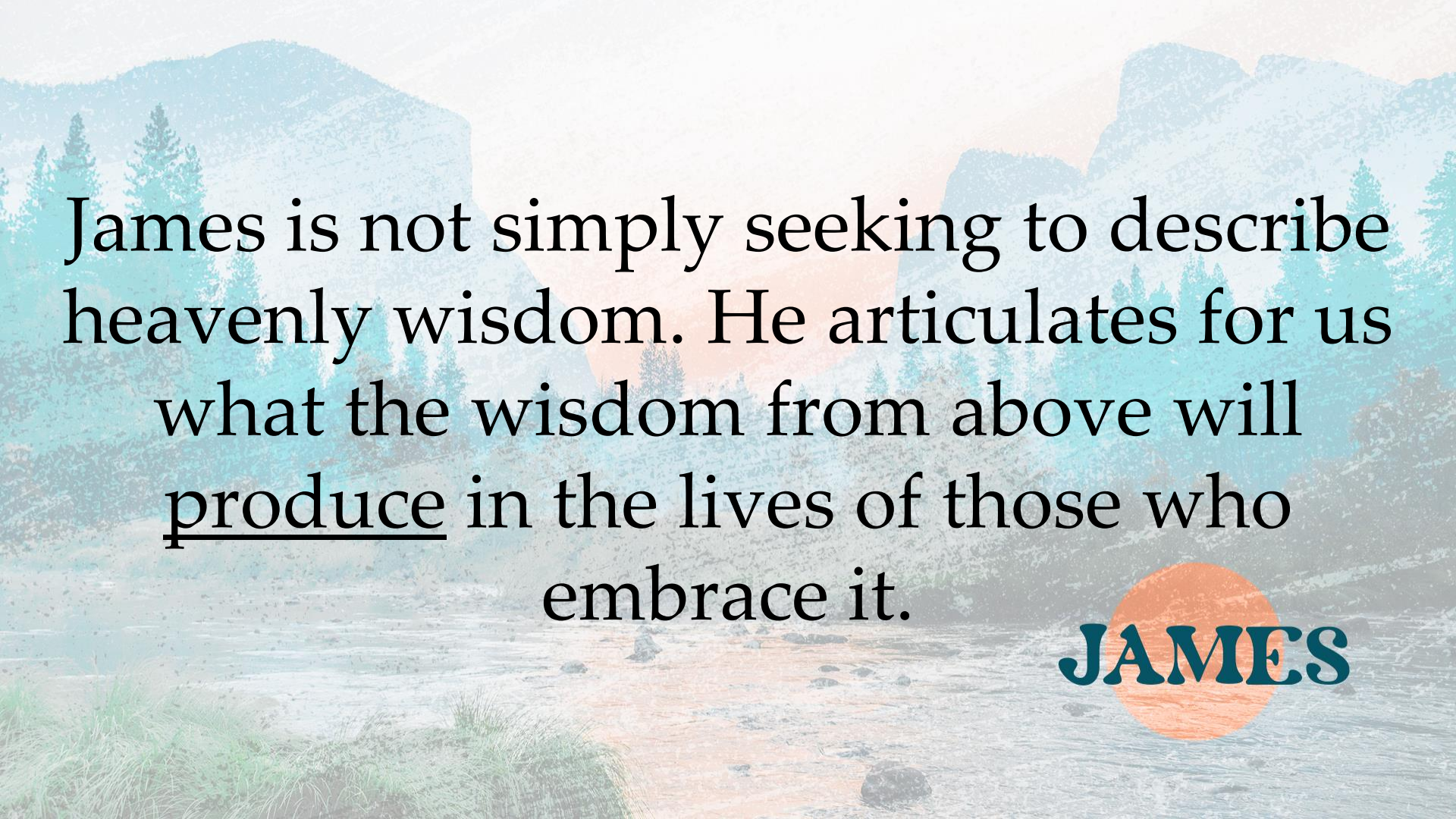
Wisdom from below derives its logic
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and the devil, and produces bitter zeal
and contentious self-seeking.

JAMES



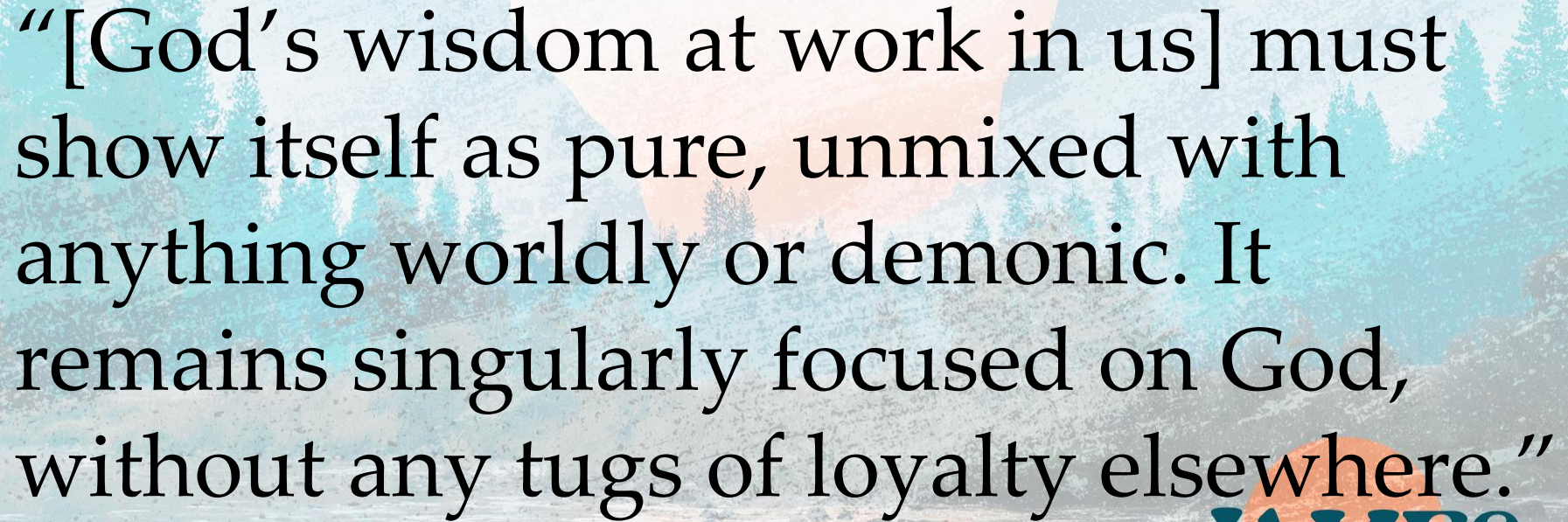
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PURE, then peace-loving, gentle,
compliant, full of mercy and good
fruits, unwavering, without pretense.
And the fruit of righteousness is sown
in peace by those who cultivate
peace.” (James 3:17-18)

JAMES



James is not simply seeking to describe heavenly wisdom. He articulates for us what the wisdom from above will produce in the lives of those who embrace it.

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“[God’s wisdom at work in us] must show itself as pure, unmixed with anything worldly or demonic. It remains singularly focused on God, without any tugs of loyalty elsewhere.”

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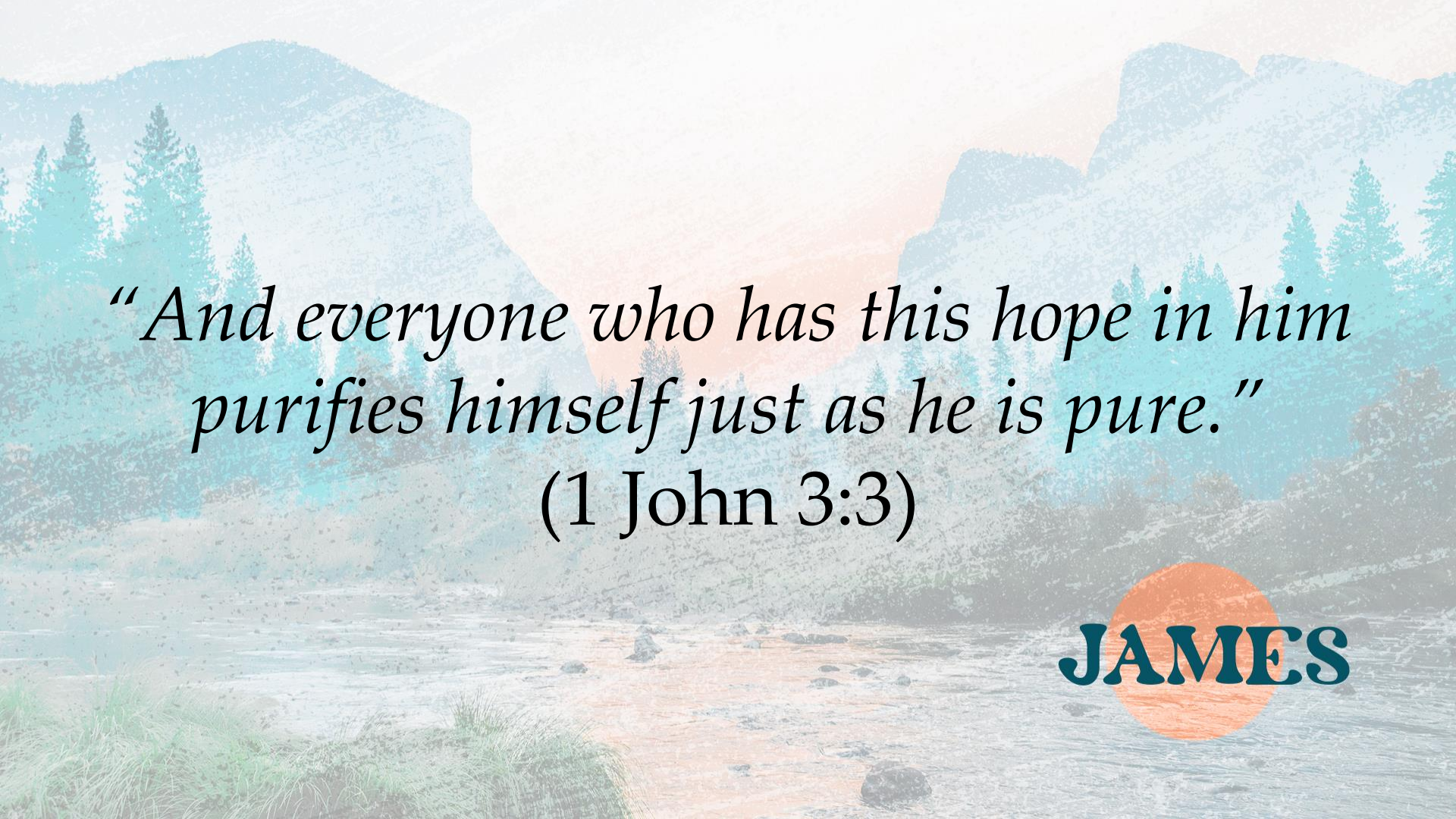
*“Be holy because I, the LORD your God,
am holy.” (Leviticus 19:2)*

JAMES

“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

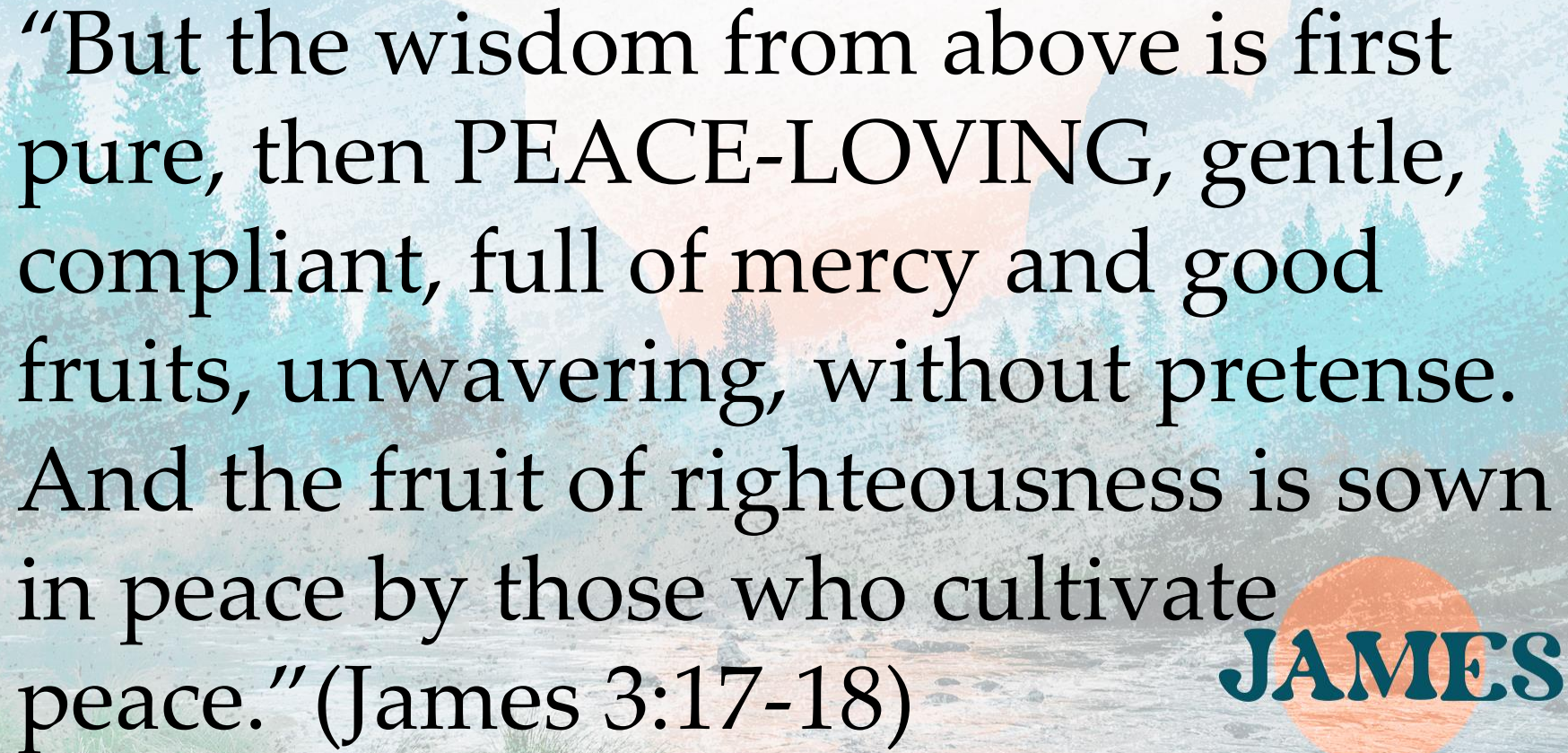
(Ephesians 5:25-27)

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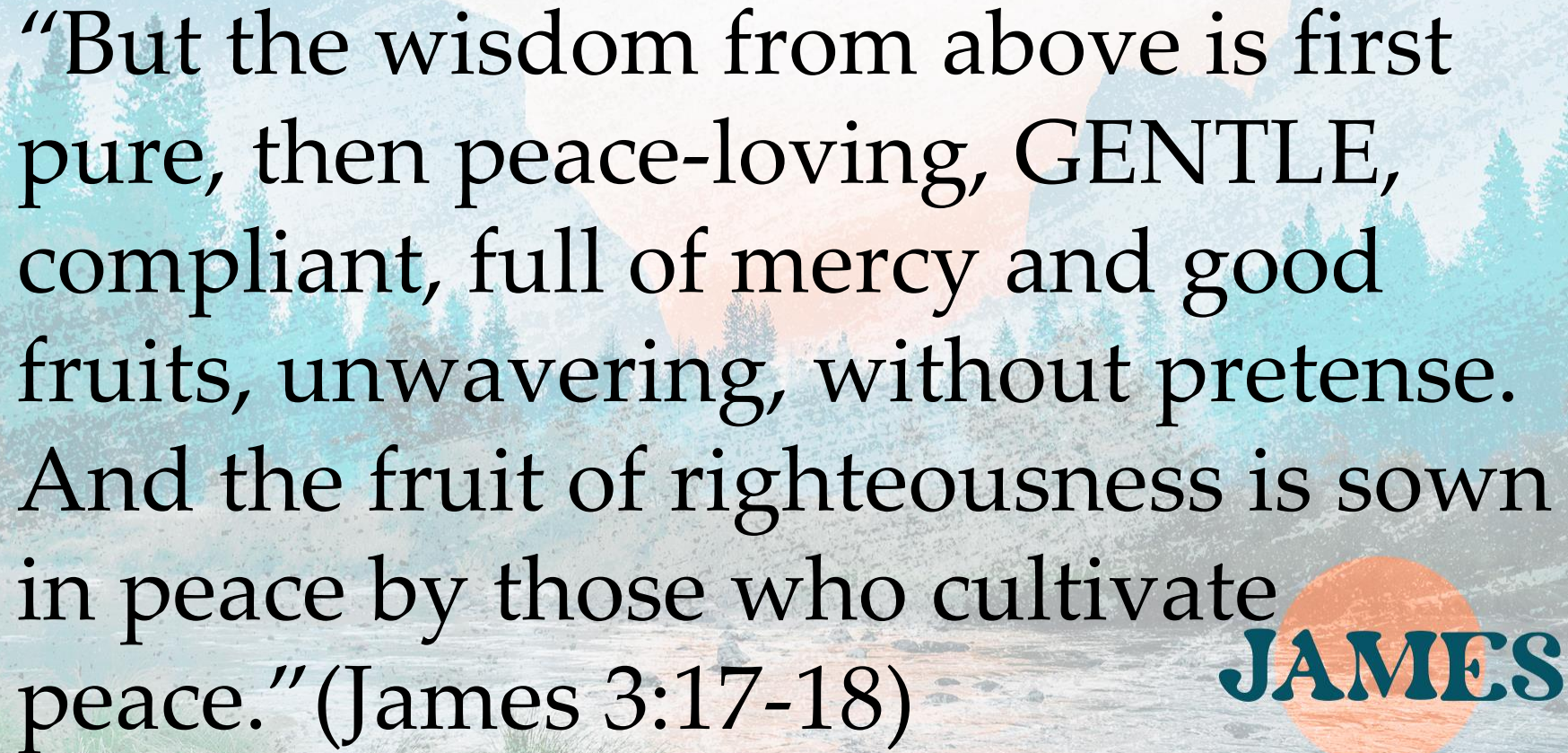
*“And everyone who has this hope in him
purifies himself just as he is pure.”*
(1 John 3:3)

JAMES



“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then PEACE-LOVING, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without pretense. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who cultivate peace.” (James 3:17-18)

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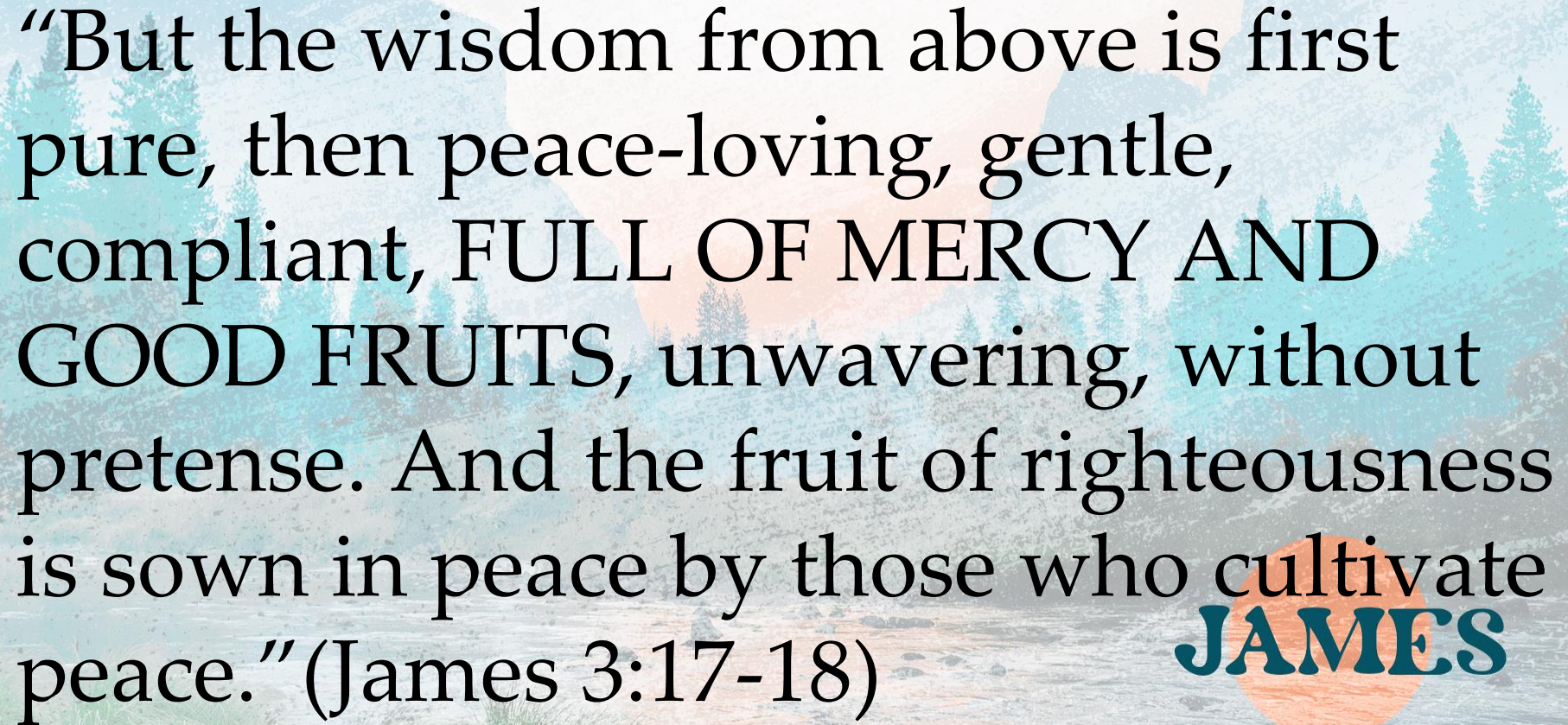


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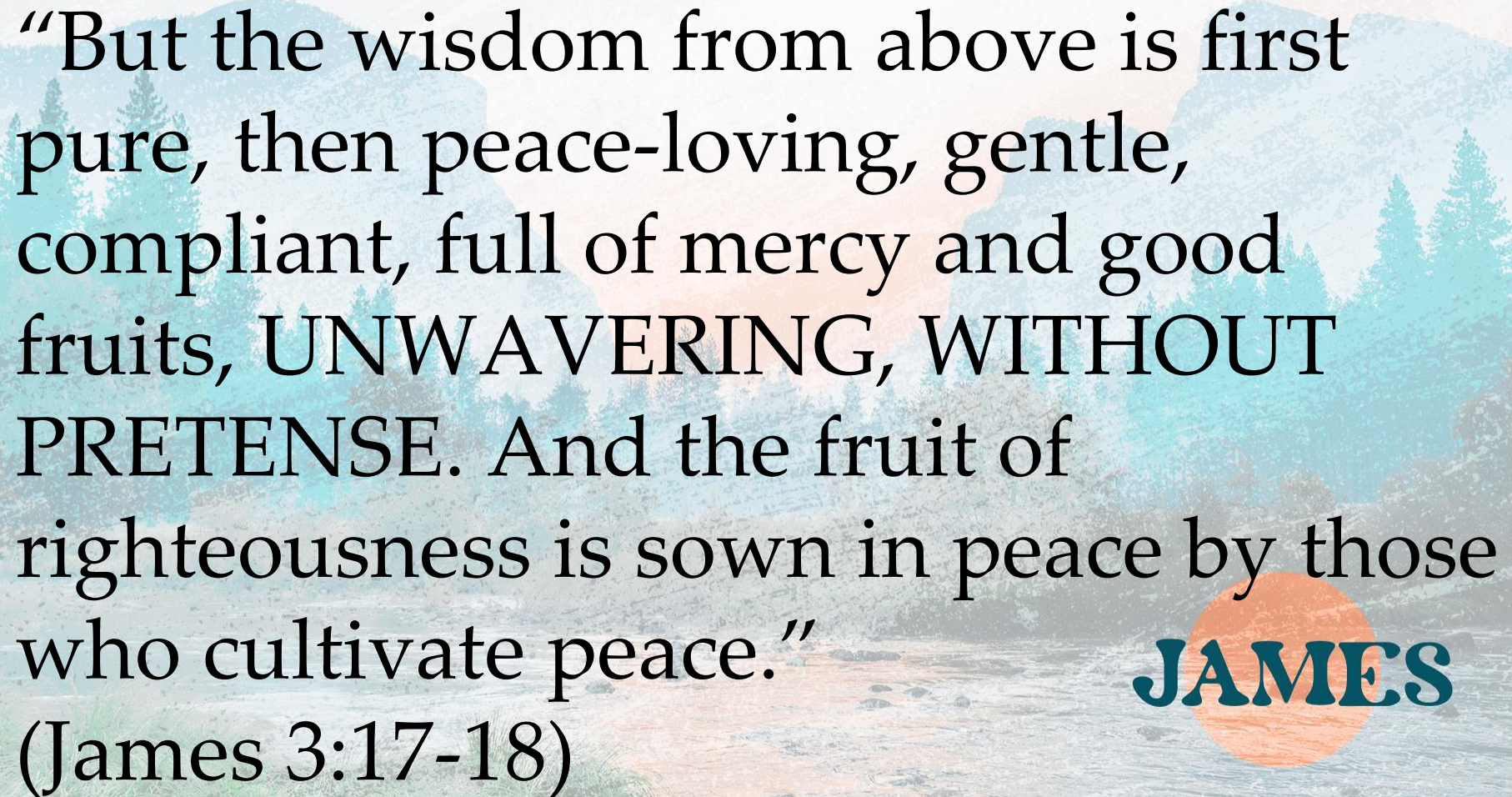
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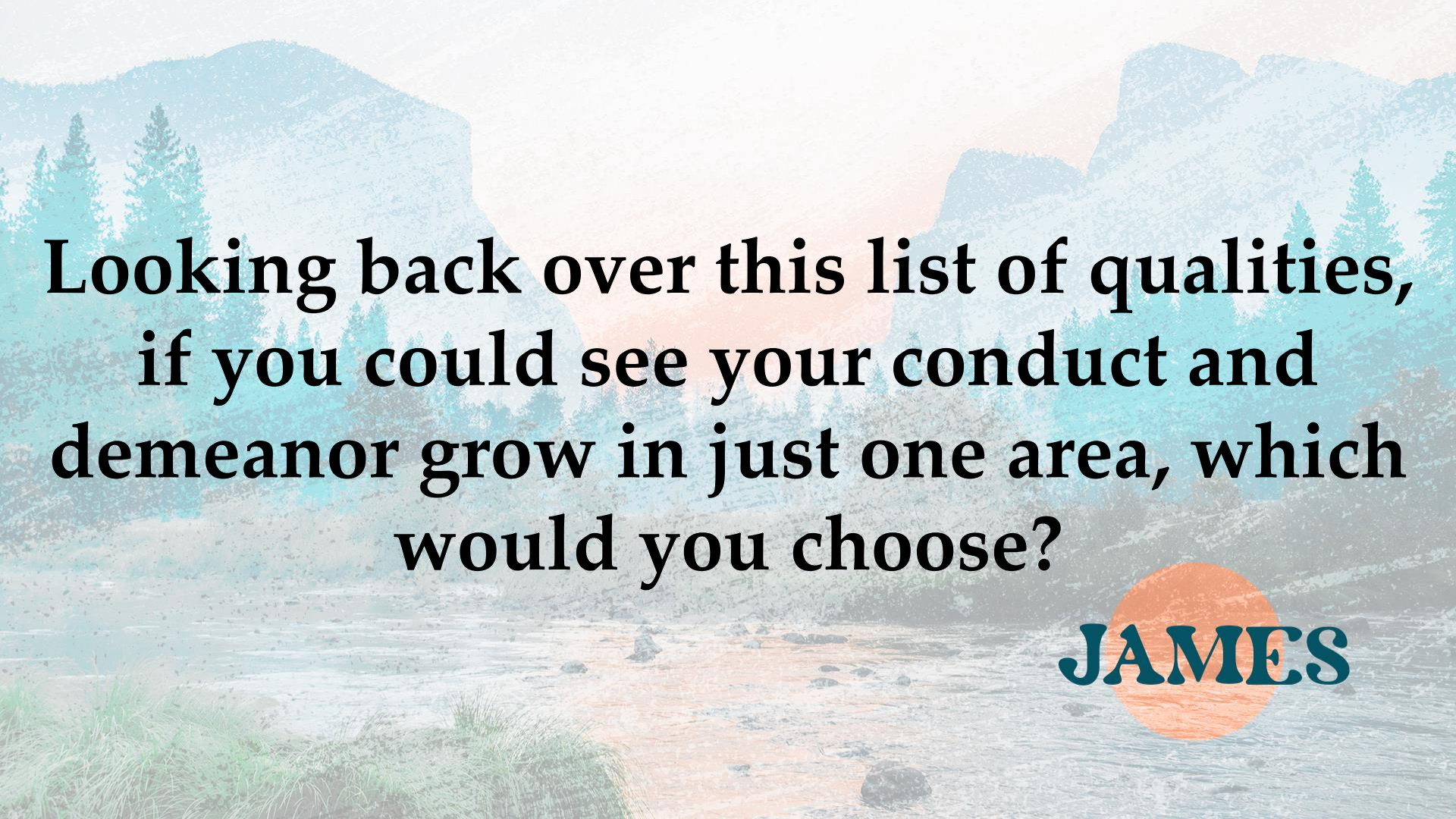
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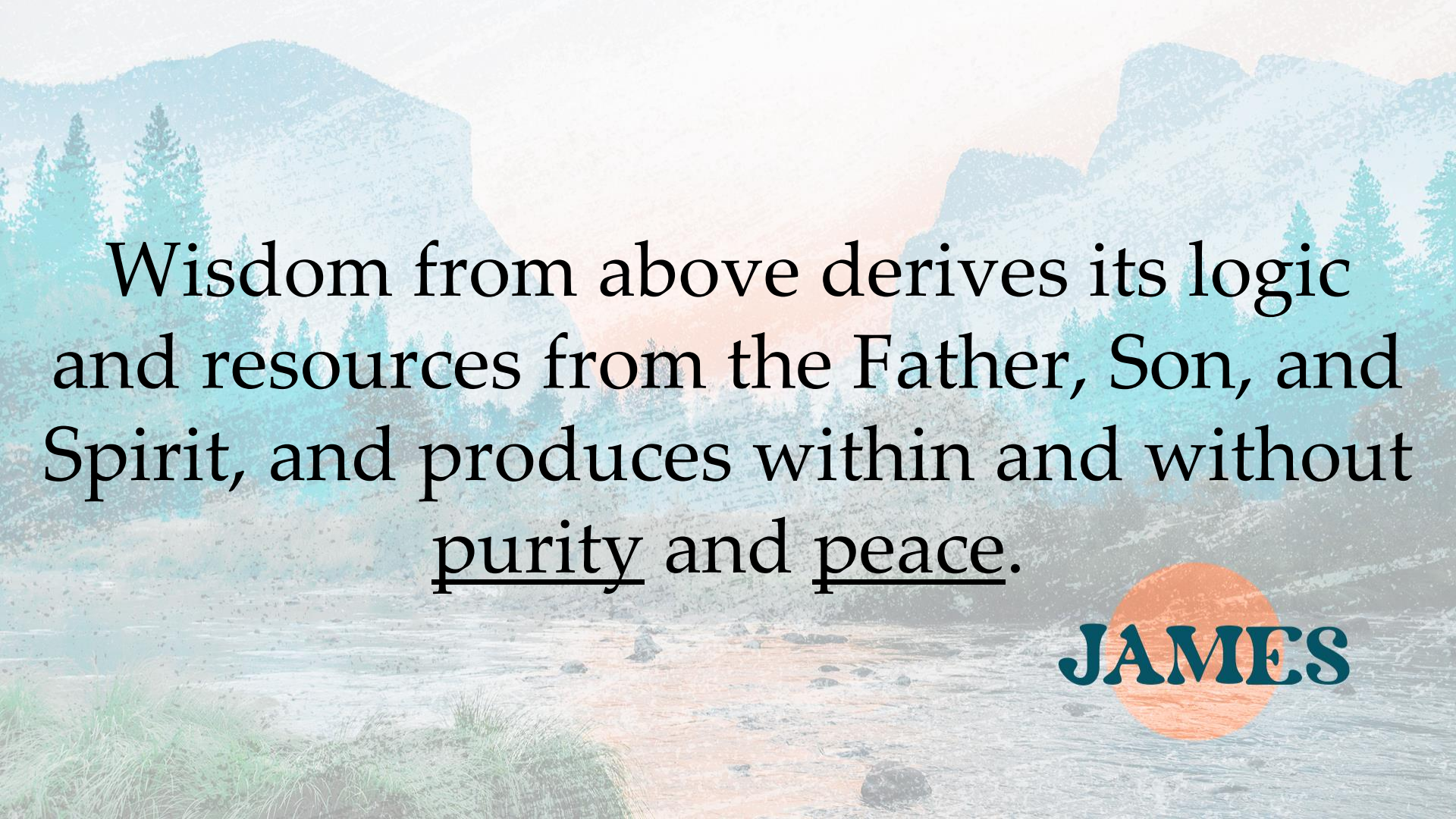
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**Looking back over this list of qualities,
if you could see your conduct and
demeanor grow in just one area, which
would you choose?**

JAMES



Wisdom from above derives its logic
and resources from the Father, Son, and
Spirit, and produces within and without
purity and peace.

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