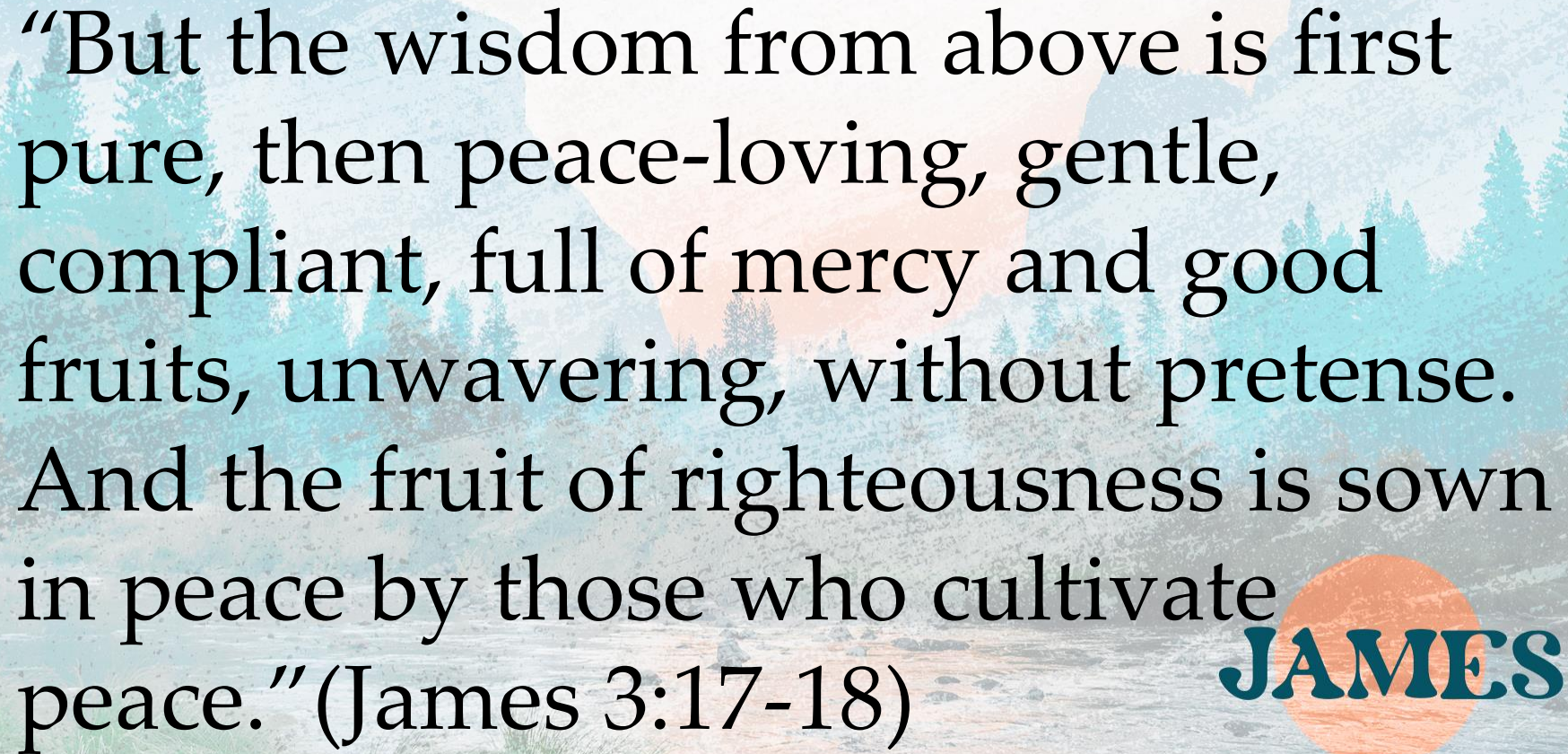


A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley. In the background, there are blue-toned mountains and a dense forest of evergreen trees. A large, solid orange circle, representing a sun or moon, is positioned behind the main title. The overall aesthetic is artistic and serene.

JAMES

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“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)

JAMES

“What is the source of wars and fights among you? Don’t they come from your passions that wage war within you? You desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and wage war. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and don’t receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.” (James 4:1-3)

JAMES

“You adulterous people! Don’t you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God. Or do you think it’s without reason that the Scripture says: The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely?

But he gives greater grace...”

(James 4:4-6)

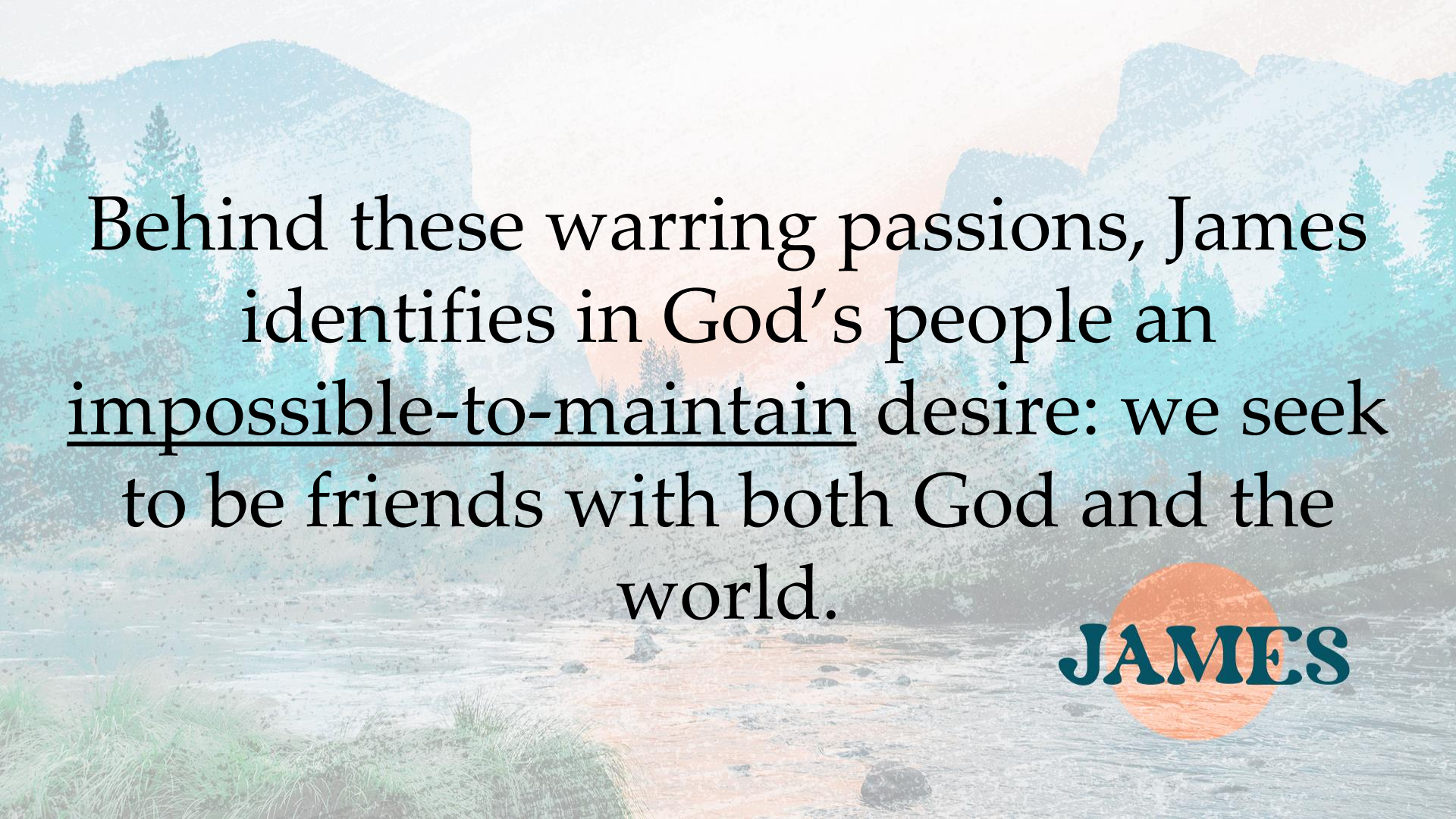
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My sin doesn't get along with your sin.

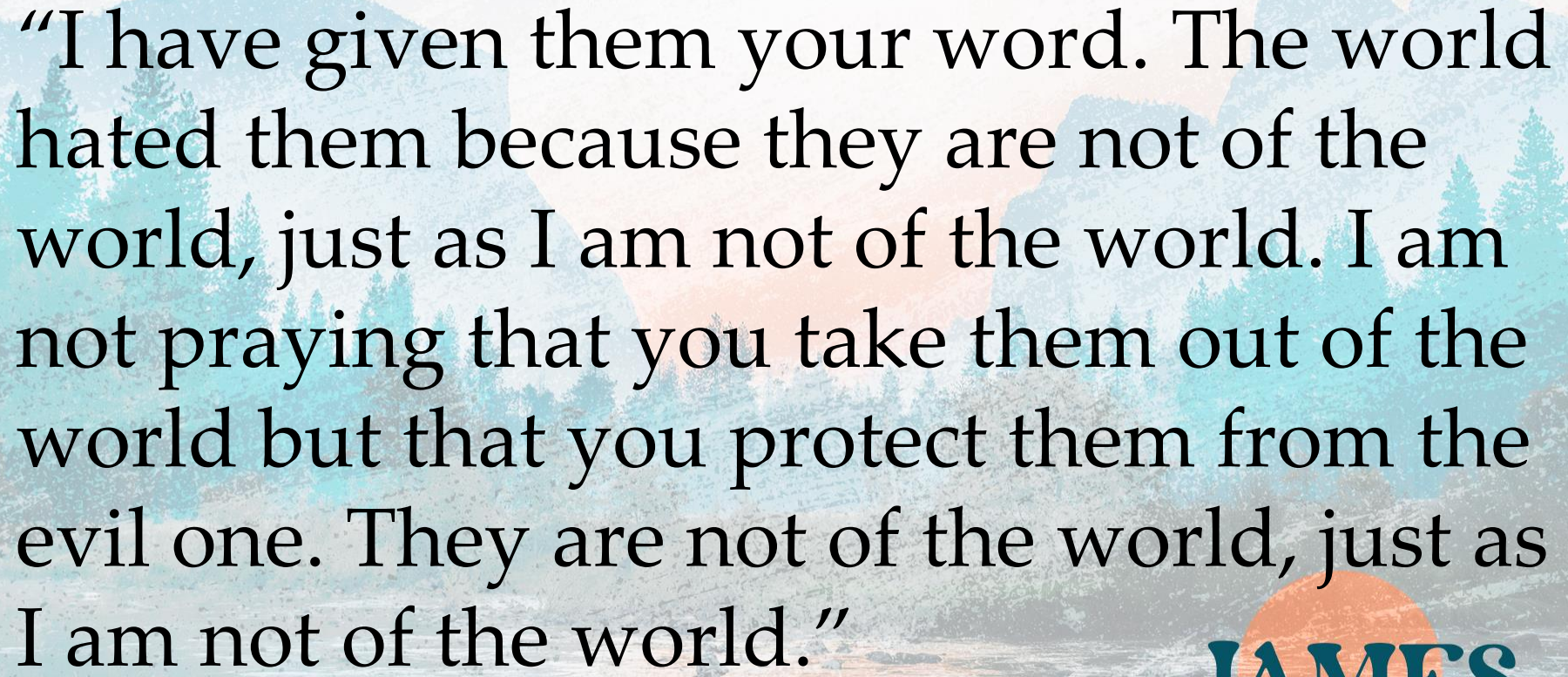
Within the community of Jesus' followers, James see our disordered desires, bitter zeal, and self-seeking ambition all stirred up in conflict with one another.

JAMES



Behind these warring passions, James identifies in God's people an impossible-to-maintain desire: we seek to be friends with both God and the world.

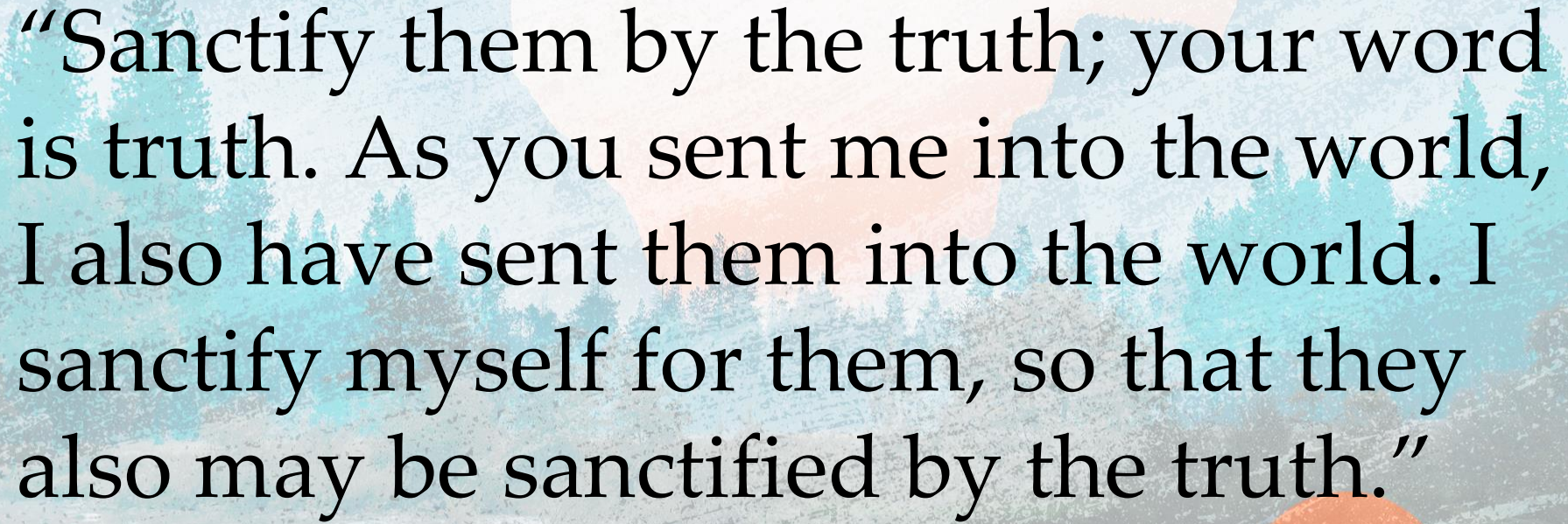
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“I have given them your word. The world hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I am not praying that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

(John 17:14-16)

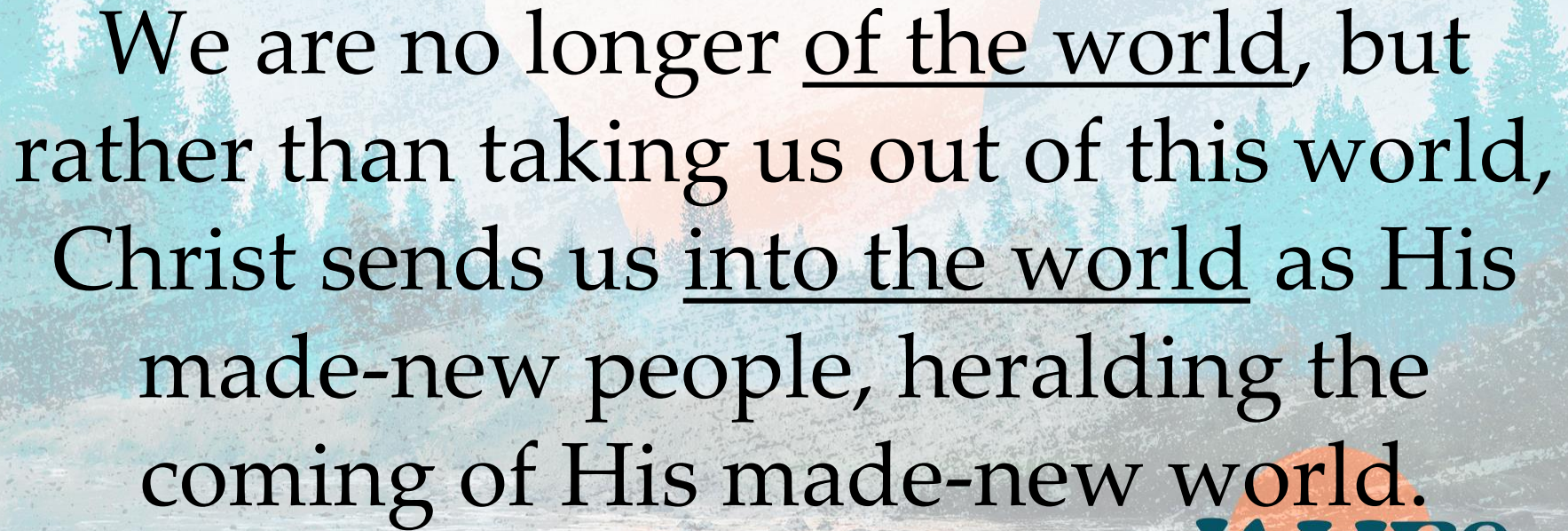
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“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. I sanctify myself for them, so that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”

(John 17:17-19)

JAMES



We are no longer of the world, but
rather than taking us out of this world,
Christ sends us into the world as His
made-new people, heralding the
coming of His made-new world.

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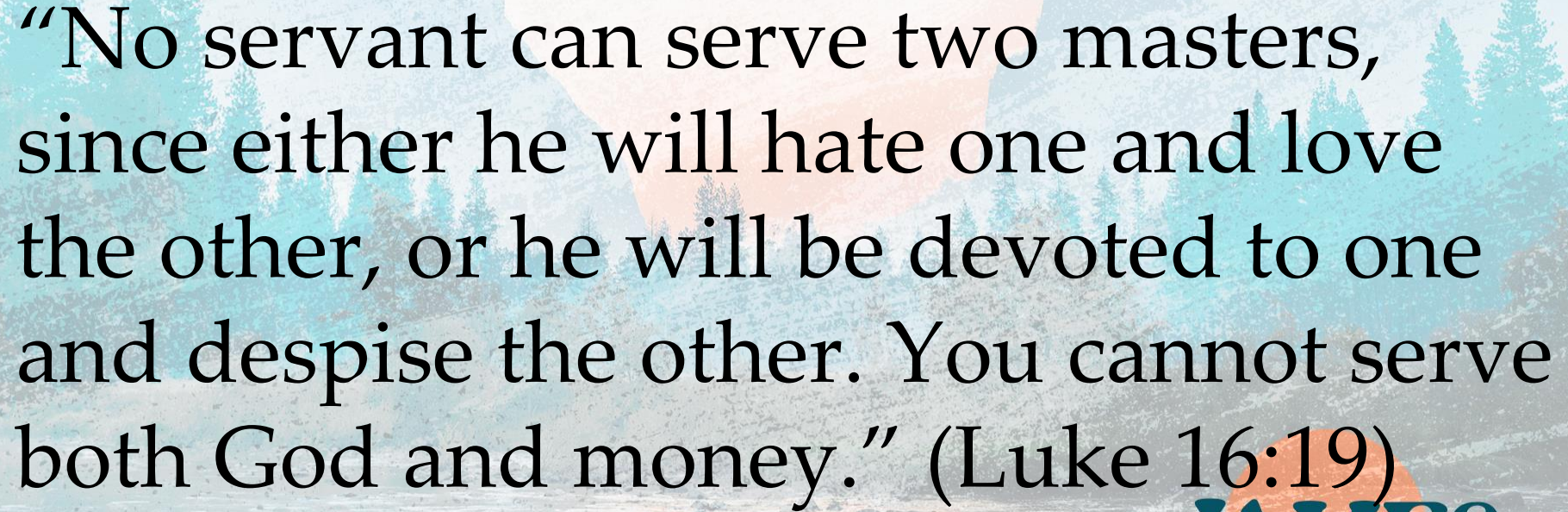
Friendship in the ancient world was often understood through the lens of a patron-client relationship.



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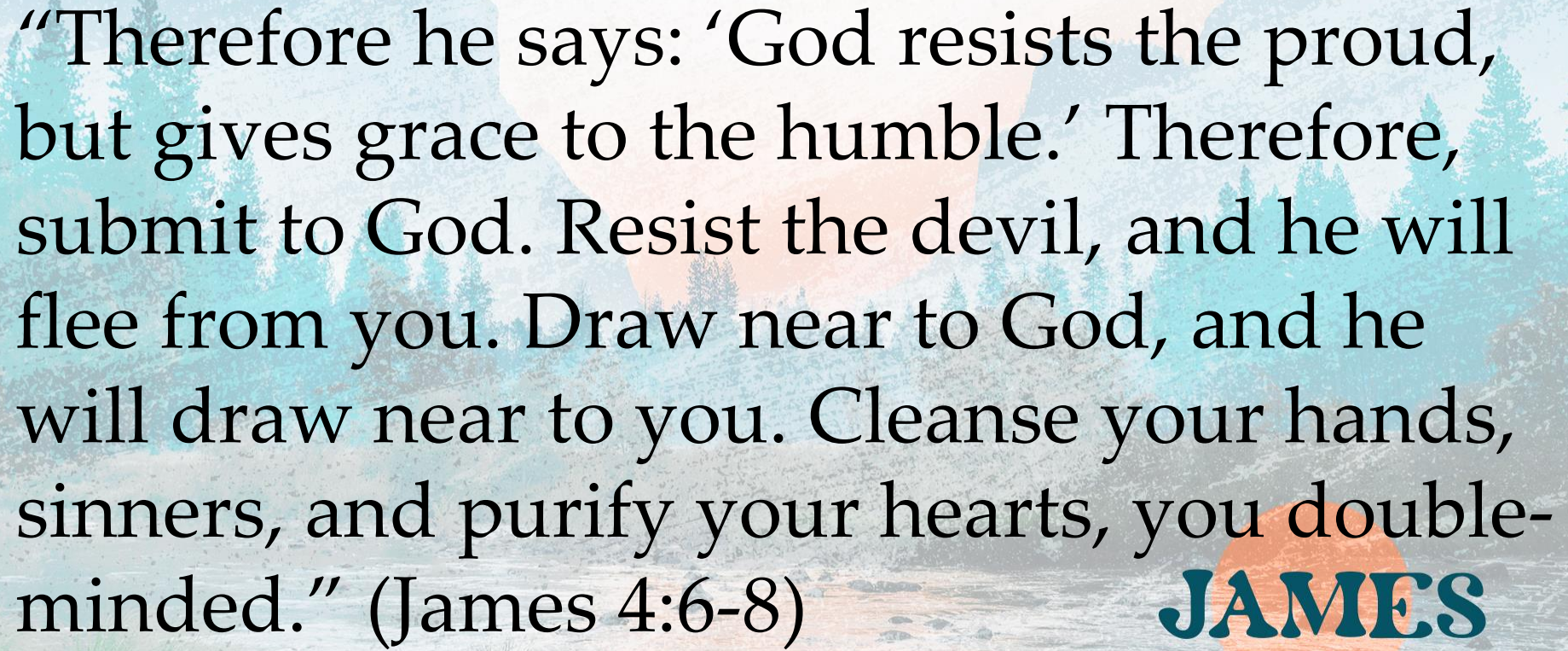
“Friendship” in the ancient world was all about who you hitched your wagon to in order to secure your future. It was about who—when push came to shove—had your allegiance, your vote, your heart.

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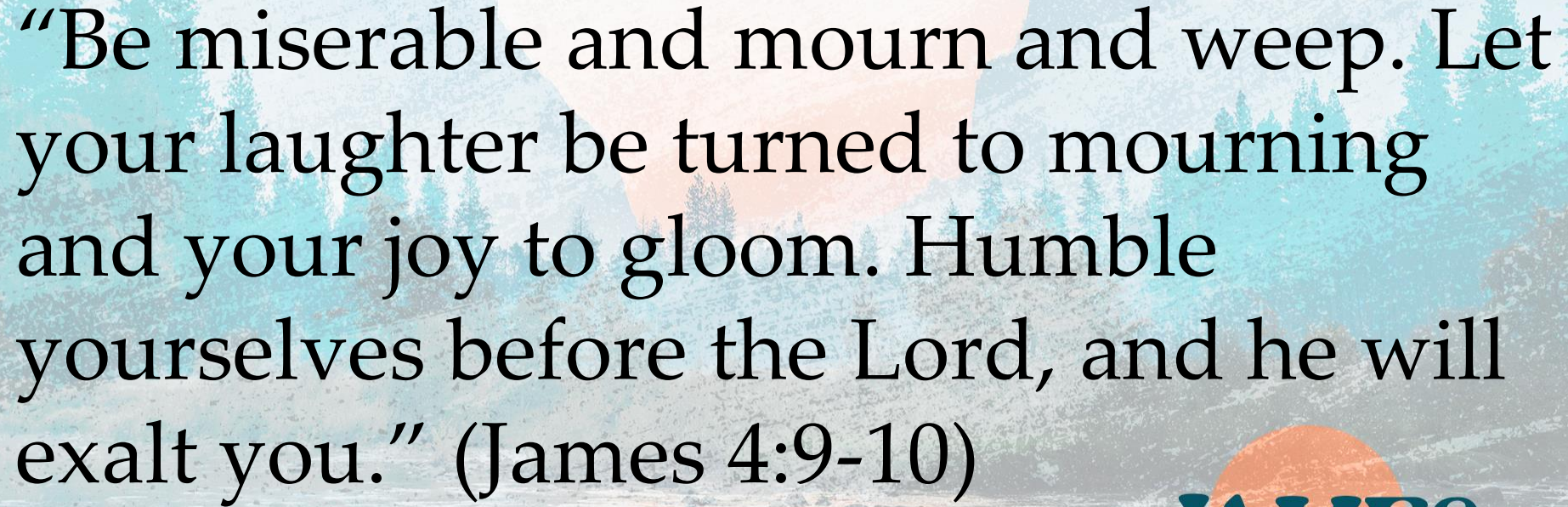
“No servant can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Luke 16:19)

JAMES



“Therefore he says: ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” (James 4:6-8)

JAMES



“Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” (James 4:9-10)

JAMES

How have you been flirting with a friendship with the world?

- Outside of the Lord, what are you looking to secure your future?
- What are you embracing to guarantee your current joy and satisfaction?

JAMES

How have you been flirting with a friendship with the world?

- What “muchness” and “manyness” has your life been filled with as result of a friendship with the world?
- What values have you absorbed along the way?

JAMES



**What is your first step in breaking off
your particular flavor of friendship with
the world?**

JAMES



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