



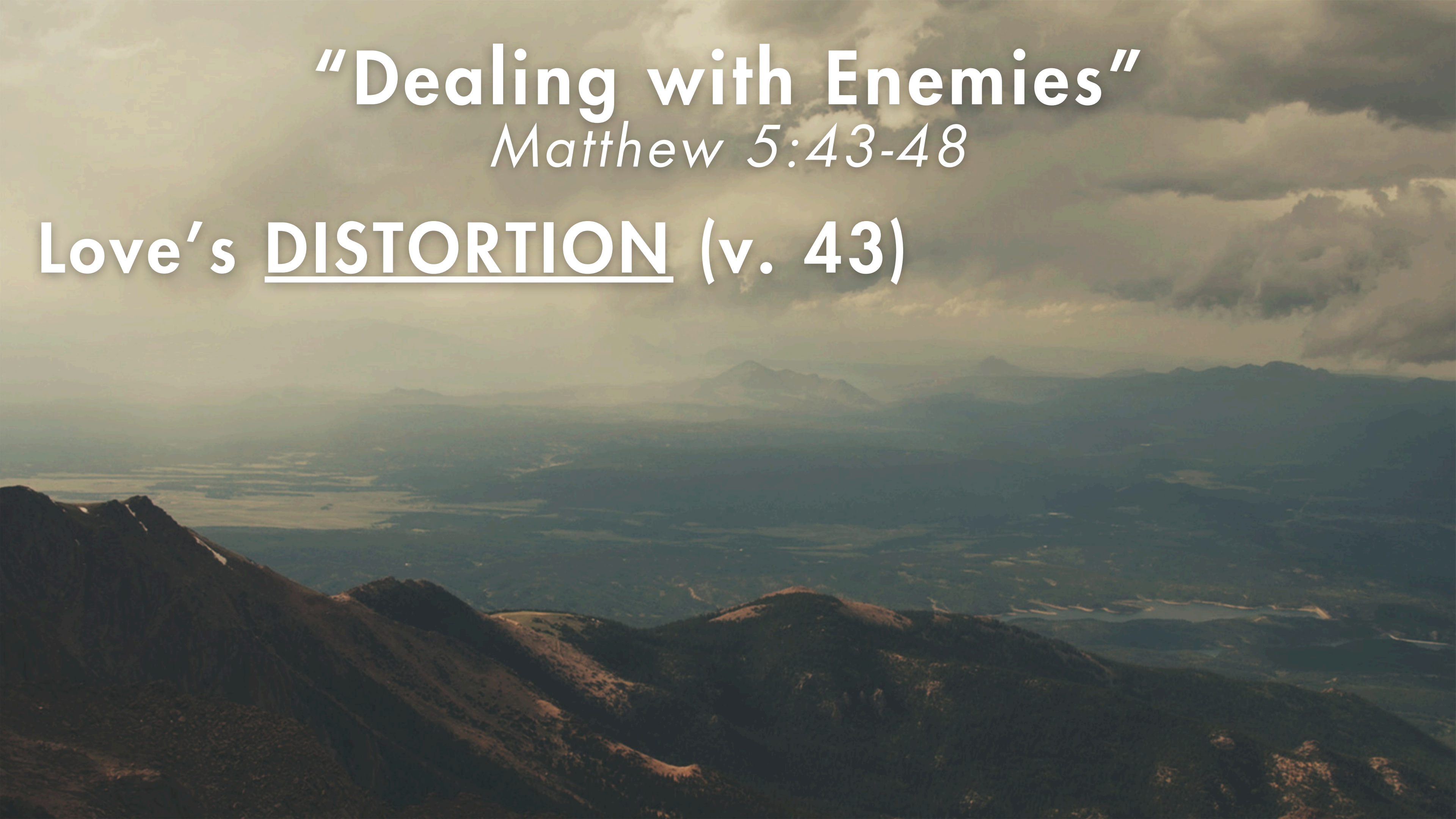
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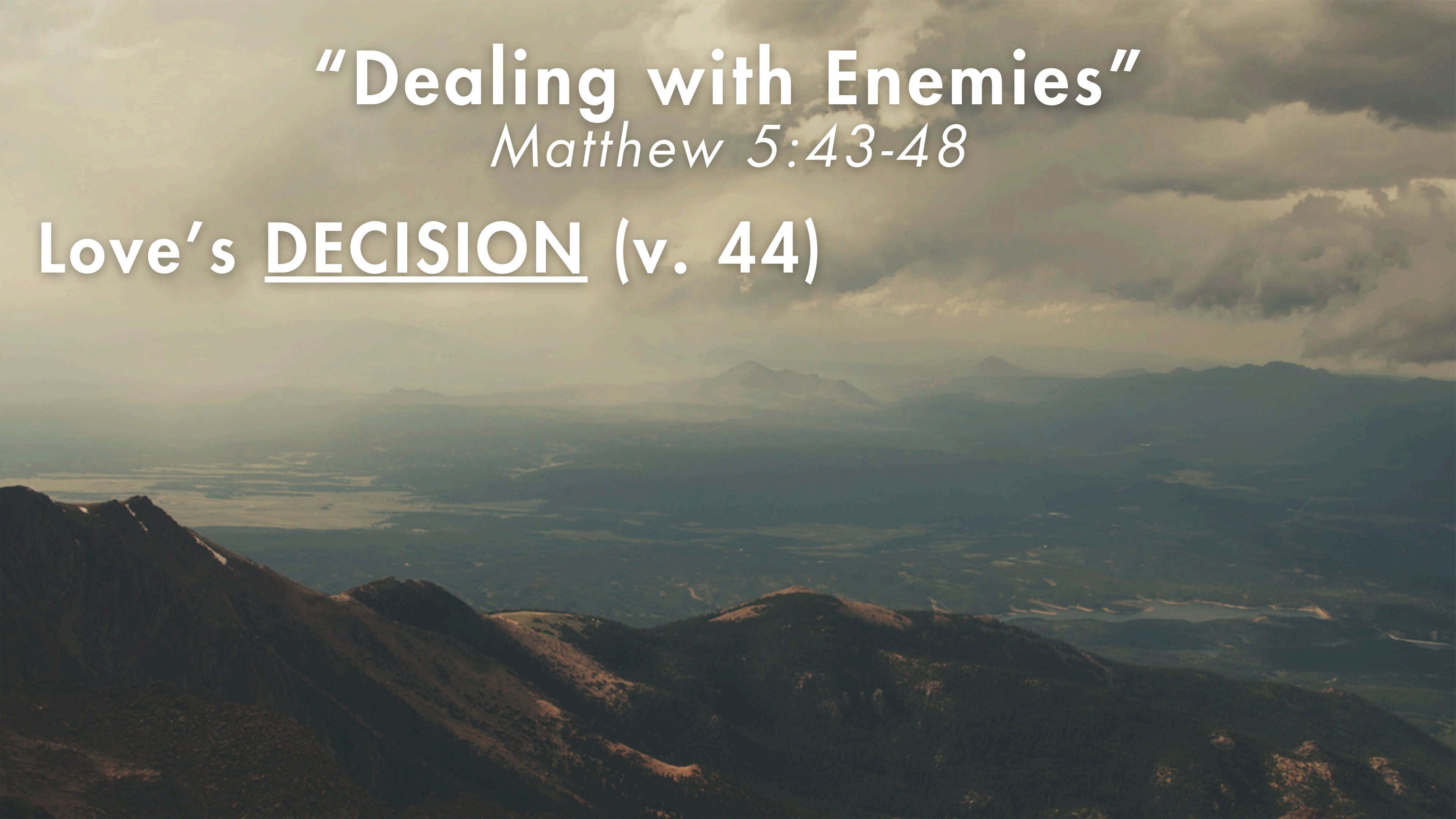
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You can still love those you disagree with.

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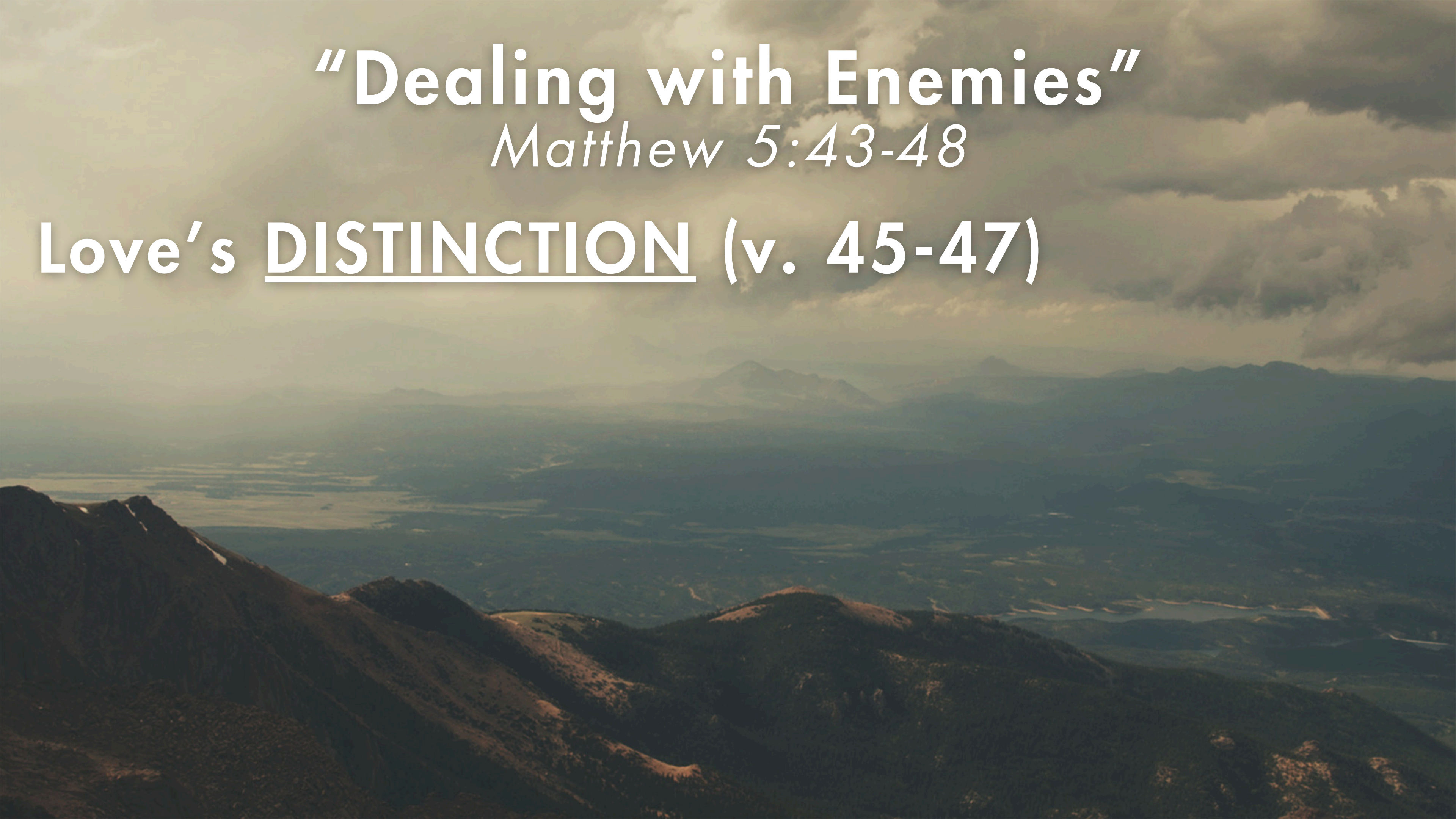
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It's impossible to continually hate
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Kingdom love is to be different from worldly love.

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