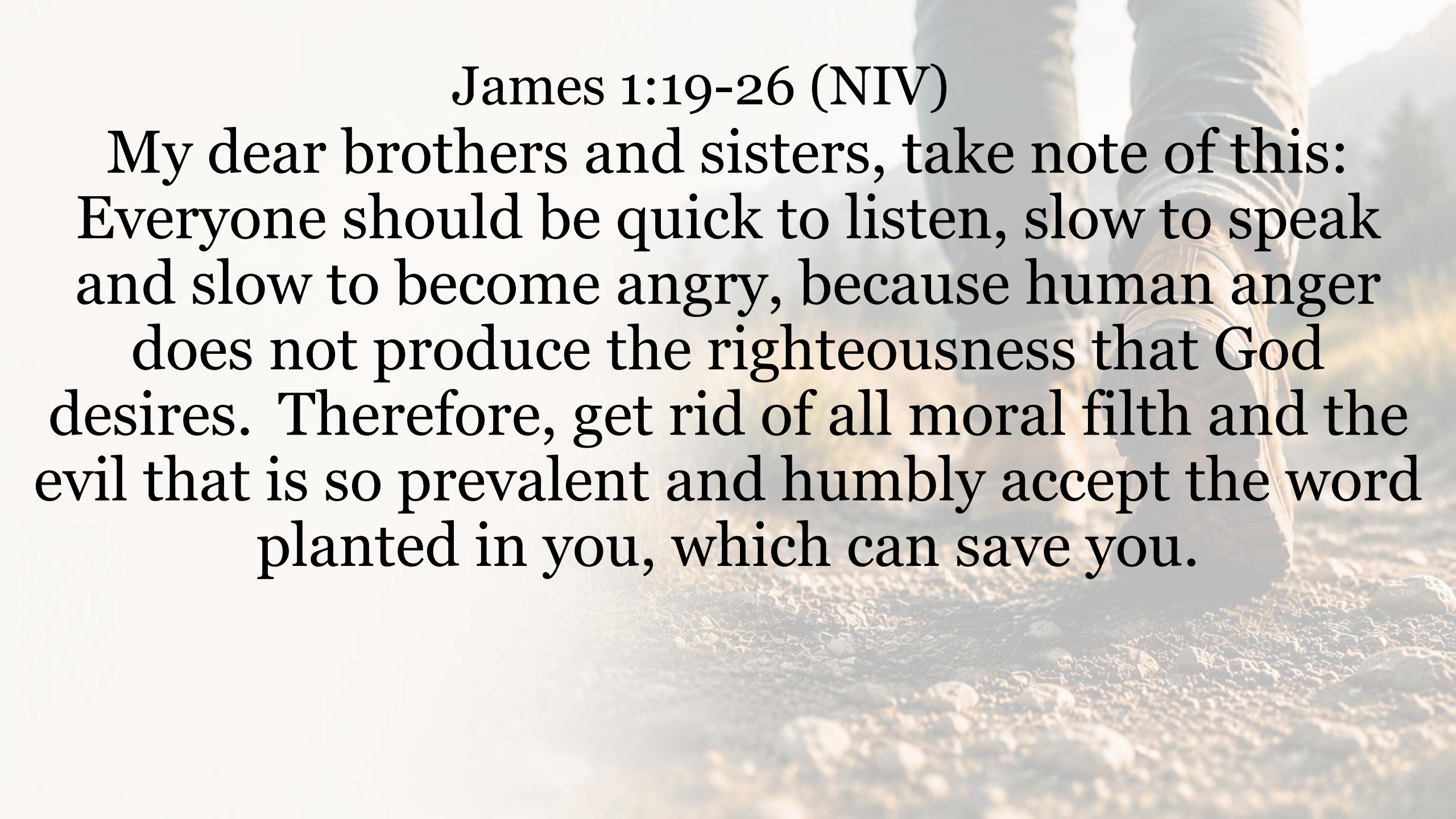


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A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs and feet as they walk on a rocky, gravelly path. The person is wearing dark blue jeans and brown leather hiking boots with thick, treaded soles. The path leads towards a calm body of water, likely a lake, in the background. The far shore is lined with evergreen trees and rolling mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The text "Talk is Cheap" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, serif font.

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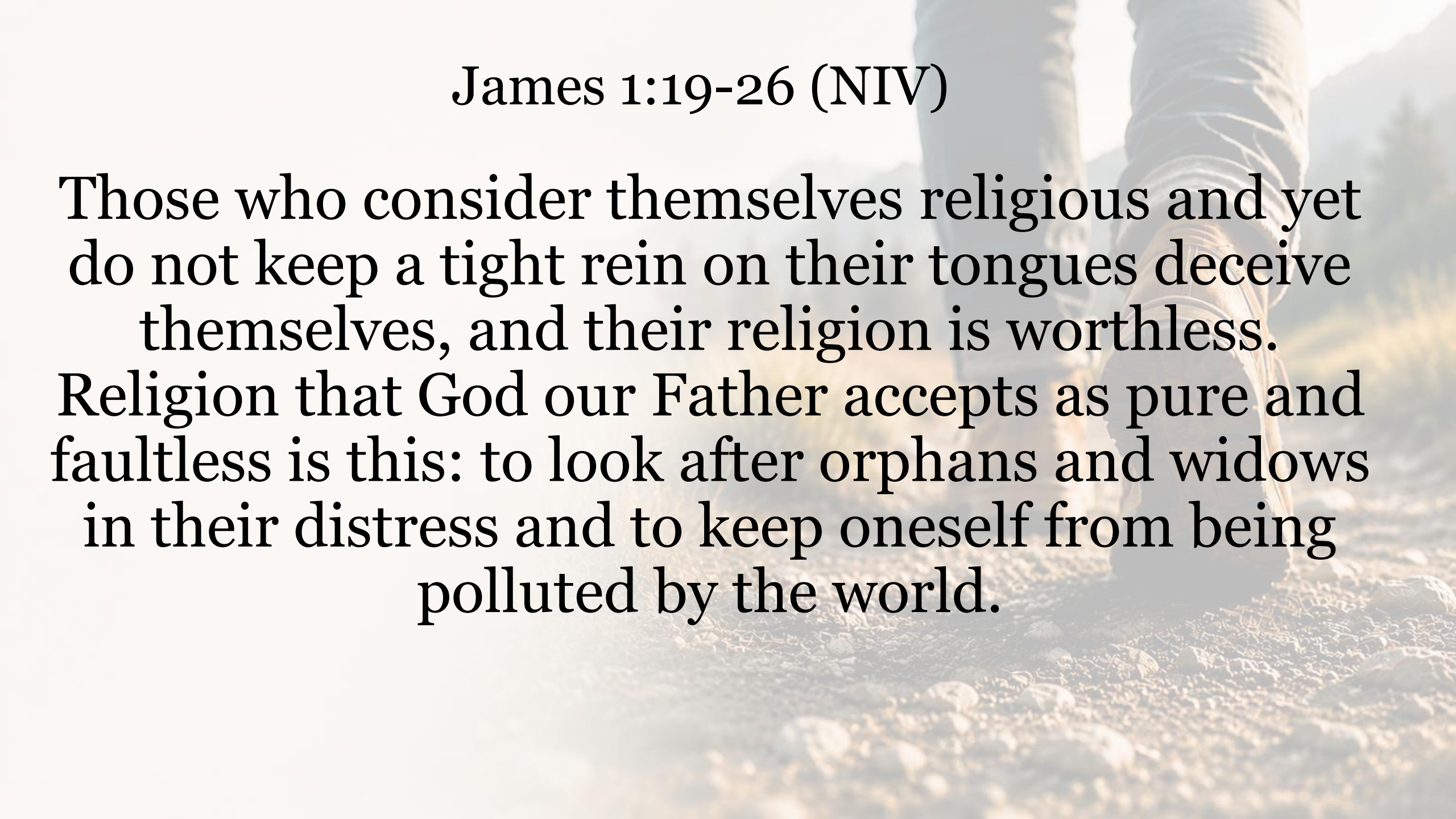
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James 1:19-26 (NIV)

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

James 1:19-26 (NIV)

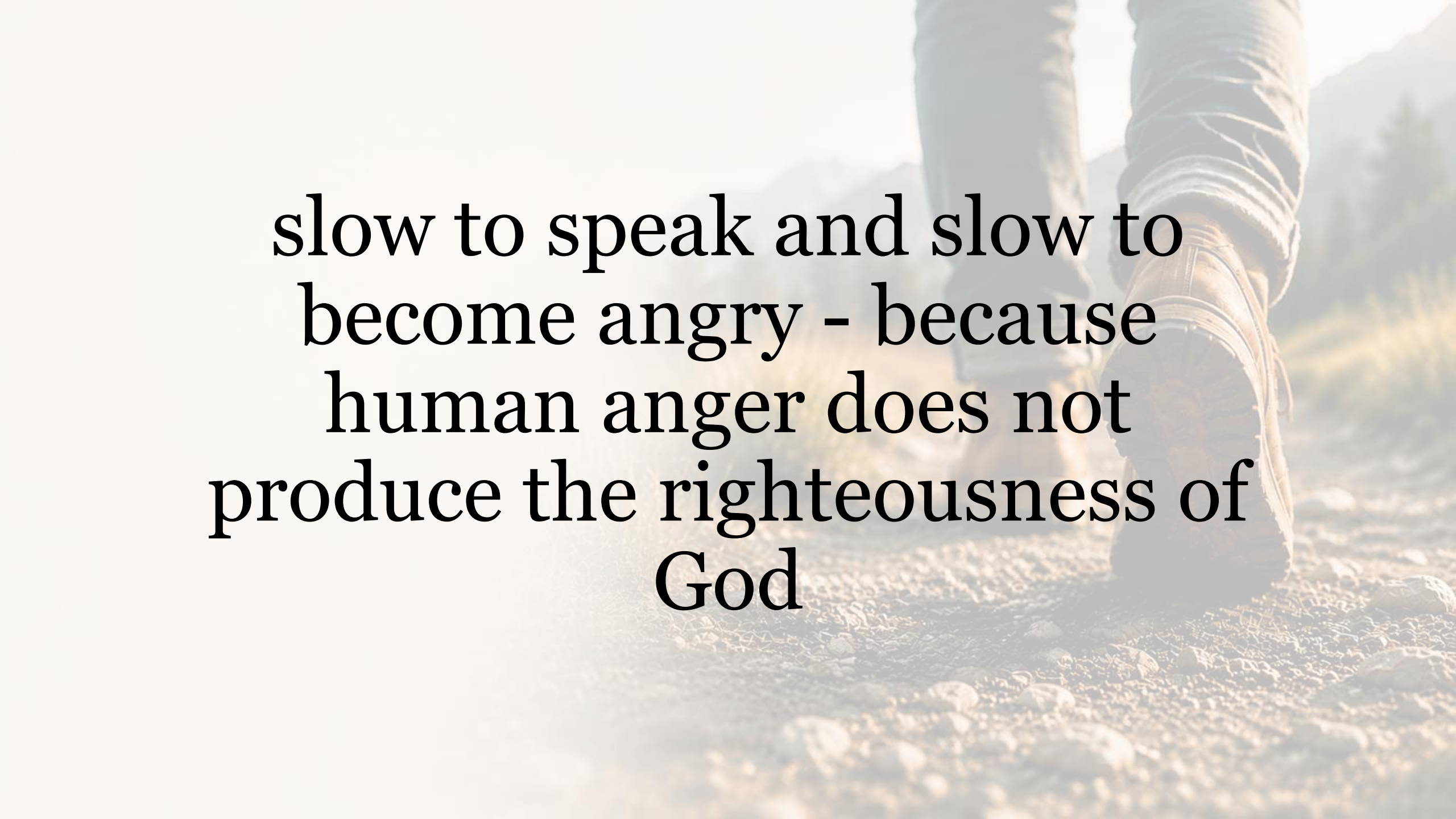
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James 1:19-26 (NIV)

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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

A background image showing a person's legs and feet walking on a rocky, uneven path. The person is wearing dark pants and brown leather boots. The path is made of small stones and dirt. In the background, there are mountains and some trees under a bright, hazy sky. The overall tone is warm and natural.

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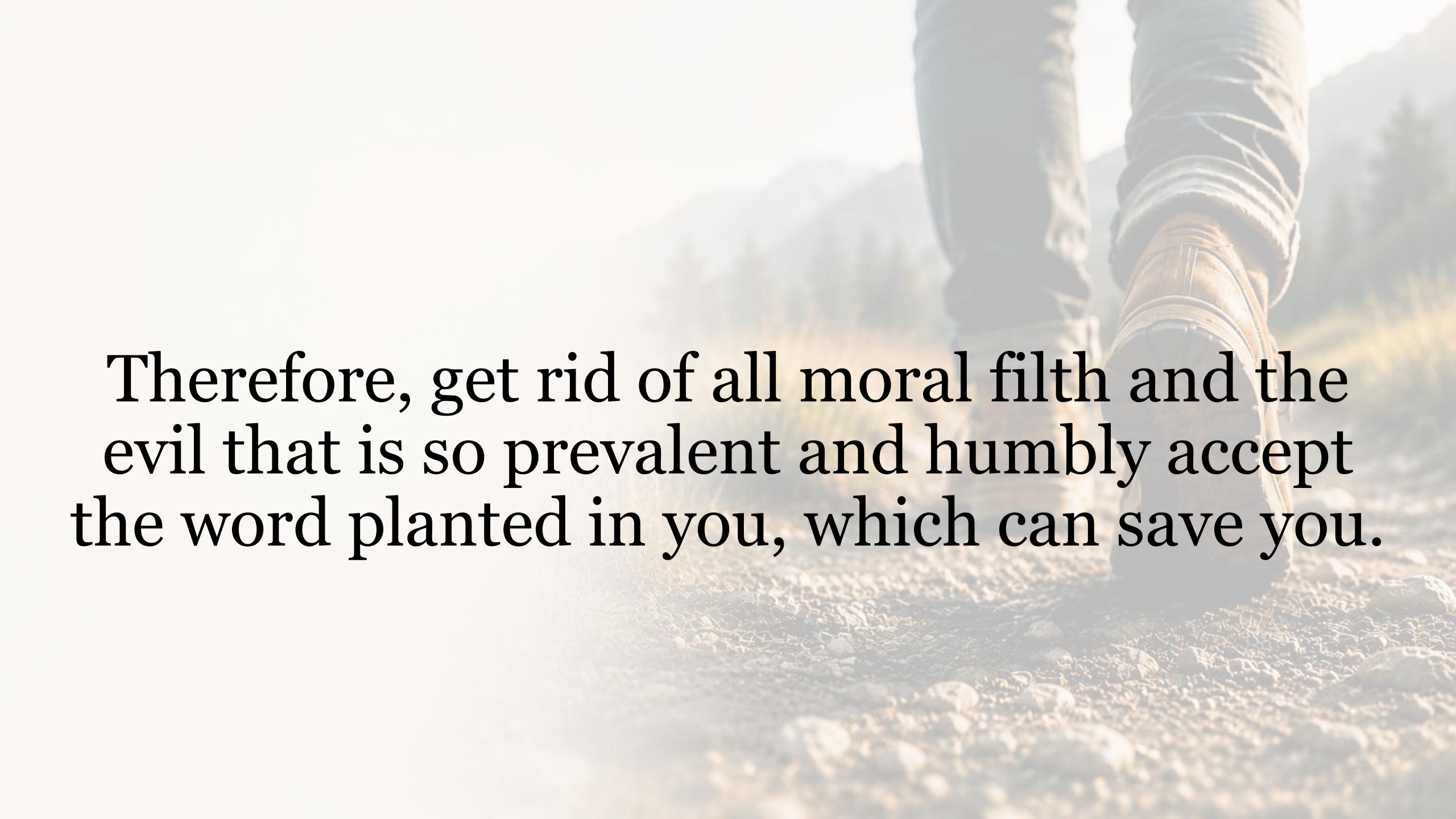
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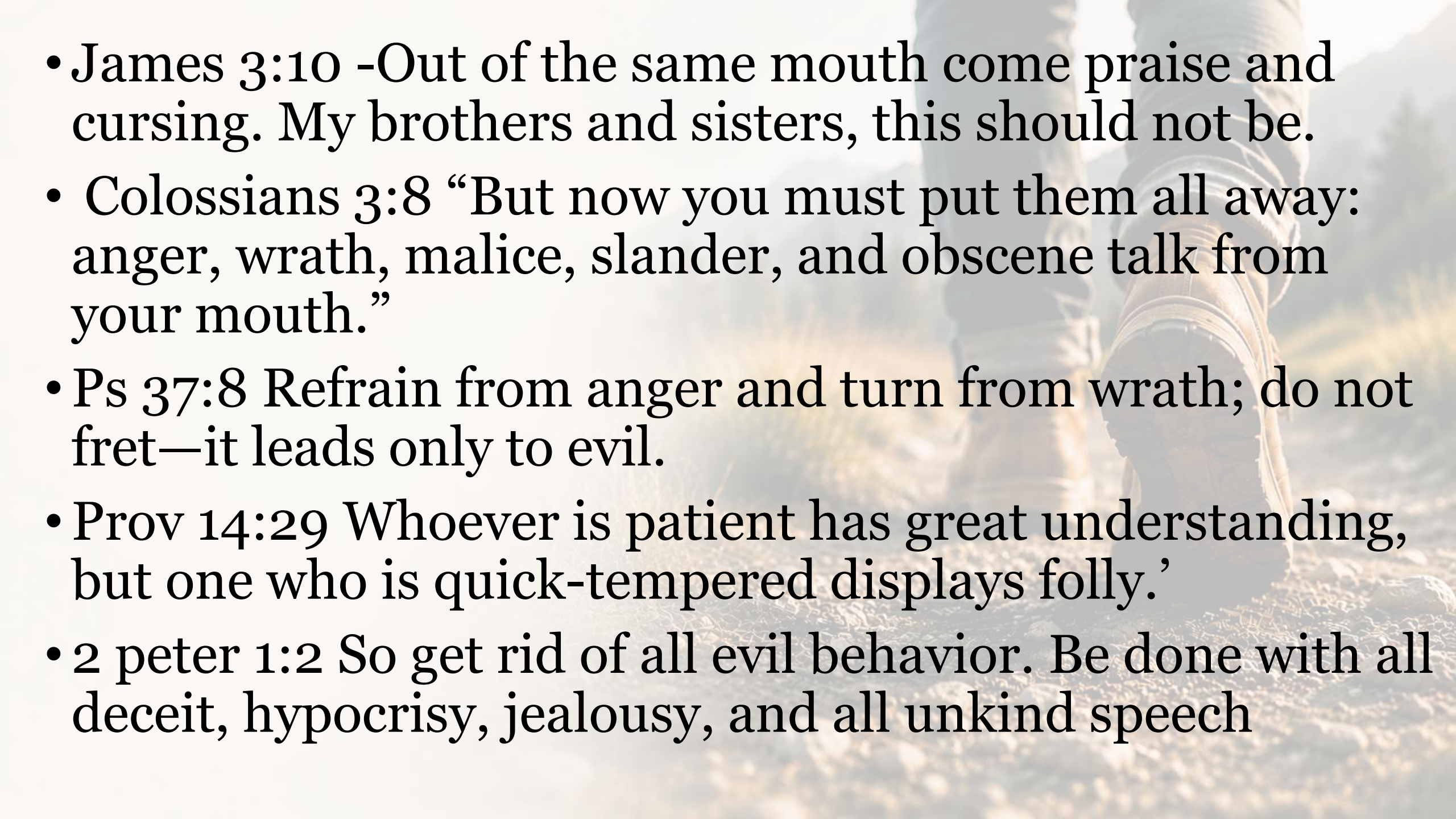
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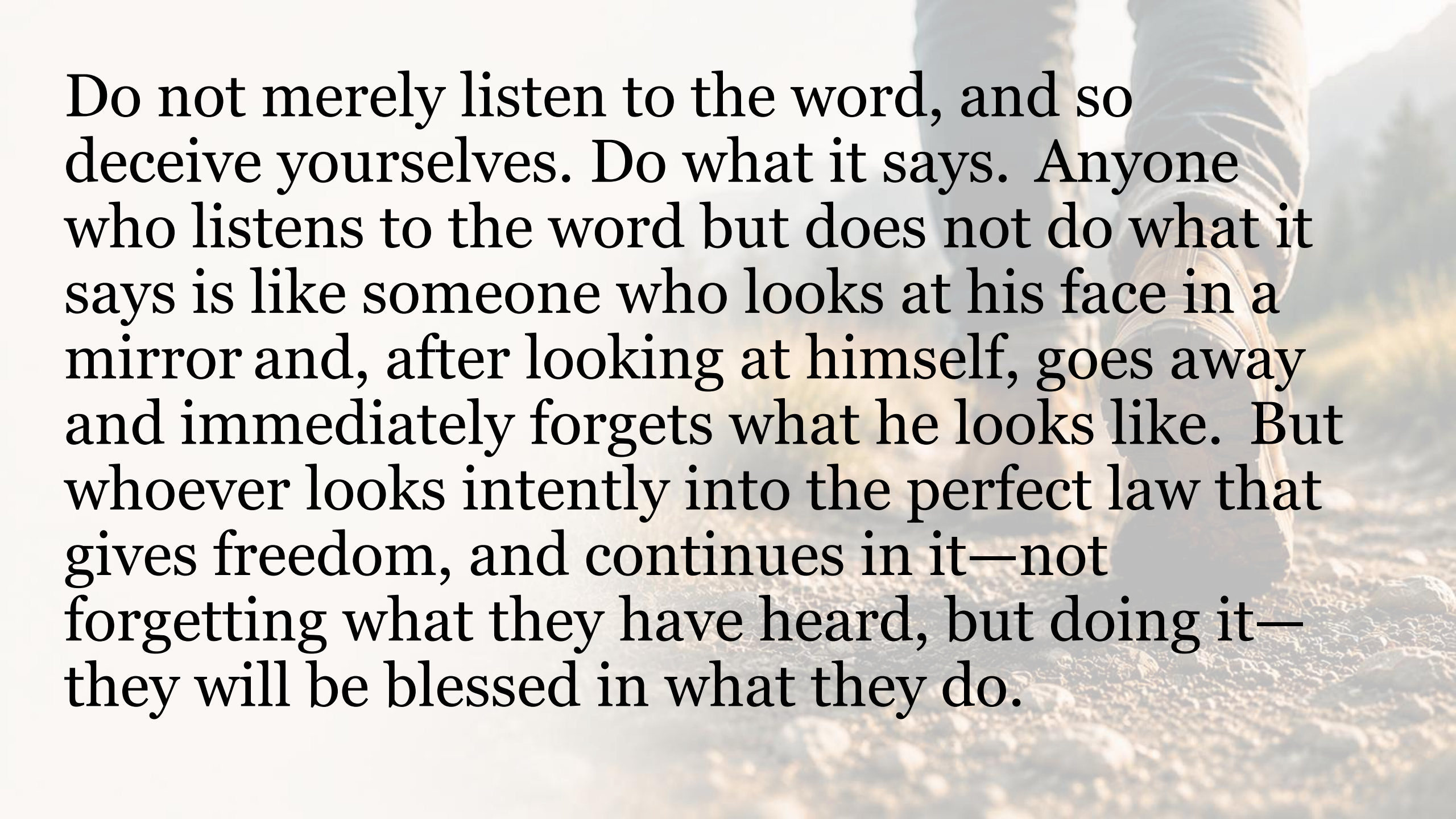
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Allowing the Holy Spirit to wash what
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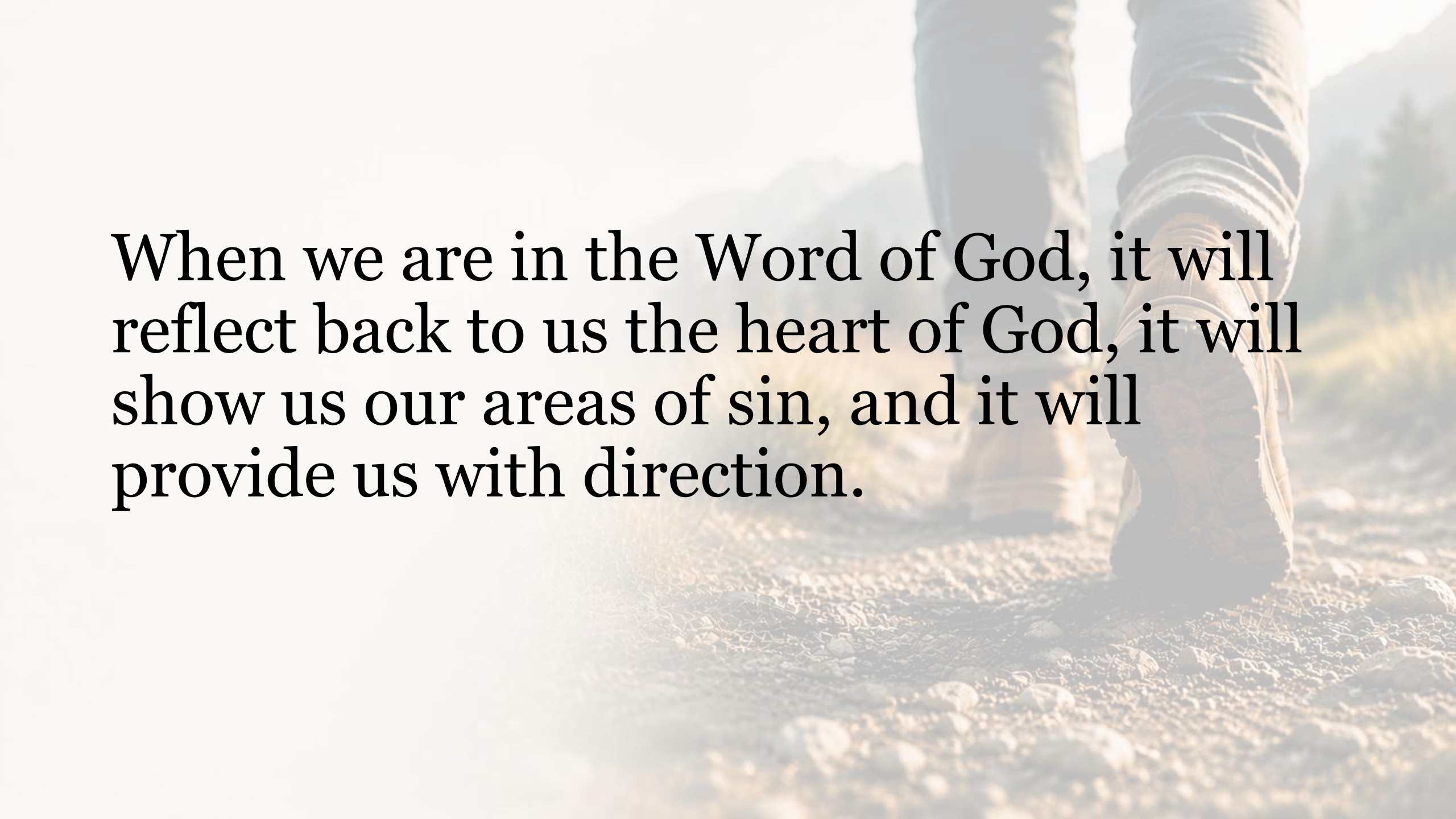
A low-angle, first-person perspective shot of a person's legs and feet walking on a rocky, uneven path. The person is wearing dark blue jeans and brown leather hiking boots. The background is a hazy, mountainous landscape with some evergreen trees visible in the distance. The lighting is soft and diffused, suggesting an overcast day or early morning/late afternoon. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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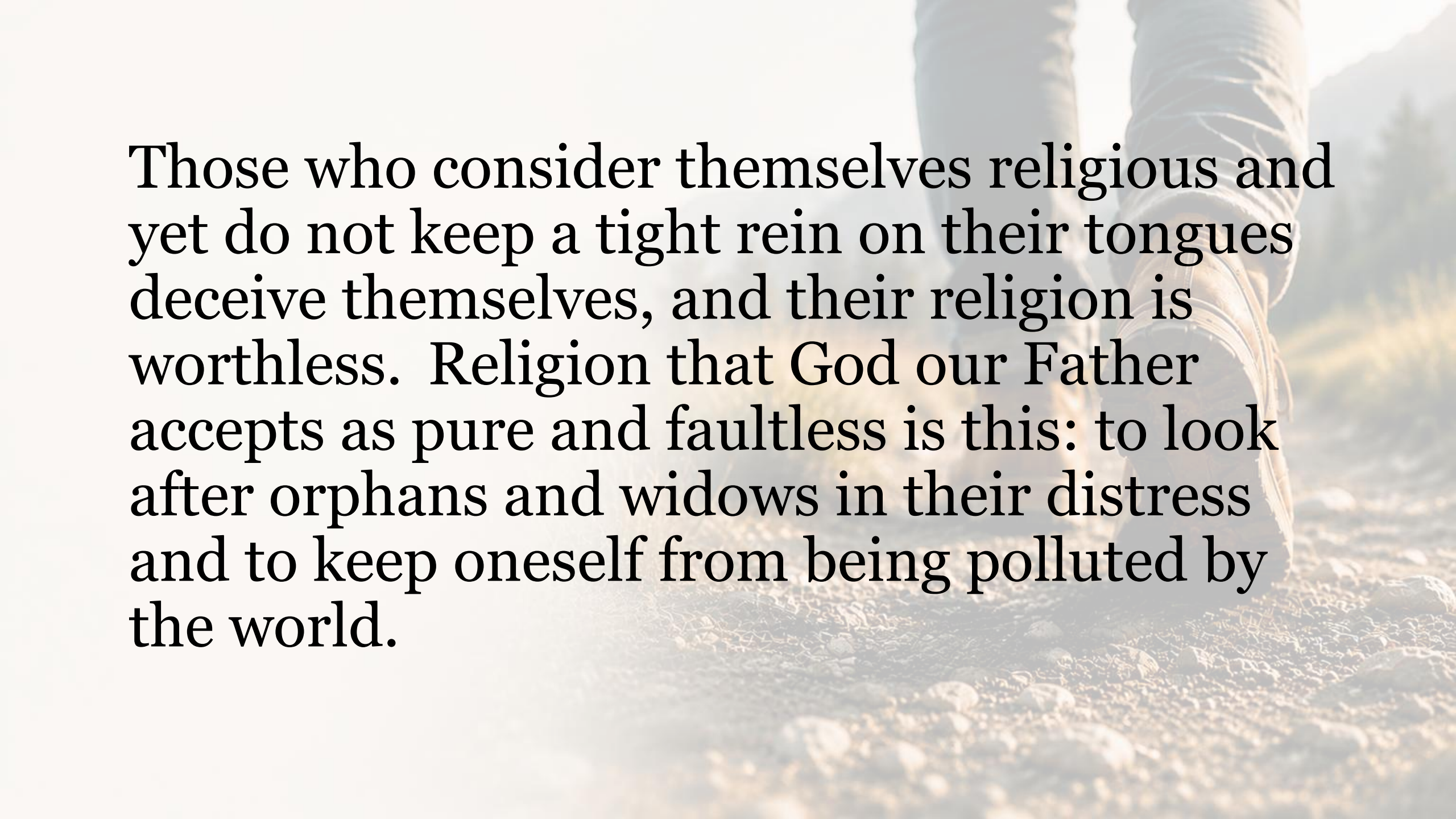
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- James 3:10 -Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.
 - Colossians 3:8 “But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.”
 - Ps 37:8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.
 - Prov 14:29 Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.’
 - 2 peter 1:2 So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech

A person's legs and feet are visible in the background, walking on a rocky, uneven path. The person is wearing dark pants and brown boots. The background is slightly blurred, showing a natural, outdoor setting with rocks and some vegetation. The text is overlaid on this image in a large, black, serif font.

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When we are in the Word of God, it will reflect back to us the heart of God, it will show us our areas of sin, and it will provide us with direction.

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Romans 5:3-6

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Review

- Practice listening more, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in the space between our ears and our tongue.
- Practice suppressing our tongue and our anger
- We need to be studying God's word and applying it to our lives, not just reading and forgetting it, but meditating on it, allowing it to show us our weak areas, applying and practicing it - DON'T FOOL YOURSELF BY JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS
- Pursue the Righteousness of God
- Get rid of the moral filth in our lives
- Protect ourselves from being polluted by the world.

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