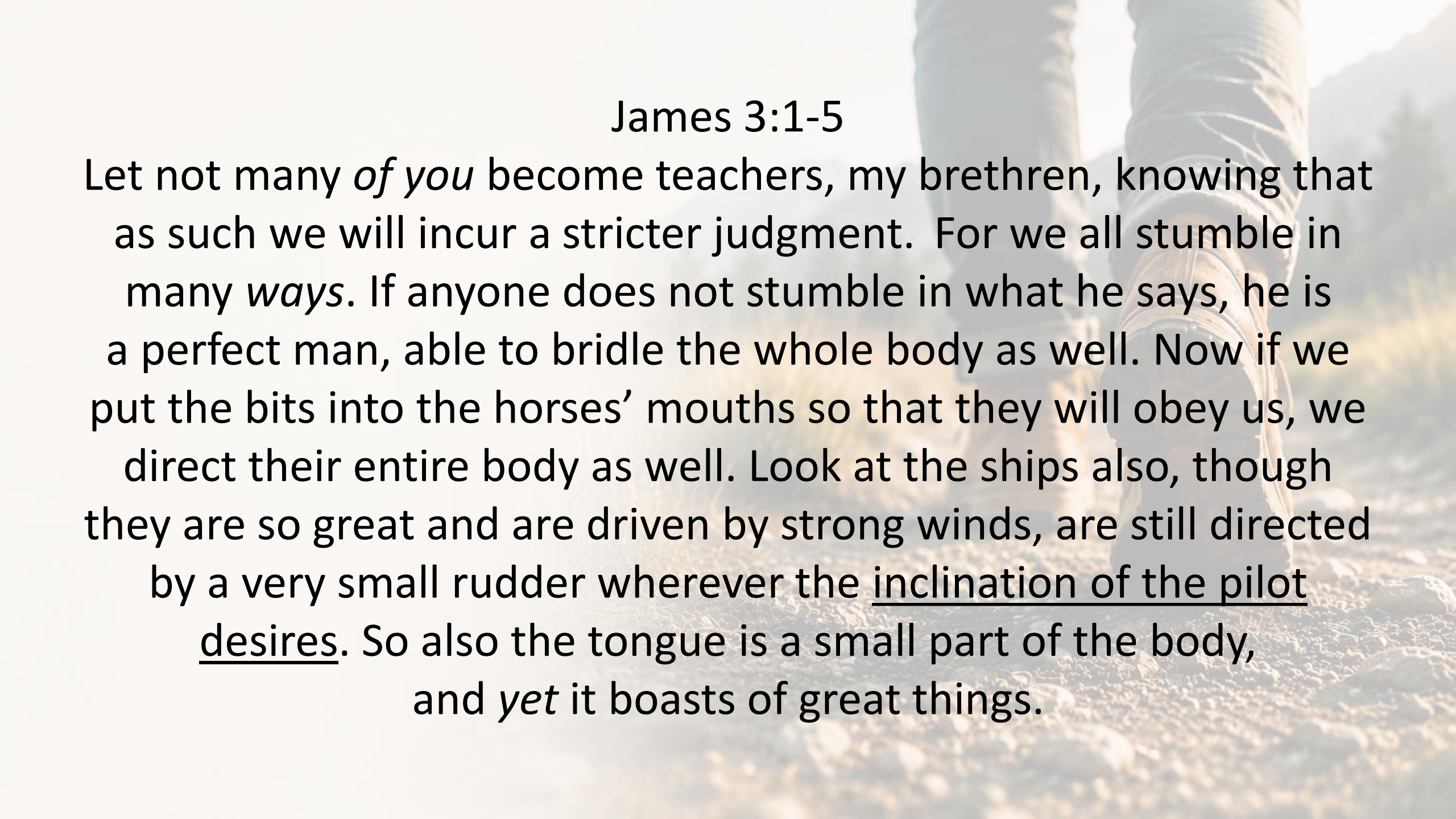


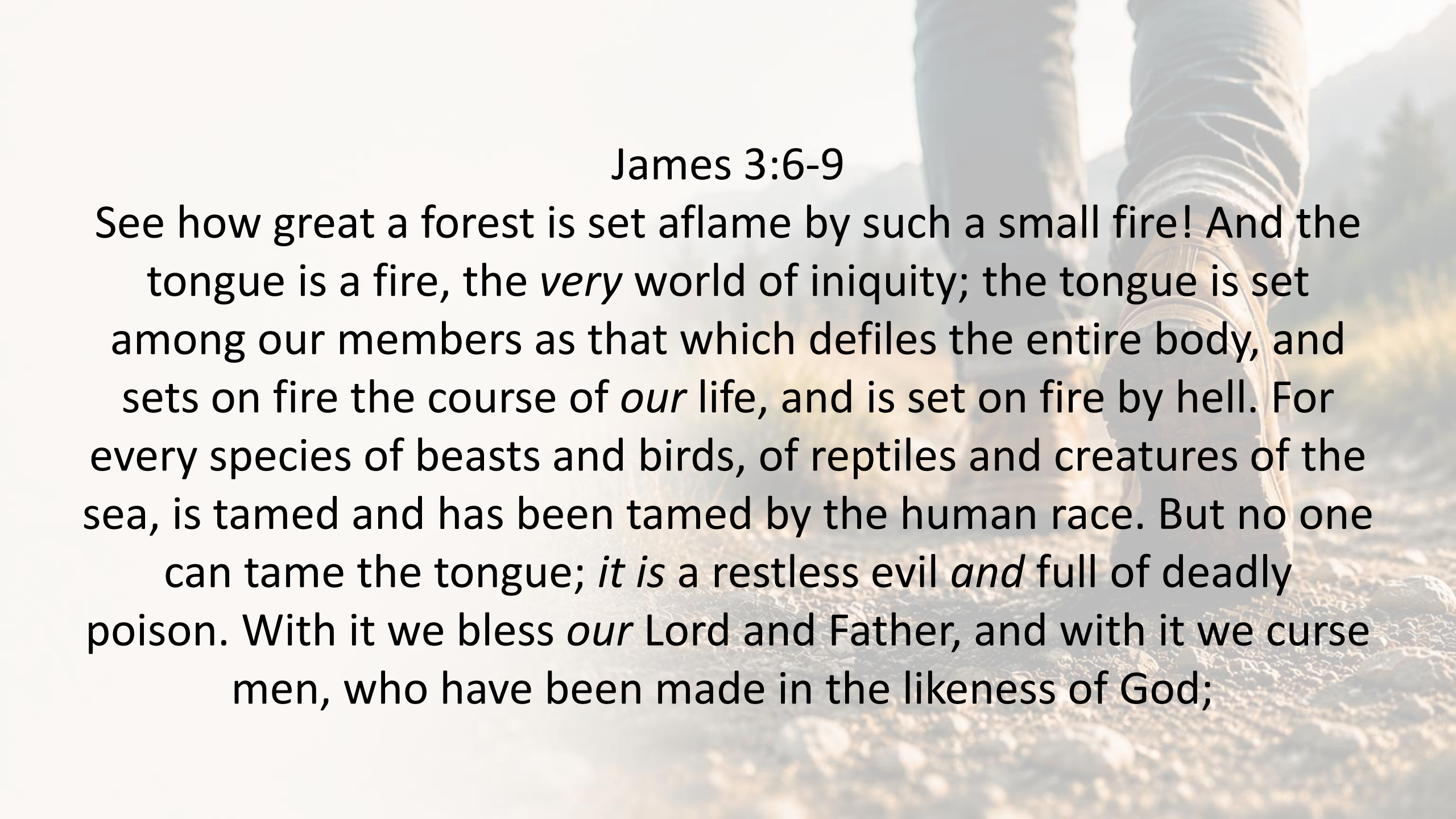
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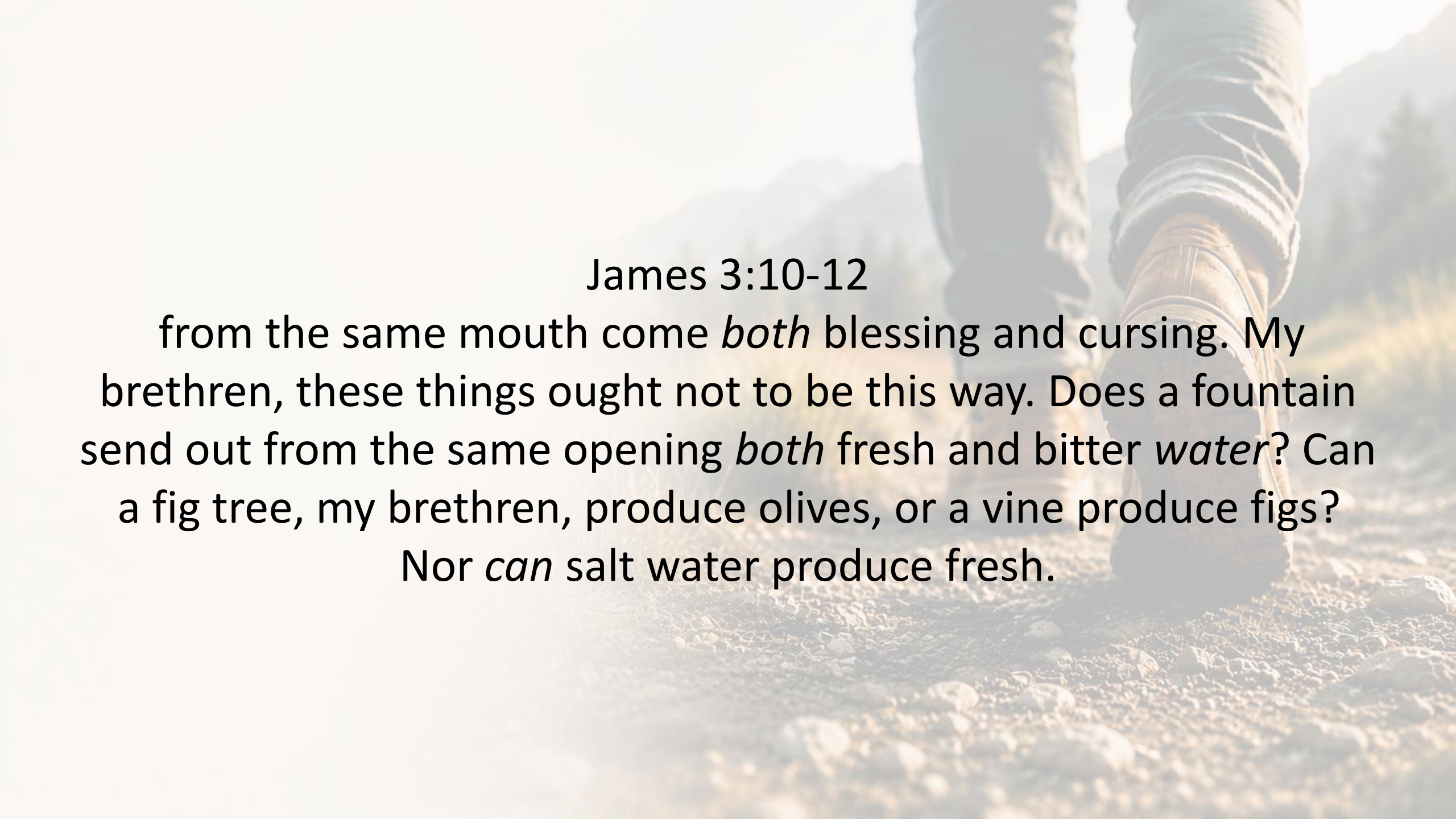
James 3:1-5

Let not many *of you* become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many *ways*. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and *yet* it boasts of great things.



James 3:6-9

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the *very* world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of *our* life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; *it is* a restless evil *and* full of deadly poison. With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

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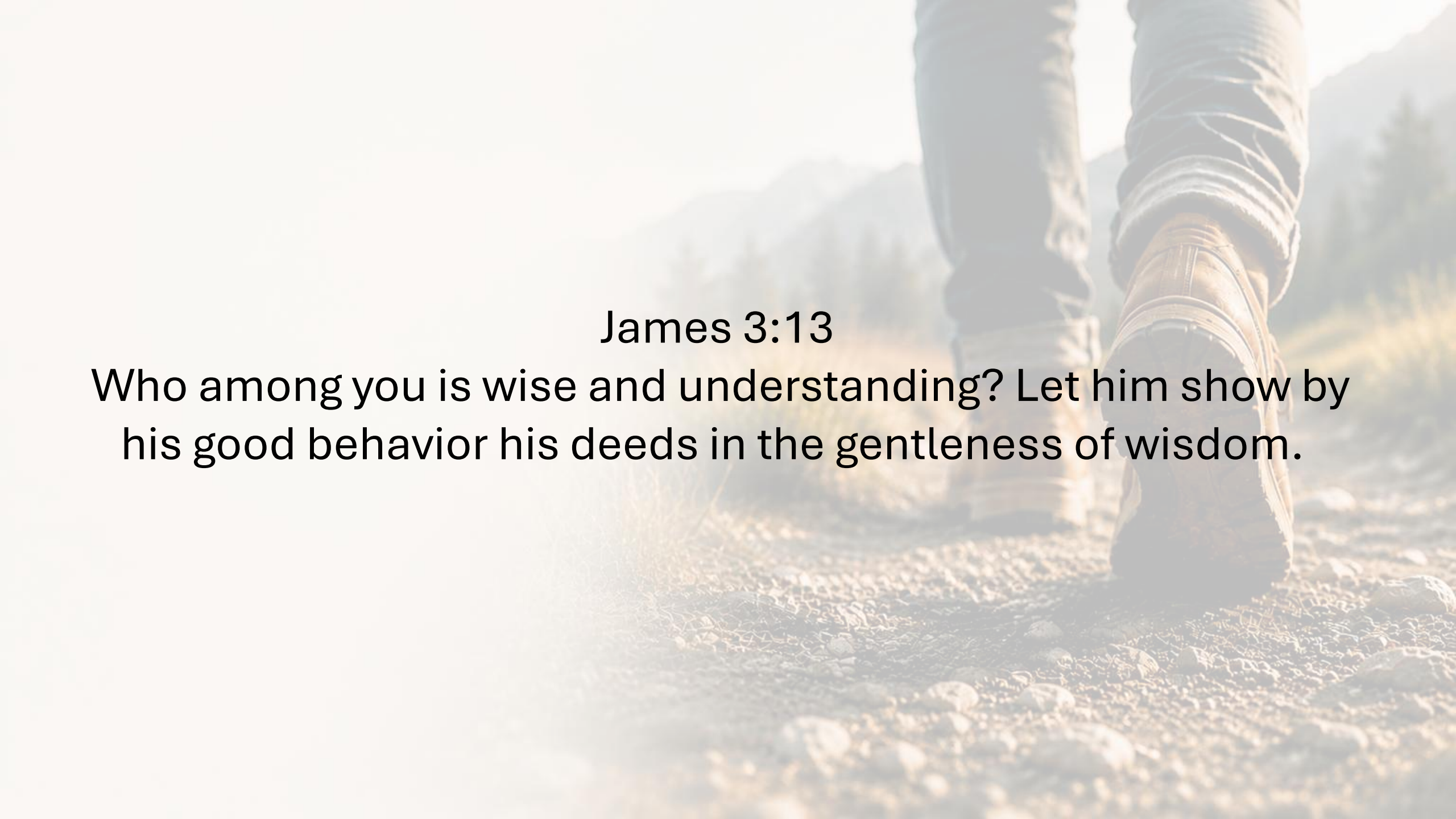
James 3:10-12

from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening *both* fresh and bitter *water*? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor *can* salt water produce fresh.

Matthew 12:33-34

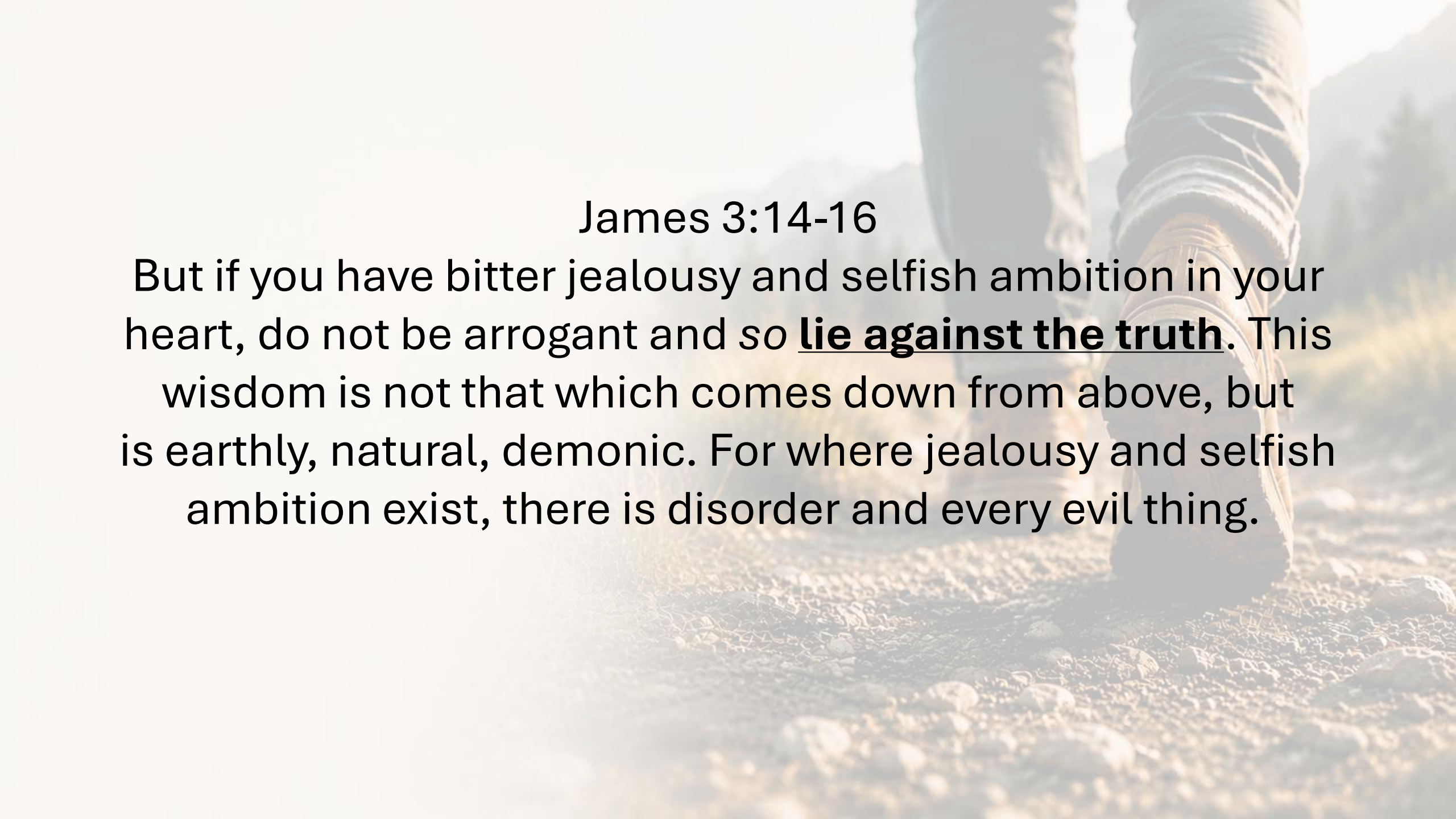
“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; **for the tree is known by its fruit.** You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? **For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.**



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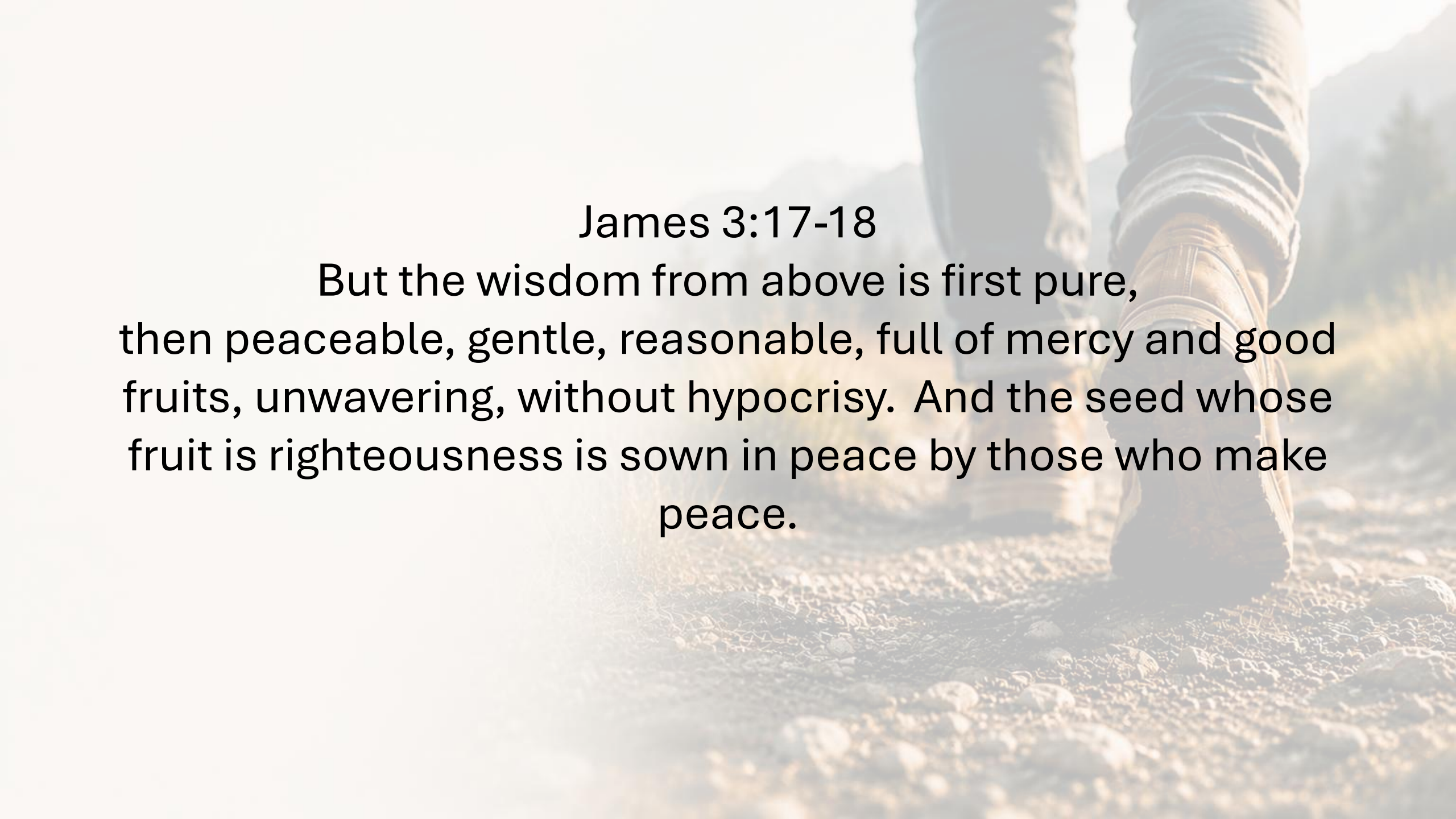
James 3:13

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

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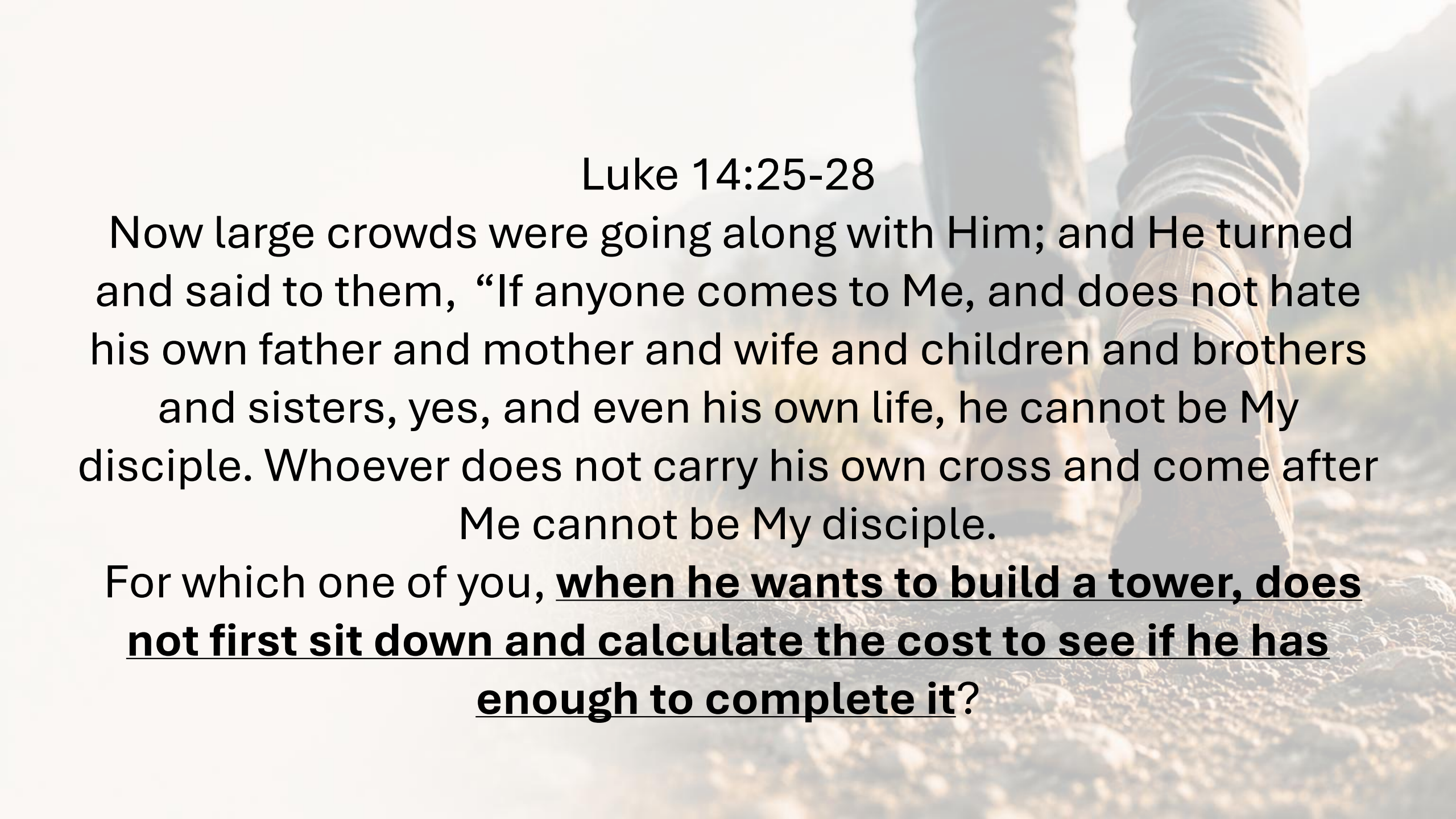
James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so **lie against the truth**. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

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James 3:17-18

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



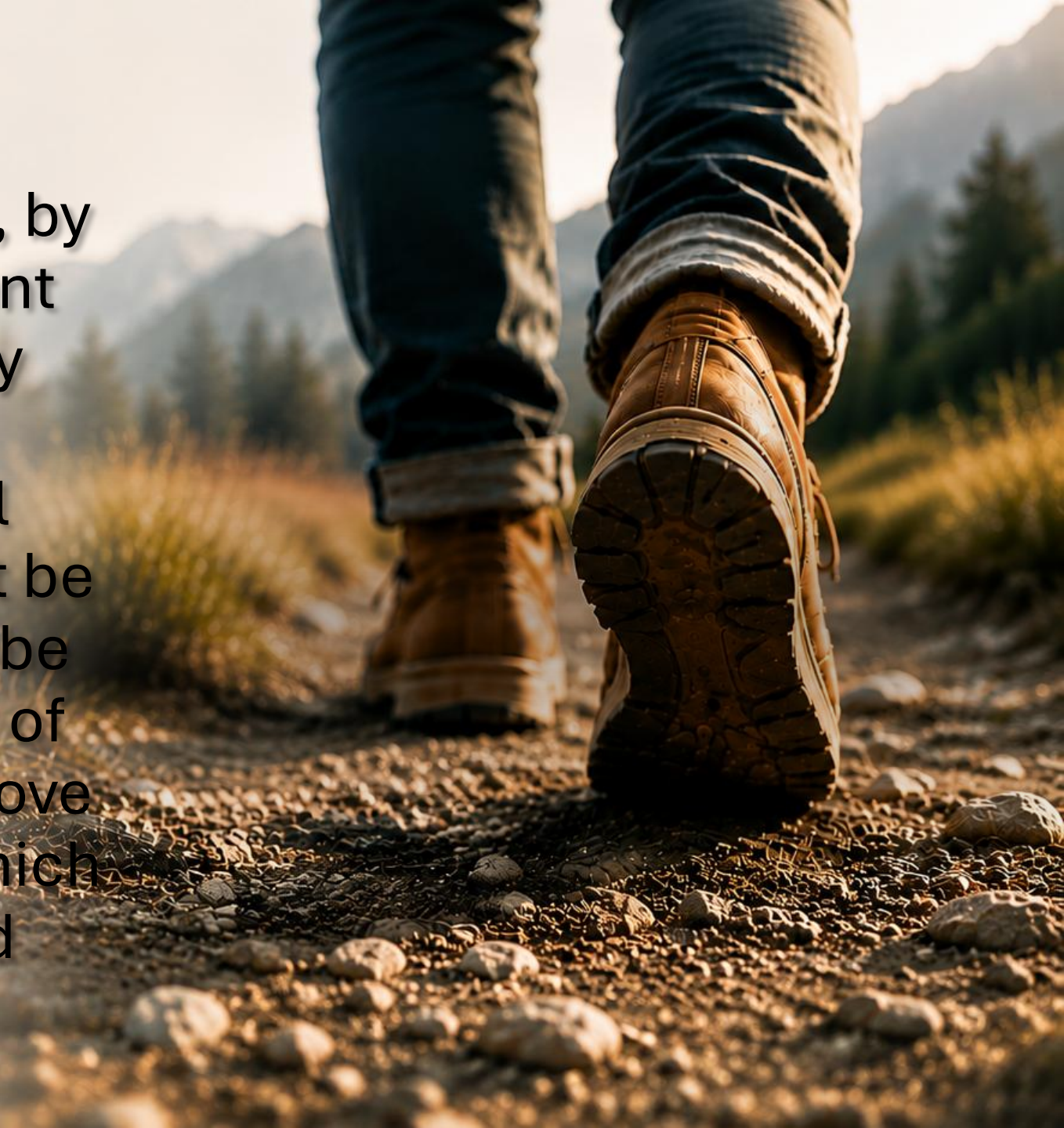
Luke 14:25-28

Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

For which one of you, **when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?**

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which* is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.



2 Corinthians 5:17
Therefore if anyone is in
Christ, *he is* a new
creature; the old things
passed away; behold, new
things have come.



James 4:6-8

But He gives a greater grace.

Therefore *it* says, “GOD IS
OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT
GIVES GRACE TO THE
HUMBLE.” Submit therefore 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, you sinners;
and purify your hearts,
you double-minded.



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