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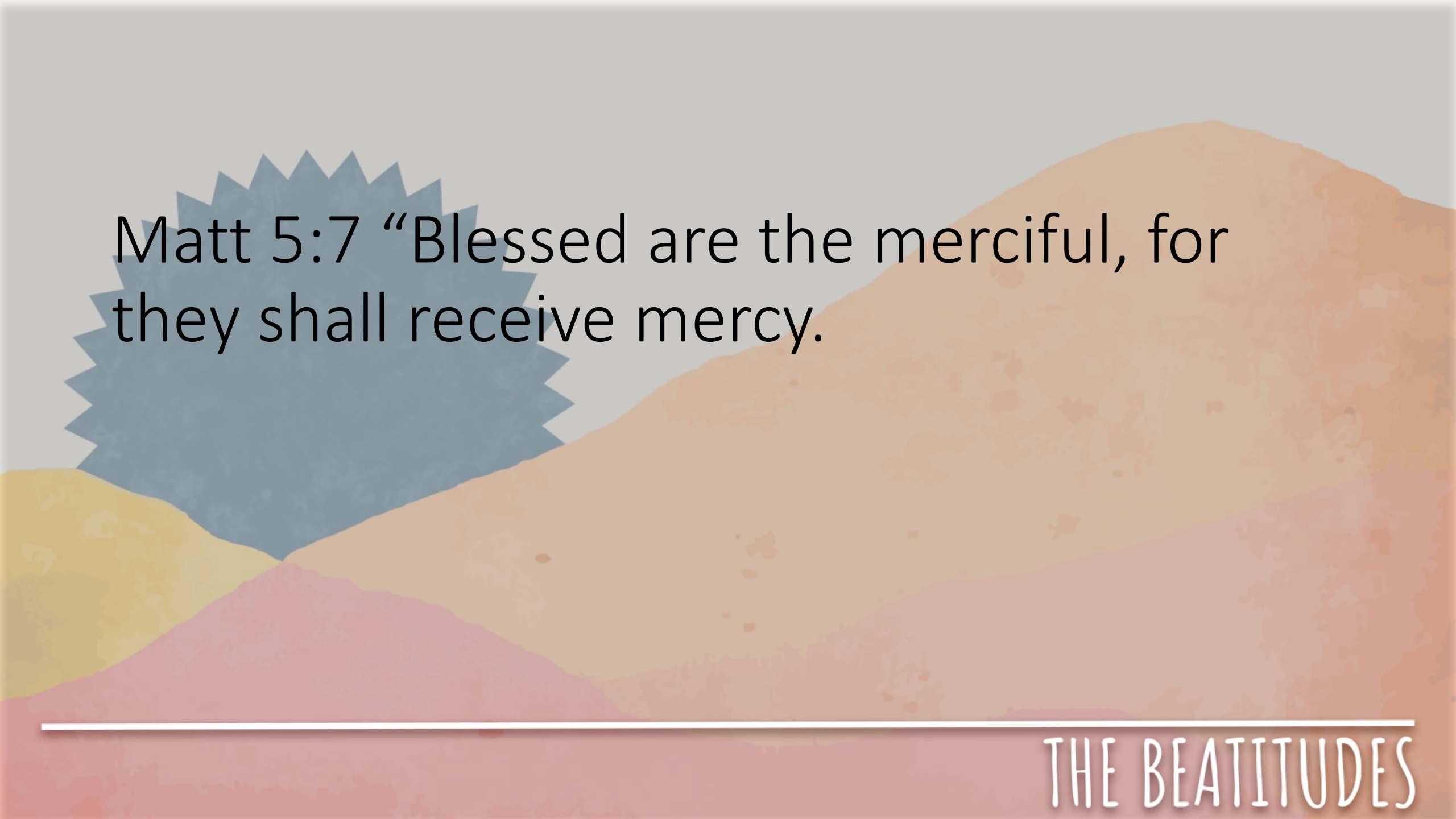
A Blessed Life
in a Fallen World



Give as you get – Mercy!

Matthew 5:7

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Matt 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.



“Mercy should make us ashamed, wrath
afraid to sin.” William Gurnall

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3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

Arch Structure

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Arch / Keystone

OUTCOME

CONDITION

1 Blessed are...

the poor in spirit

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2 Blessed are...

they that mourn

they shall be comforted.

3 Blessed are...

the meek

they shall inherit the earth.

4 Blessed are...

they that hunger and
thirst after righteousness

they shall be filled.

5 Blessed are...

the merciful

they shall obtain mercy.

6 Blessed are...

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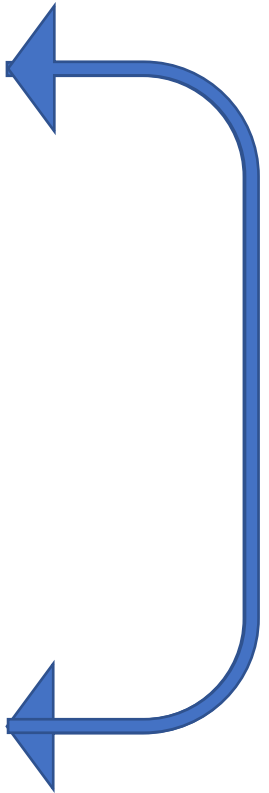
the peacemakers

they shall be called sons of God.

8 Blessed are...

those persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
reproached and
accused falsely of evil

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



IN HEAVEN
ON EARTH

EMPTY OF SELF

1 Poor
in Spirit

2 Mourn

3 Meek

4 Hunger
& Thirst

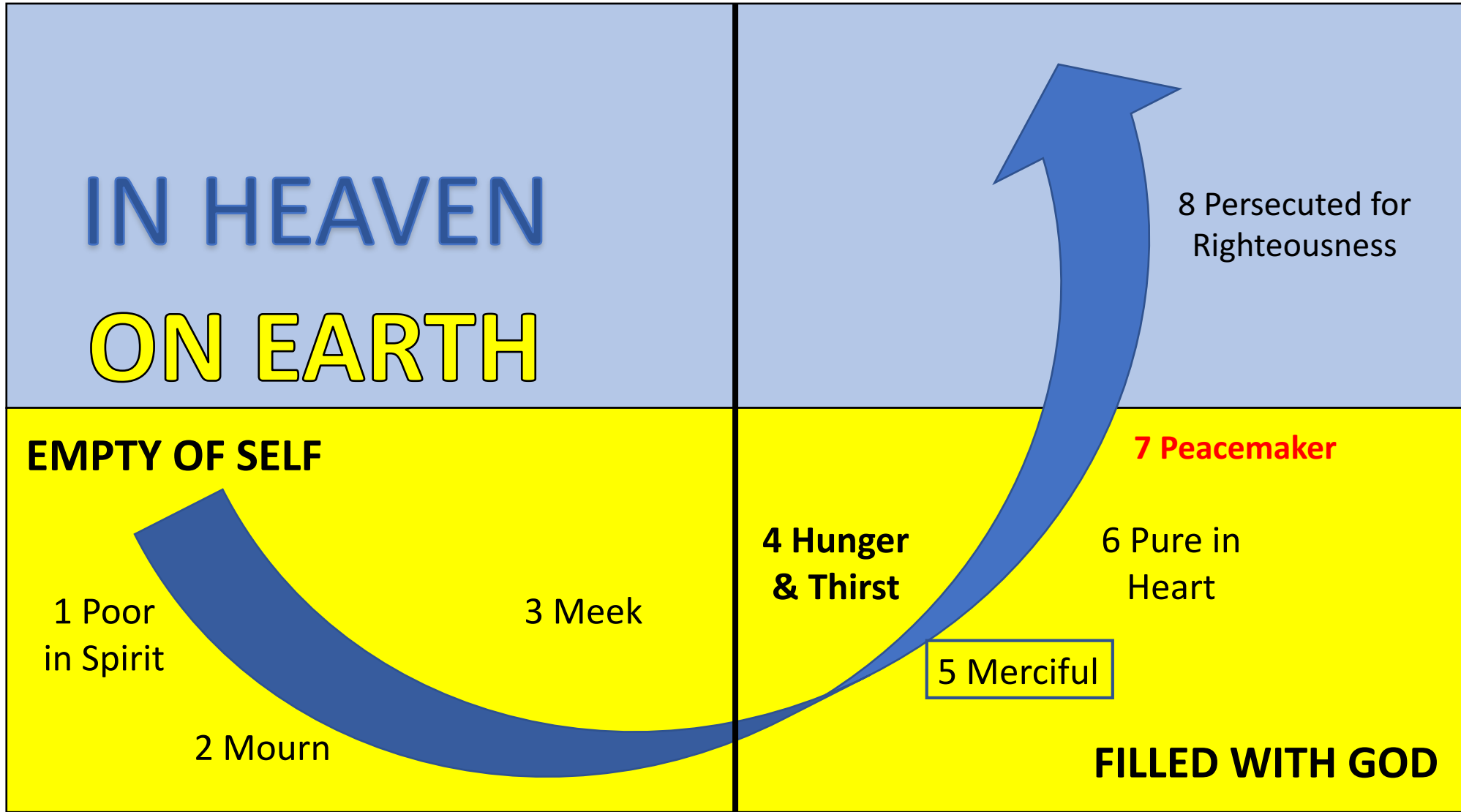
5 Merciful

6 Pure in
Heart

7 Peacemaker

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Righteousness

FILLED WITH GOD



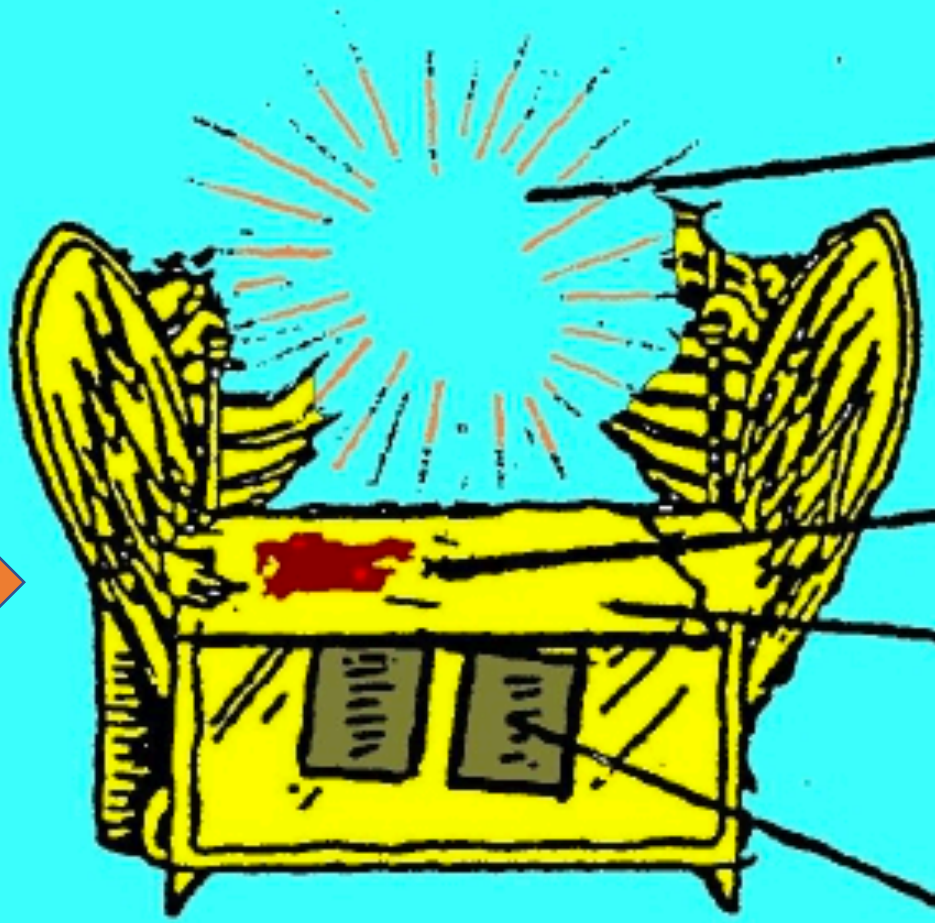
THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

Presence of God

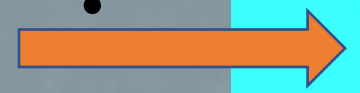
Blood of the sacrifice

The Mercy Seat

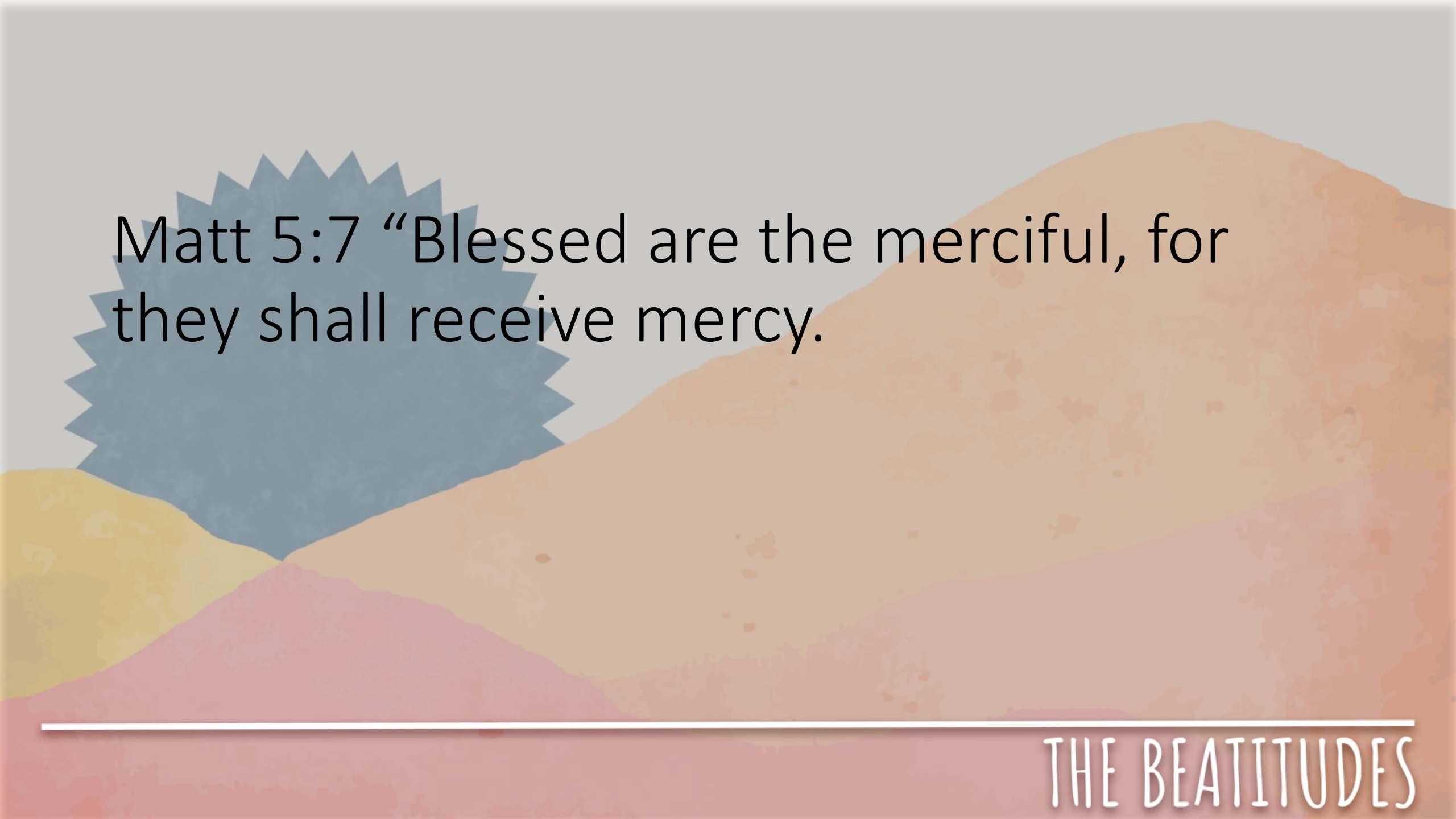
The Ten Commandments



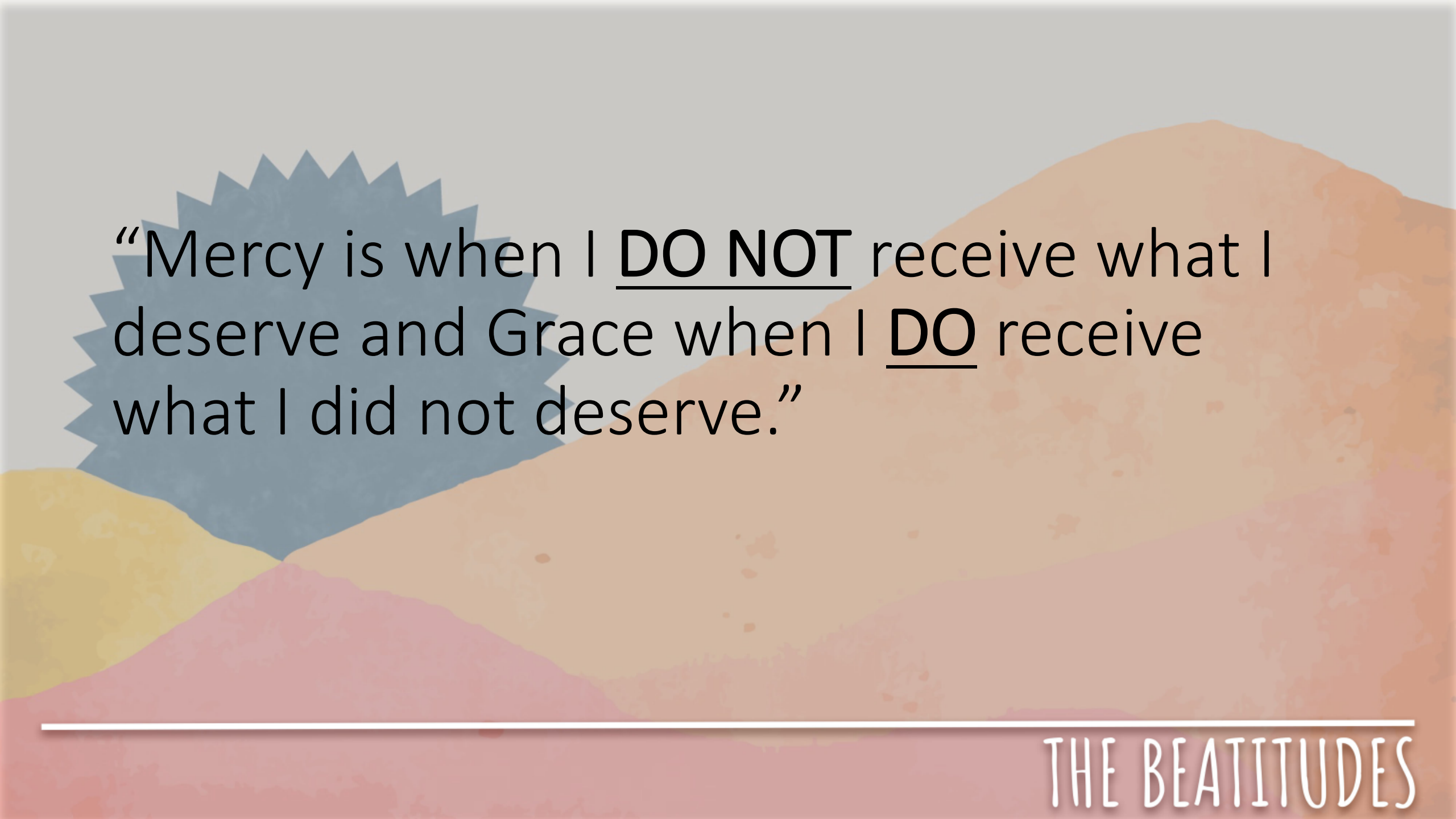
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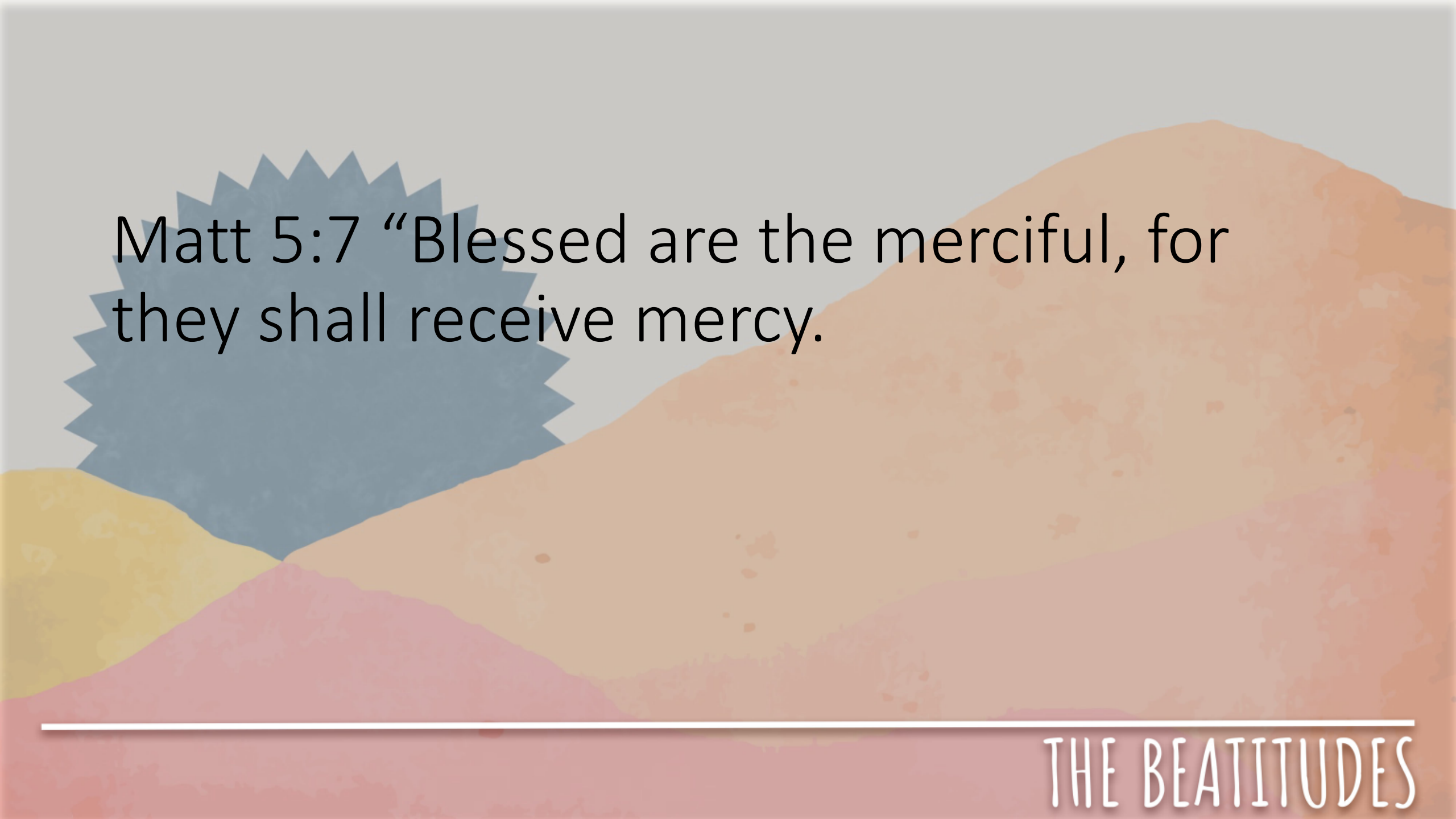
“Mercy is when I DO NOT receive what I deserve and Grace when I DO receive what I did not deserve.”

Mercy & Grace

- Old Testament words
 - Mercy Seat – covering – 1 John 2:2 – (paid NOT cover-up)
 - Heseed – ‘mercy’ – loving kindness – covenantal love
 - Mercy endures until Grace covers or Holiness is satisfied
- New Testament words
 - ἔλεος – mercy, compassion, pity
 - Those who show pity will receive pity – Good Samaritan

Mercy & Grace –

The Prodigal is welcomed back as son (Mercy) and given a feast (Grace).




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Mercy & Me

- Showing mercy:
 - Circumstances – living in a sinful world
 - Sin's consequences – we need mercy! (David/Nathan)
 - Sinners consequences – they need mercy! (Cross)

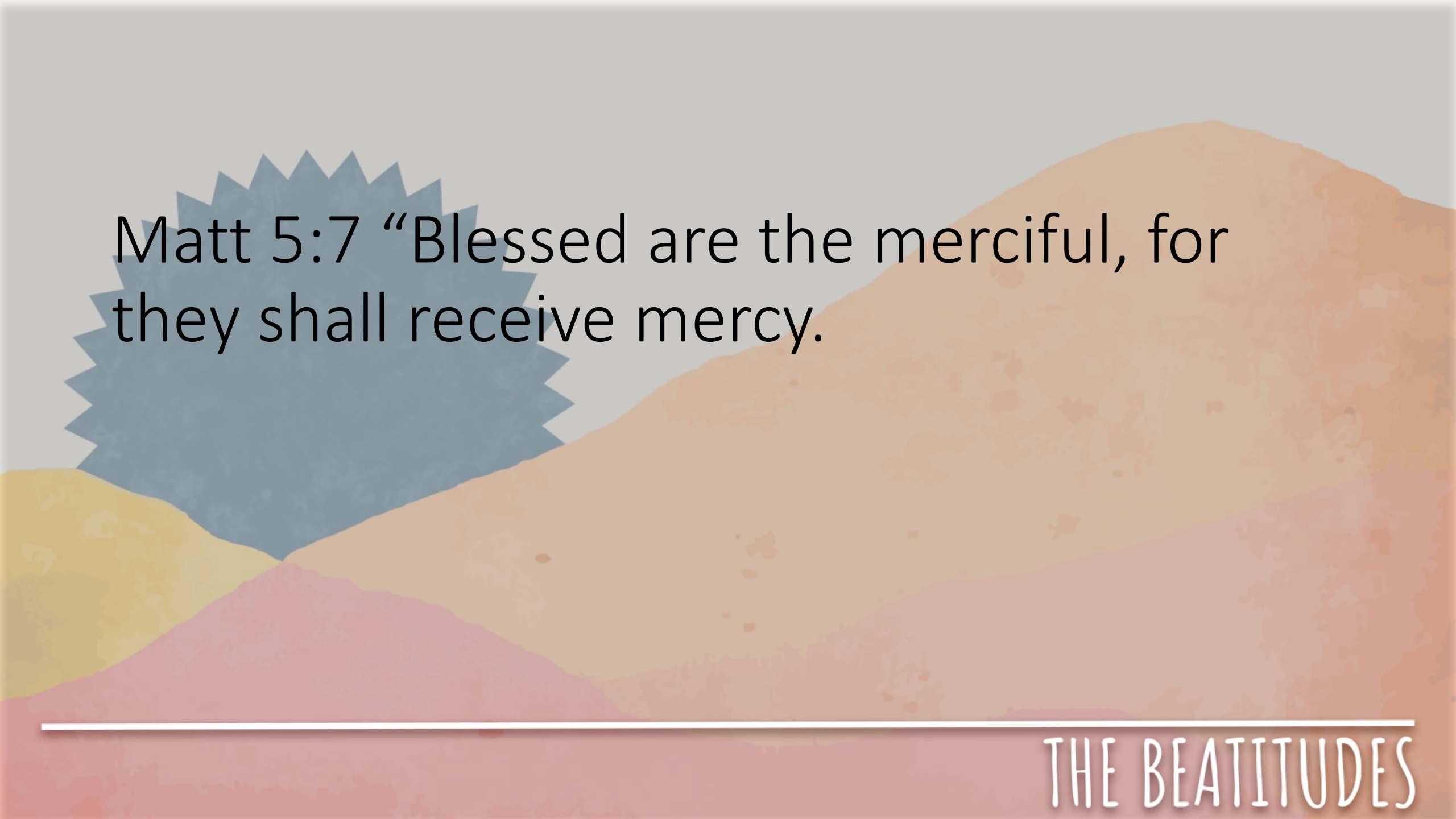
Mercy & Me

- Showing mercy:
 - God shows mercy to the needy through us – Prov 19:17
 - “One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD”
 - God gives blessings to the merciful – Prov 28:27
 - “He who gives to the poor will never want”
 - Our mercy is a response to God’s mercy on us – 1 Jn 3:17
 - “But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

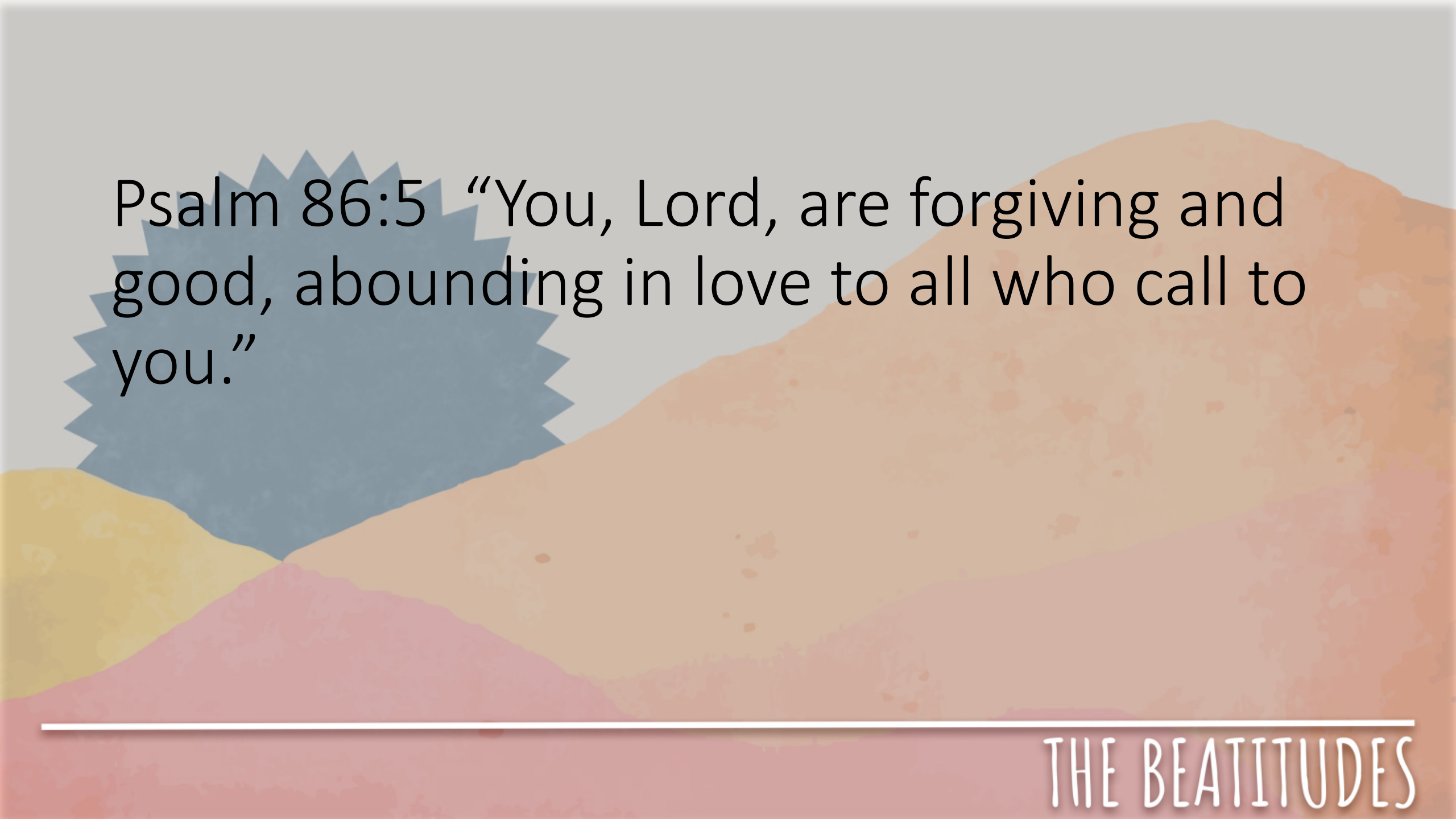


“God never asks us to forgive more than we have already been forgiven!”

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Psalm 86:5 “You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.”



“The Gospel is good news of mercy to the undeserving. The symbol of the religion of Jesus is the cross, not the scales.”

John Stott

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Mercy & Faith

- Where were we? Romans 5:8 “God extended...”
- Where are we? 1 John 1:9 “If we confess He is...”
- Where will we be? 2 Timothy 2:11 “It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him”

“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?” Rom 2:4 (NLT)

Mercy & Now

- Past Mercies – praise God!
- Past Mistakes – make them right
- Present – practice forbearance – as Jesus loves



“When a Christian shows mercy, he experiences liberation.” Warren Wiersbe

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