

THE LETTER OF

JAMES



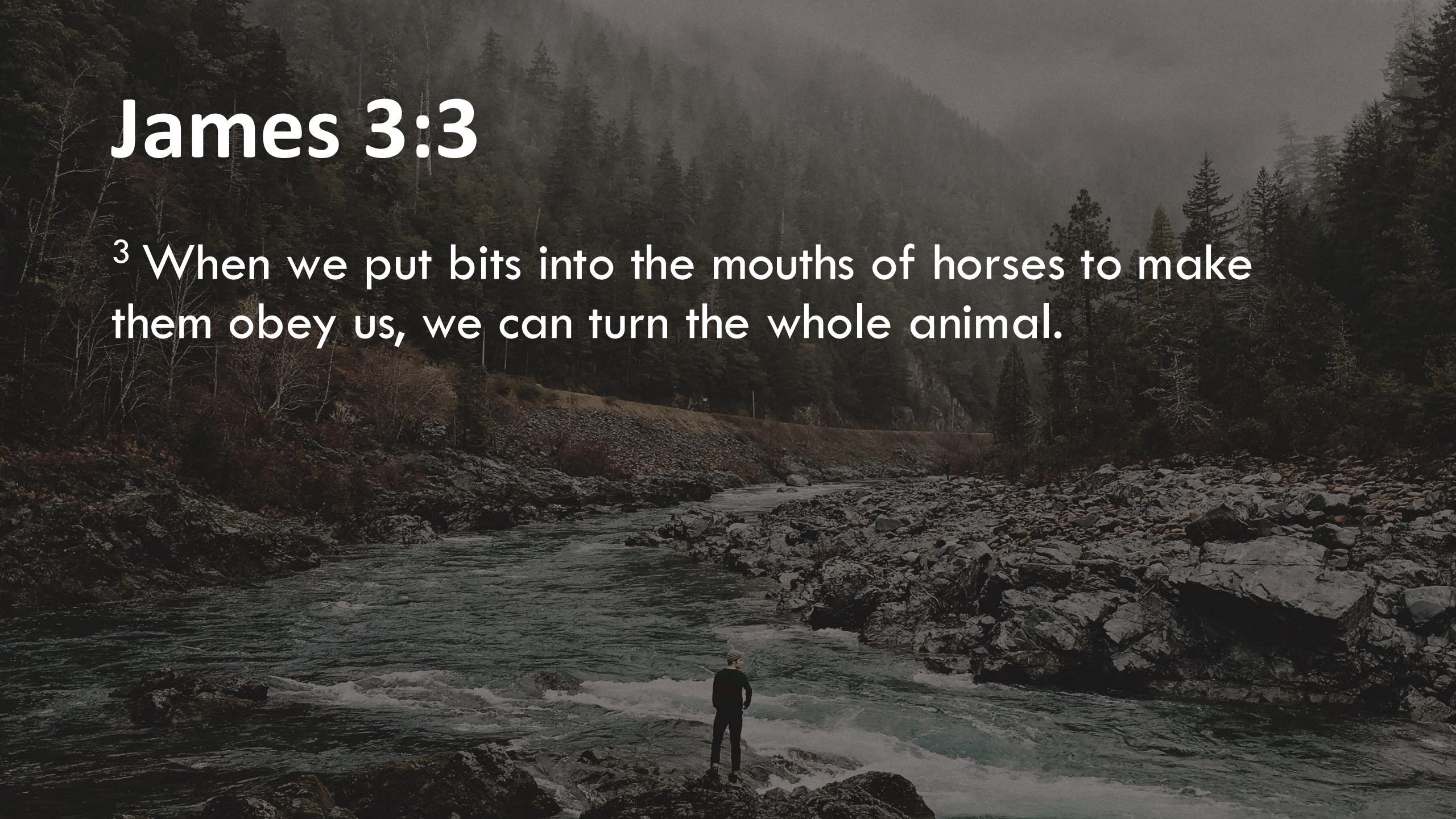
James 1:26-27

²⁶ If you think you are being religious, but can't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is useless. ²⁷ Religion that pleases God the Father must be pure and spotless. You must help needy orphans and widows and not let this world make you evil.

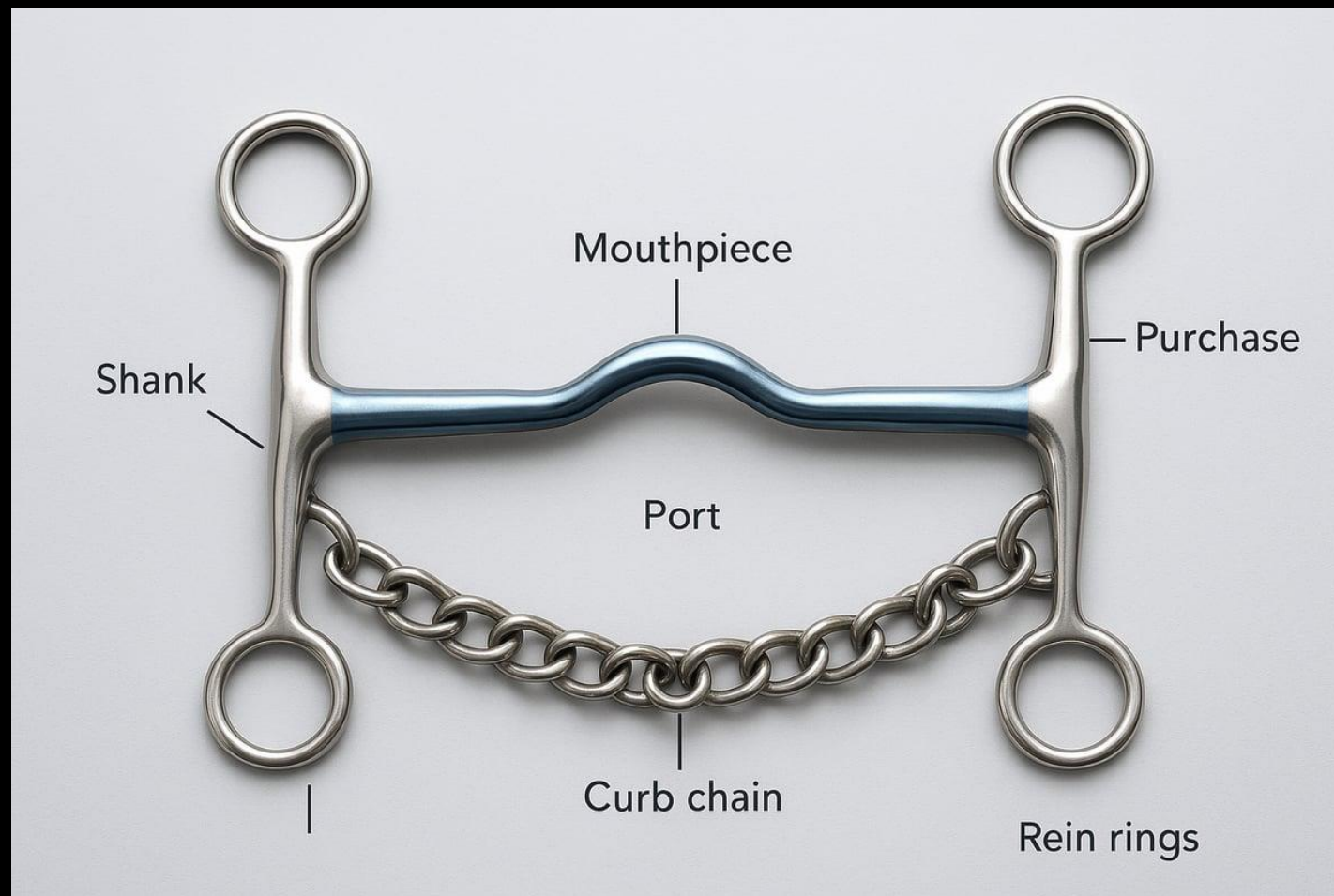


James 3:3

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

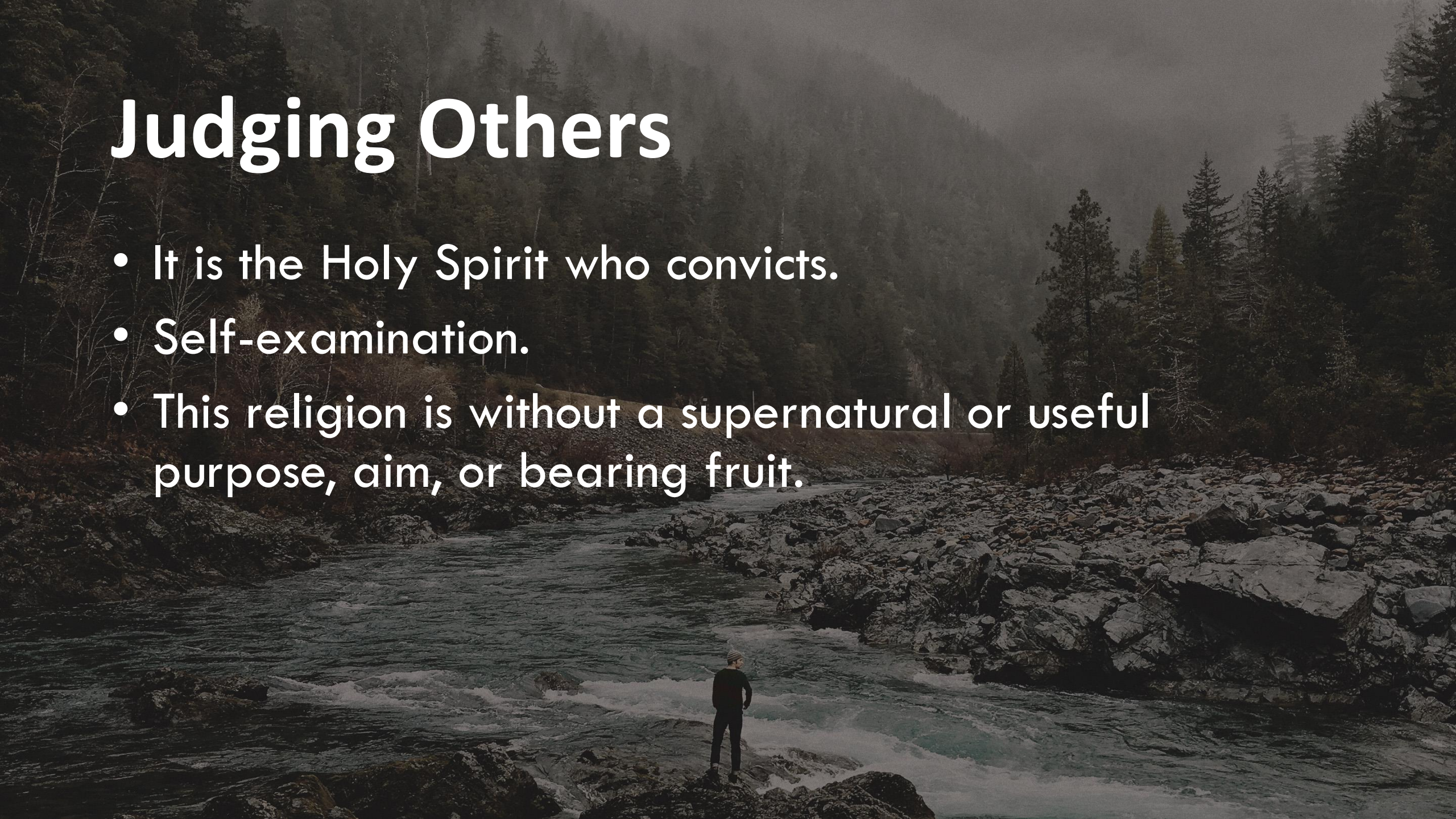


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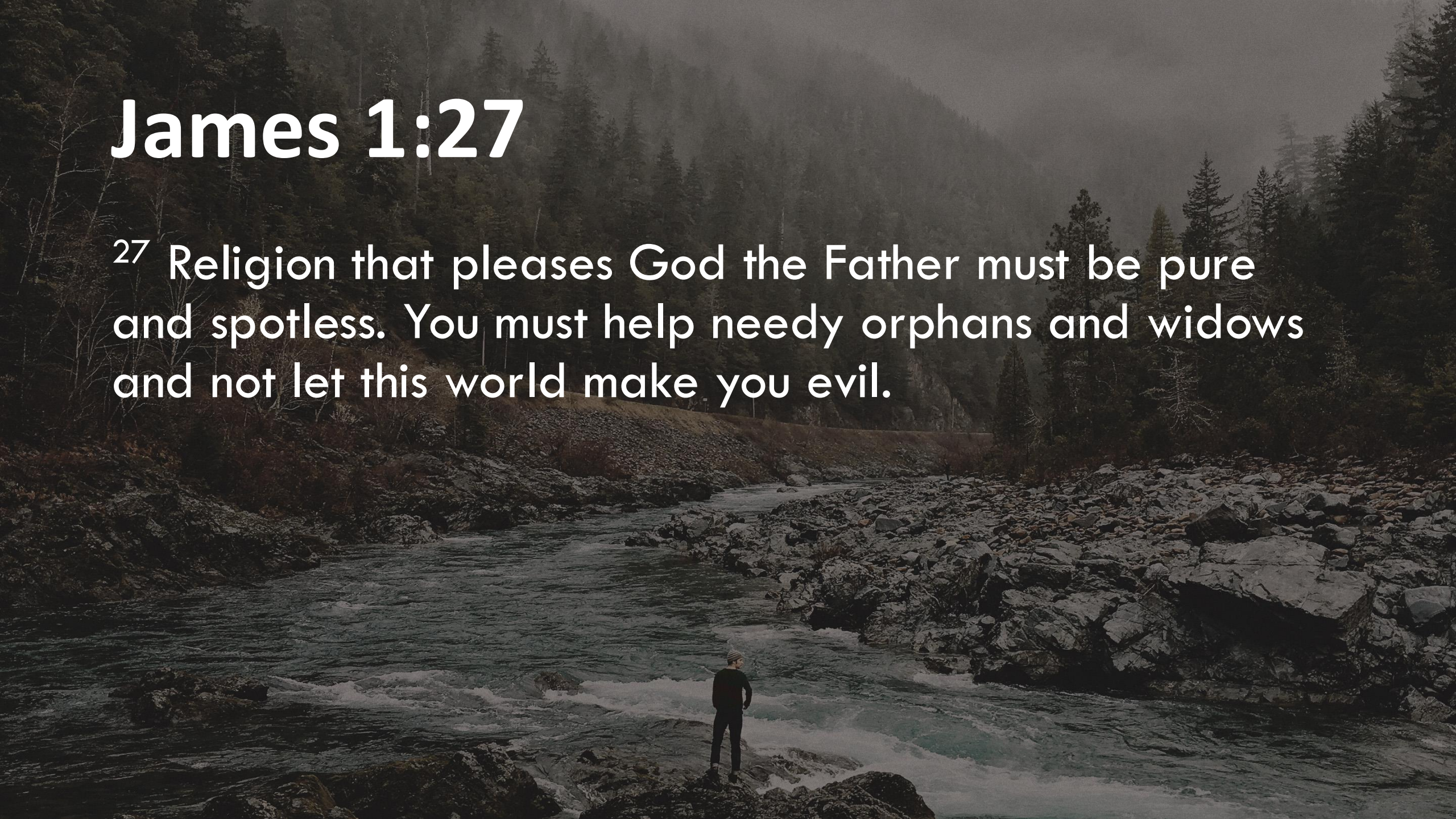
Judging Others

- It is the Holy Spirit who convicts.
- Self-examination.
- This religion is without a supernatural or useful purpose, aim, or bearing fruit.



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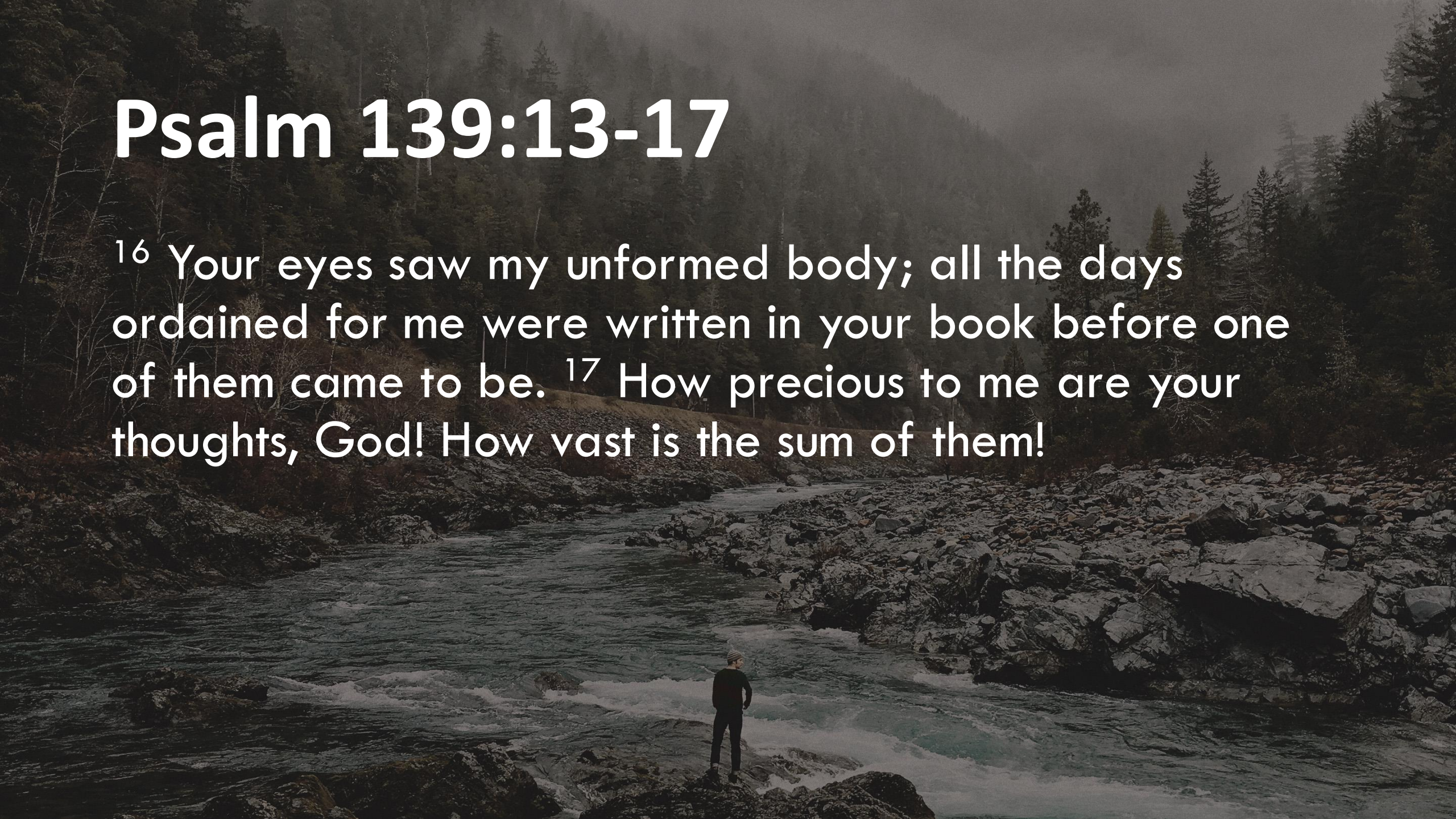
Psalm 139:13-17

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.



Psalm 139:13-17

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!



Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.



Masterpieces



Jackson Pollock



Masterpieces

- May not look like it.
- May not act like it.
- May not smell like it.



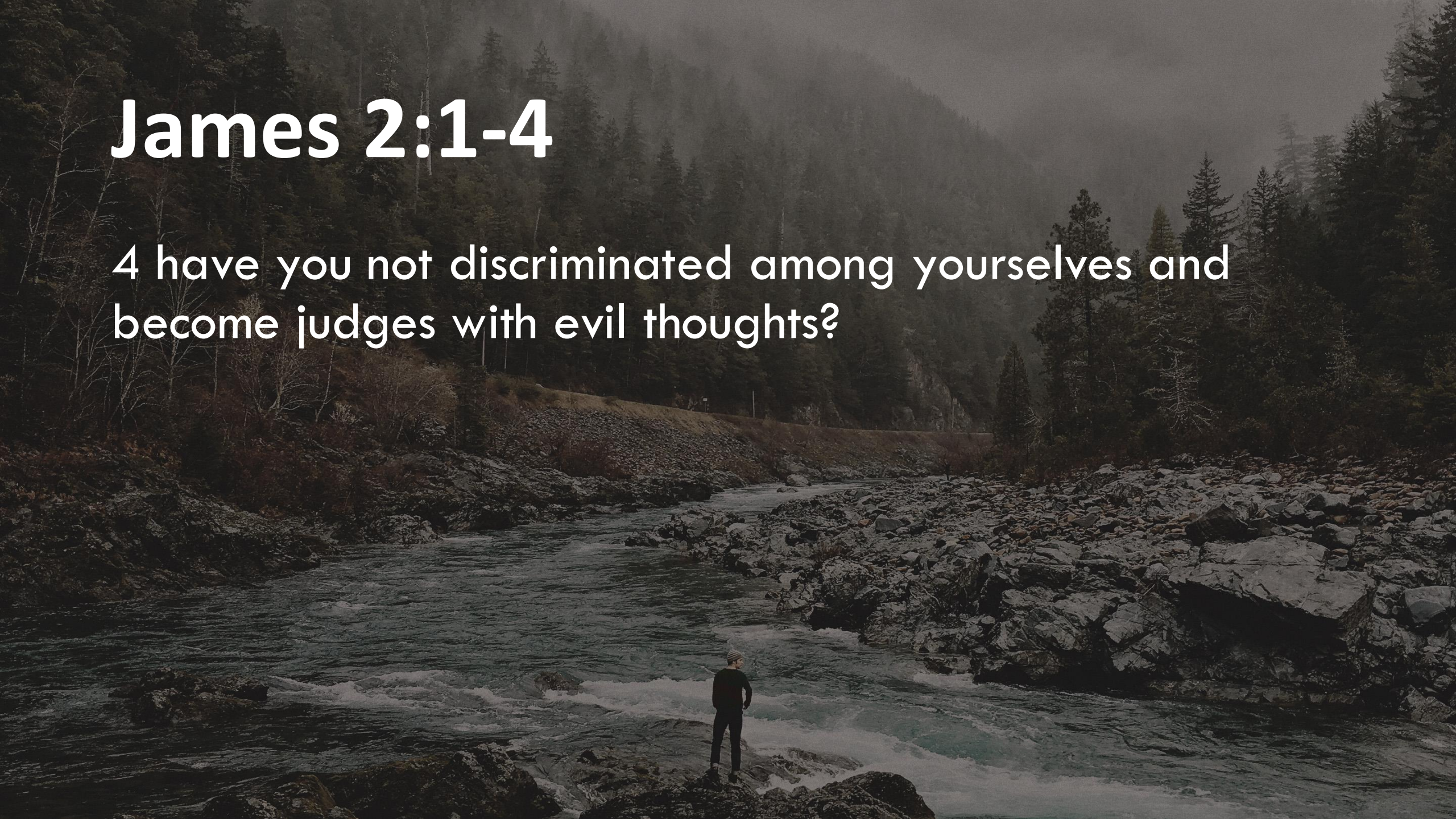
James 2:1-4

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet,"



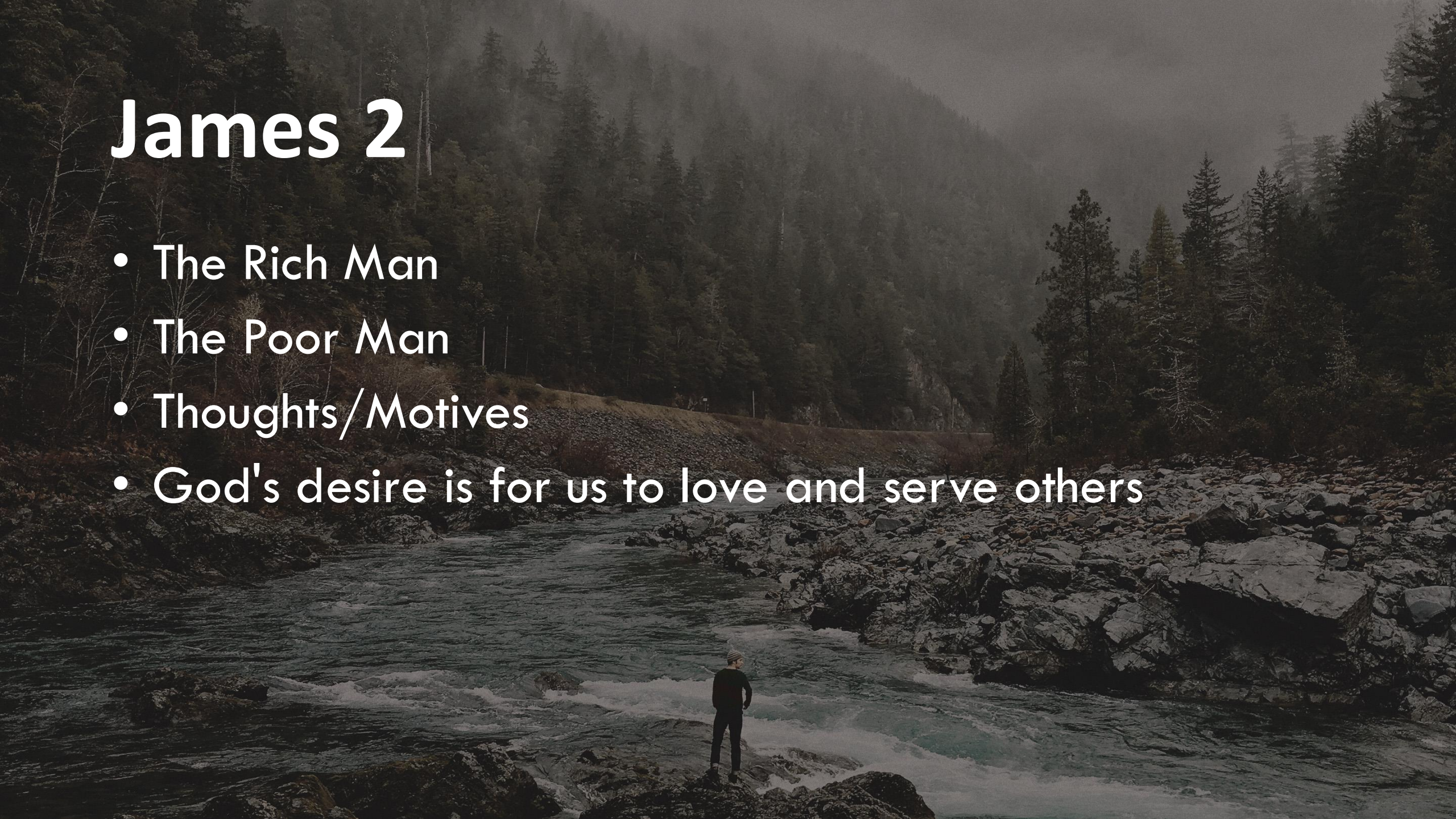
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4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?



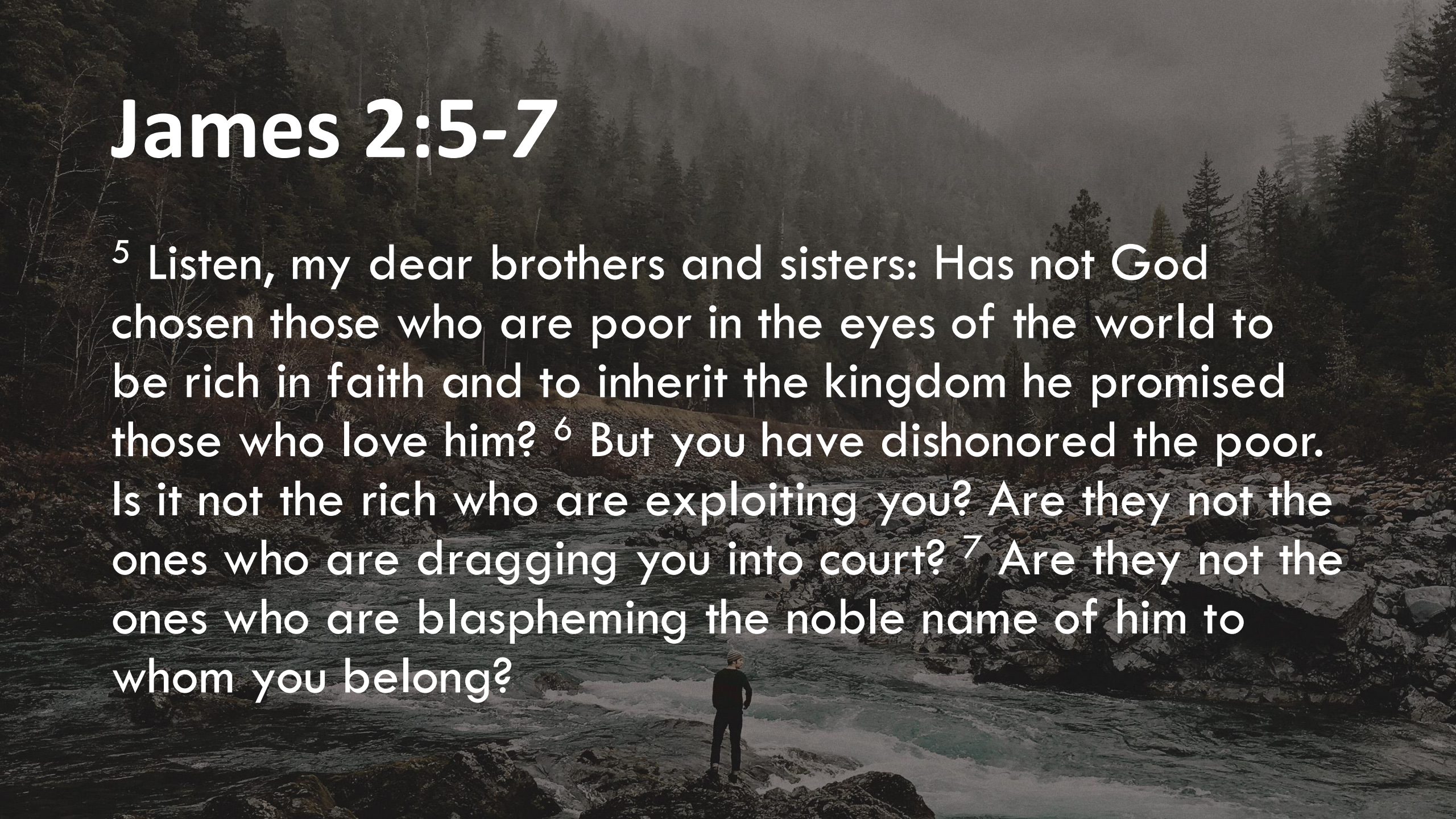
James 2

- The Rich Man
- The Poor Man
- Thoughts/Motives
- God's desire is for us to love and serve others



James 2:5-7

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

A person in dark clothing stands on a rocky outcrop in the foreground, looking across a turbulent river. The river flows through a dense forest of evergreen trees. The background shows a misty or overcast sky, creating a somber and atmospheric setting.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,

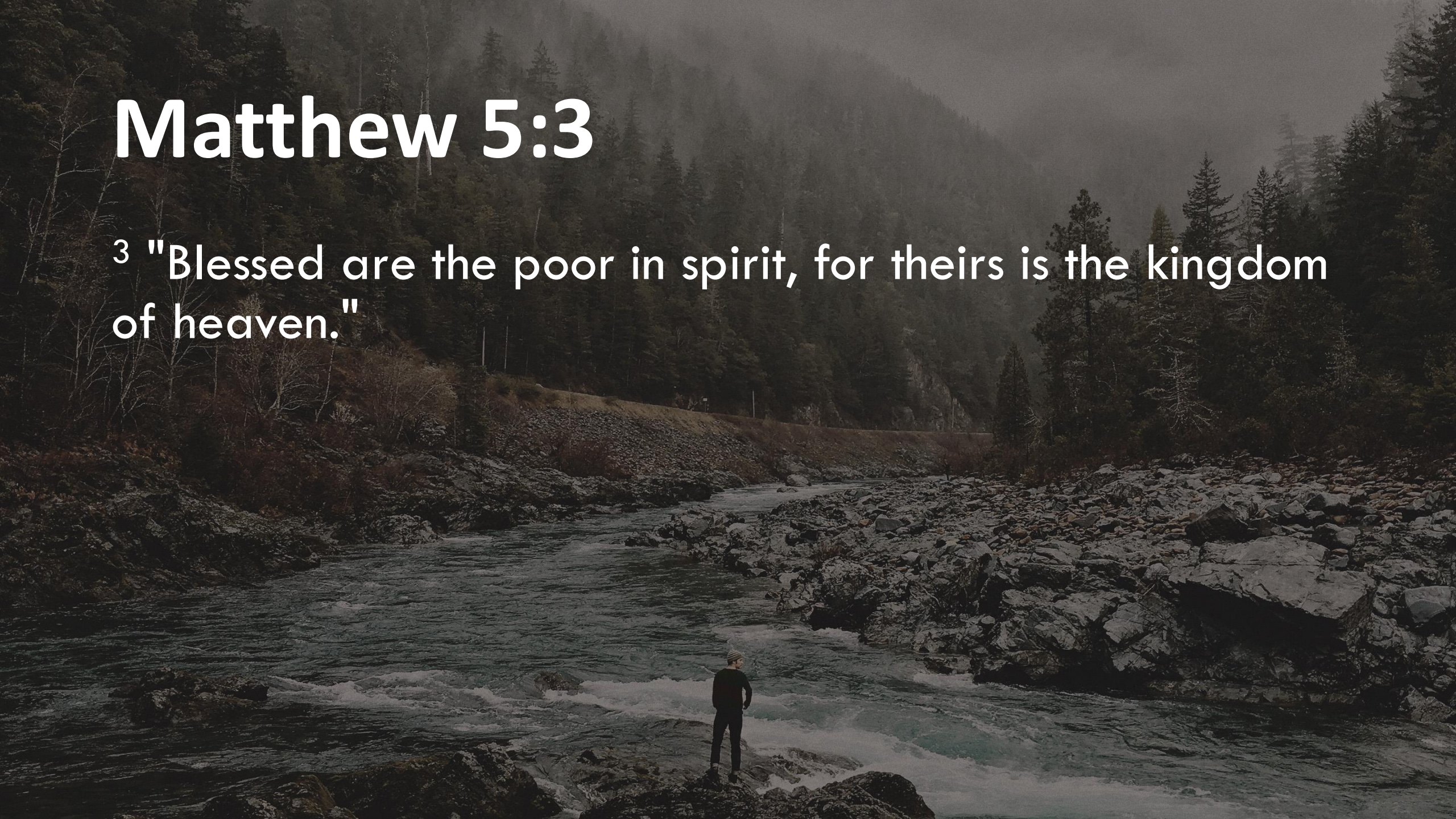
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²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.



Matthew 5:3

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



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