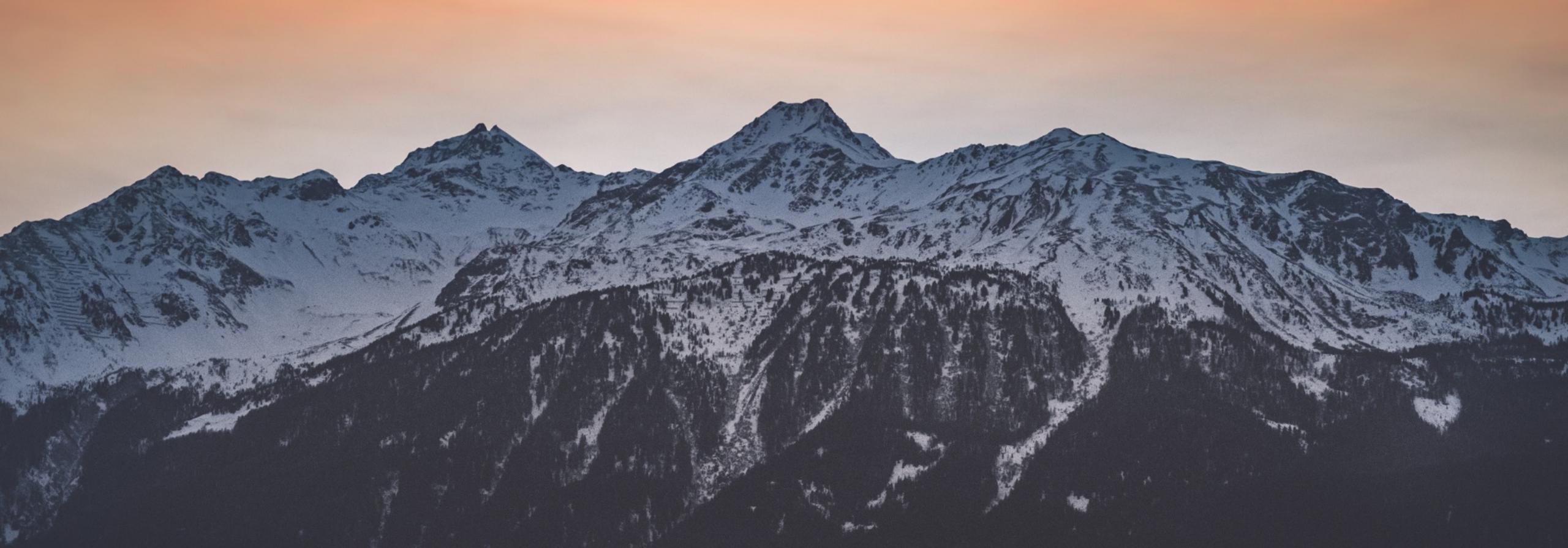
HAVING THE SAME MIND

1 Deter 3:4-12



Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."





FIVE MARKS OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (V. 8)

- 1. UNITY OF MIND: Same Fundamental Orientation
- 2. SYMPATHY: Suffering Together
- 3. BROTHERLY LOVE: Family Love
- 4. TENDER HEART: Deep Compassion
- 5. HUMBLE MIND: Christ-Like Humility

ETHICS OF NON-RETALIATION (VERSE 9)

The Pattern of the World

- 1. Evil is met with Evil.
- 2. Slander is met with Slander.
- 3. "Quid Pro Quo"
- 4. Karma

The Pattern of the Gospel

- 1. Evil is met with Good.
- 2. Slander is met with Blessing.
- 3. "Grace Upon Grace"
- 4. The Cross

ANCIENT WISDOM MADE NEW (10-11) PSALM 34:12-16

- 1. KEEP TONGUE FROM EVIL: Control Your Speech
- 2. TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD: Actively Pursue Good
- 3. SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT: Become A Peacemaker

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION (12)

God's Favor

- 1. "Eyes On the Righteous"
- 2. "Ears Open to Prayer"
- 3. Not Earned Attention
- 4. Relational Dynamic

God's Opposition

- 1. "Face Against Evil"
- 2. Not Arbitrary
- 3. Holiness vs. Unholiness
- 4. Necessary Relationship



- 1. EXAMINE YOUR SPEECH THIS WEEK
- 2. ACTIVELY PURSUE PEACE
- 3. PRACTICE BLESSING THOSE WHO WRONG YOU

