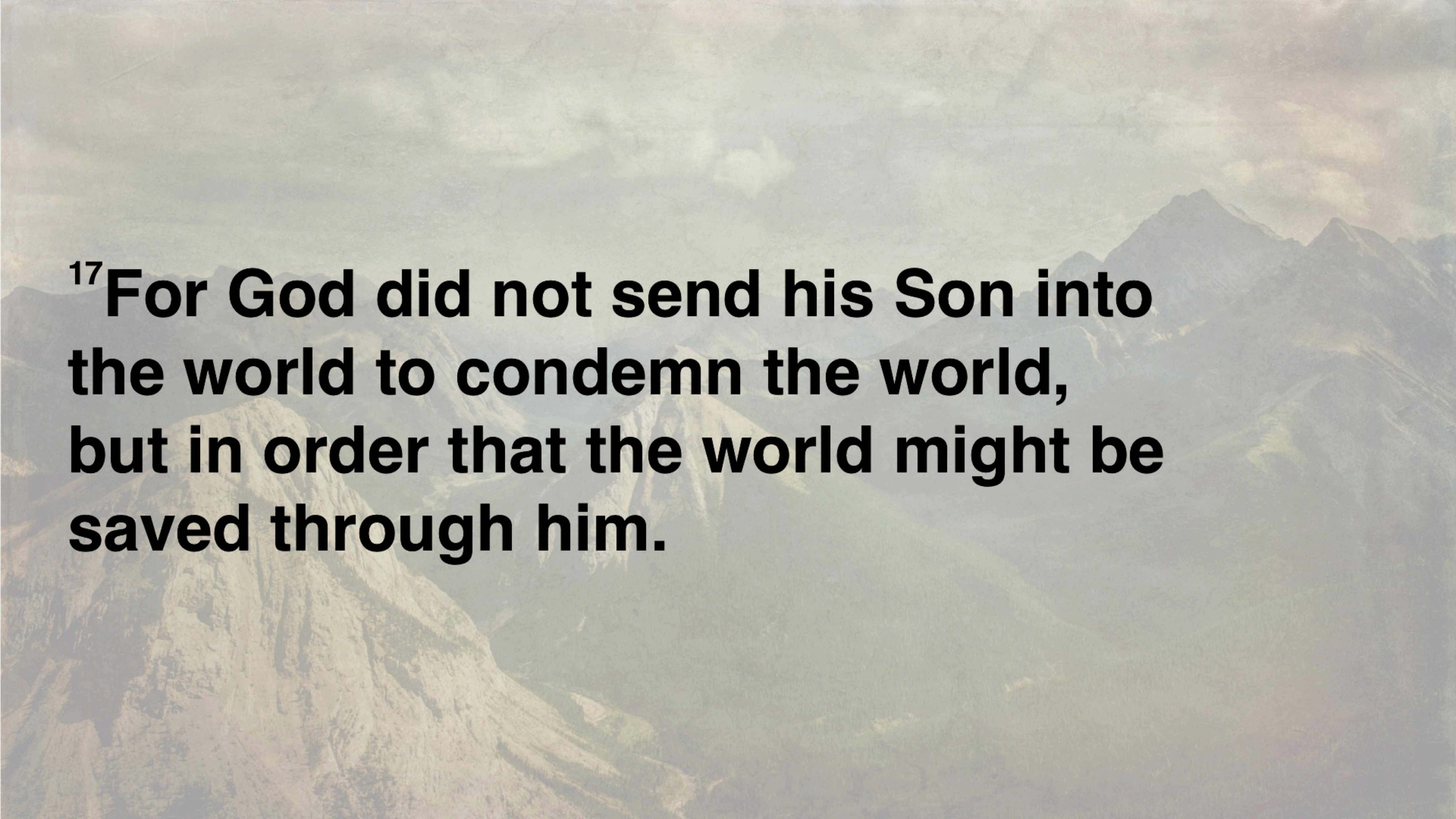


# **Matthew 7:1-6—Two Cultural Reactions**

**1. Condone**

**2. Condemn**

A scenic view of a mountain range with a valley in the foreground, overlaid with a semi-transparent text box. The mountains are rugged and rocky, with some greenery in the valley. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

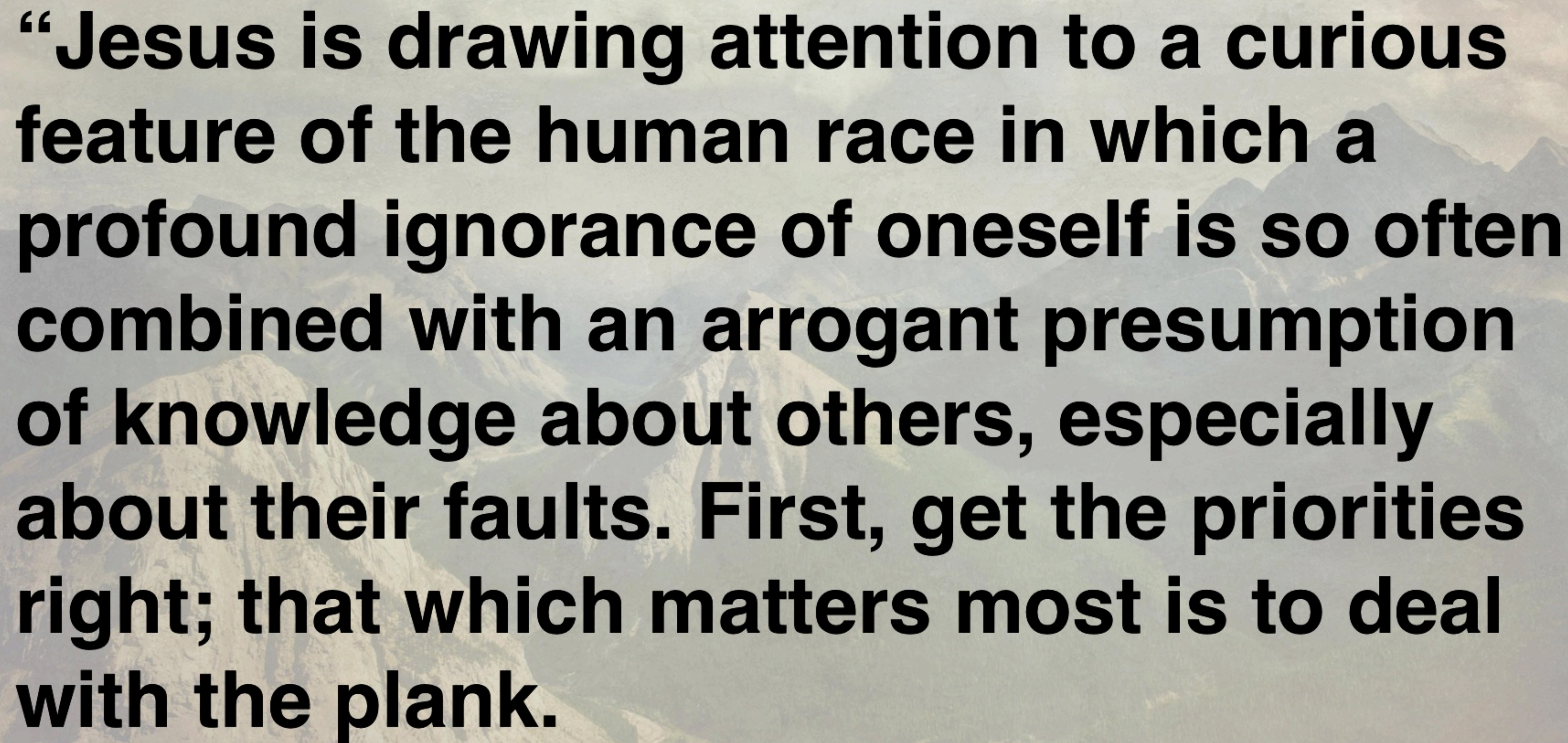
**<sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

**<sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**

***John 3:17-18***

**<sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman,  
"You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows  
that when you eat of it your eyes will be  
opened, and you will be like God,  
knowing good and evil."**

***Genesis 3:4-5***



**“Jesus is drawing attention to a curious feature of the human race in which a profound ignorance of oneself is so often combined with an arrogant presumption of knowledge about others, especially about their faults. First, get the priorities right; that which matters most is to deal with the plank.**

**The would-be helper's first priority must be to remove the obstacle to clear-sightedness from his own eye. That done, he is equipped to bring aid to his brother. We should not overlook the point that the speck is to be removed; it is not unimportant that even this small defect be rectified.” — *Leon Morris***

An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The foreground shows a steep, rocky mountain slope on the left, leading down into a valley. The valley floor is covered in dense green forest. In the distance, more mountain peaks are visible, some with patches of snow or light-colored rock. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The overall tone is somewhat muted and atmospheric.

**Jesus teaches: replace your  
condemning or condoning attitude  
with a Kingdom attitude**

An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The foreground shows a large, rocky mountain peak on the left, with a valley filled with dense green forest below it. In the background, a series of jagged mountain peaks stretch across the horizon under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

# **Kingdom Attitude**

## **I. Humble — vv.1-4**



An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The foreground shows a steep, rocky mountain slope on the left. A valley with green vegetation is visible in the center. In the background, more mountain peaks are visible under a hazy sky. The text "Log=support beam or joist" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Log=support beam or joist**

An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The foreground shows a steep, rocky mountain slope on the left. The middle ground features a deep valley with green vegetation. In the background, a series of jagged mountain peaks stretch across the horizon under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall color palette is muted, with greens, greys, and browns.

**The story of Naaman—2 Kings 5:1-14**

**Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.**

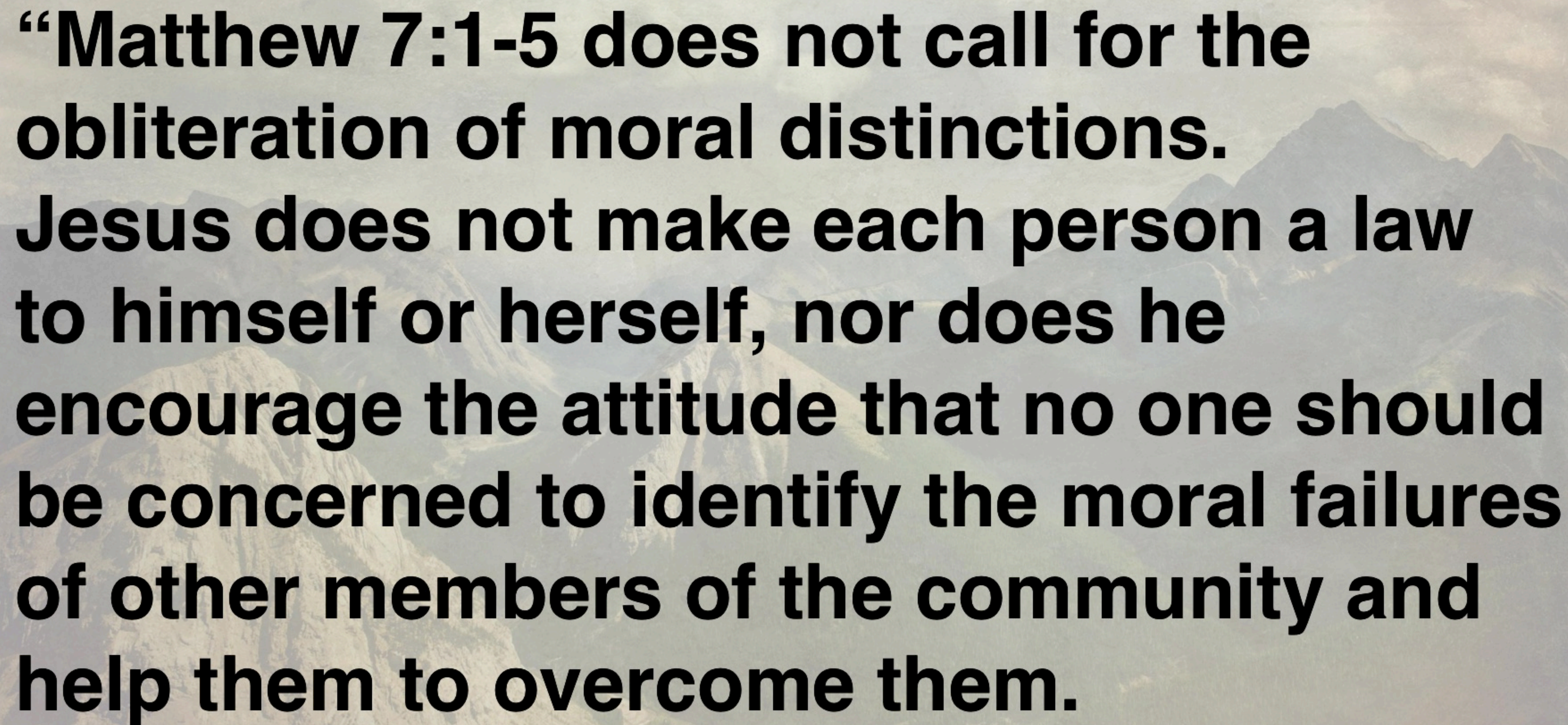
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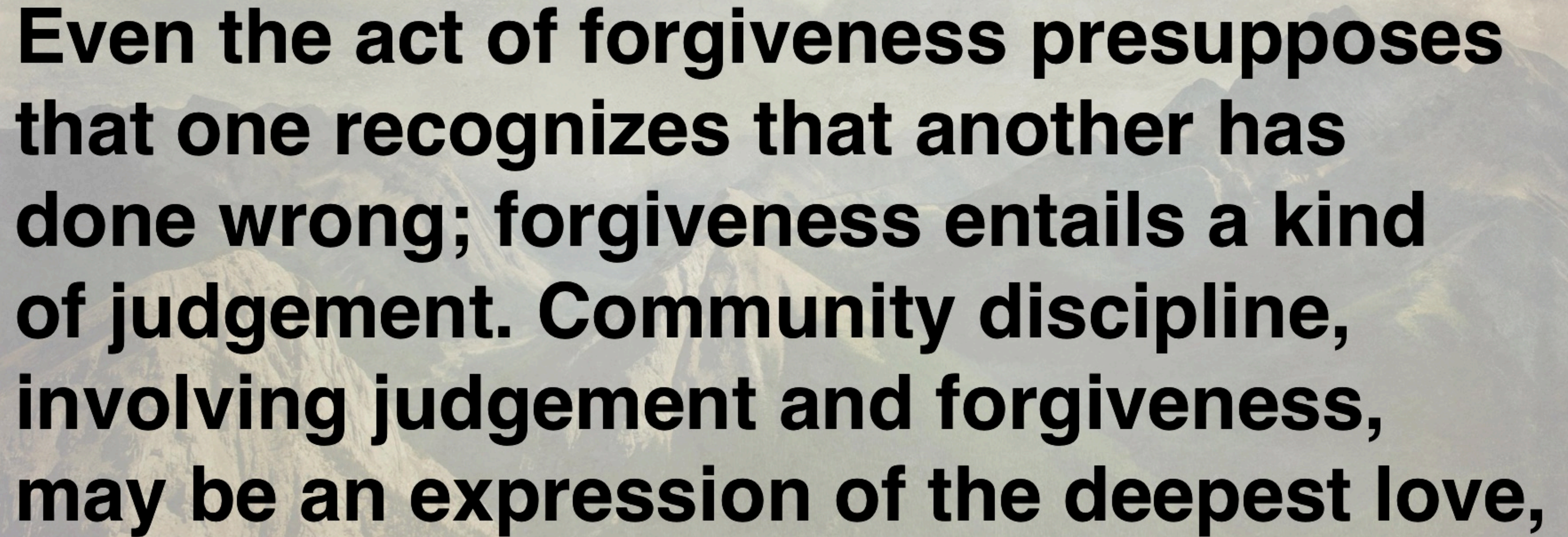
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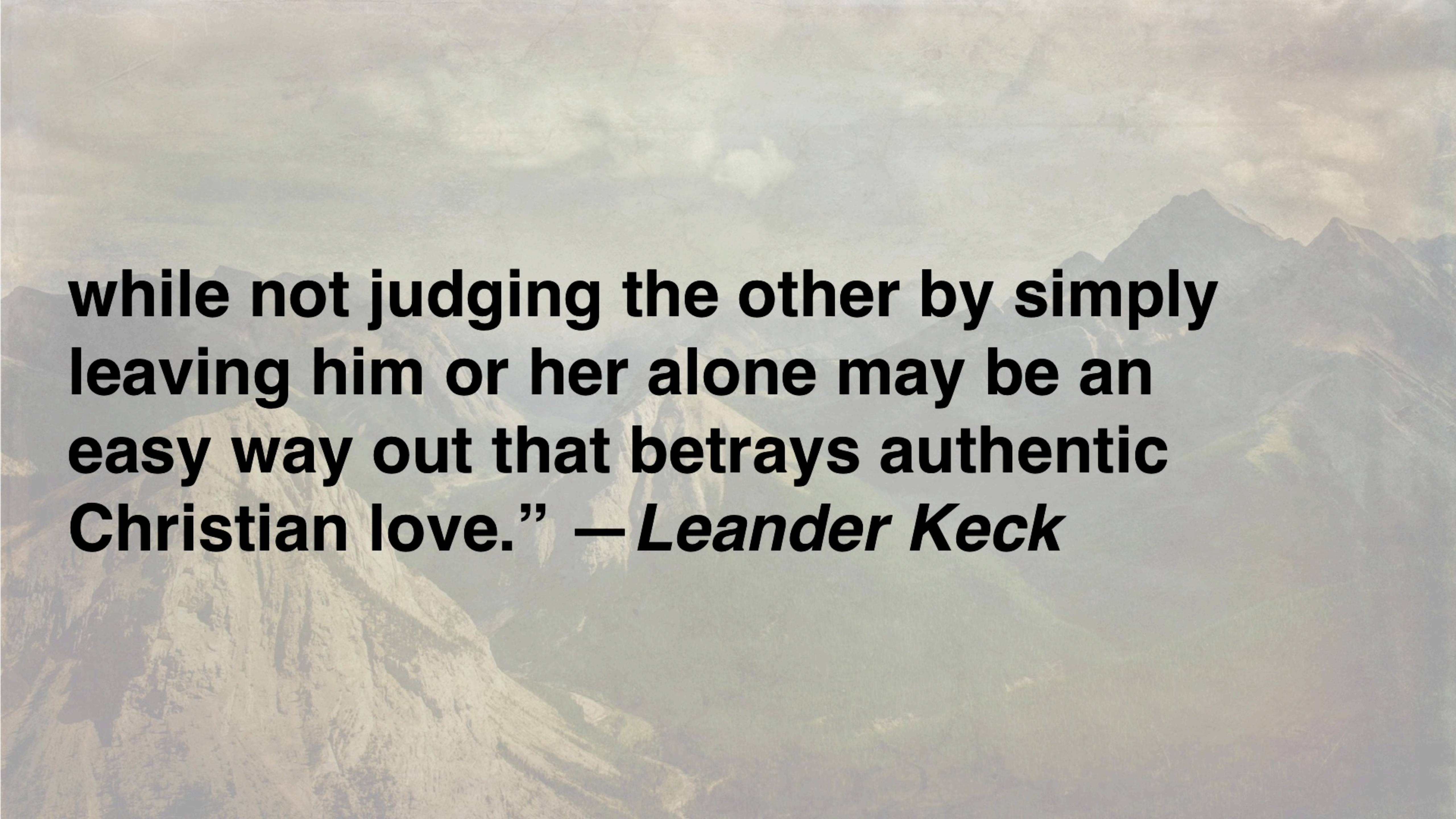
**II. Helpful — v.5**

A background image of a mountain range with a person climbing a steep, rocky slope. The text is overlaid on this image.

**“Matthew 7:1-5 does not call for the obliteration of moral distinctions. Jesus does not make each person a law to himself or herself, nor does he encourage the attitude that no one should be concerned to identify the moral failures of other members of the community and help them to overcome them.**



**Even the act of forgiveness presupposes that one recognizes that another has done wrong; forgiveness entails a kind of judgement. Community discipline, involving judgement and forgiveness, may be an expression of the deepest love,**



**while not judging the other by simply leaving him or her alone may be an easy way out that betrays authentic Christian love.” — *Leander Keck***

An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The foreground shows a steep, rocky mountain slope on the left. The middle ground features a valley with green vegetation and a prominent, rounded mountain peak. In the background, more mountain ranges are visible under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

# **How to remove a speck**

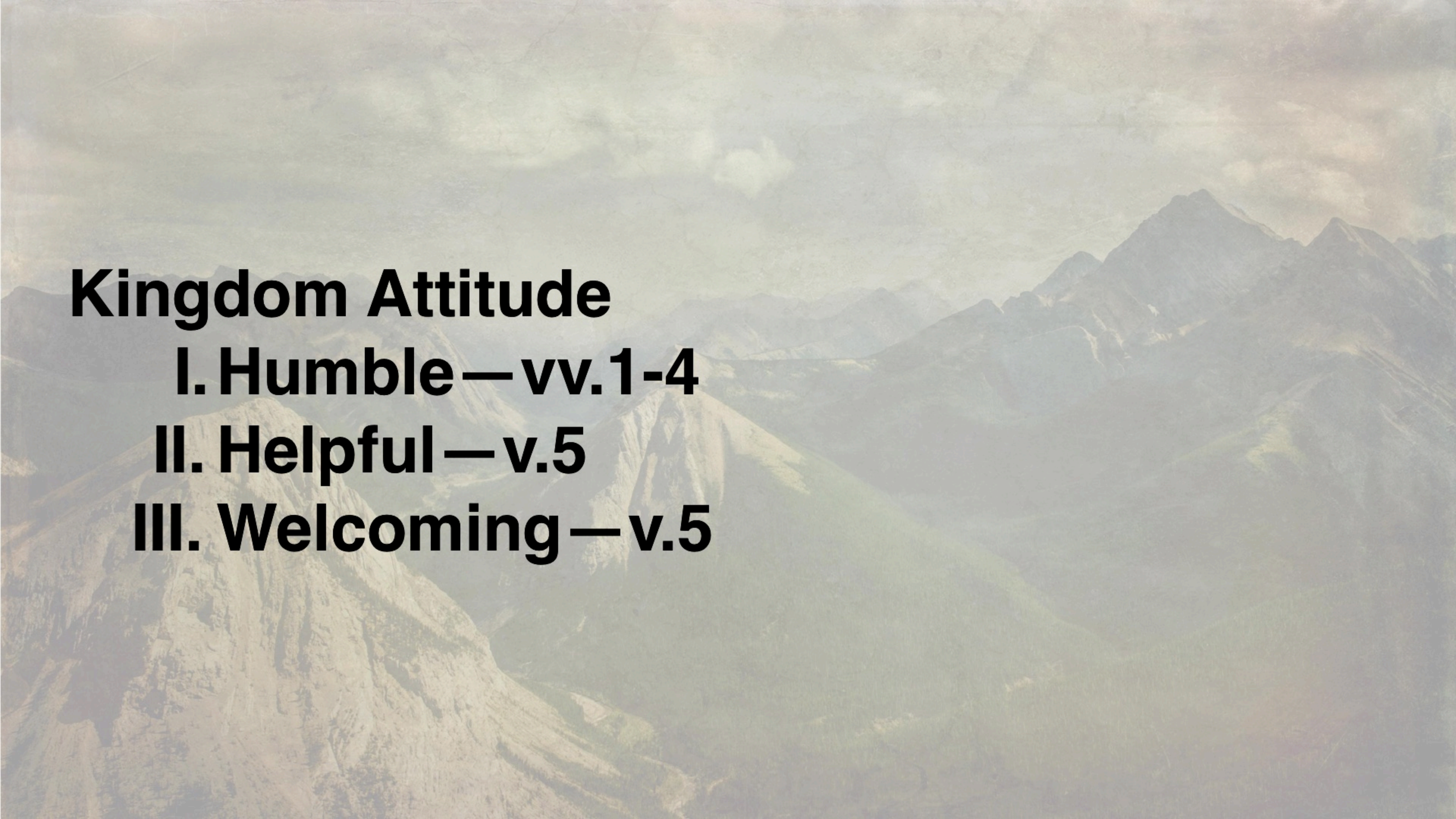
- Privately**

- Gently**



**<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**

***Galatians 6:1-2***

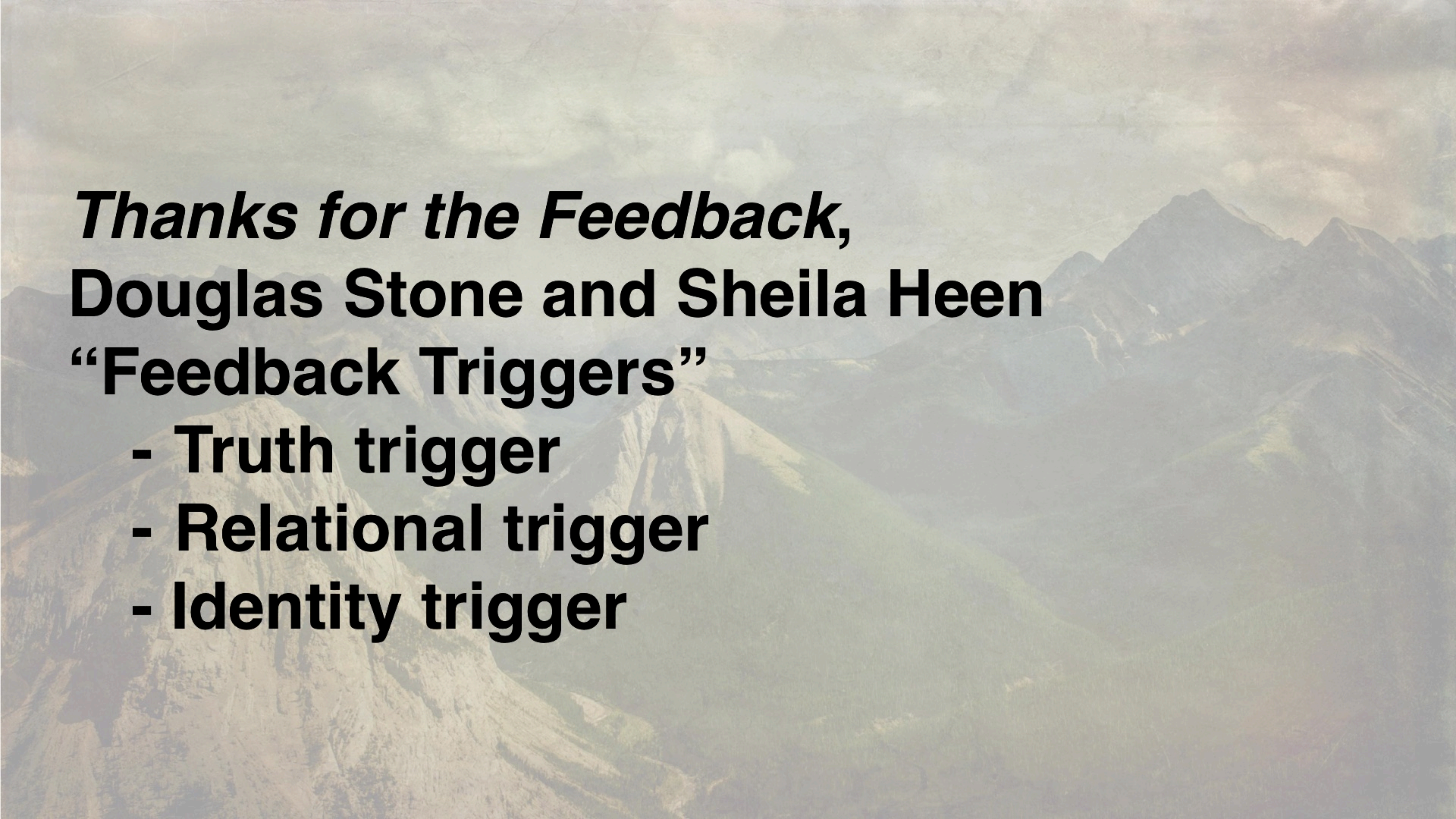


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**II. Helpful — v.5**

**III. Welcoming — v.5**

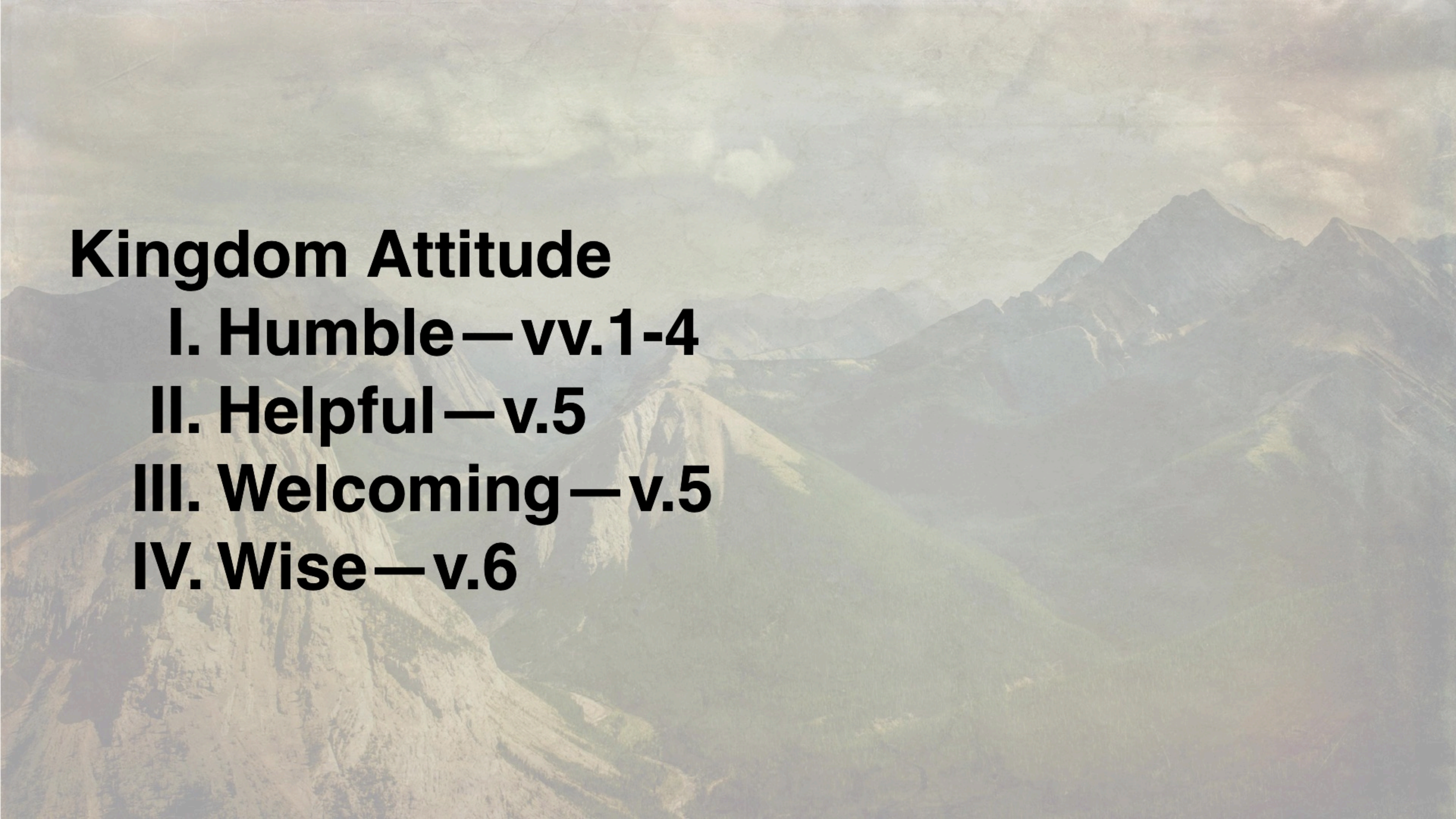


***Thanks for the Feedback,***  
**Douglas Stone and Sheila Heen**  
**“Feedback Triggers”**

- Truth trigger**
- Relational trigger**
- Identity trigger**

An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The foreground shows a large, rugged mountain peak with a rocky, light-colored surface. Below the peak, a deep valley is visible, filled with dense green forest. In the background, more mountain ranges stretch across the horizon under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall scene is a vast, natural landscape.

**Learn to separate the reception of  
feedback from the response to feedback**



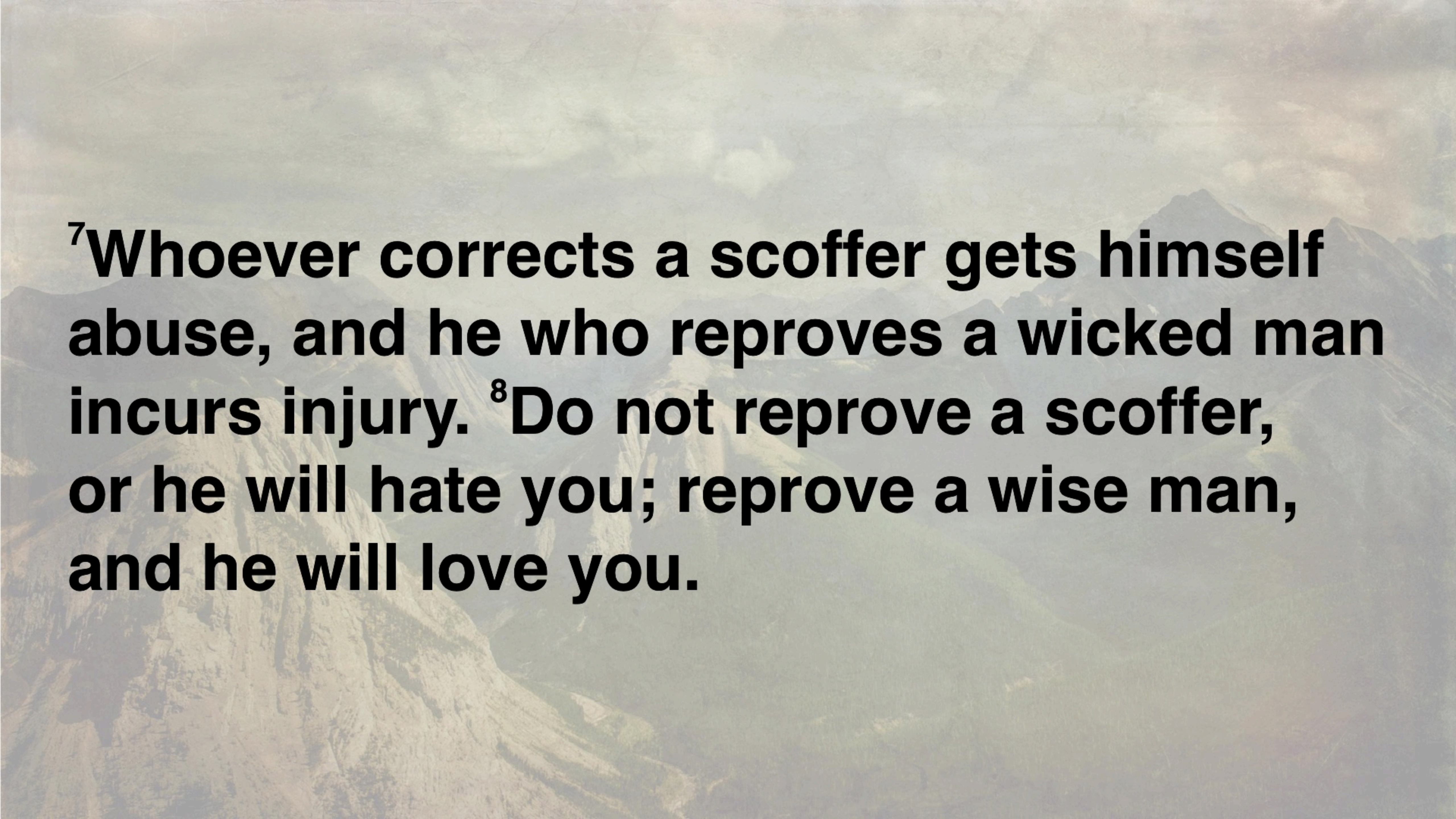
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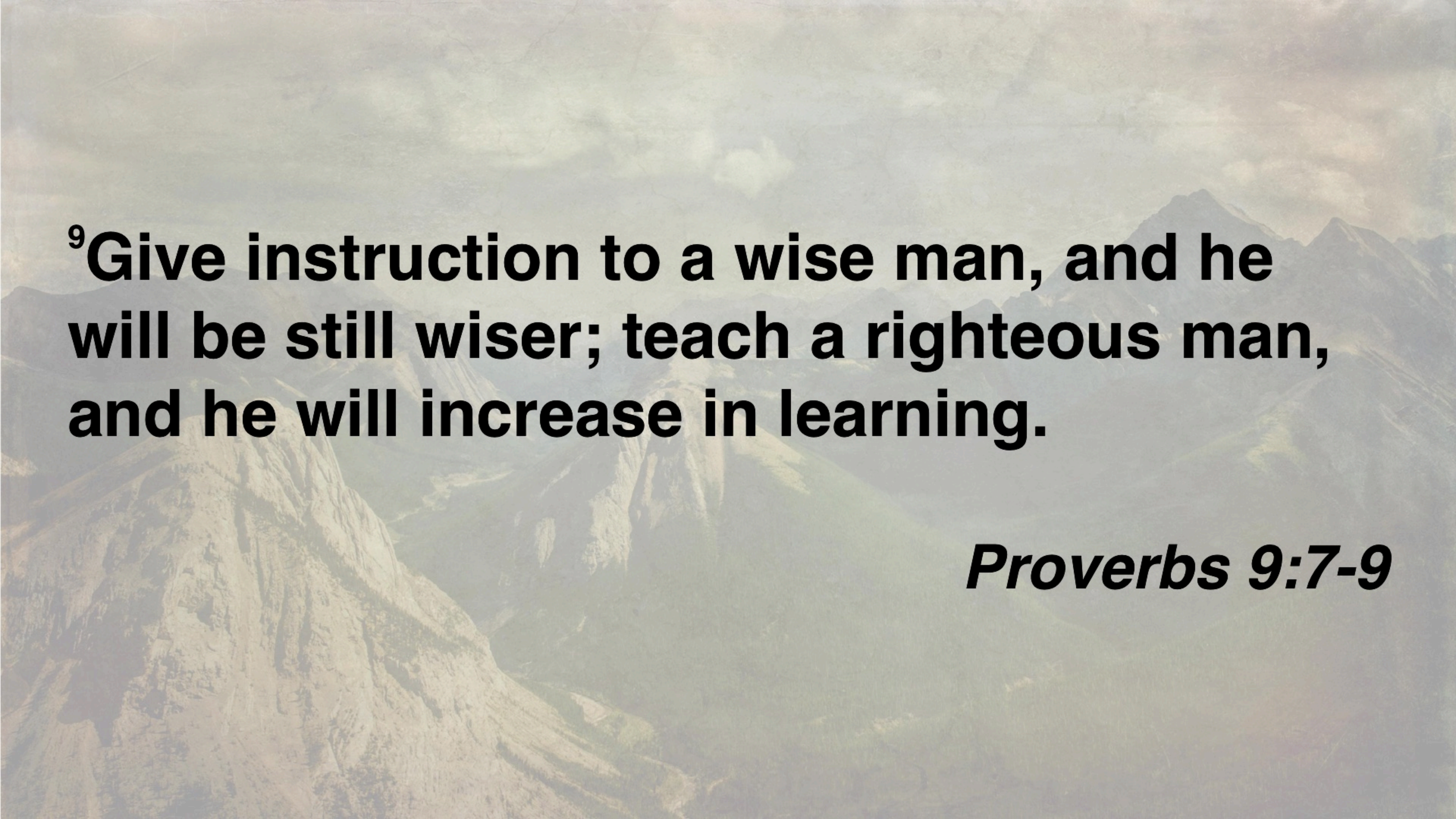
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**III. Welcoming — v.5**

**IV. Wise — v.6**



**<sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.**



**<sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.**

***Proverbs 9:7-9***

## **Questions for reflection**

- 1. Am I ready to confess the presence of a log in my eye?**
- 2. How can I be more gentle when I help others?**
- 3. What feedback triggers have prevented me from hearing the truth?**
- 4. Is there a wise person God is calling me to help?**
- 5. Is there a foolish person with whom I need to draw a boundary or provide a consequence?**