



# SCRIPTURE READING

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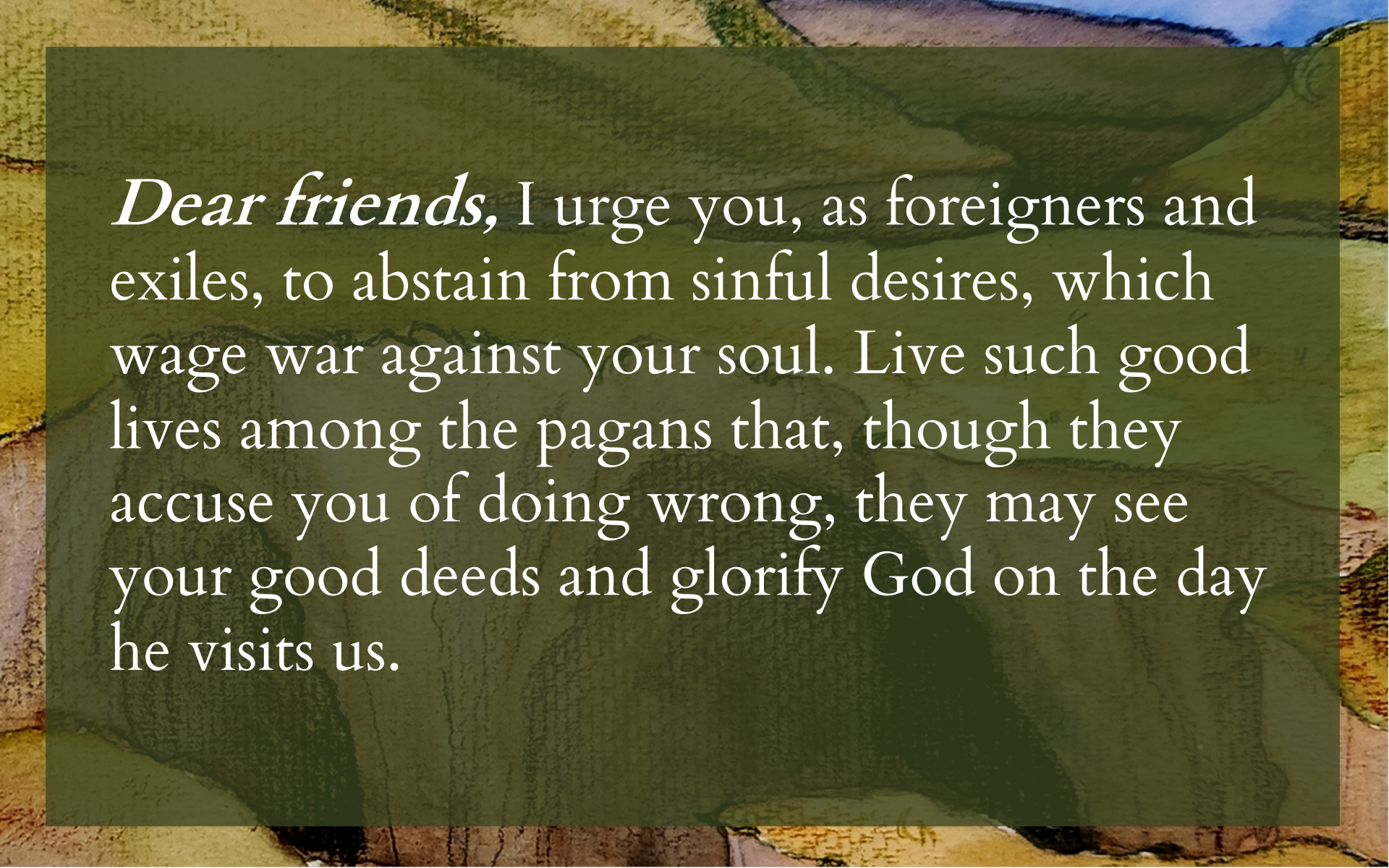




# 1 PETER

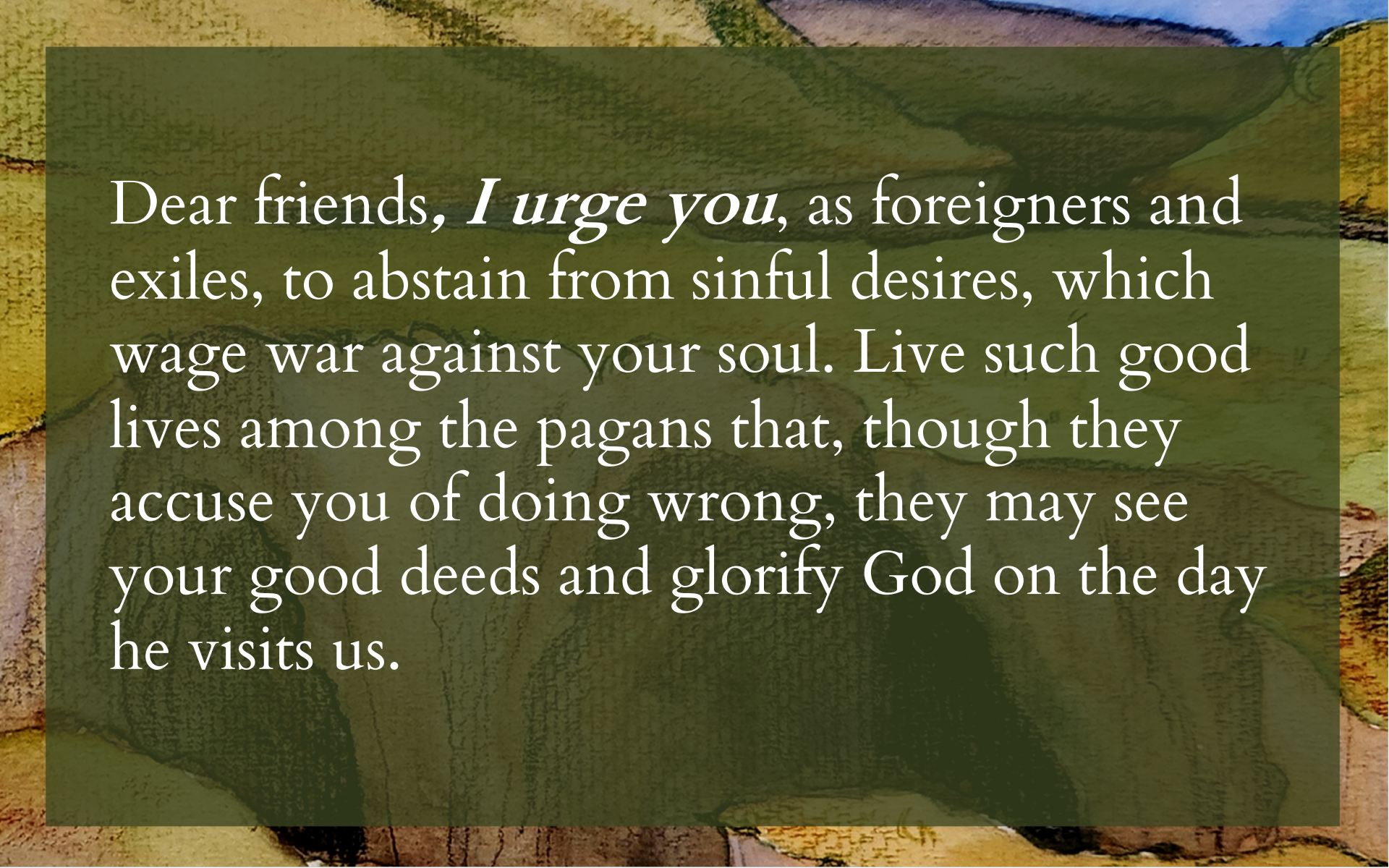
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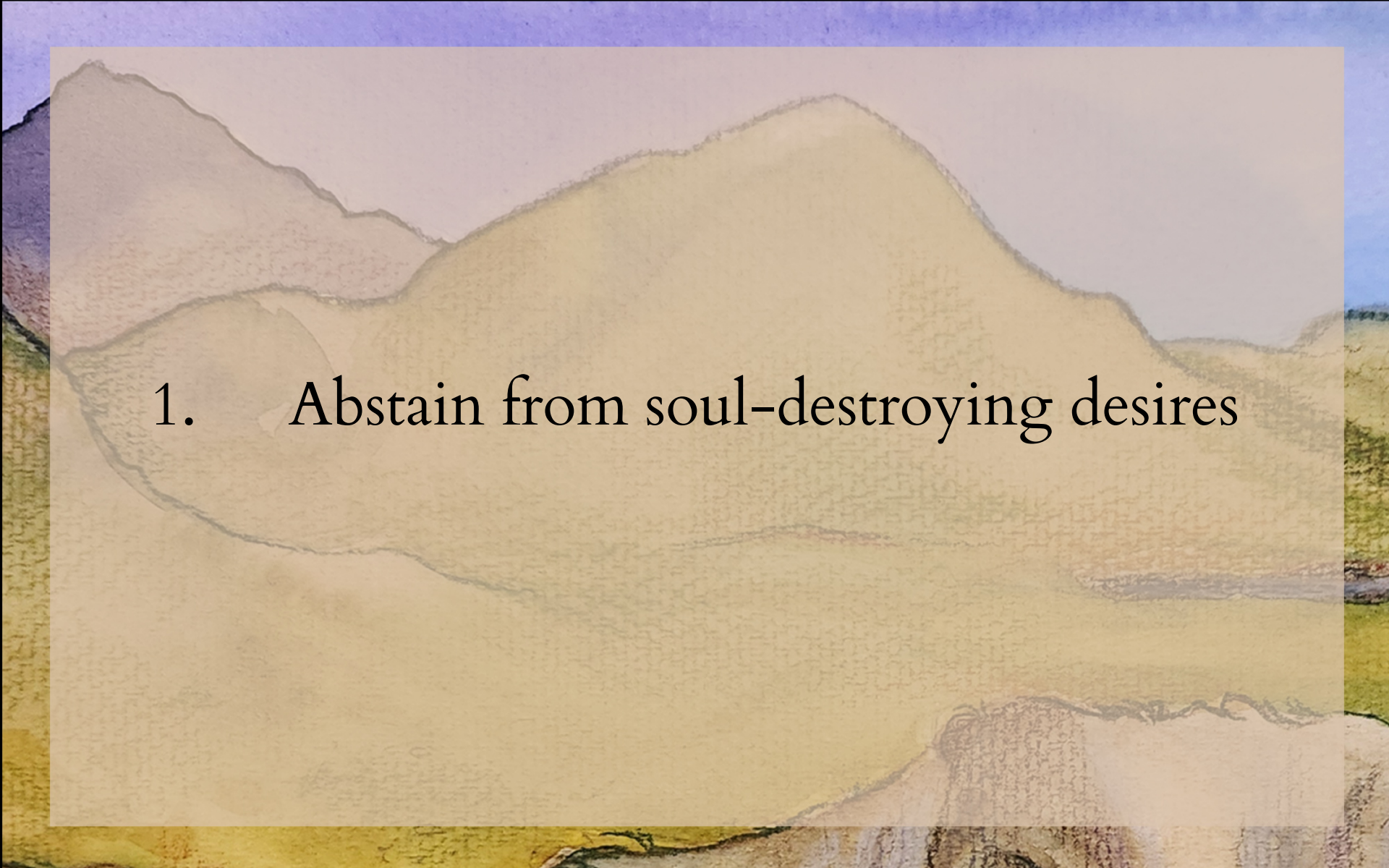




# Hold onto the good life.

(hold onto a life devoted to doing good)





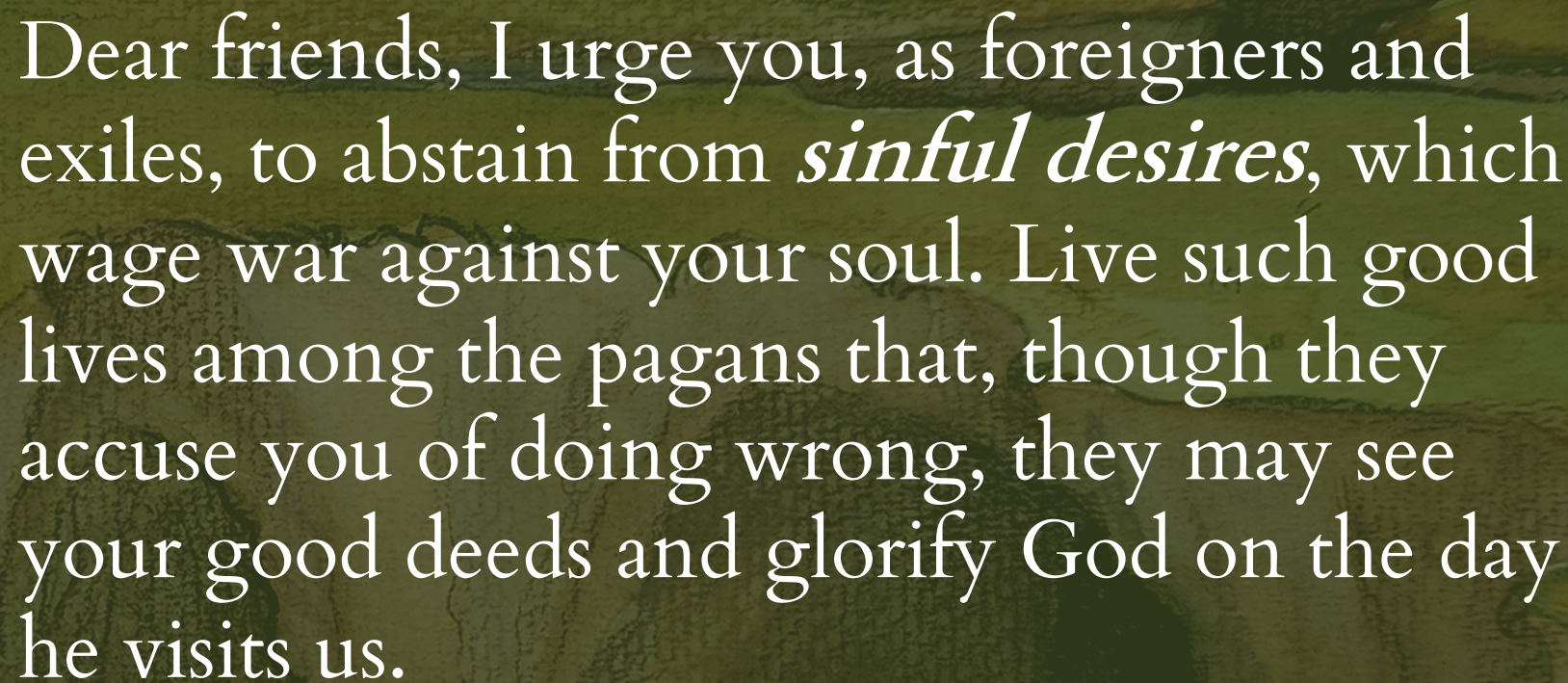
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## 1 Thessalonians 2:17

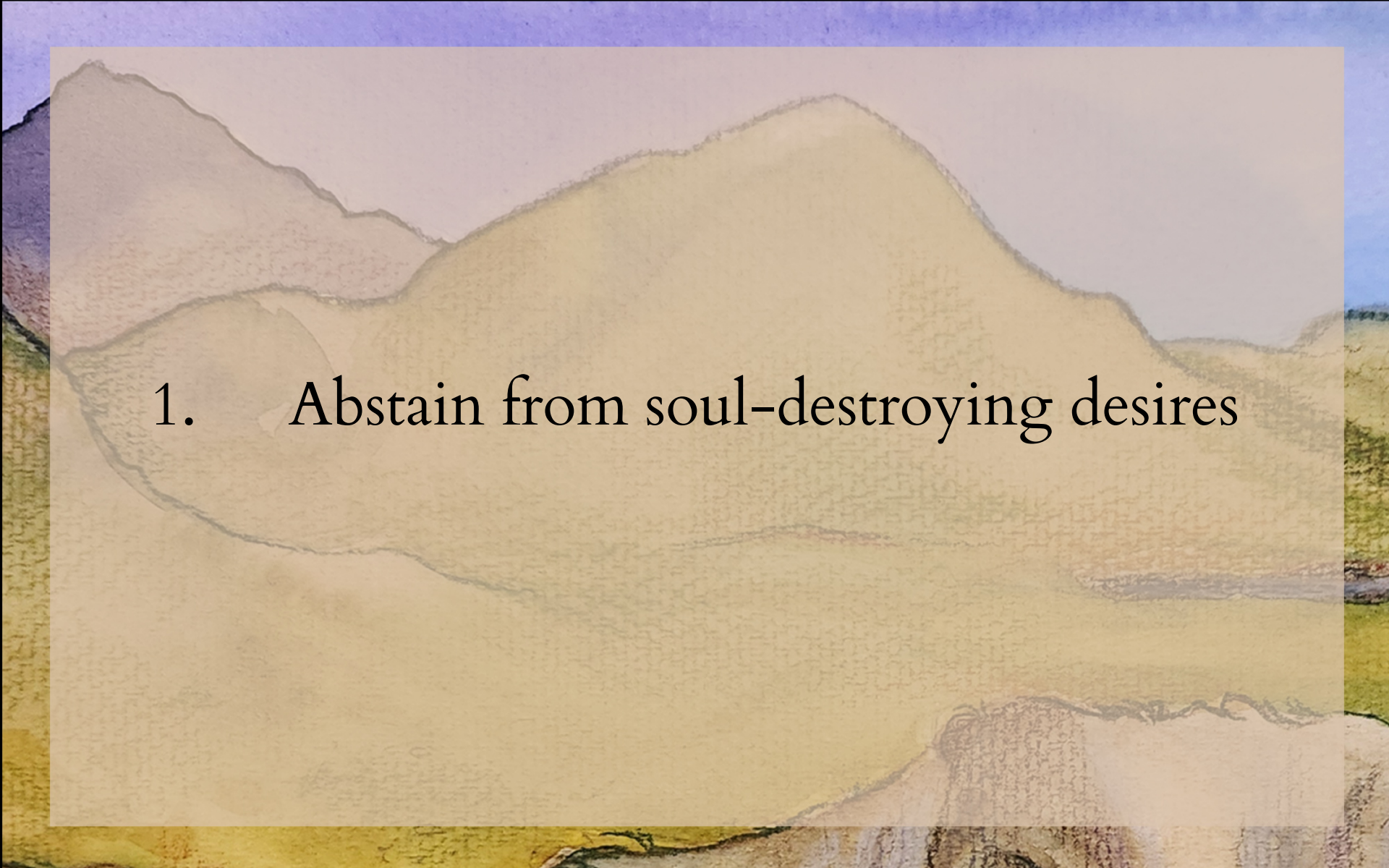
“But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our *intense longing* we made every effort to see you.”



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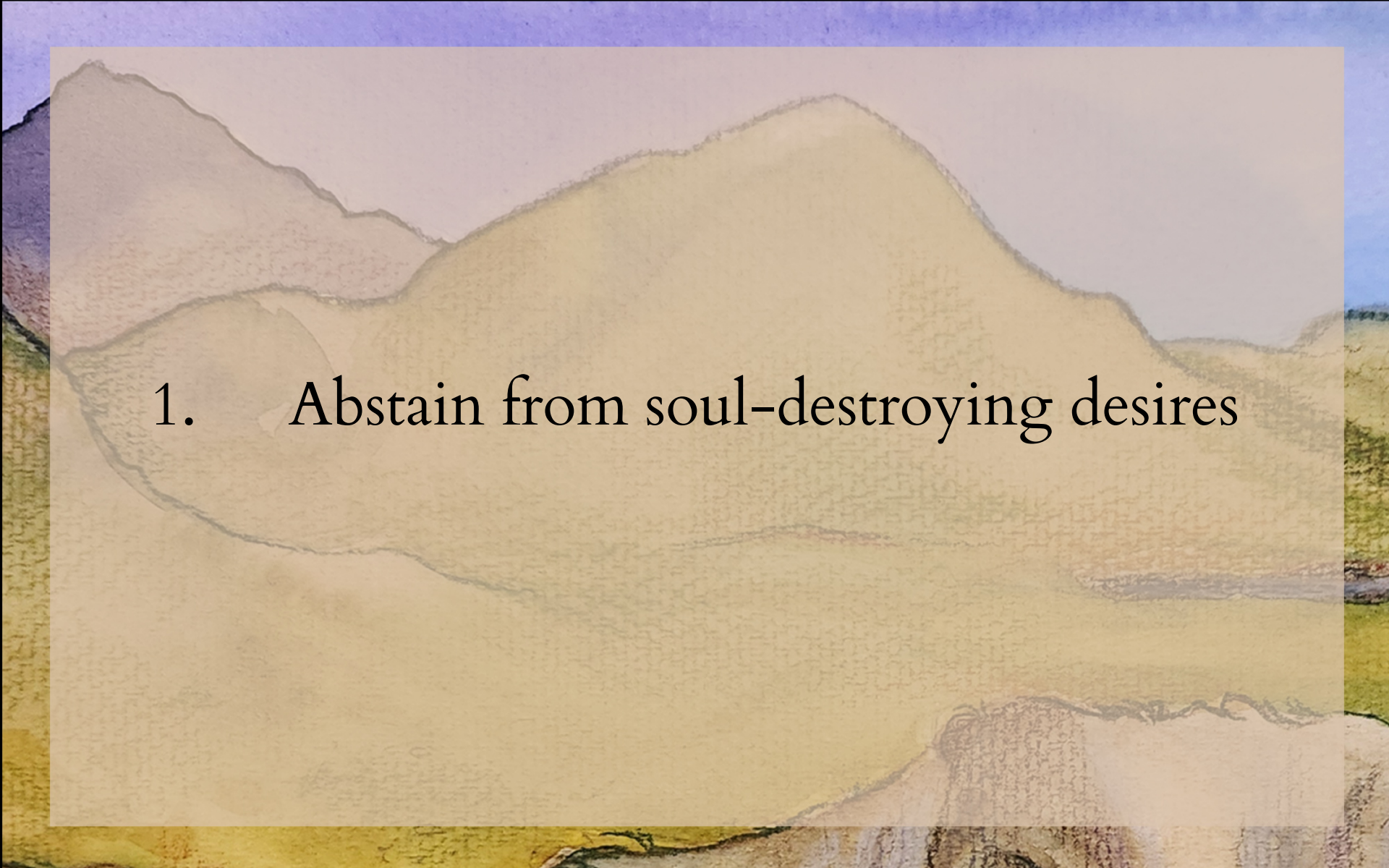
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## Matthew 28:19–20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and *teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you*. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”





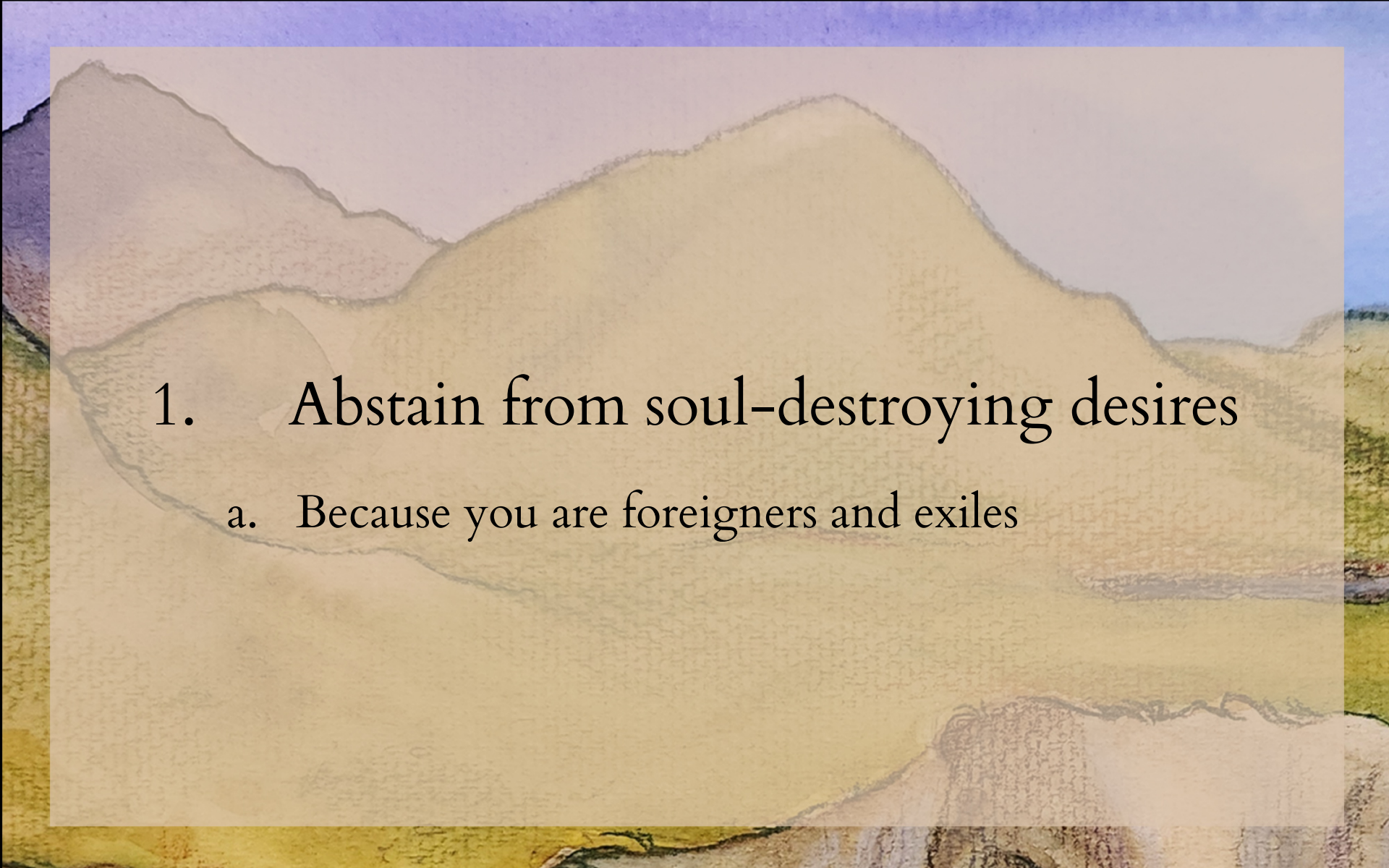
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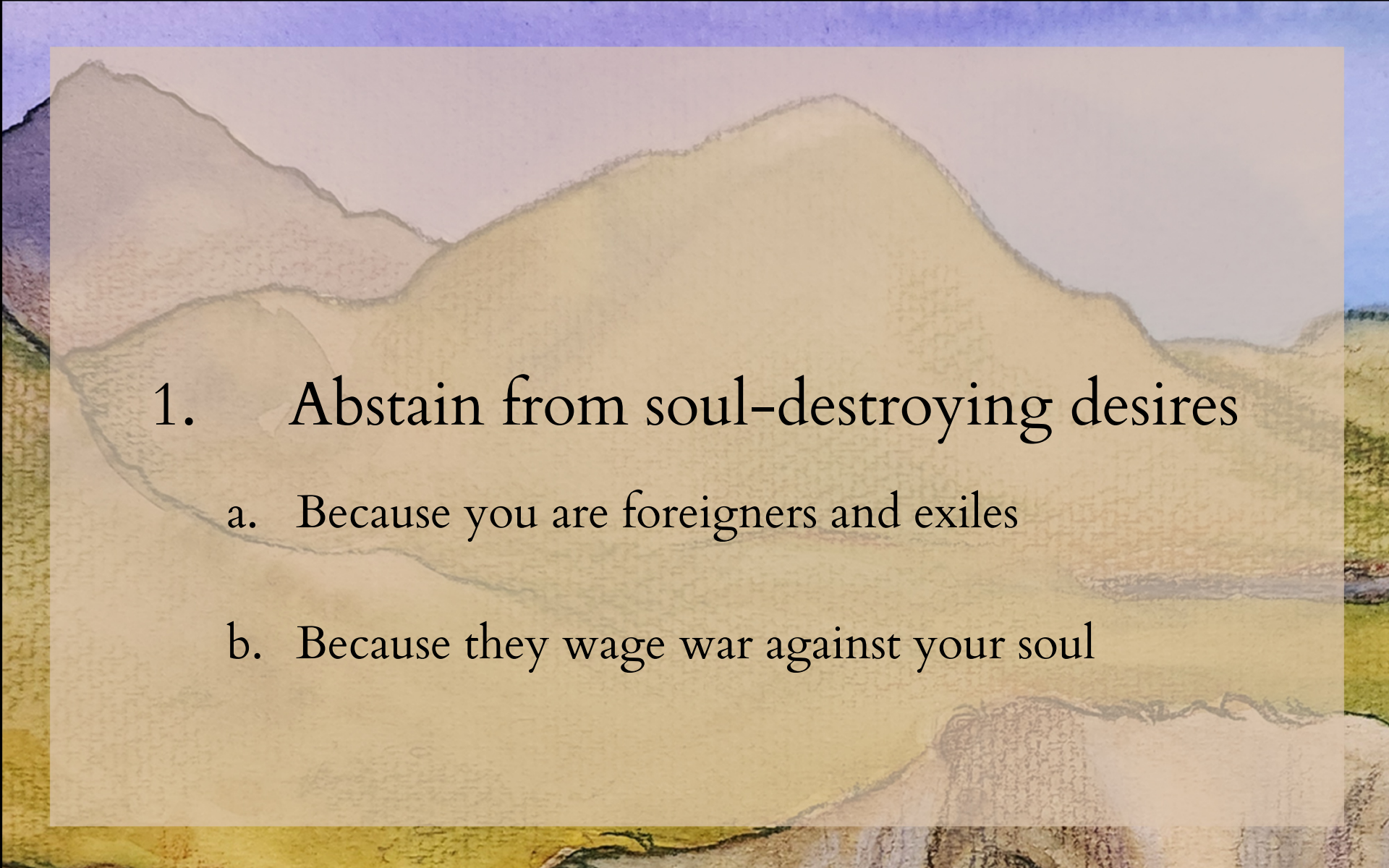
## James 1:13-15

“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own *evil desire* and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”



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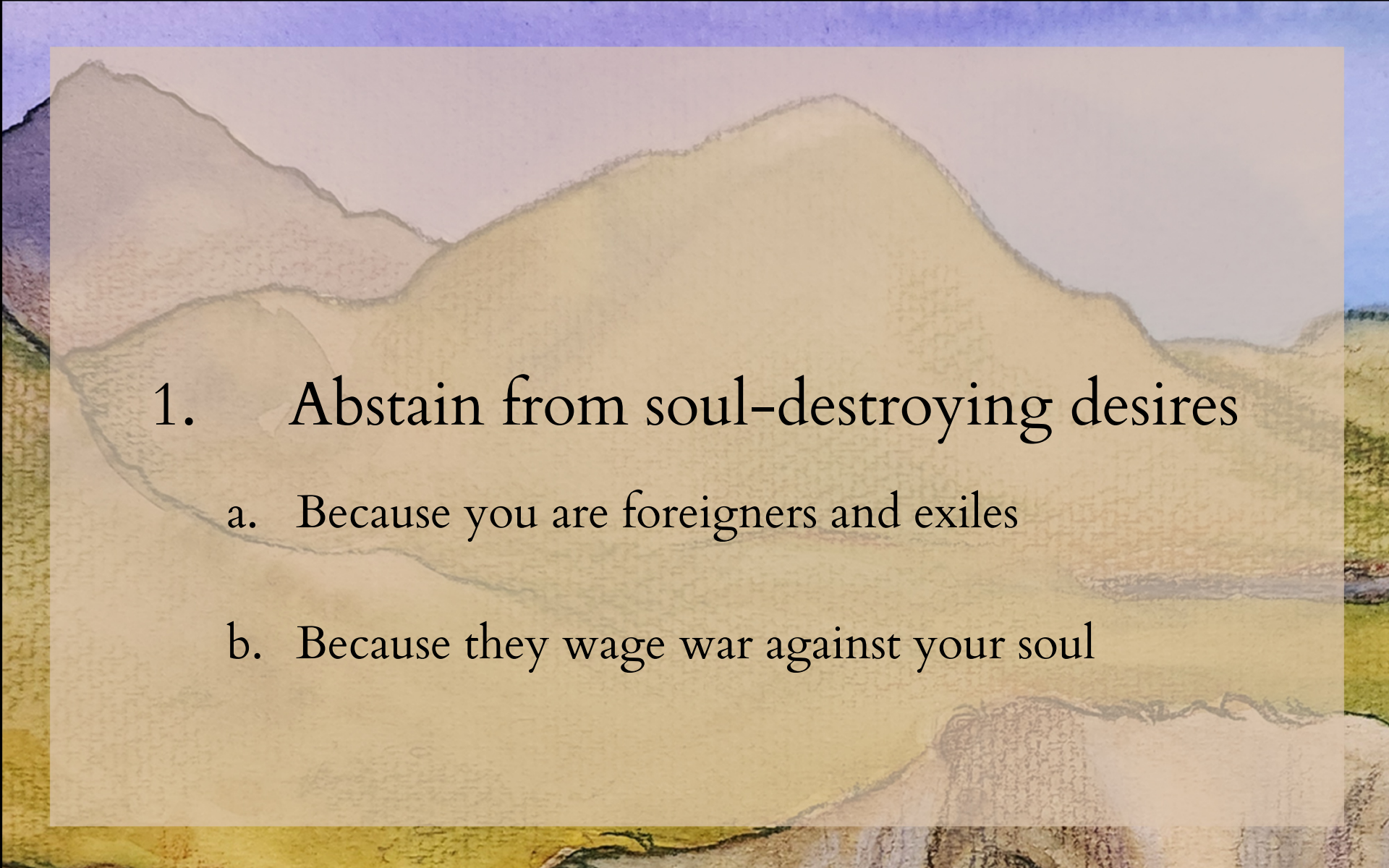


Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires *that plunge people into ruin and destruction.* (1 Timothy 6:9)

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and *enslaved by all kinds of passions* and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. (Titus 3:3)

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## John 3:3-5

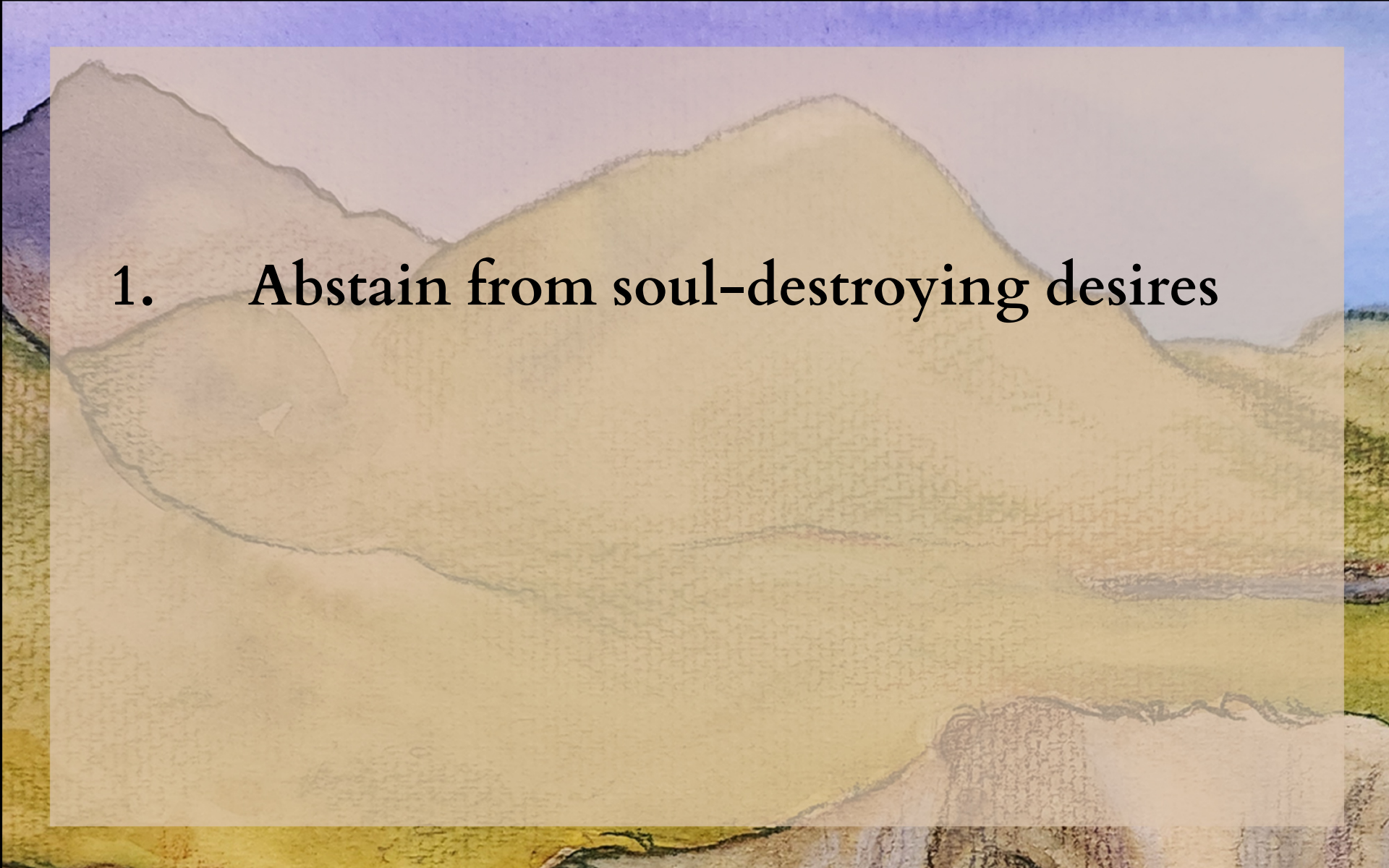
“Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’

‘How can someone be born when they are old?’

Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’

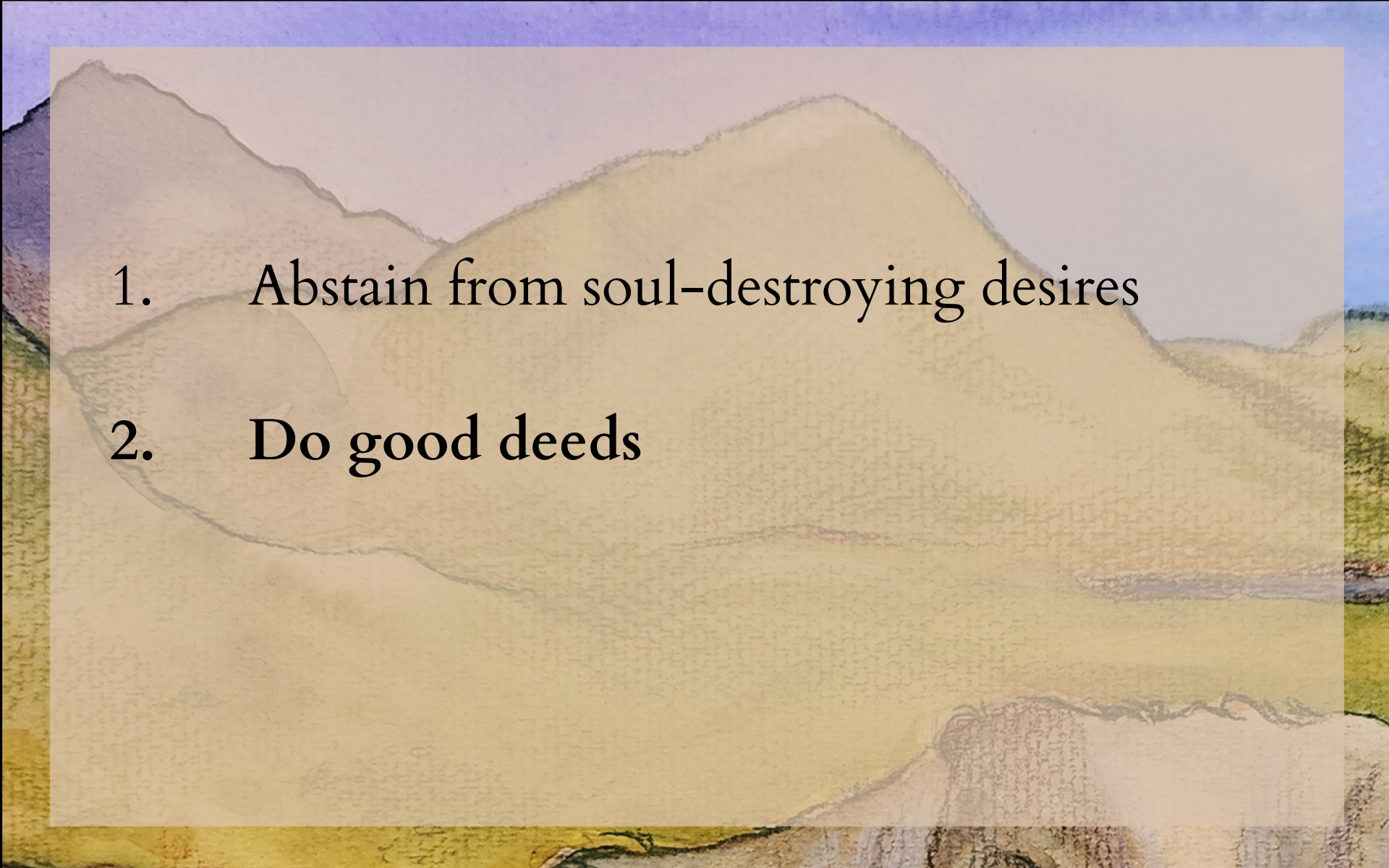
Jesus answered, ‘*Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.*’”





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## Matthew 5:14–16

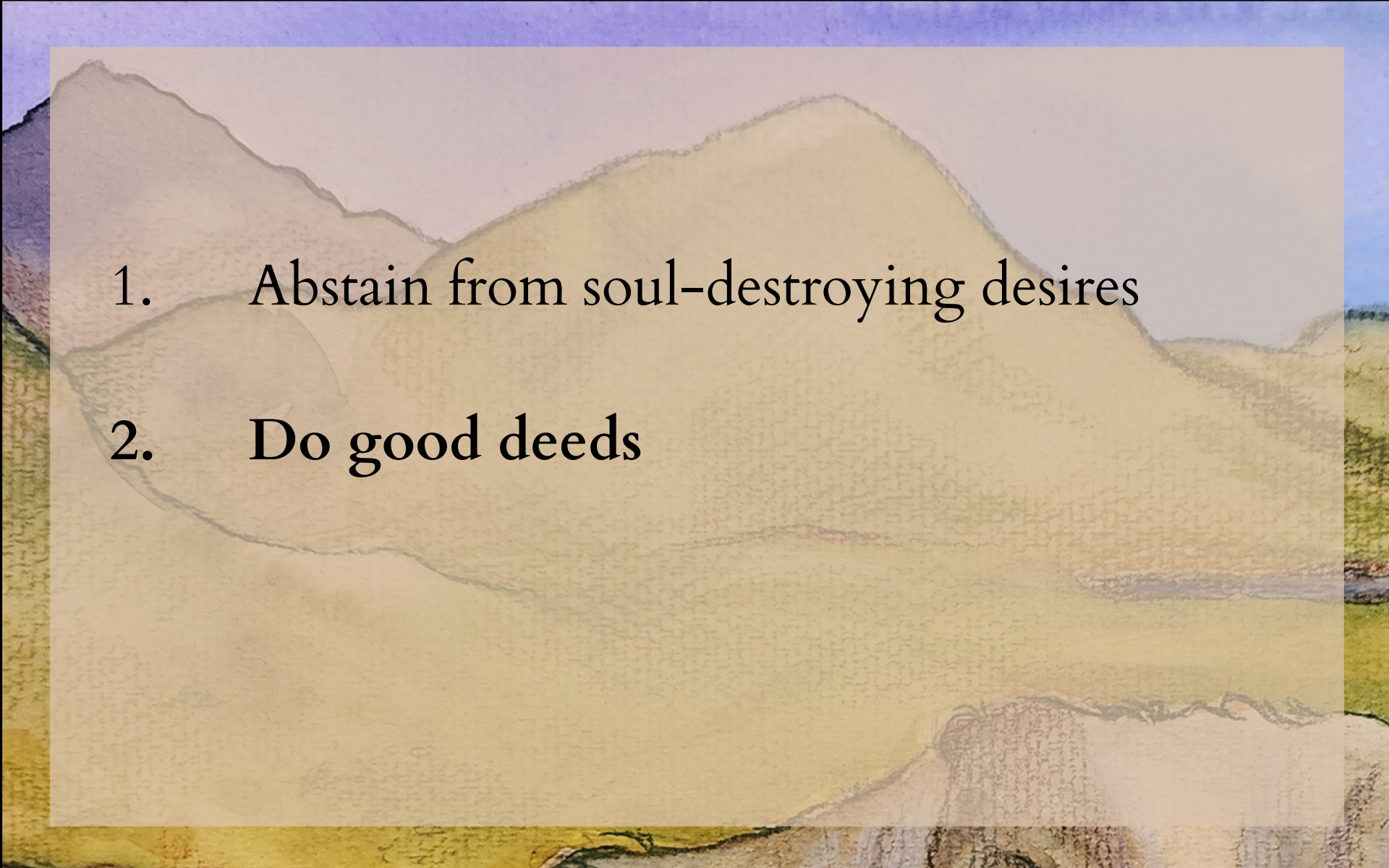
“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, *that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*”



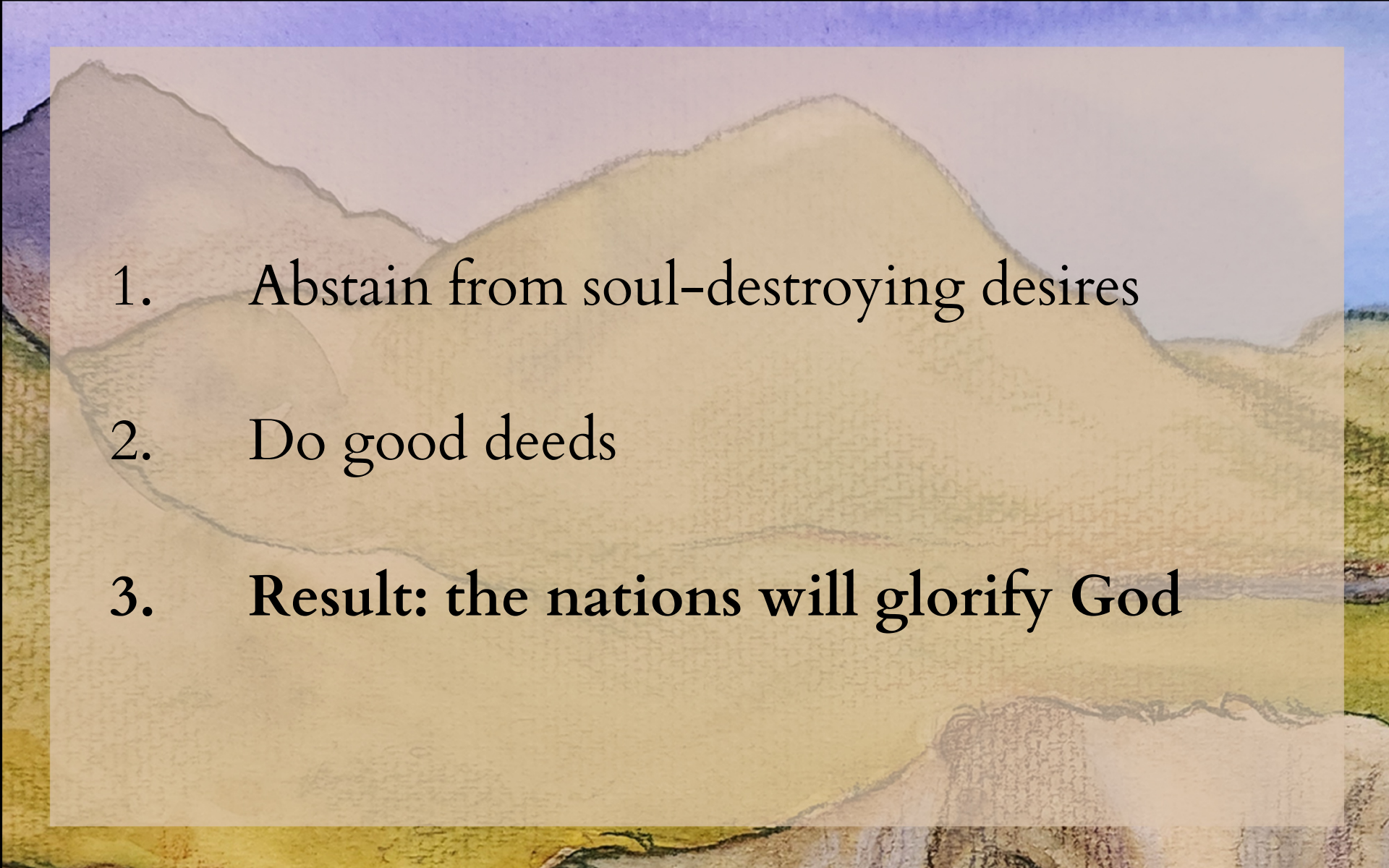
## 1 Peter 4:8–10

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”



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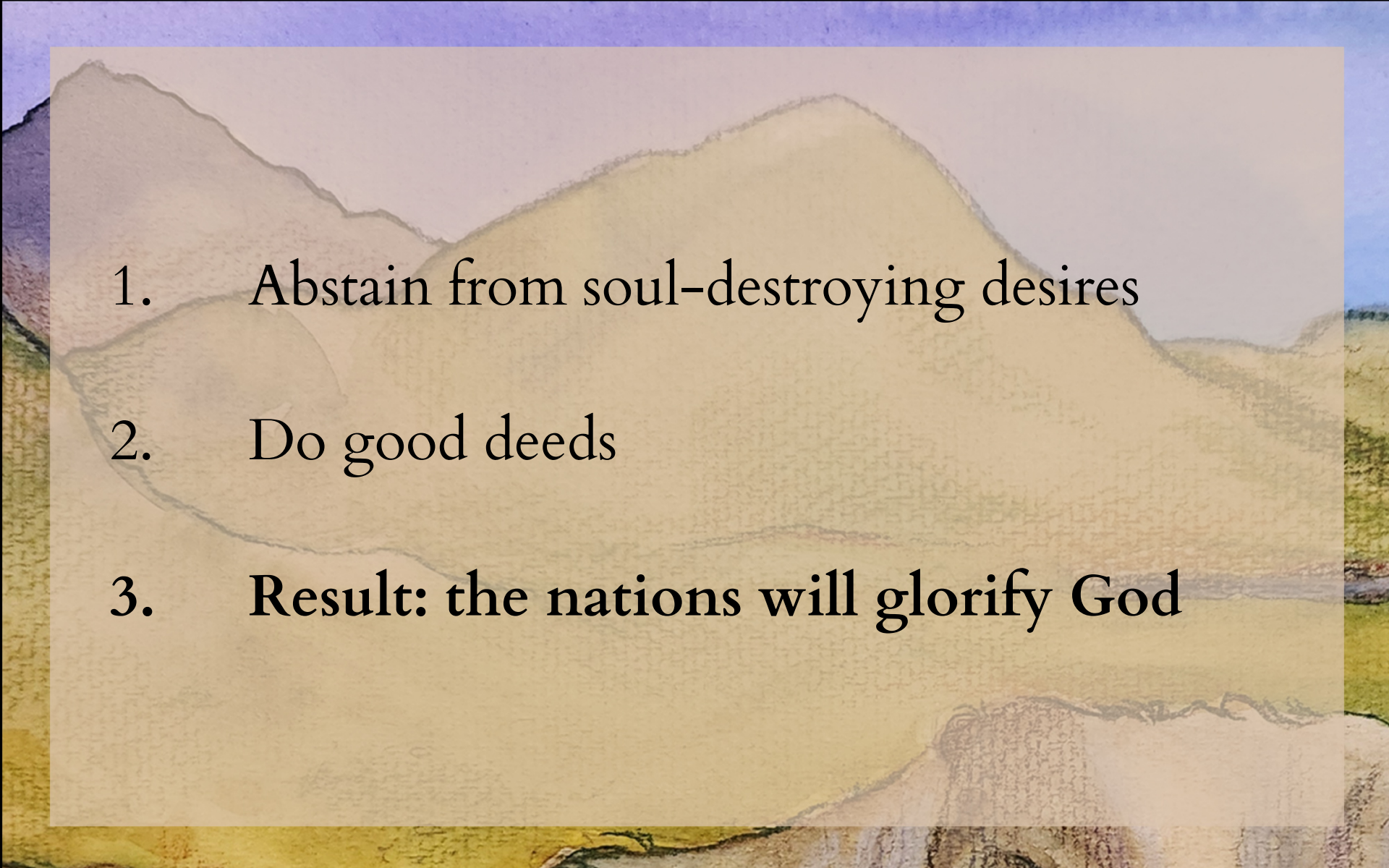
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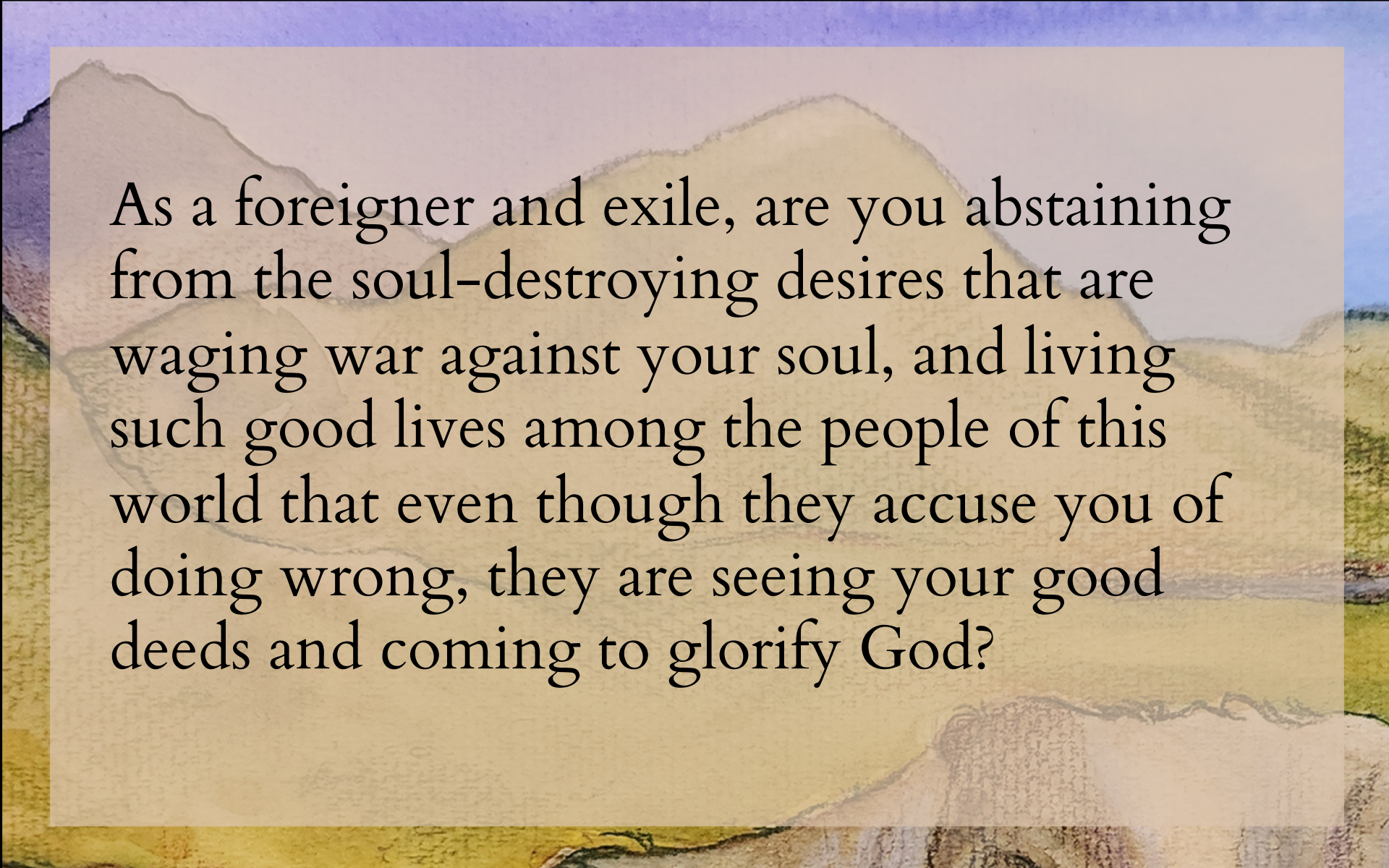
## Genesis 12:2-3

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and *all peoples (ethnos) on earth will be blessed through you.*”



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As a foreigner and exile, are you abstaining from the soul-destroying desires that are waging war against your soul, and living such good lives among the people of this world that even though they accuse you of doing wrong, they are seeing your good deeds and coming to glorify God?



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