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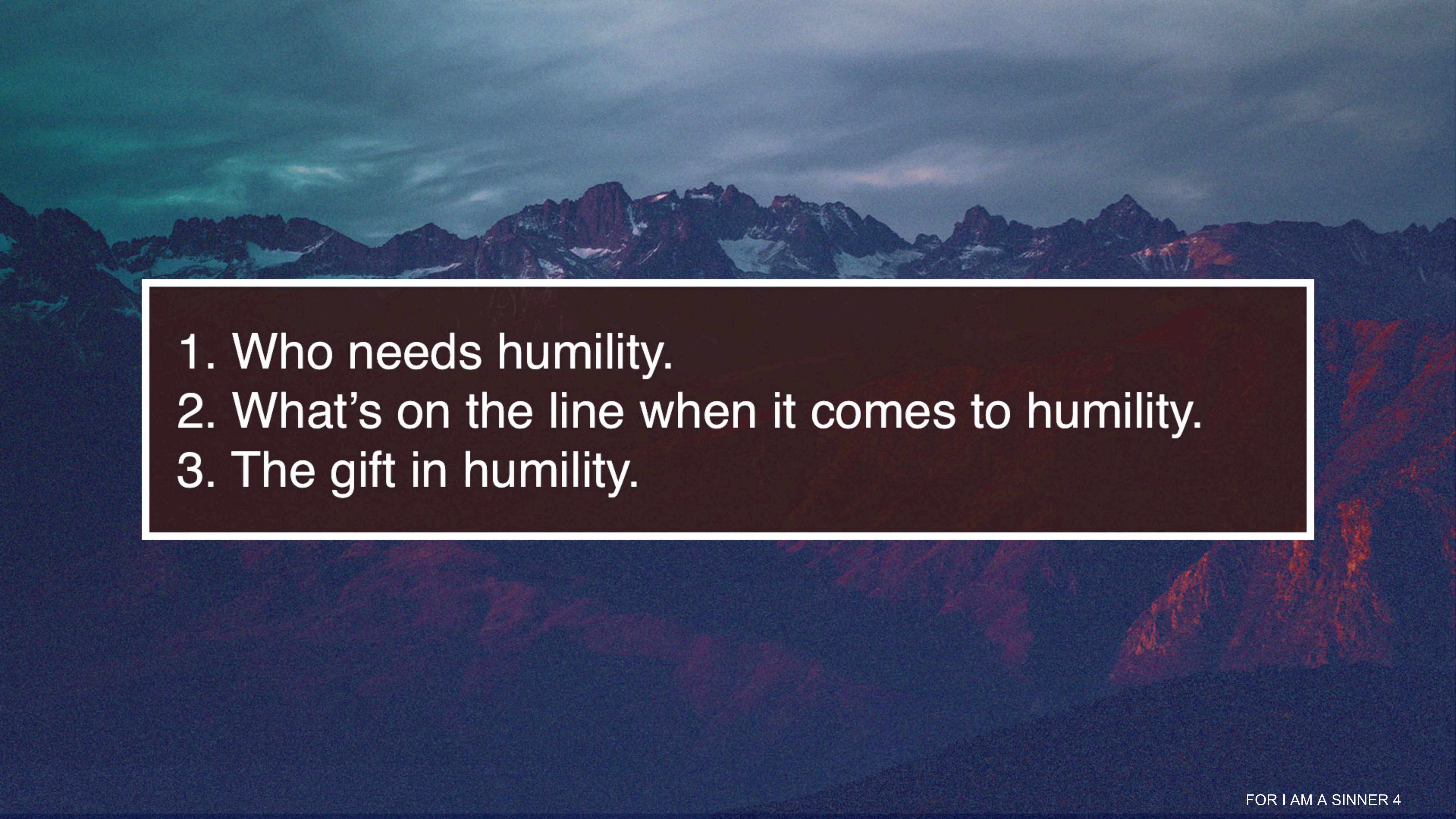
MERCY

FOR I AM A SINNER

Luke 18:9-14

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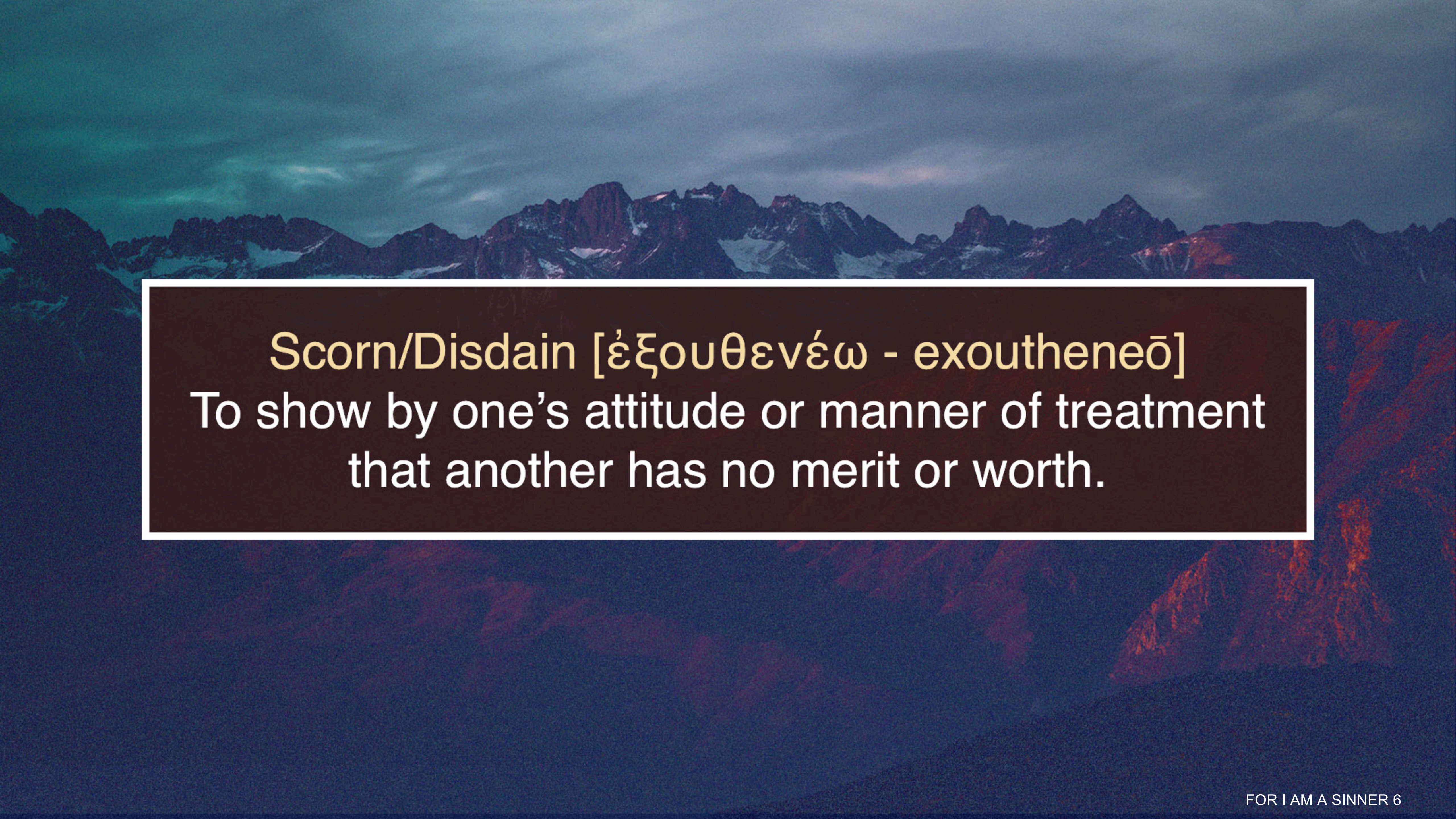
I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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1. Who needs humility.
 2. What's on the line when it comes to humility.
 3. The gift in humility.



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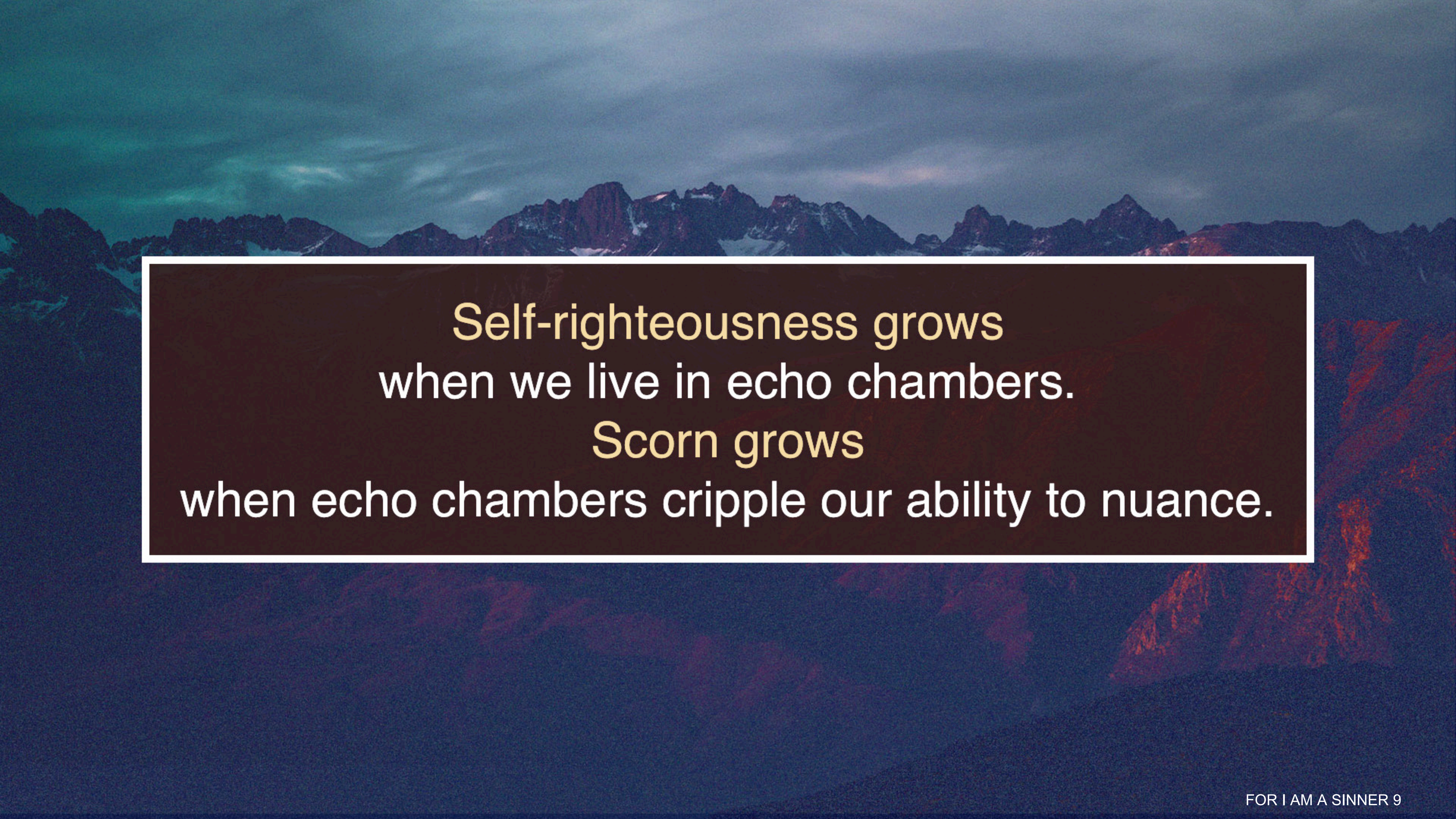
Scorn/Disdain [ἐξουθενέω - exoutheneō]
To show by one's attitude or manner of treatment
that another has no merit or worth.

James 3:9-10

“Sometimes [the tongue] praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!”



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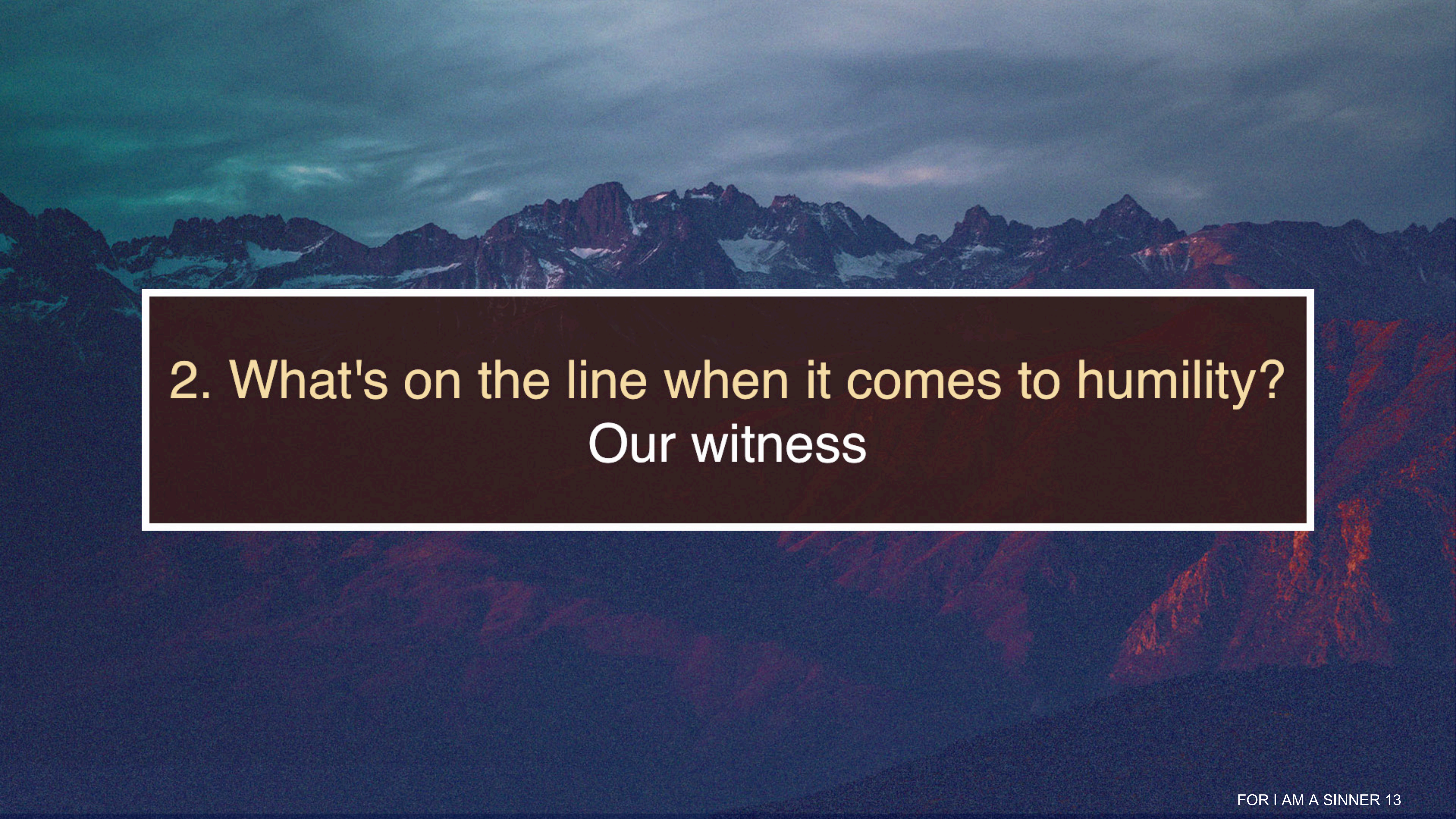
What's wrong with the world today?

Dear Sir,

I am.

Yours,

G.K. Chesterton



2. What's on the line when it comes to humility? Our witness



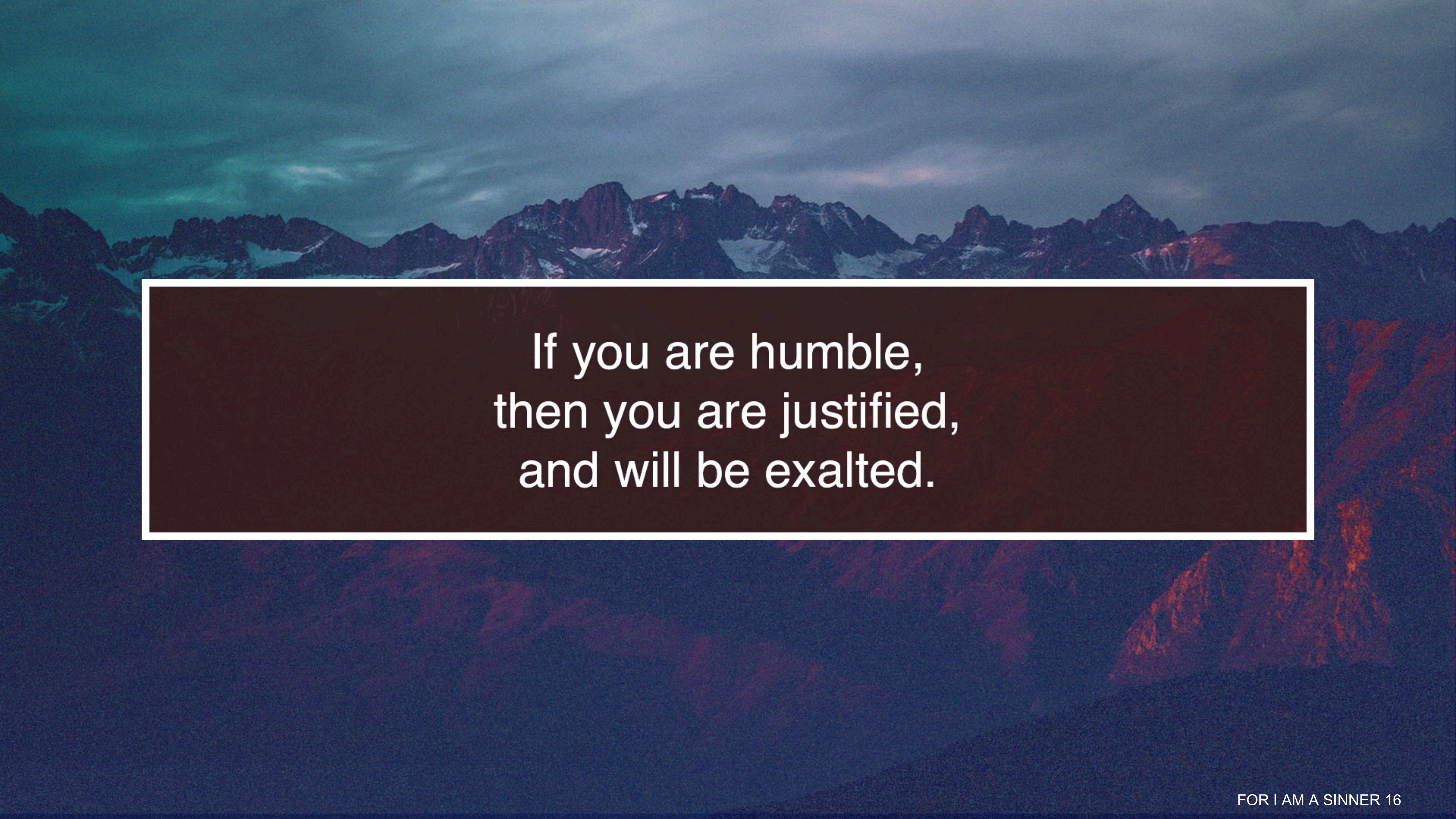
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Our witness
Our salvation



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If you are humble,
then you are justified,
and will be exalted.



If you are **NOT** humble,
then you are **NOT** justified,
and will **NOT** be exalted.



It isn't about being right, it's about being humble.

If you want God's grace, all you need is need.

The American Identity Myth

Who Am I?

Discovery

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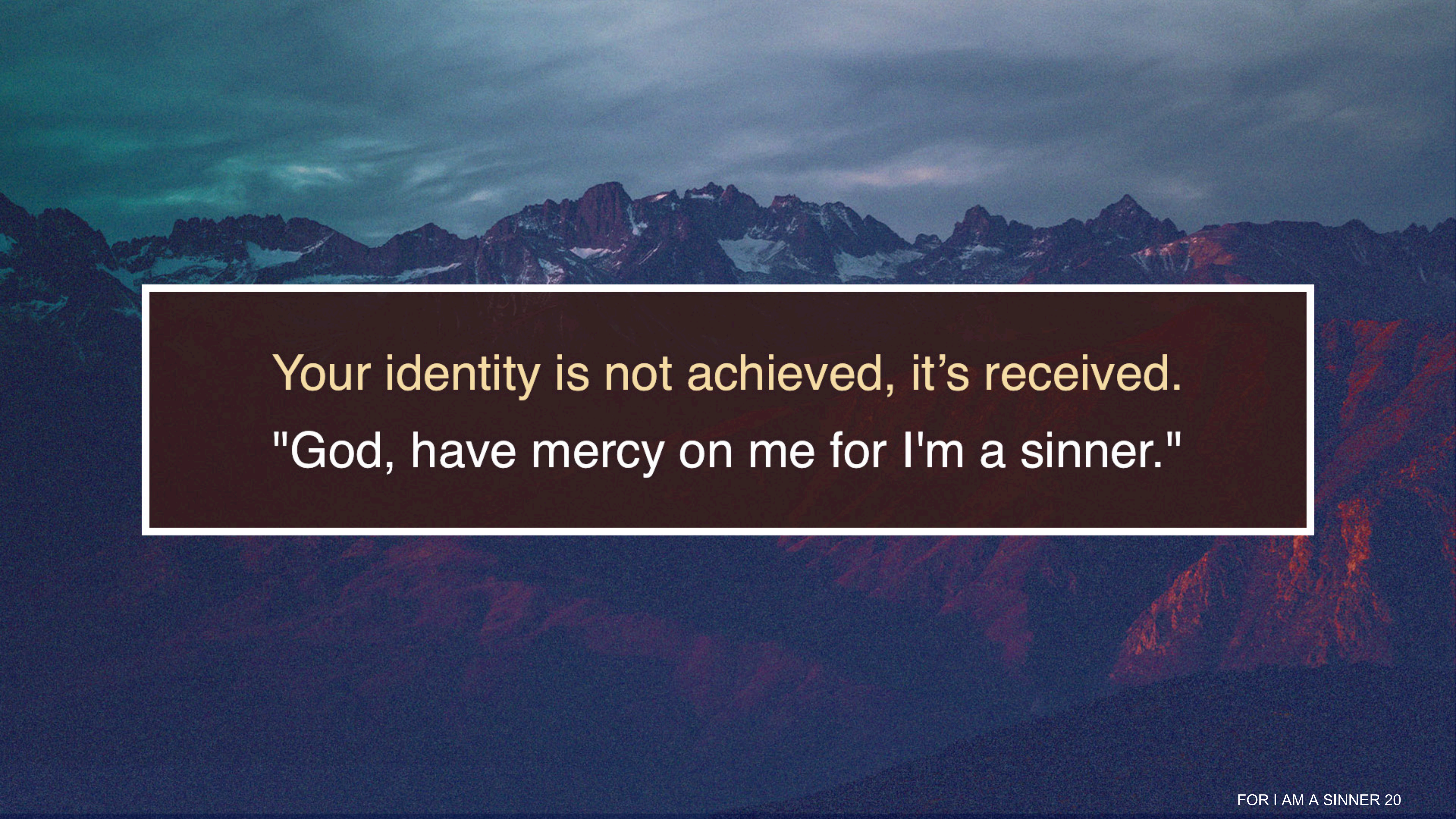
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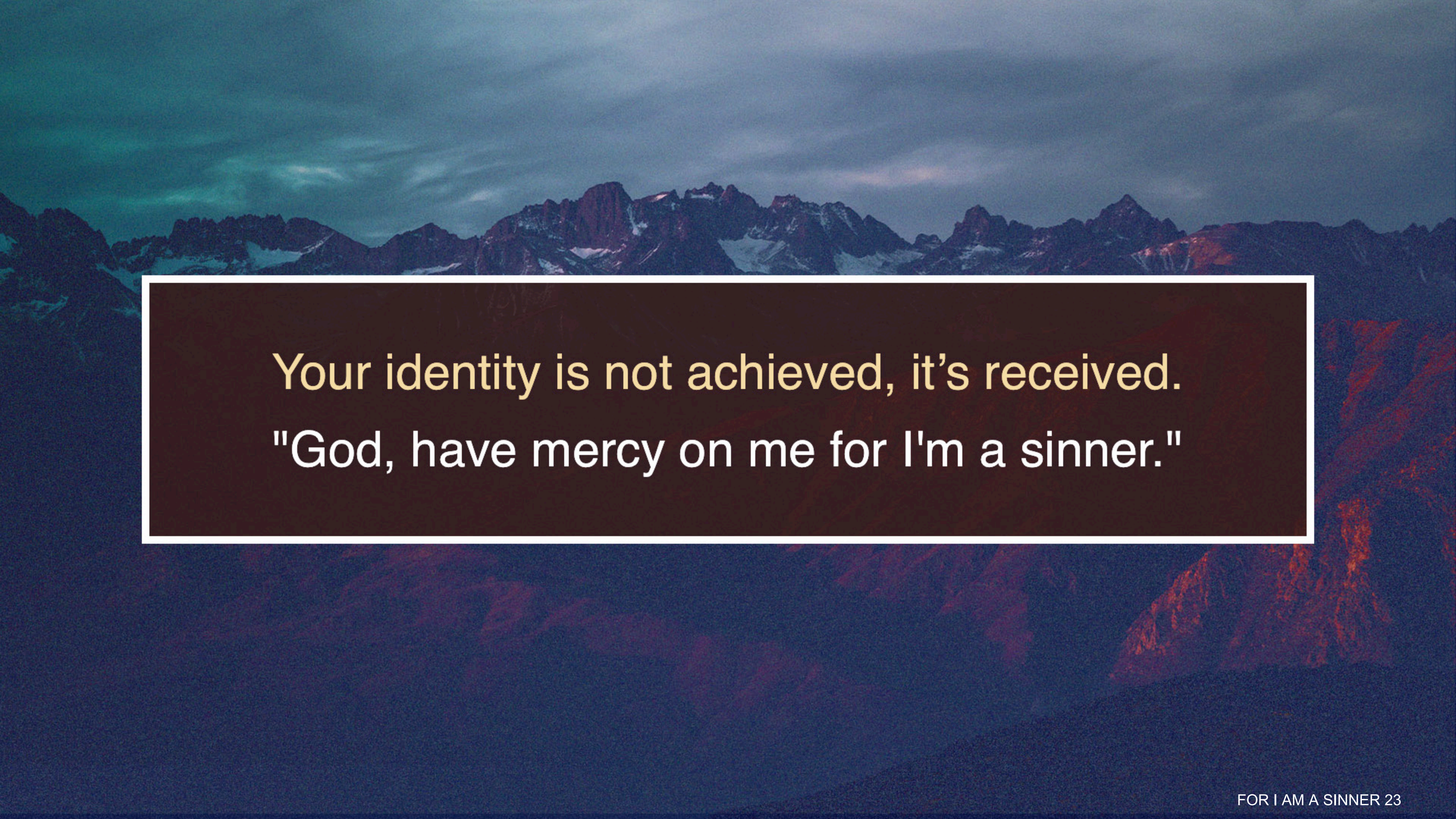
Your identity is not achieved, it's received.
"God, have mercy on me for I'm a sinner."

Philippians 2:5-11

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though He was in the form of God, [He] did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He **humbled** Himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-11

Therefore God also highly **exalted** Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”



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