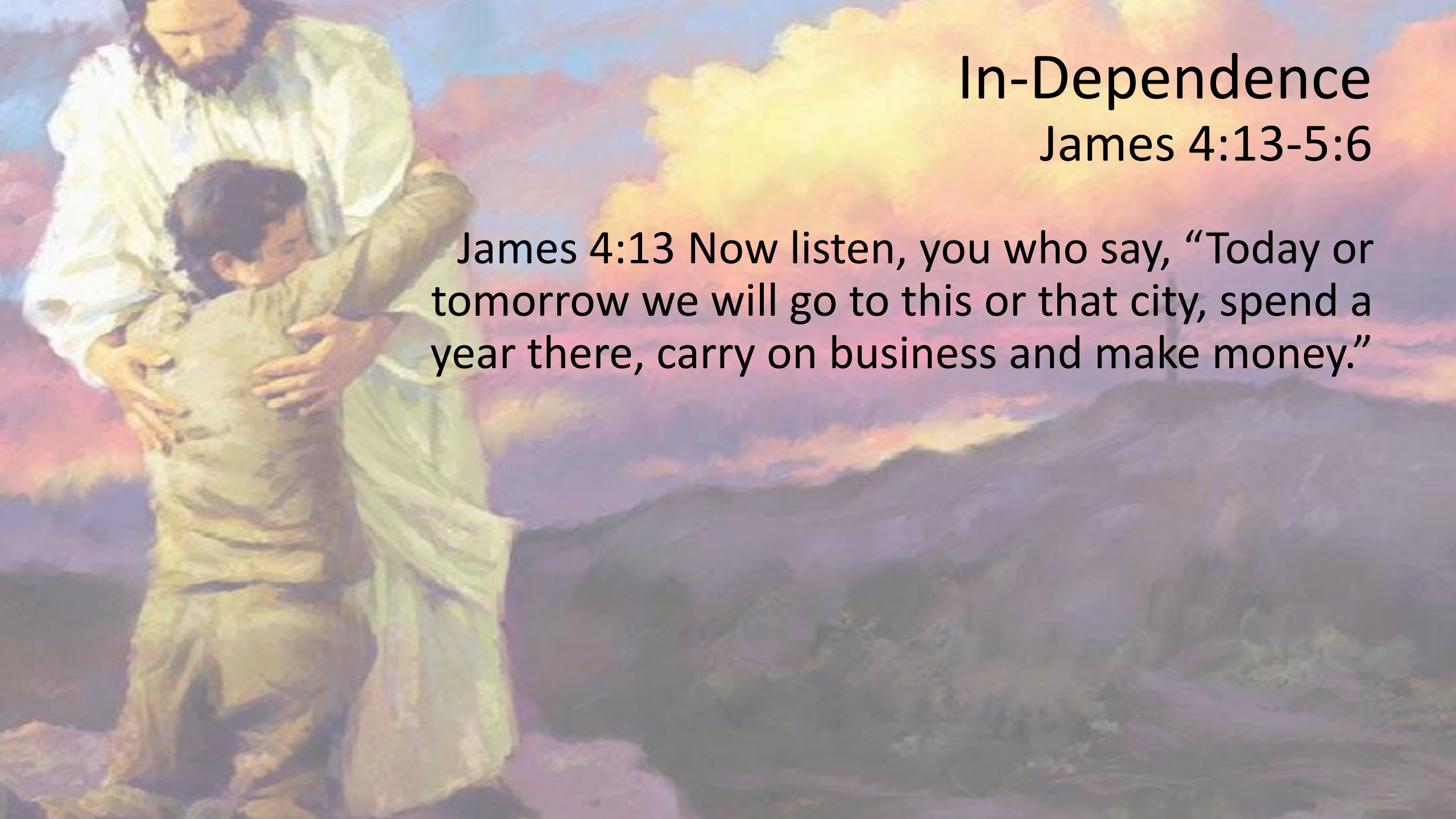
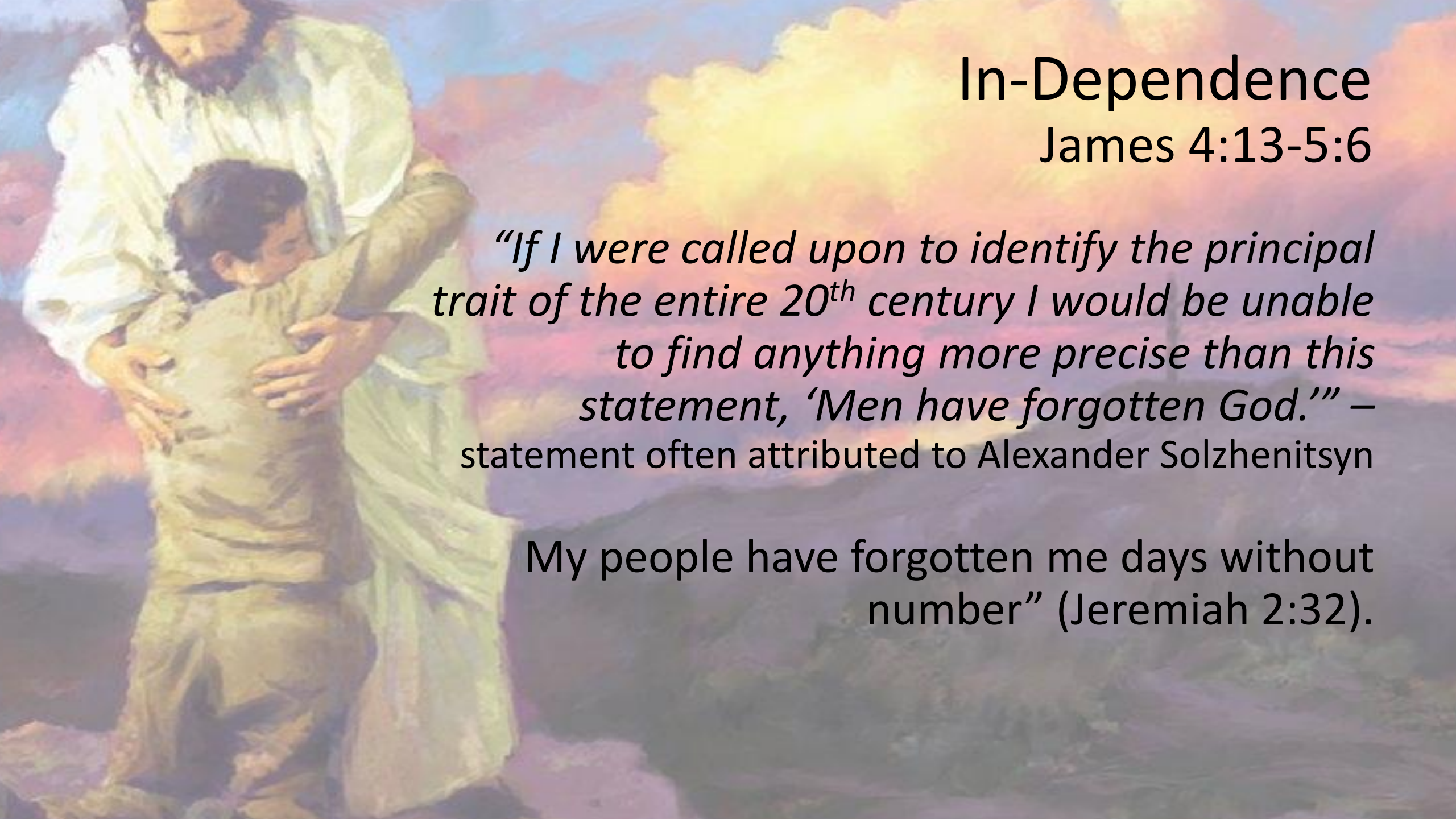


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James 4:13-5:6

James 4:13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.”



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James 4:13-5:6

"If I were called upon to identify the principal trait of the entire 20th century I would be unable to find anything more precise than this statement, 'Men have forgotten God.'" –
statement often attributed to Alexander Solzhenitsyn

My people have forgotten me days without number" (Jeremiah 2:32).

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James 4:13-5:6

Deuteronomy 8:17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, …

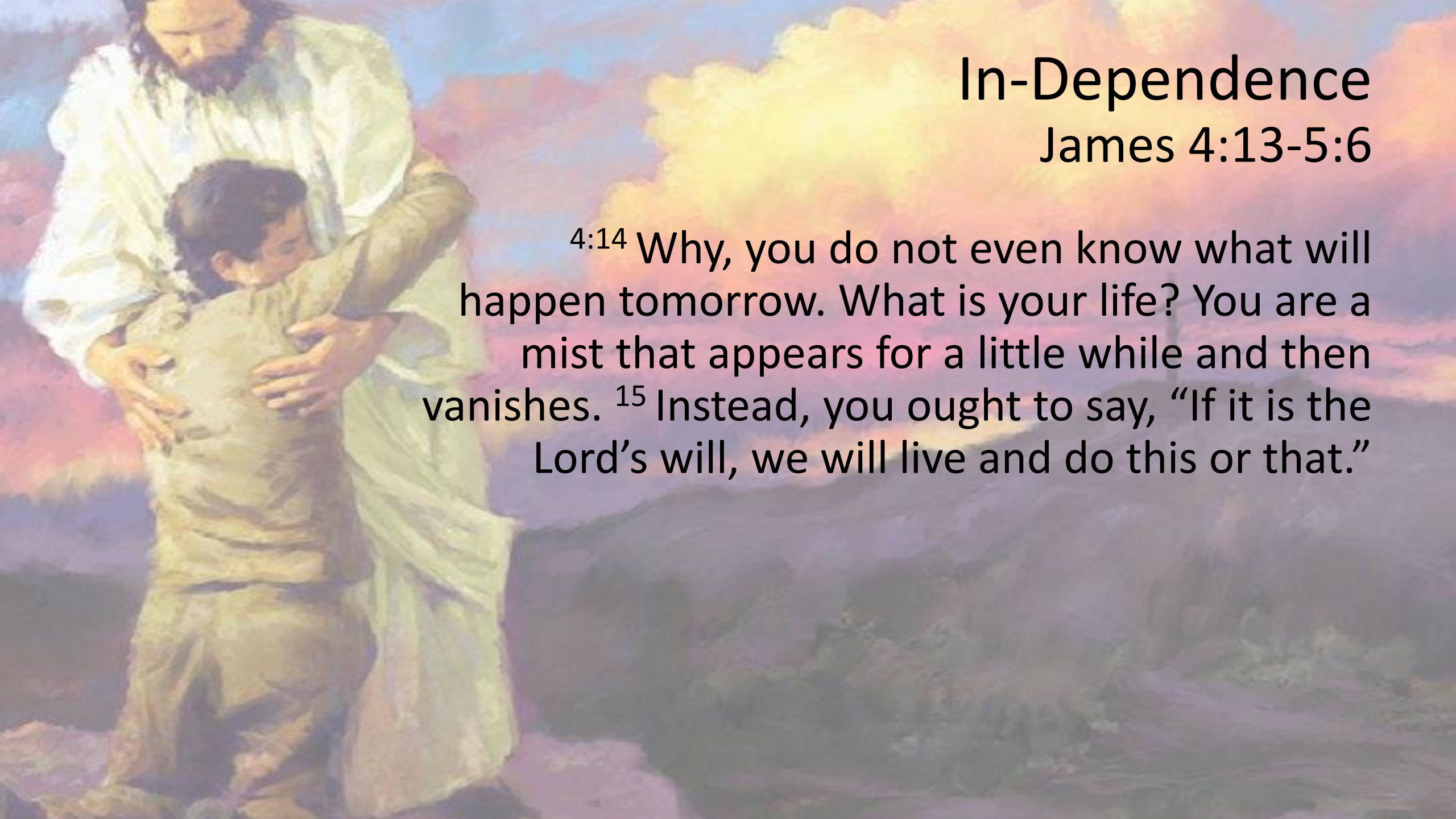


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John 15:5 (Jesus said,) “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.





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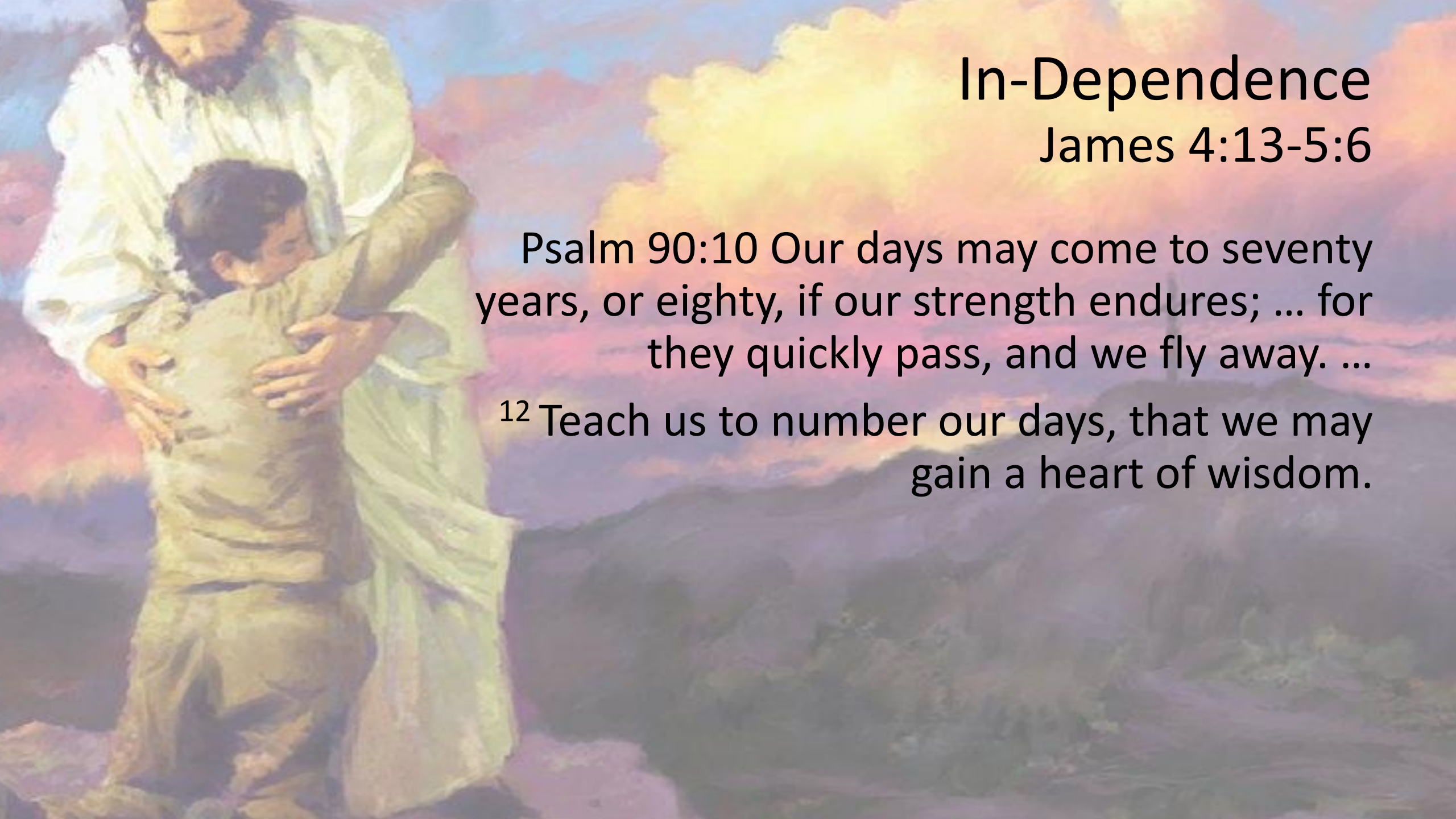
4:14 Why, you do not even know what will
happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a
mist that appears for a little while and then
vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the
Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

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“My future is in your hands.”
(Psalm 31:15 NLT)



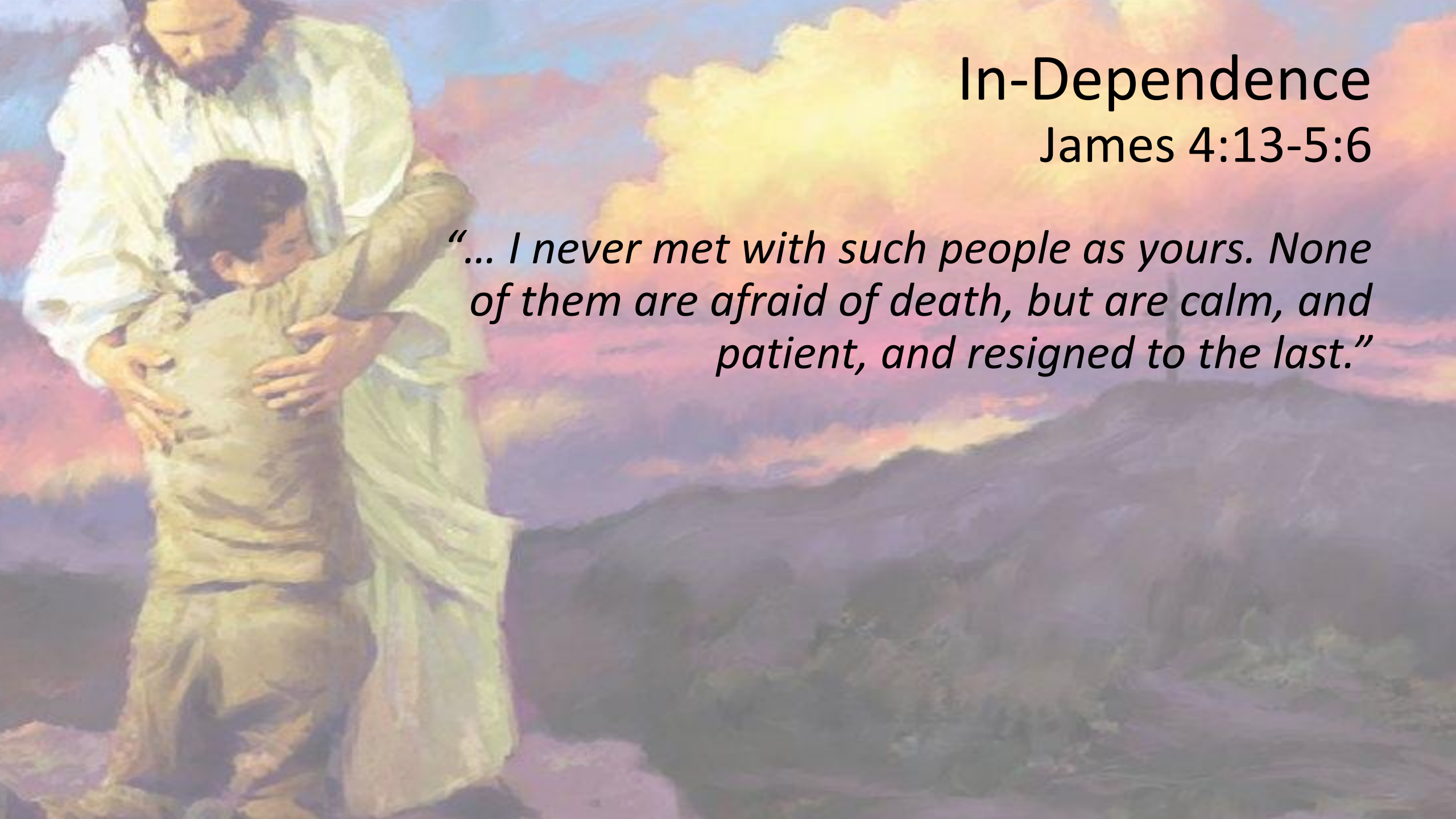


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Psalm 90:10 Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; … for they quickly pass, and we fly away. …

12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.



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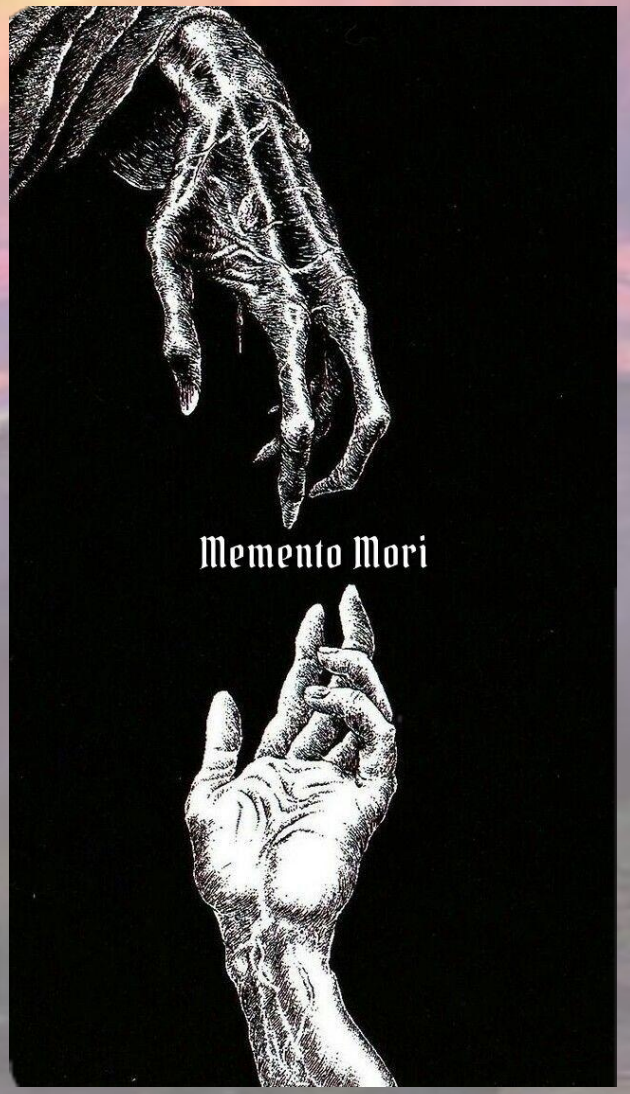
"… I never met with such people as yours. None of them are afraid of death, but are calm, and patient, and resigned to the last."

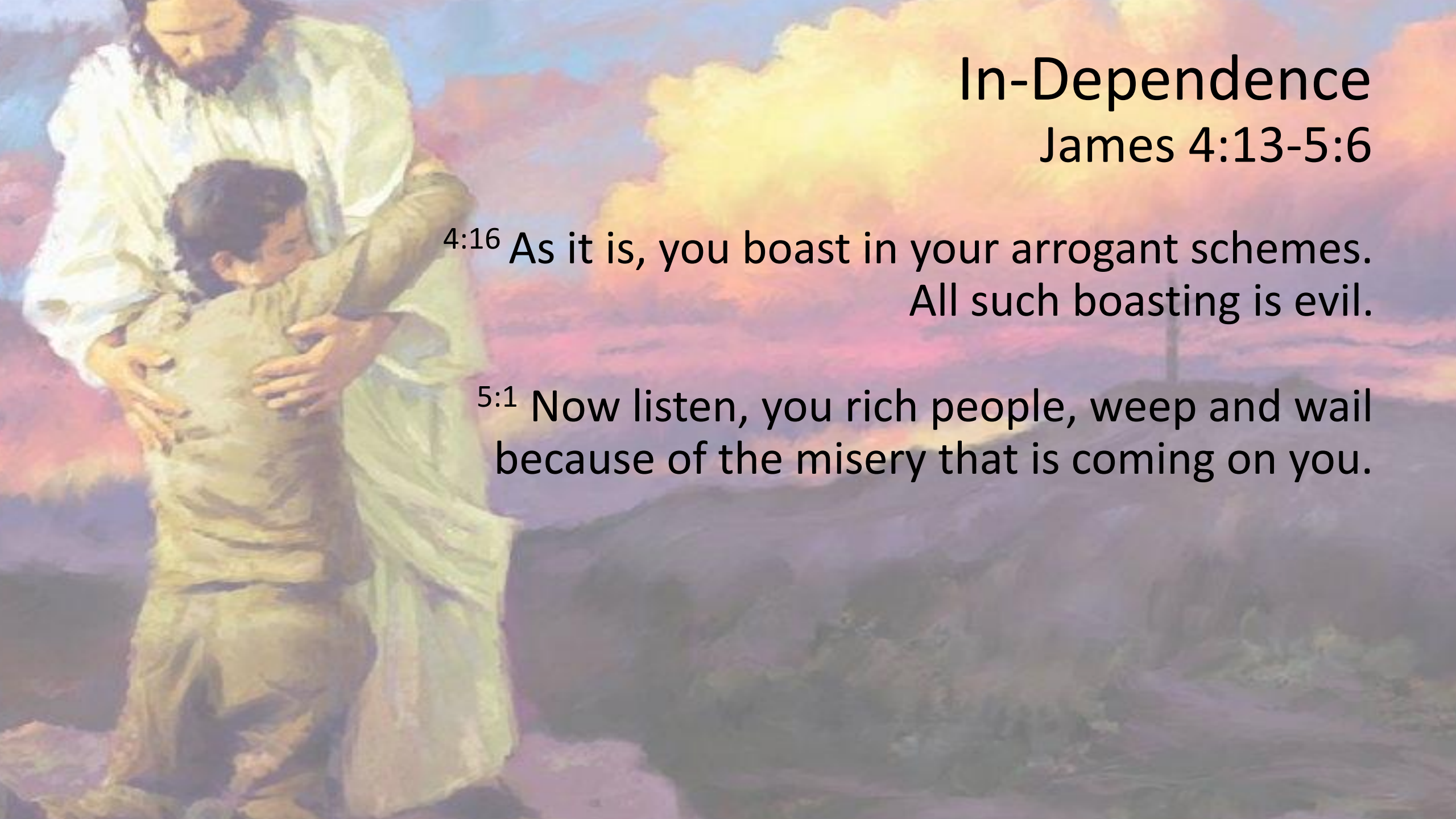
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Memento mori –

“Remember that you must die”.



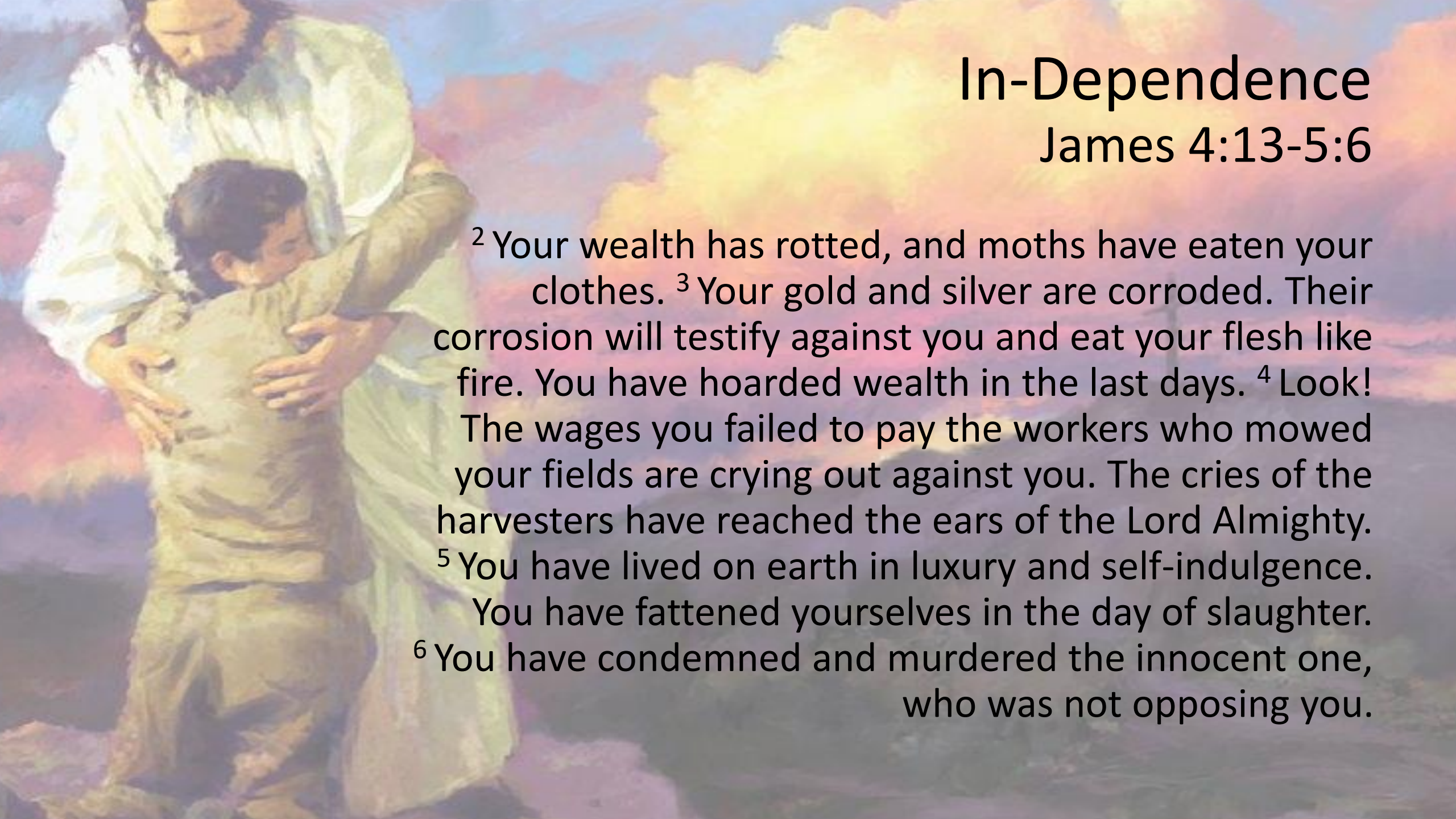


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James 4:13-5:6

4:16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes.
All such boasting is evil.

5:1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail
because of the misery that is coming on you.



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James 4:13-5:6

2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your
clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their
corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like
fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look!
The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed
your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the
harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.
5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence.
You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.
6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one,
who was not opposing you.