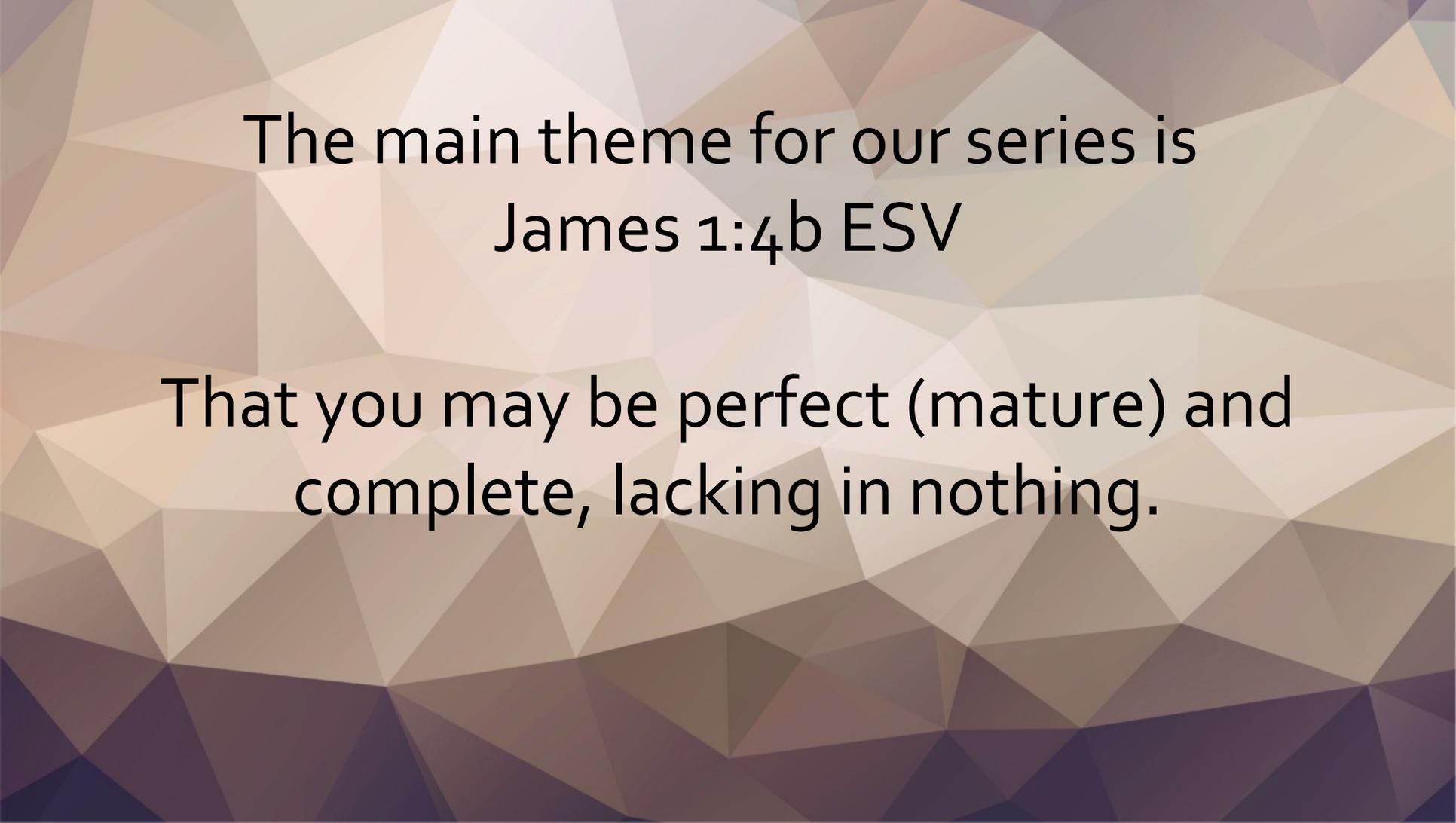


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LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS

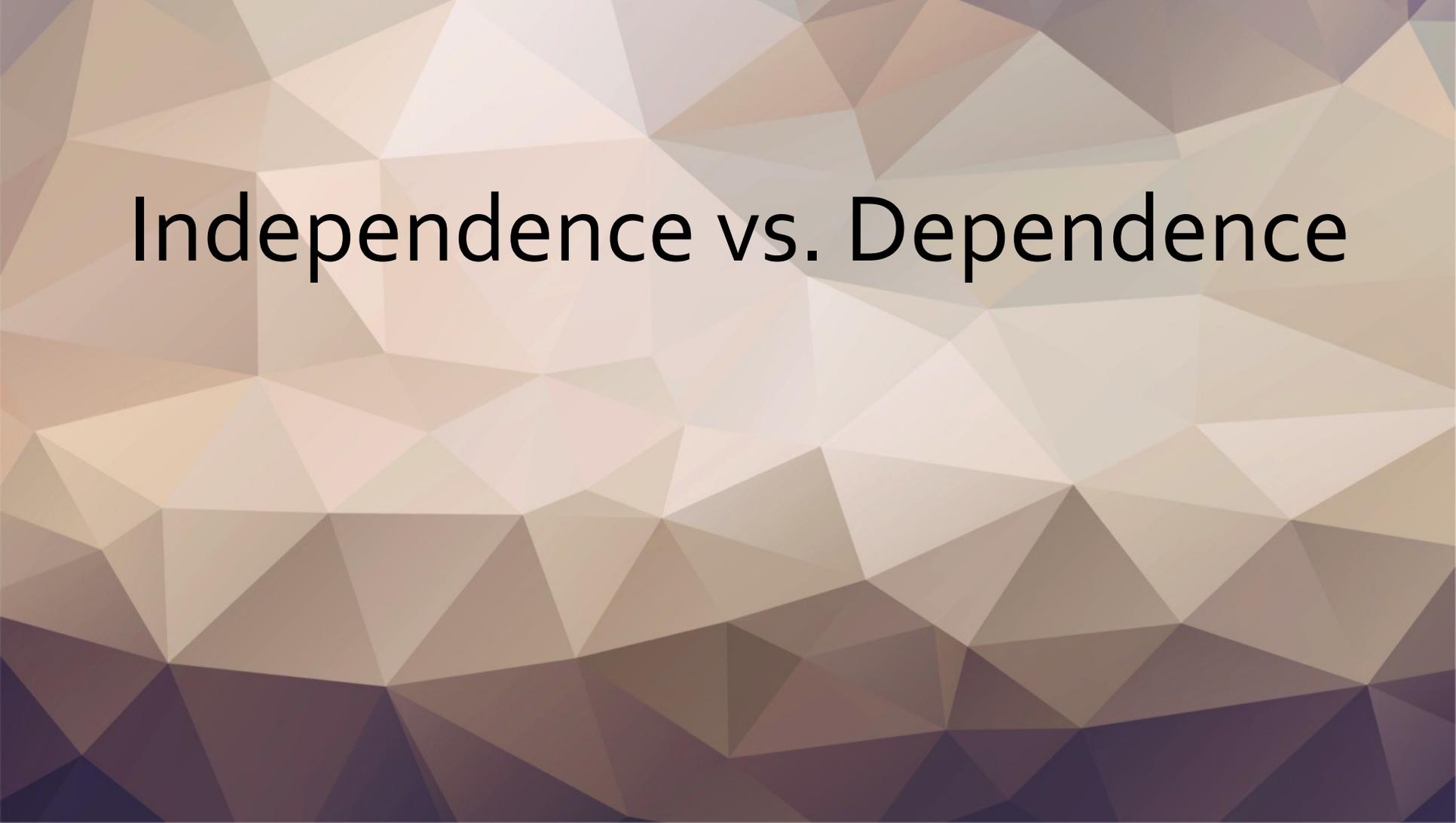
Week 9

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The main theme for our series is
James 1:4b ESV

That you may be perfect (mature) and
complete, lacking in nothing.



Independence vs. Dependence

James 4:13-17 NLT

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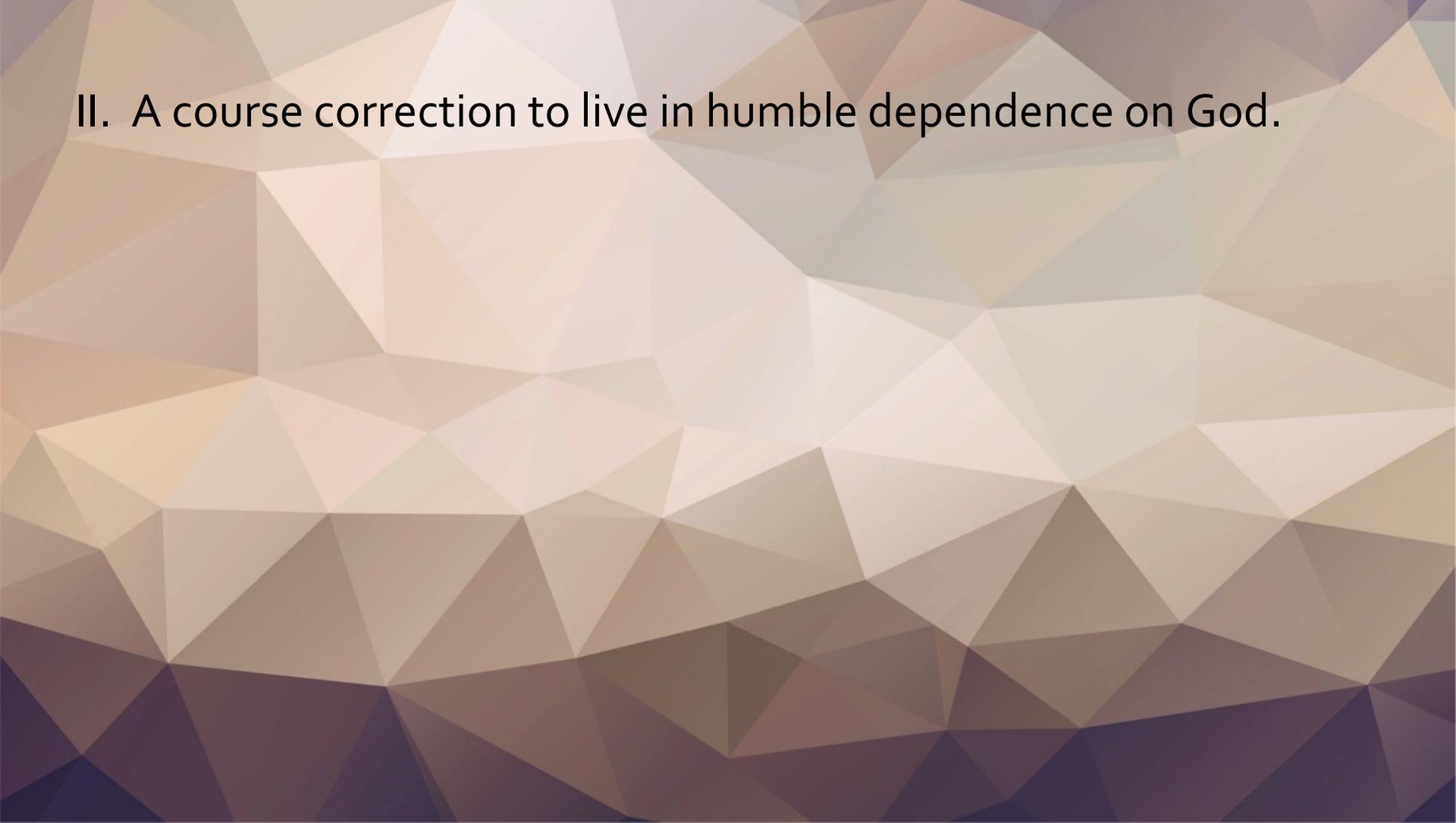
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Genesis 3:5-7 NLT

⁵“God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.



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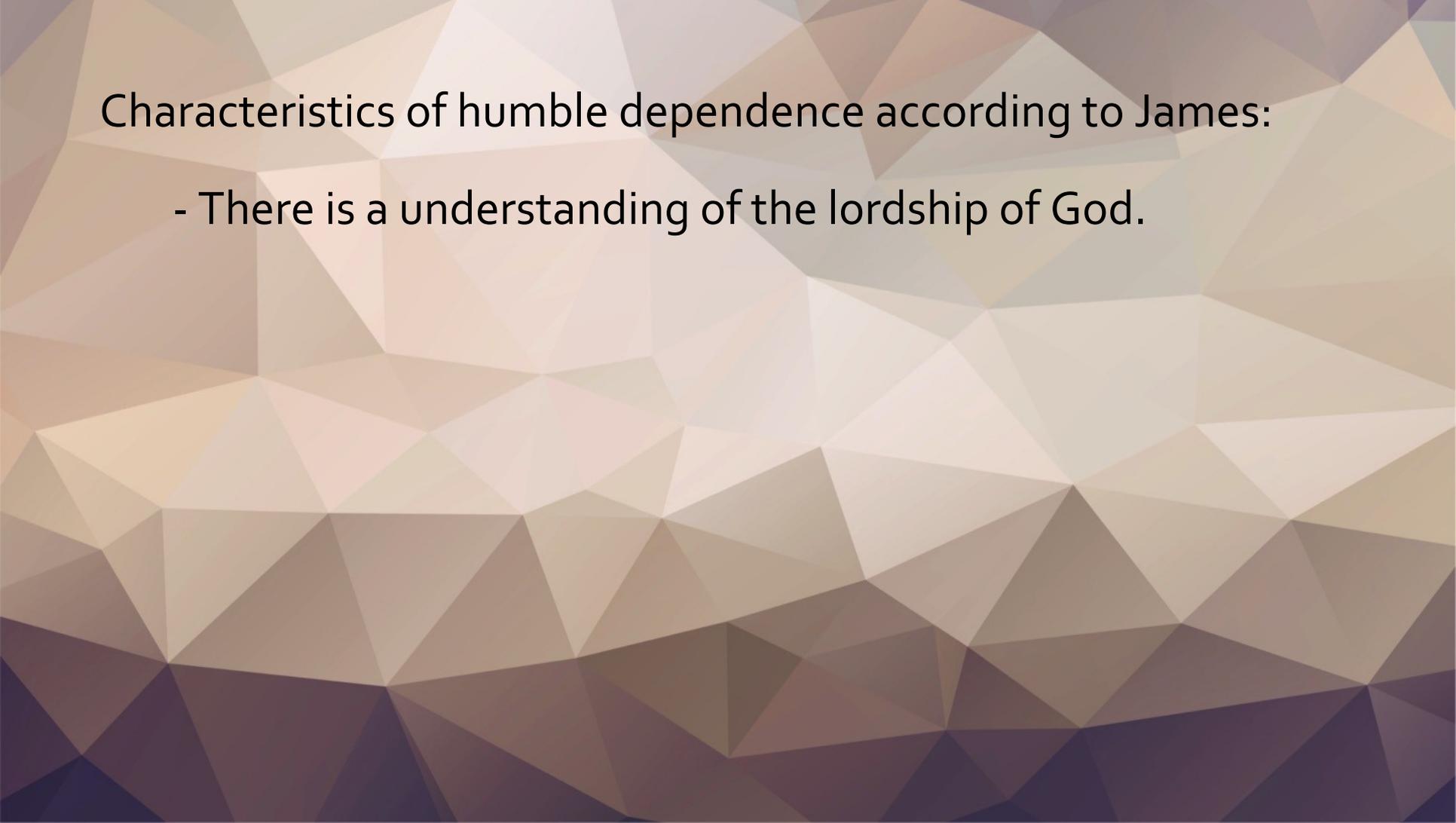
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I Corinthians 16:7 NLT

⁷ This time I don't want to make just a short visit and then go right on. I want to come and stay awhile, if the Lord will let me.

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Luke 12:42-48 NLT

⁴² And the Lord replied, "A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. ⁴³ If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. ⁴⁴ I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns. ⁴⁵ But what if the servant thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,' and he begins beating the other servants,

partying, and getting drunk?⁴⁶ The master will return unannounced and unexpected, and he will cut the servant in pieces and banish him with the unfaithful”.

⁴⁷ “And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn’t prepared and doesn’t carry out those instructions, will be severely punished. ⁴⁸ But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required”.

