

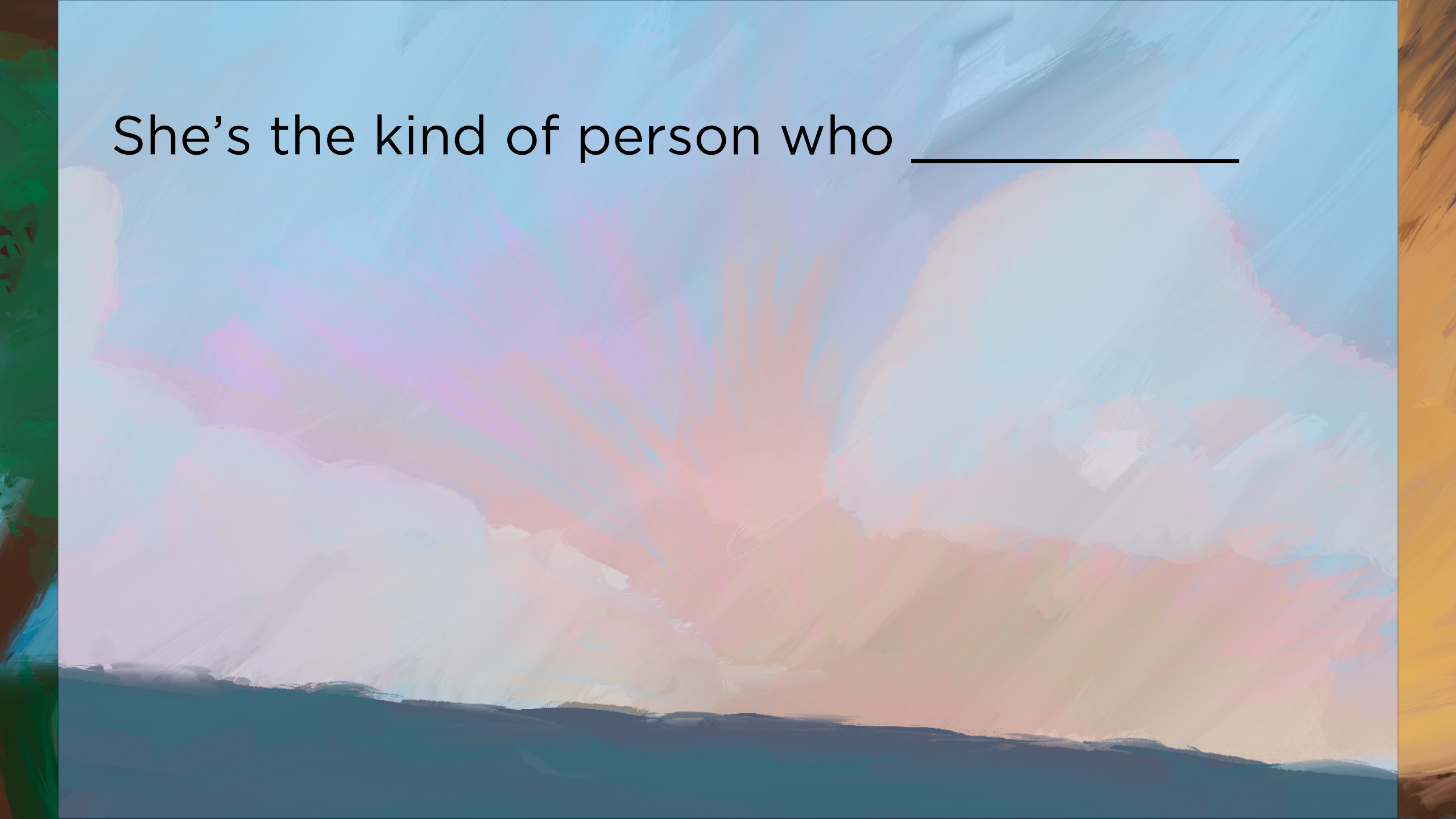


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A Friend of Sinners

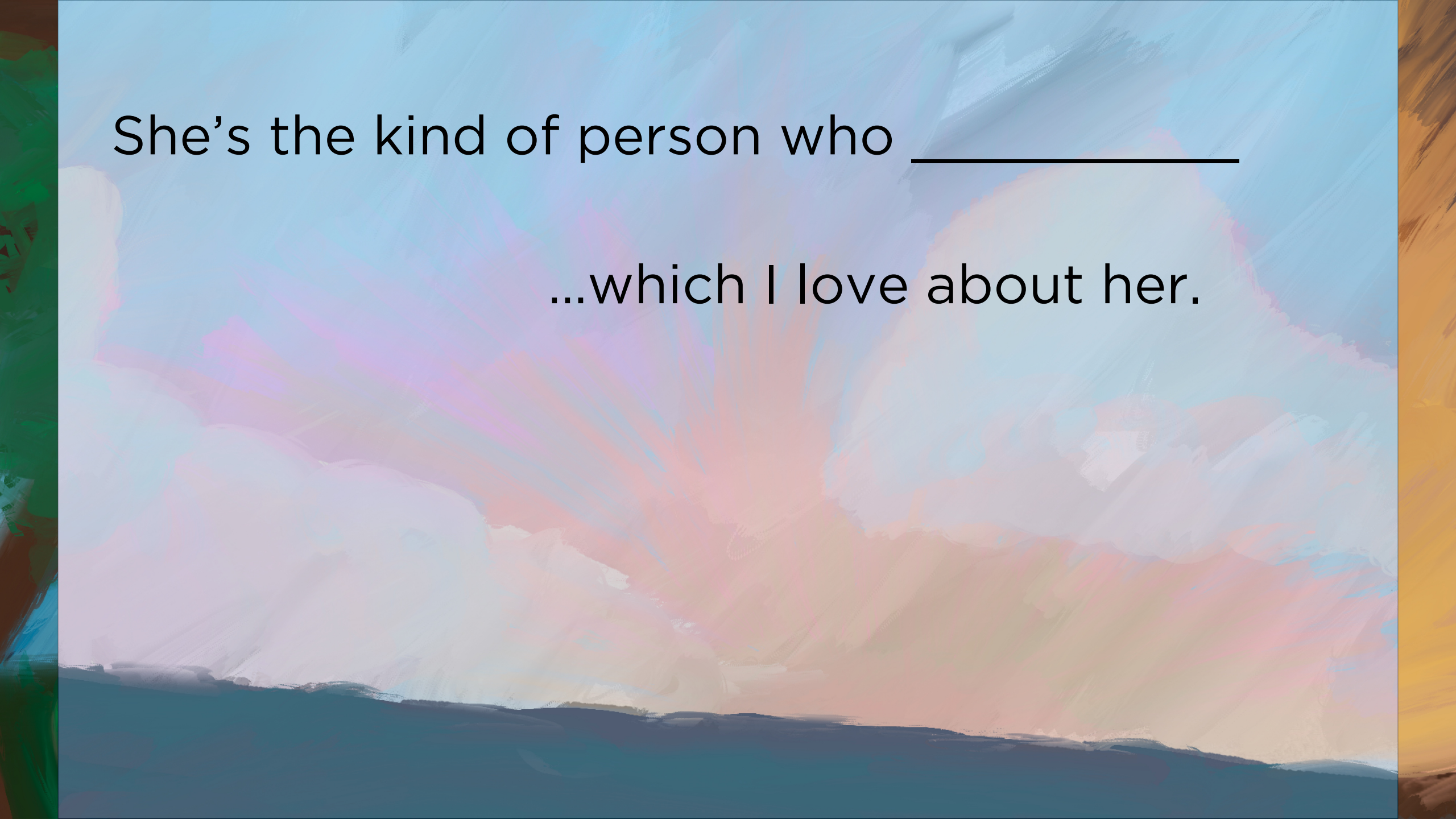
Mark 2:13-20

She's the kind of person who _____



She's the kind of person who _____

...which I love about her.



A.W. Tozer

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”



What is God like?

What kind of person is God?

What are the kinds of things that
God does?

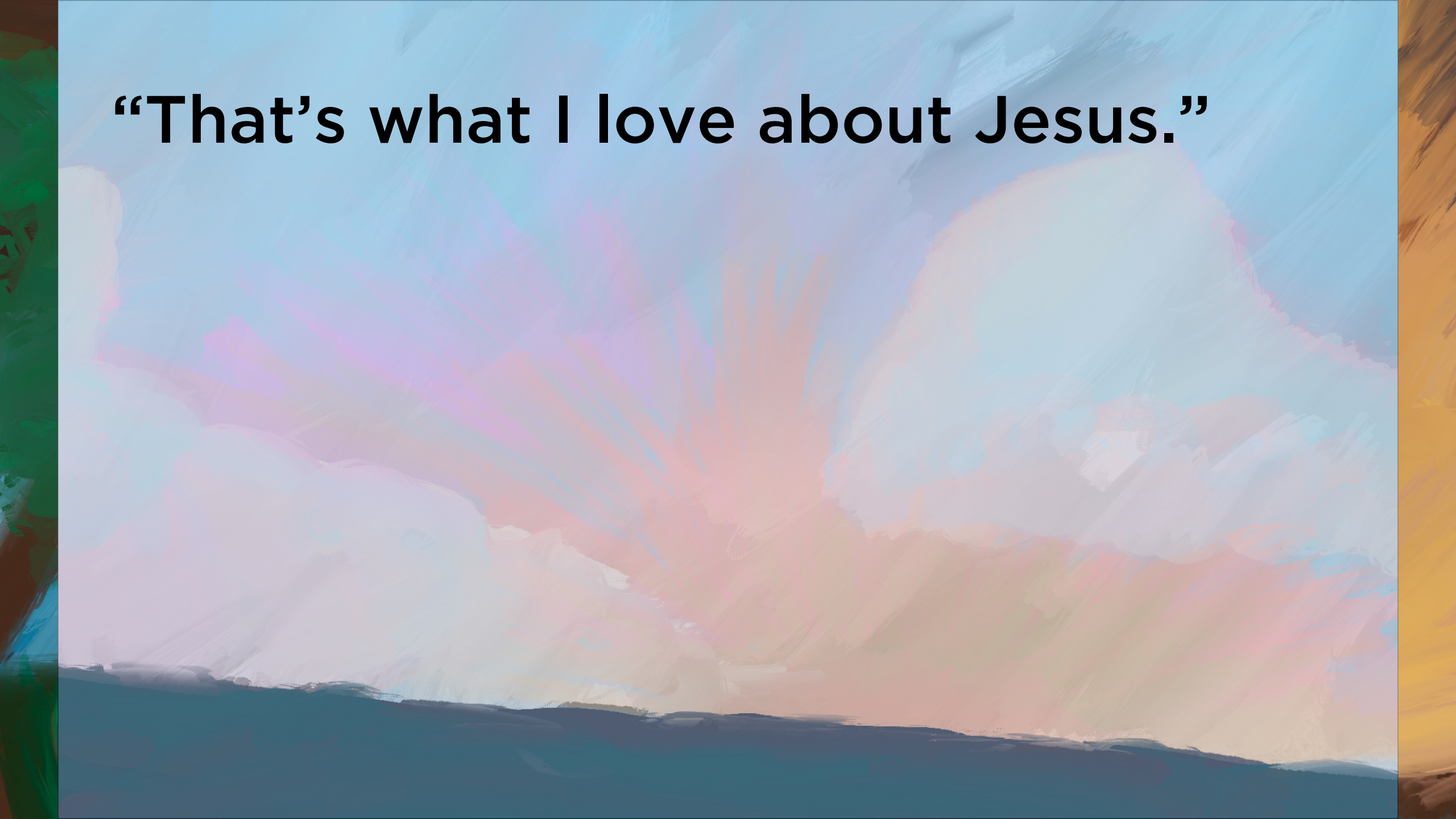
Question: What is God like?

Answer: Jesus

Hebrews 1:3a He [Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Colossians 1:19 For in him [Jesus] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...

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Kids Question Hint: Be able to say this about something specific.

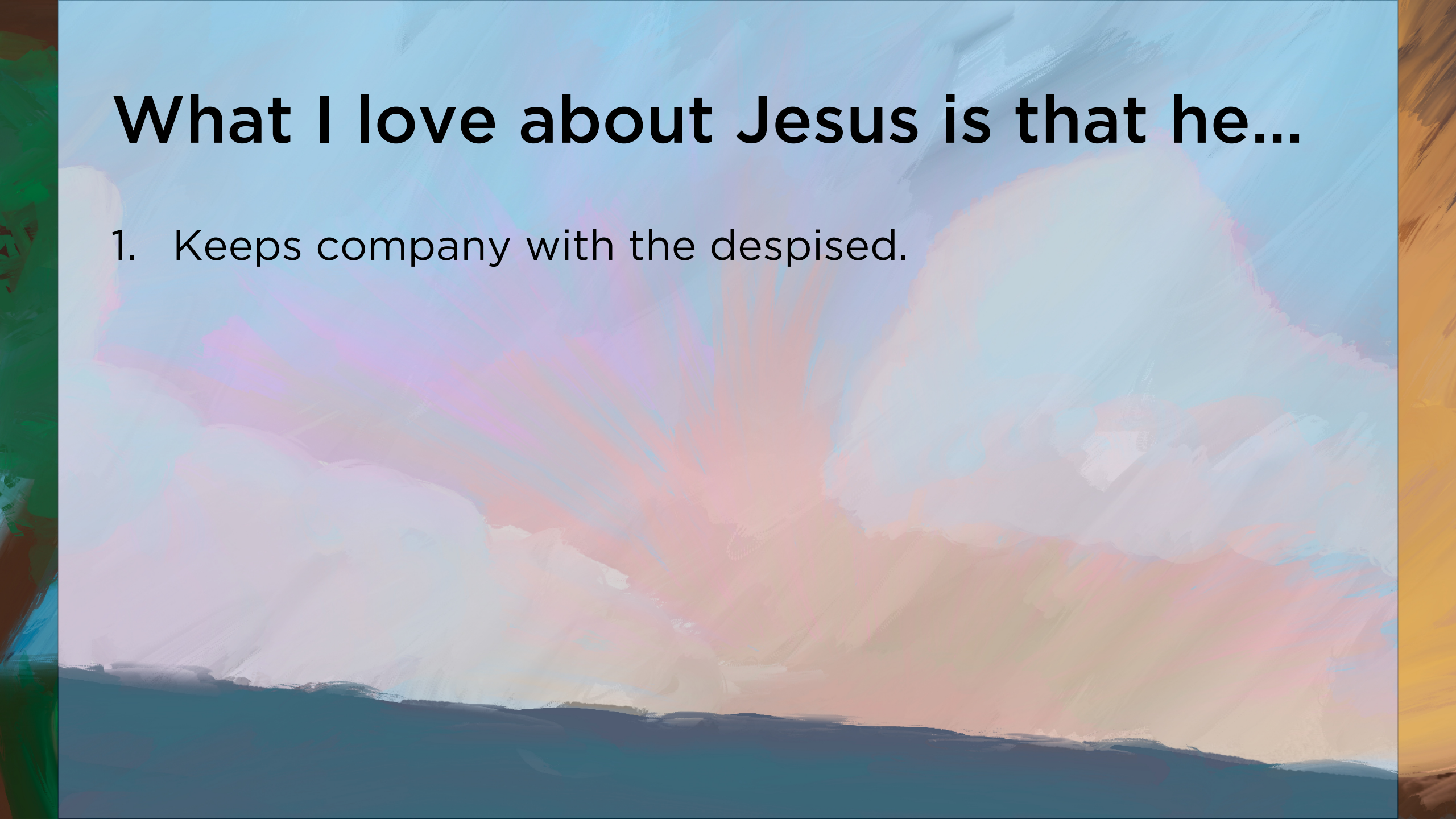


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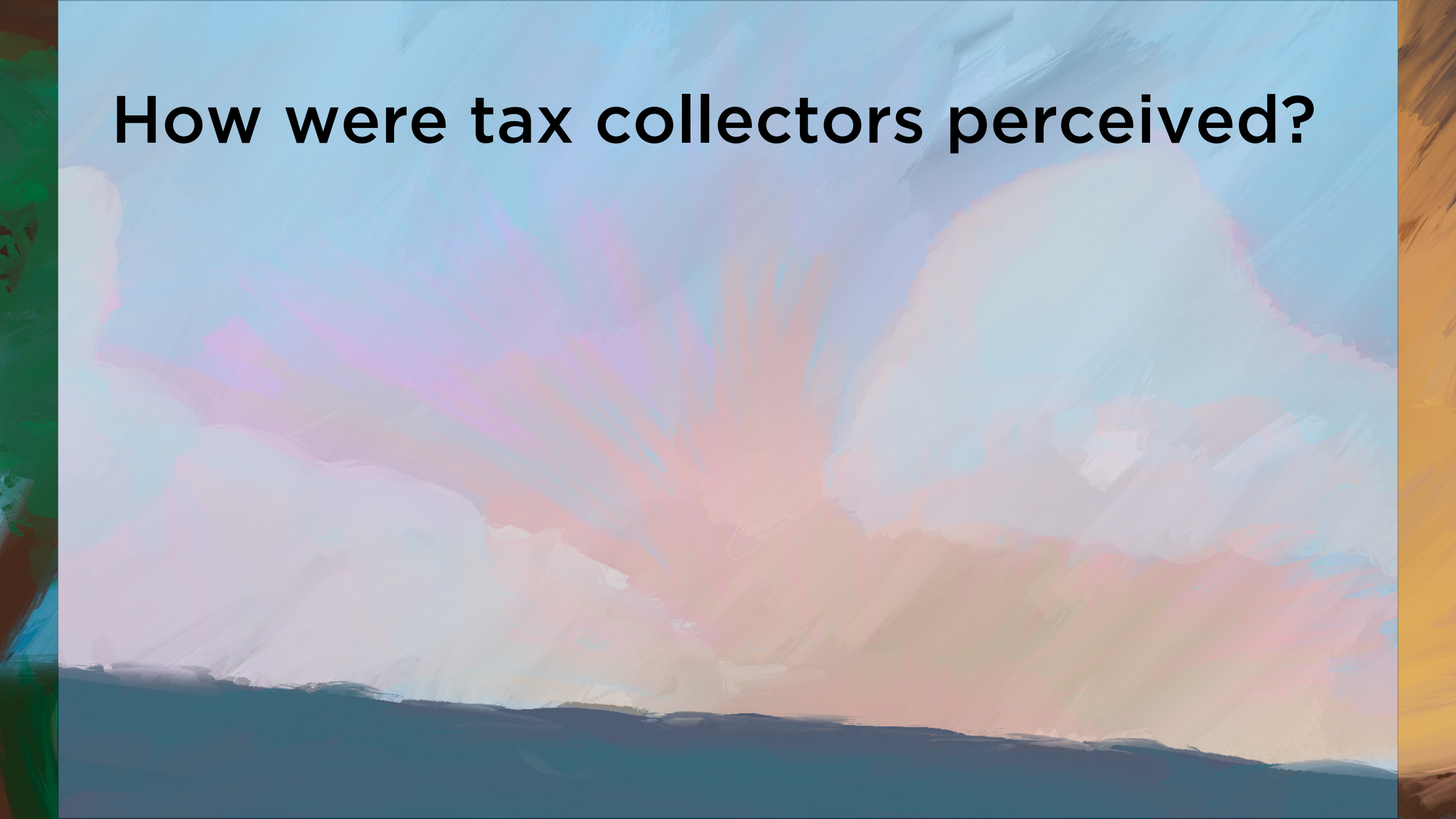
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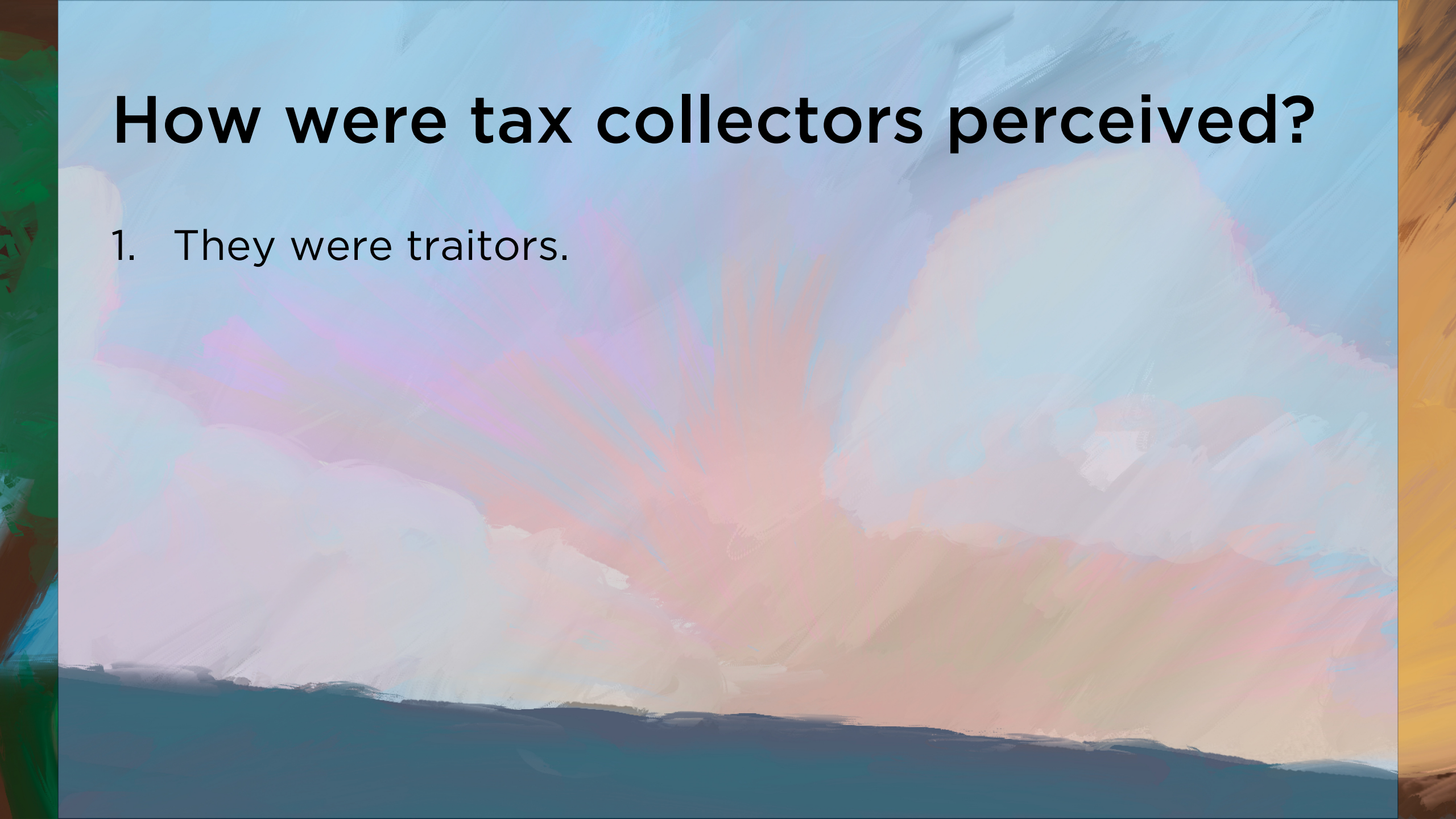
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Luke 3:12-13 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”

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Matthew 5:46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

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4. They were not to be associated with.

Matthew 18:17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Mark 2:15

And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

Luke 5:29

And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.

Mark 2:16-17

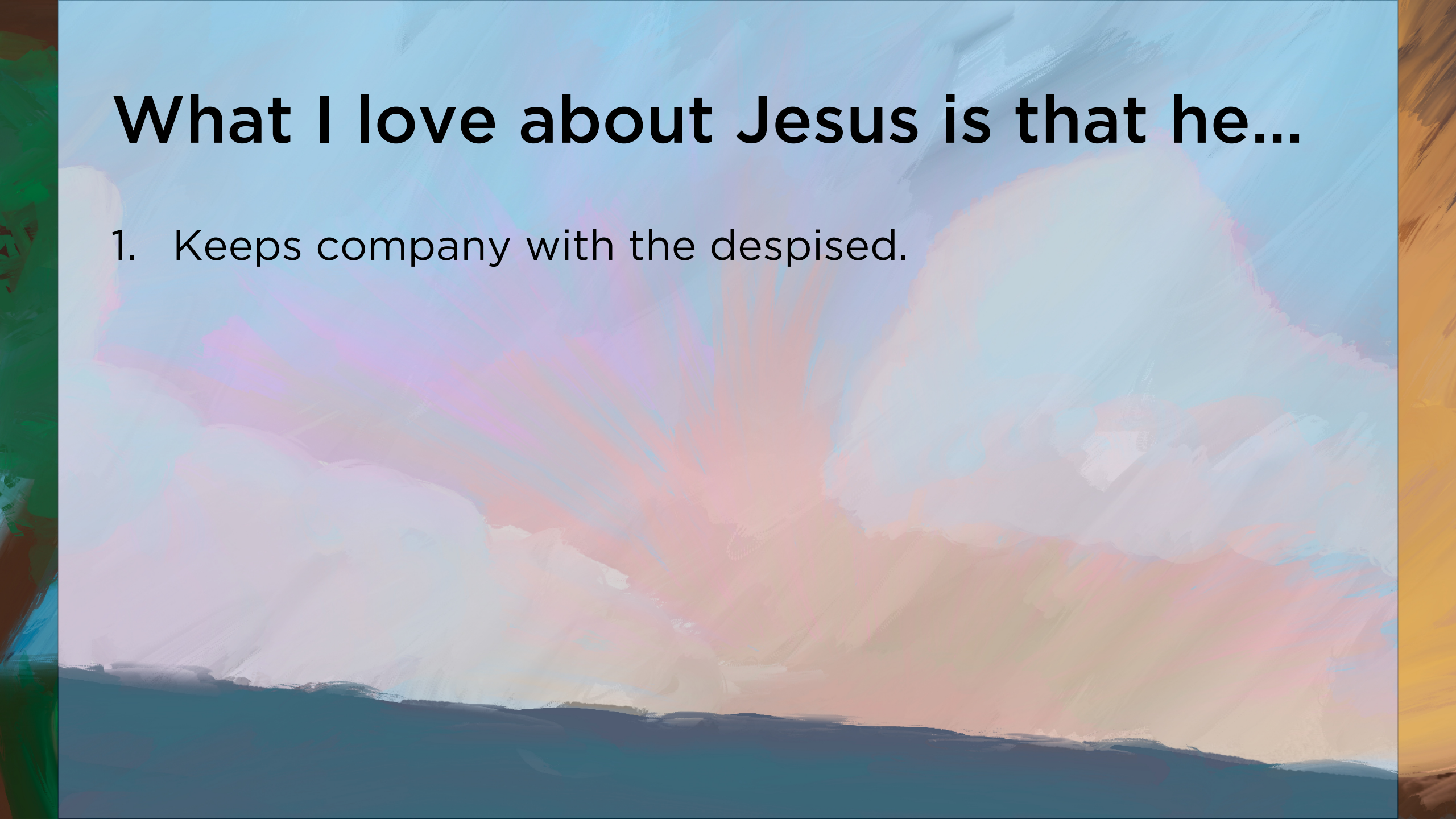
And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Luke 19:9-10

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

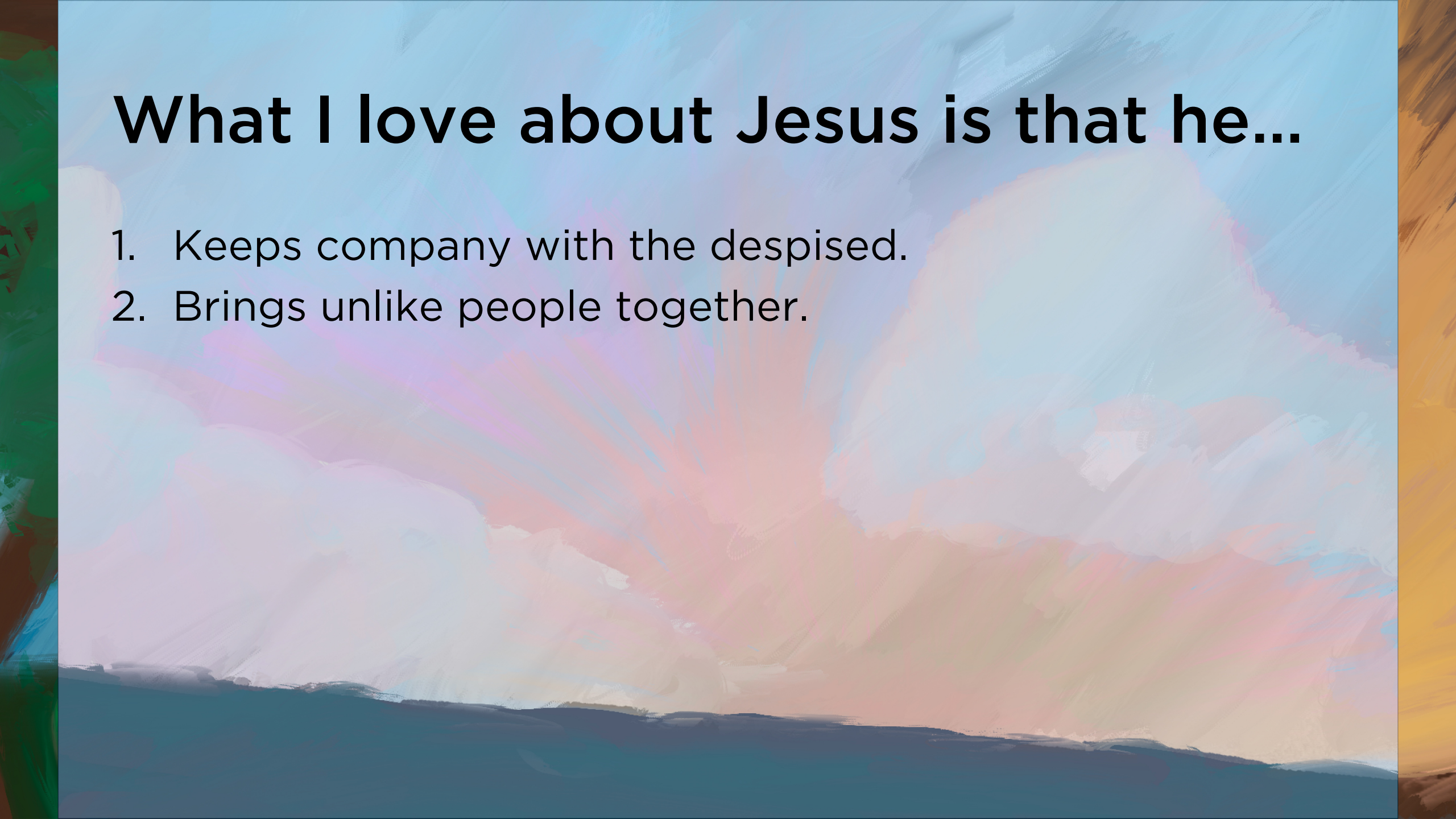
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Luke 16:12-16

In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and **Matthew**, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and **Simon who was called the Zealot**, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

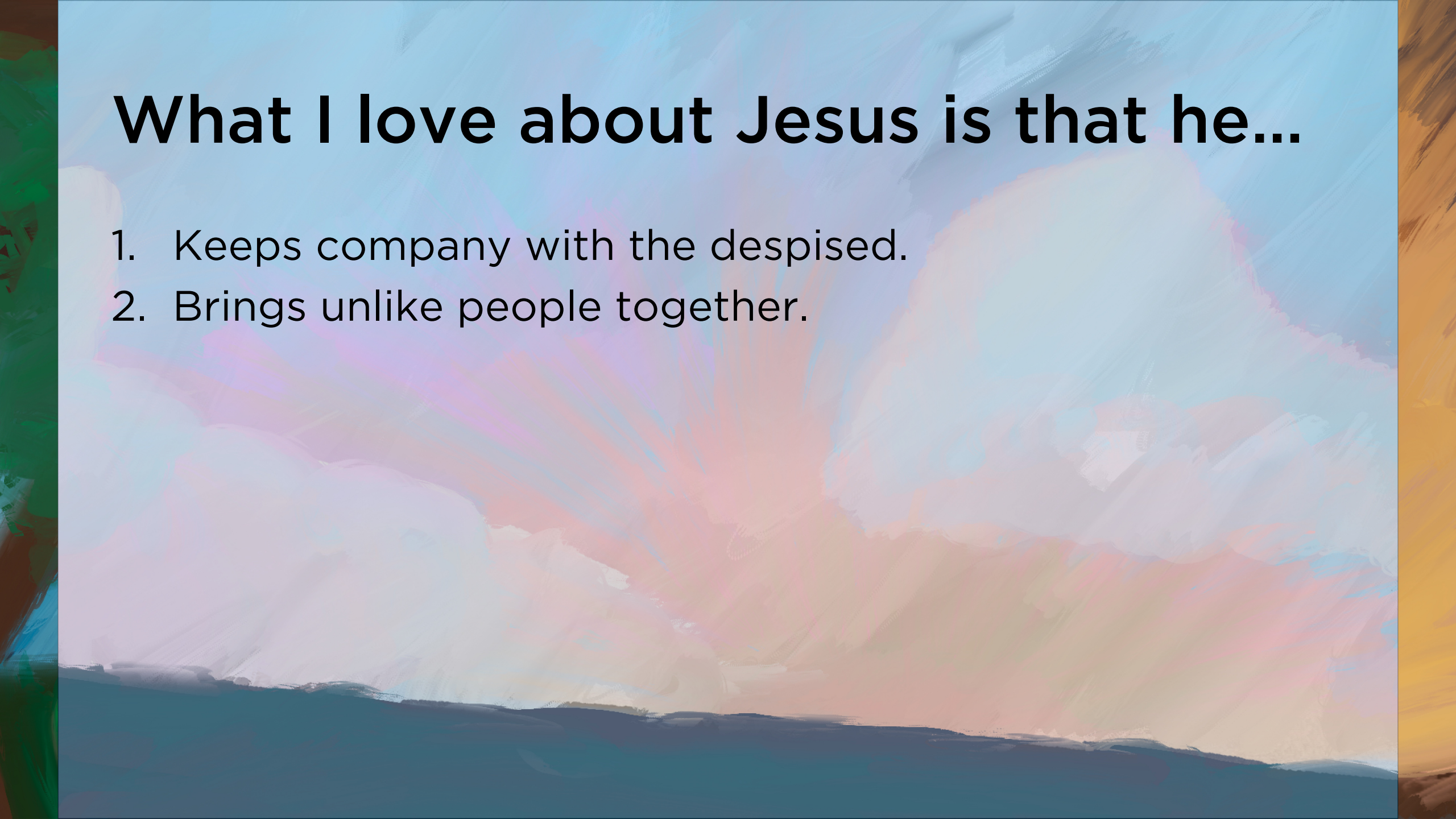
1 Corinthians 12:18, 24b-25

But as it is, **God arranged the members in the body**, each one of them, as he chose.

But **God has so composed the body**, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

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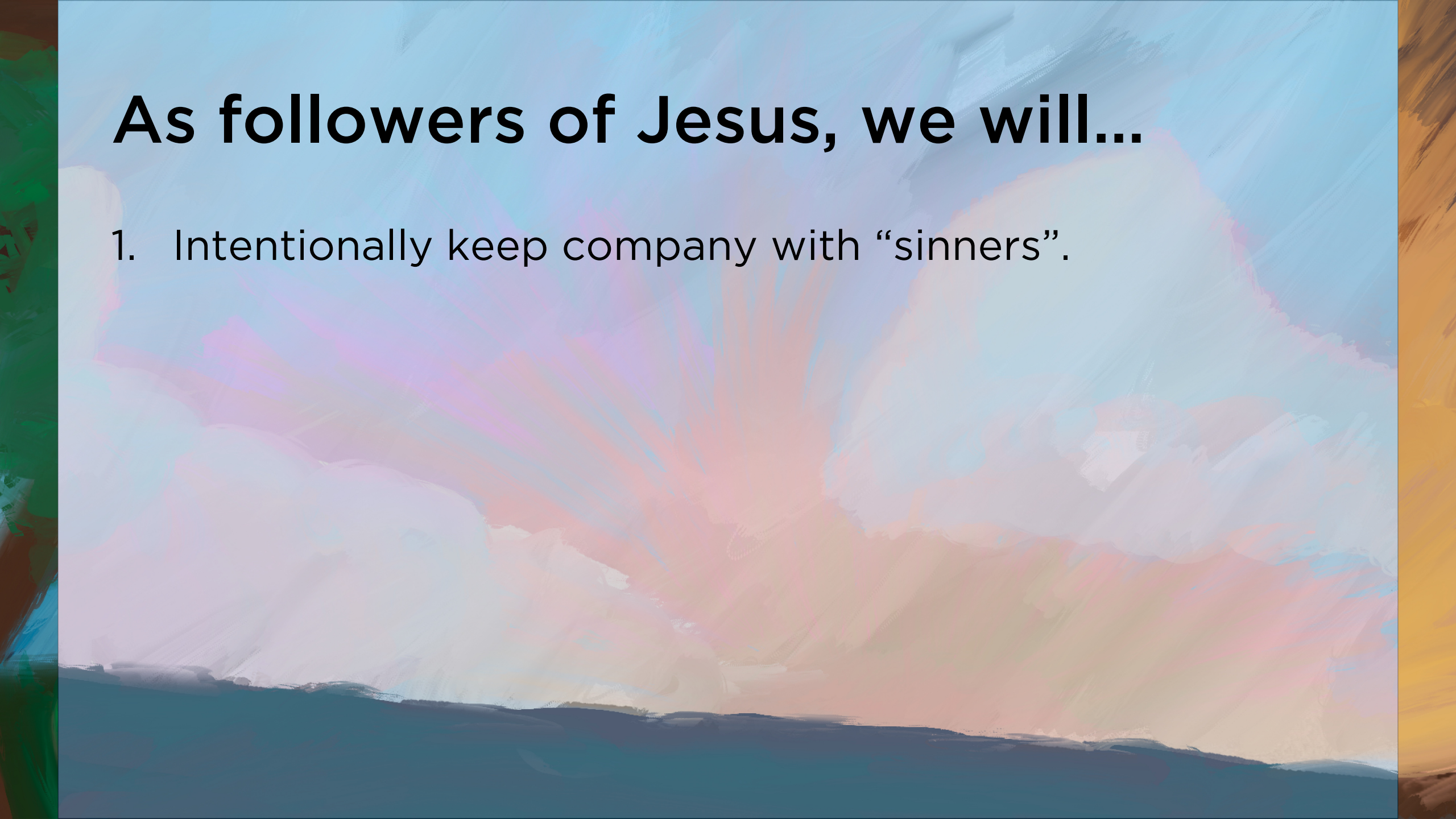
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3. Compels a response.

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C.T. Studd

“Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of Hell.”

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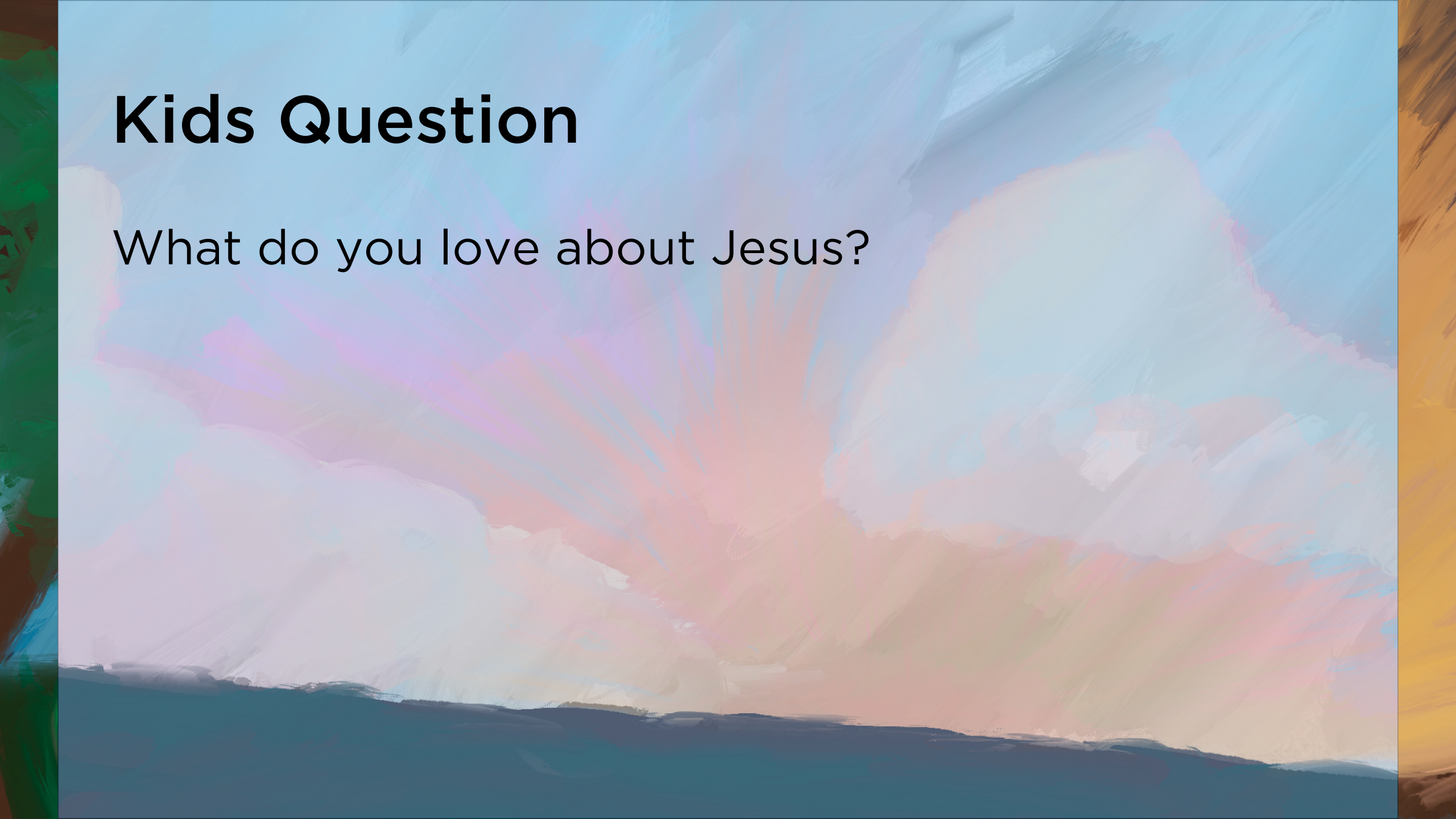
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2. Cultivate an appreciation of God’s arrangement of the parts of the body.

Kids Question



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What do you love about Jesus?





“That’s what I love about Jesus.”

“Jesus intentionally befriends people that others avoid. That’s one thing I love about him.”