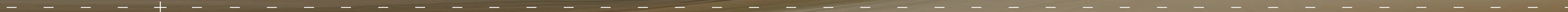


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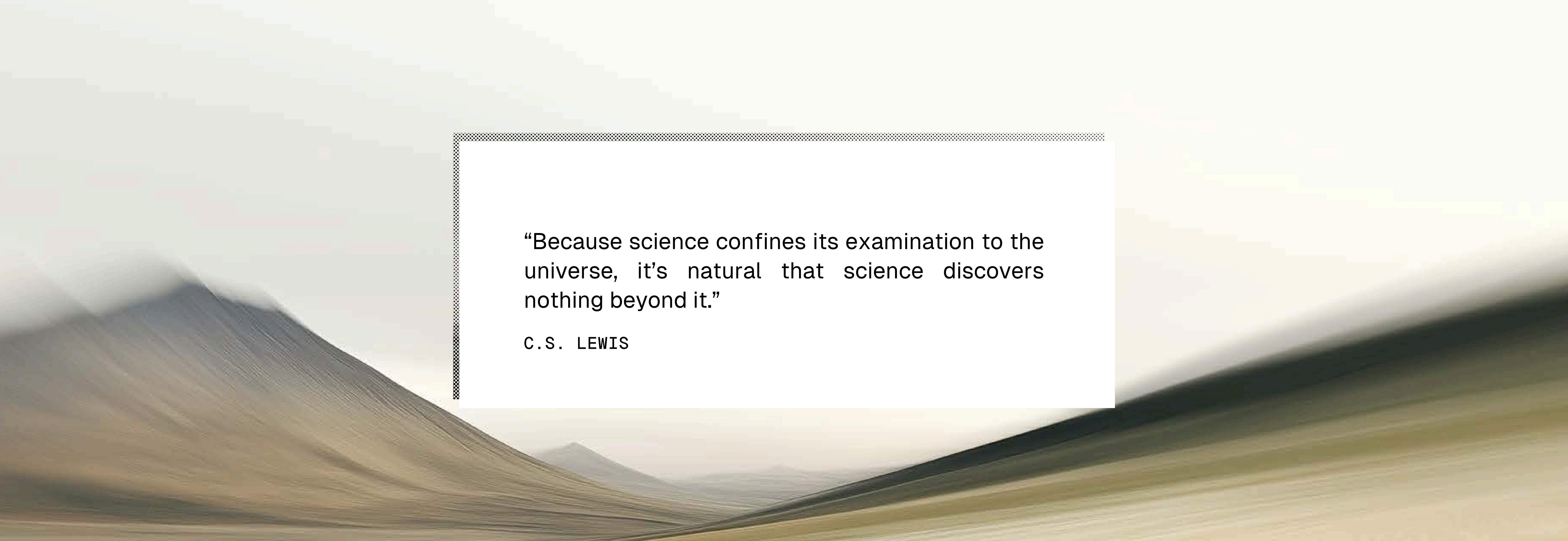
When all the people saw him walking and praising God,
¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit
begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they
were **filled with wonder and amazement** at what had
happened to him.

ACTS 3:9-10 NIV

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape featuring rolling sand dunes. The dunes are smooth and undulating, with some showing subtle ripples. The sky is bright and hazy, suggesting a clear day. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of beige, tan, and light brown.

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The background of the image is a wide, panoramic view of rolling sand dunes. The dunes are in various shades of tan, brown, and grey, with soft shadows and highlights that suggest a gentle breeze. The sky is a pale, hazy yellow, indicating a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

“Because science confines its examination to the universe, it’s natural that science discovers nothing beyond it.”

C.S. LEWIS

“You can’t, except in the lowest animal sense, be in love with a girl if you know (and keep on remembering) that all the beauties both of her person and of her character are a momentary and accidental pattern produced by the collision of atoms, and that your own response to them is only a sort of psychic phosphorescence arising from the behavior of your genes. You can’t go on getting very serious pleasure from music if you know and remember that its air of significance is a pure illusion, that you like it only because your nervous system is irrationally conditioned to like it.”

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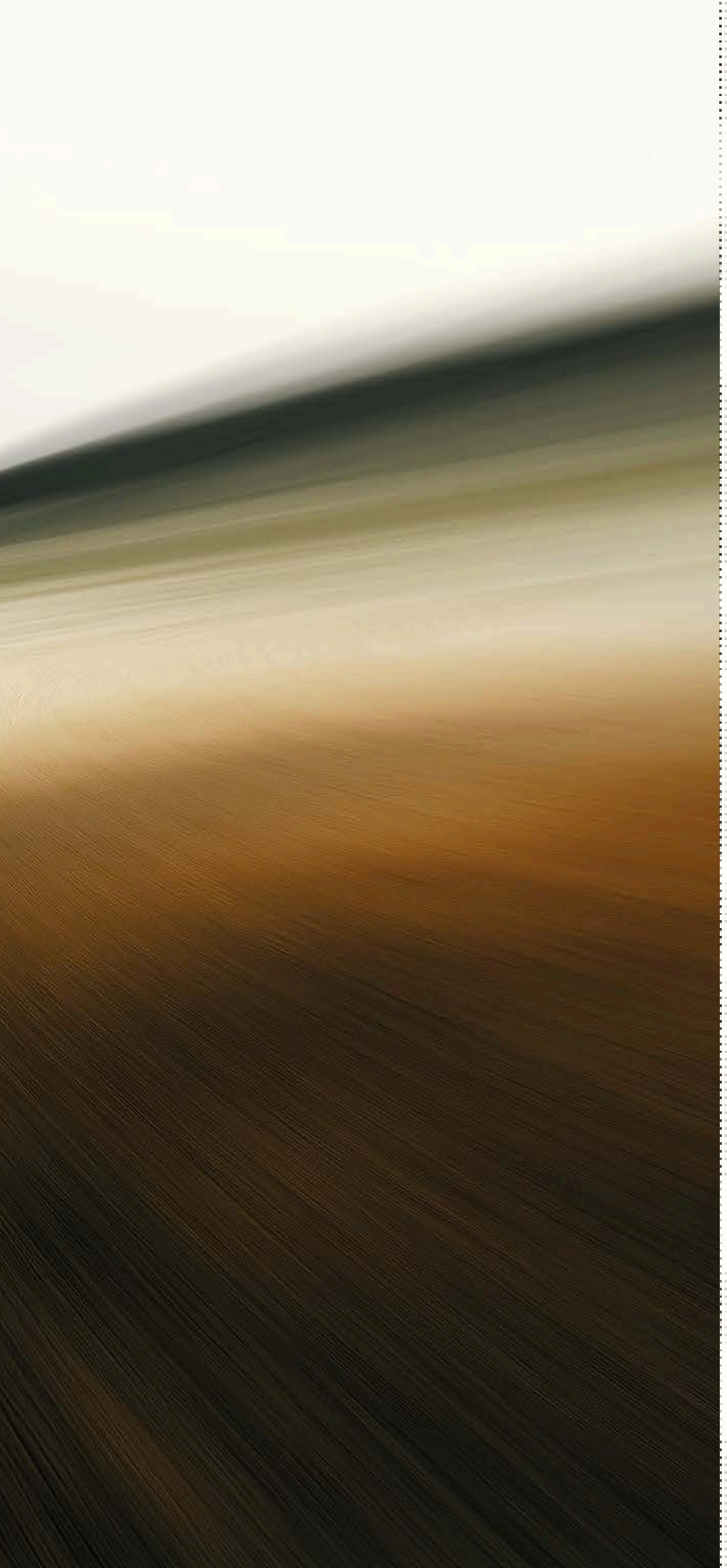
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Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

ACTS 3:2 NIV




When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

ACTS 3:3-4 NIV




Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you.”

ACTS 3:6a NIV



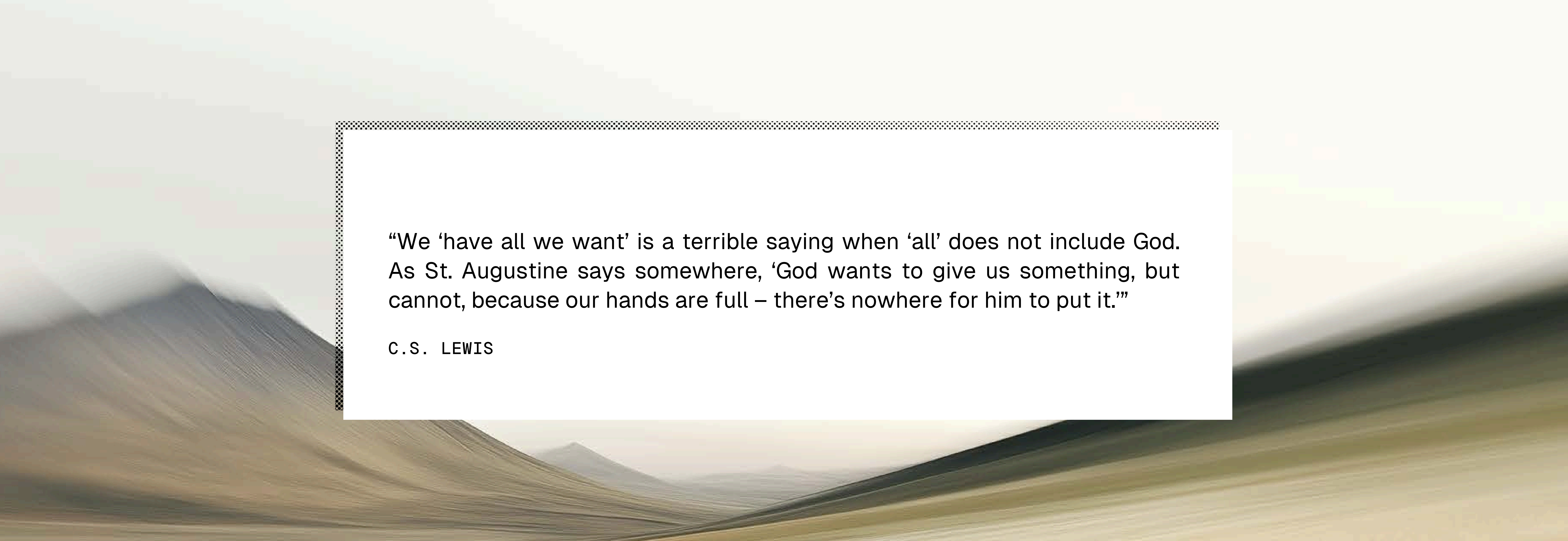
Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.
¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

LUKE 5:18-19 NIV




When Jesus saw their faith, he said,
“Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

LUKE 5:20 NIV




“We ‘have all we want’ is a terrible saying when ‘all’ does not include God. As St. Augustine says somewhere, ‘God wants to give us something, but cannot, because our hands are full – there’s nowhere for him to put it.’”

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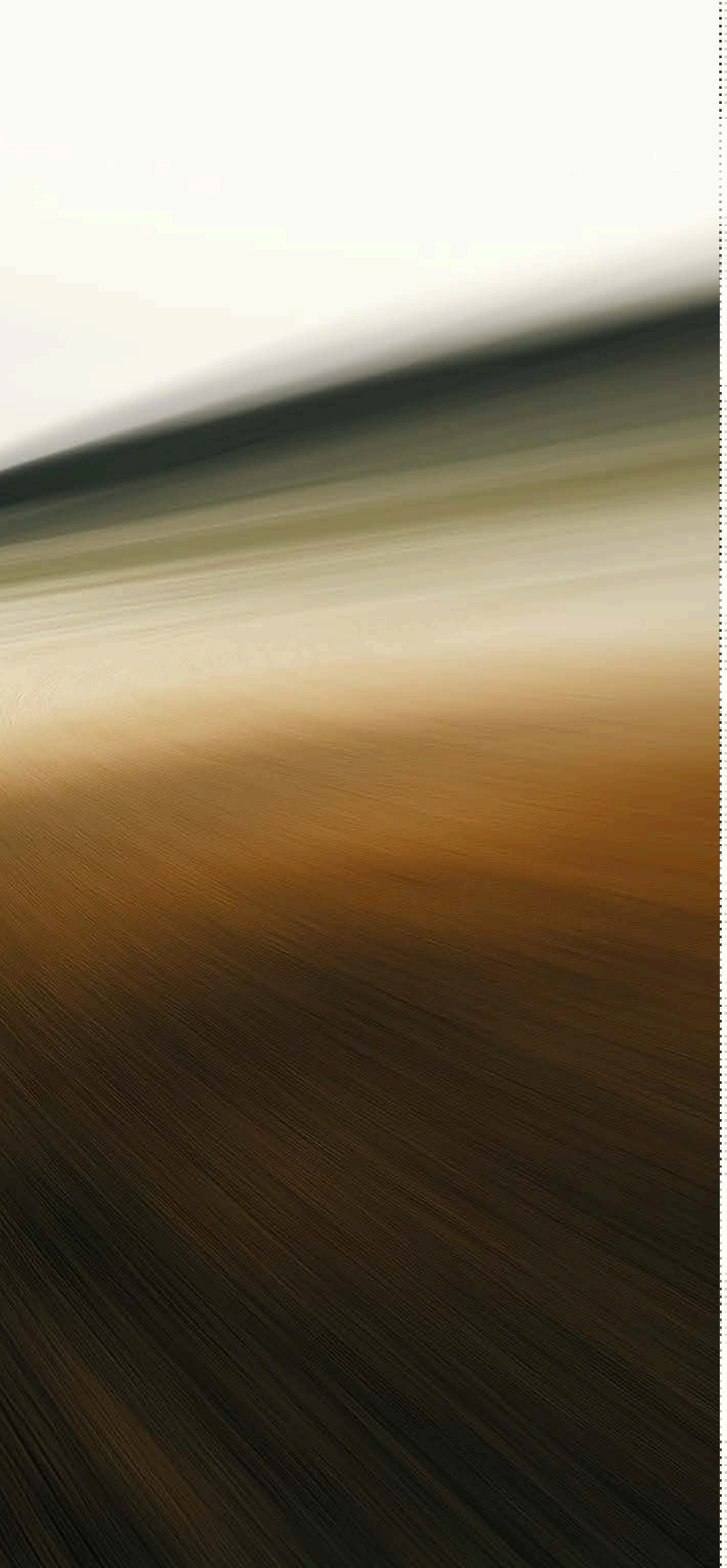
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Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your **sins may be wiped out**, that **times of refreshing** may come from **the Lord...**

ACTS 3:19 NIV



One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

ACTS 3:1 NIV




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ACTS 3:19 NIV



By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

ACTS 3:16 NIV



Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and
instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

ACTS 3:7 NIV






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While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if **by our own power or godliness** we had made this man walk?"

ACTS 3:11-12 NIV



By faith in the **name of Jesus**, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is **Jesus' name** and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

ACTS 3:16 NIV

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Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

LUKE 5:23 NIV



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