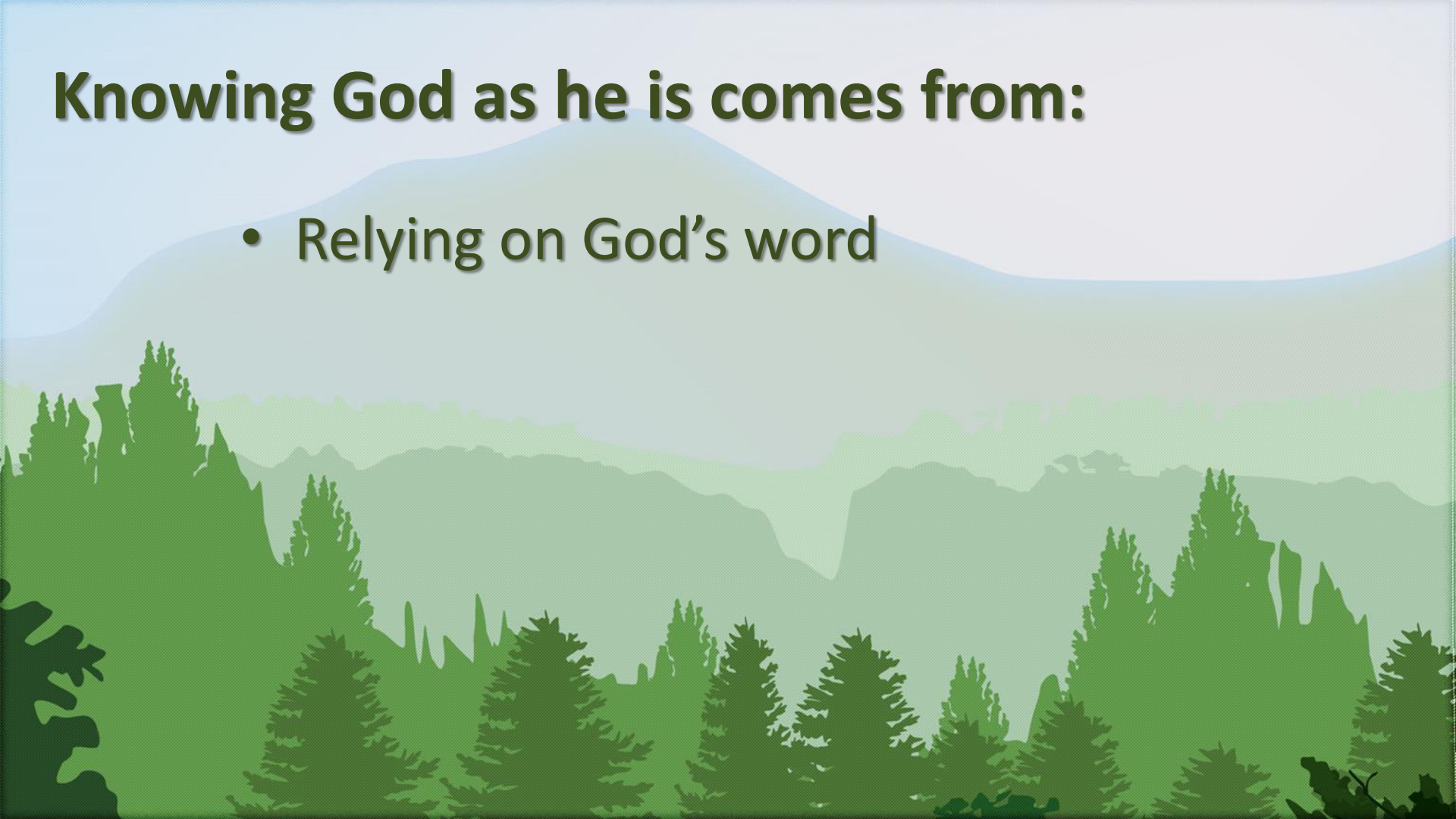


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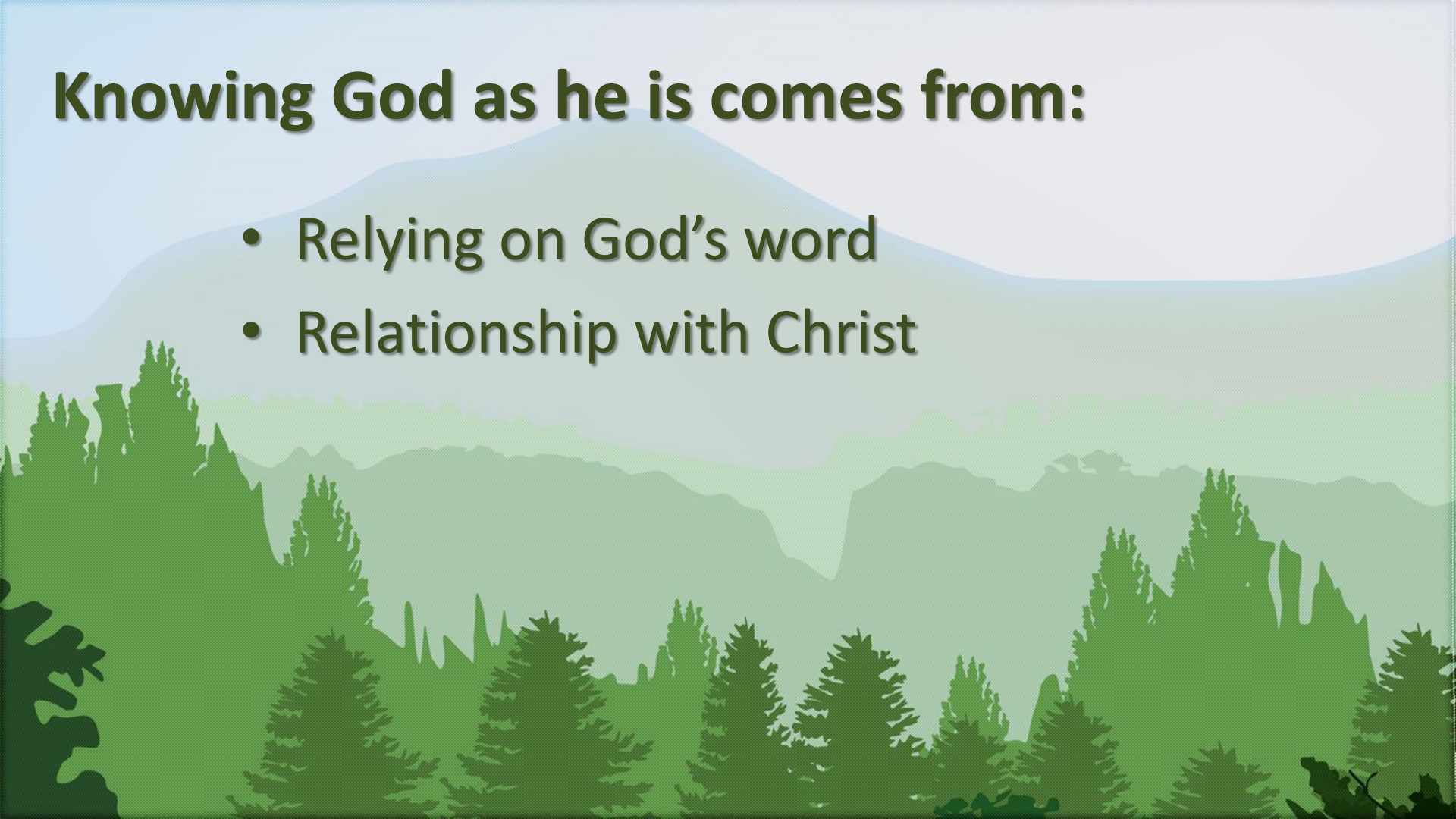
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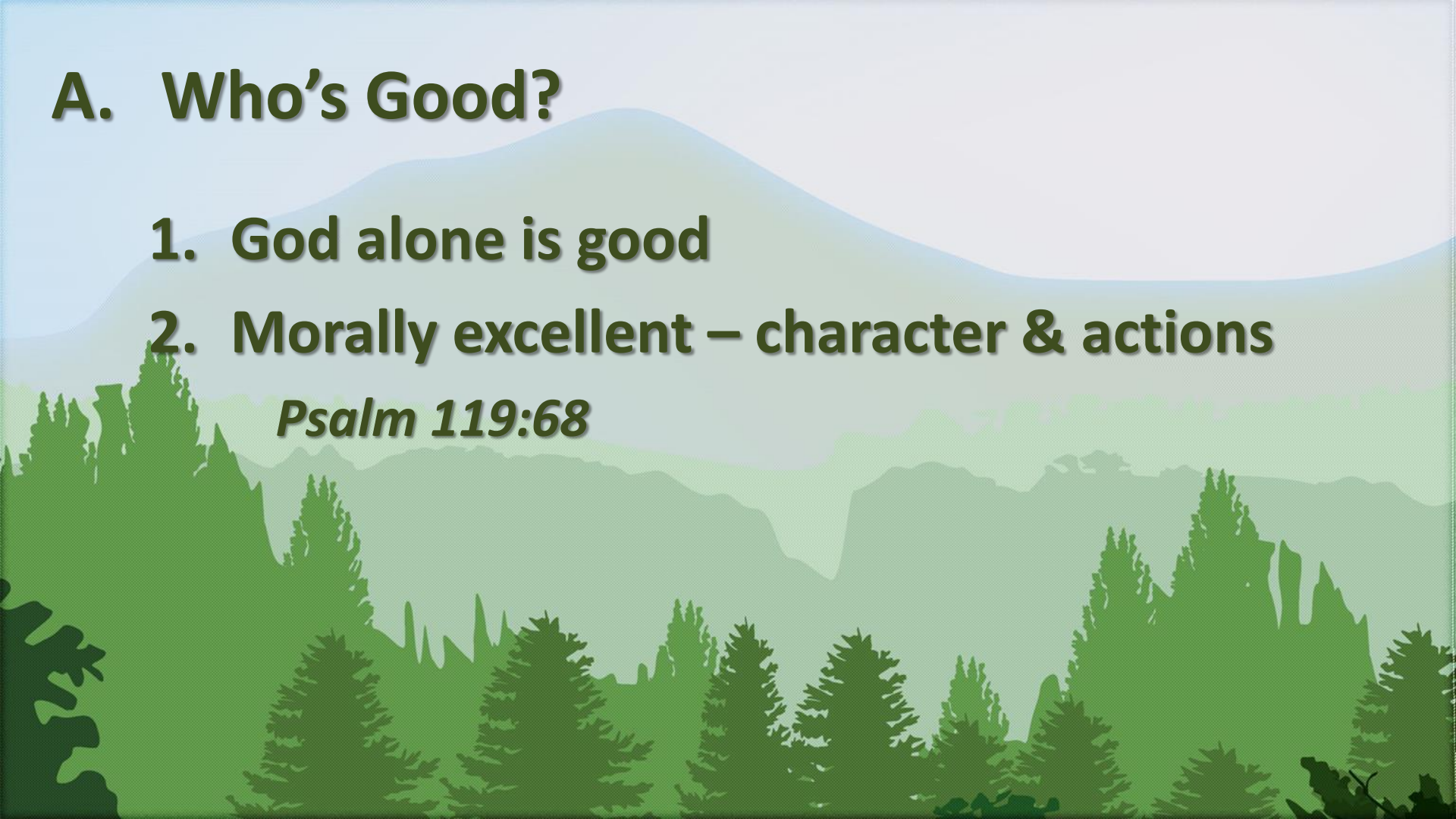
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Exodus 34:5-7a

⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

B. God's Goodness to All



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1. Psalm 145:9

The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.



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2. Acts 14:16-17



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¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.



C. God's Goodness to His People



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1. Psalm 31:19

*How great is your goodness,
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which you bestow in the sight of men,
on those who take refuge in you.*

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2. John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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D. God's Goodness in Disguise



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Psalm 119:71

*It was good for me to be afflicted so that I
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“Glen, God sure is good, but he’d be good even if you died out there.”

-- Robin Cook



Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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Jesus -- Acts 10:37-38

*³⁷ You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he **went around doing good** and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

Tabitha -- Acts 9:36

*In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), **who was always doing good and helping the poor.***

Us – Galatians 6:9-10

*⁹ Let us not become weary in **doing good**, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good** to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

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²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

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Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.





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