


SERMON ON THE MOUNT



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A LOOK AT MATTHEW 5-7

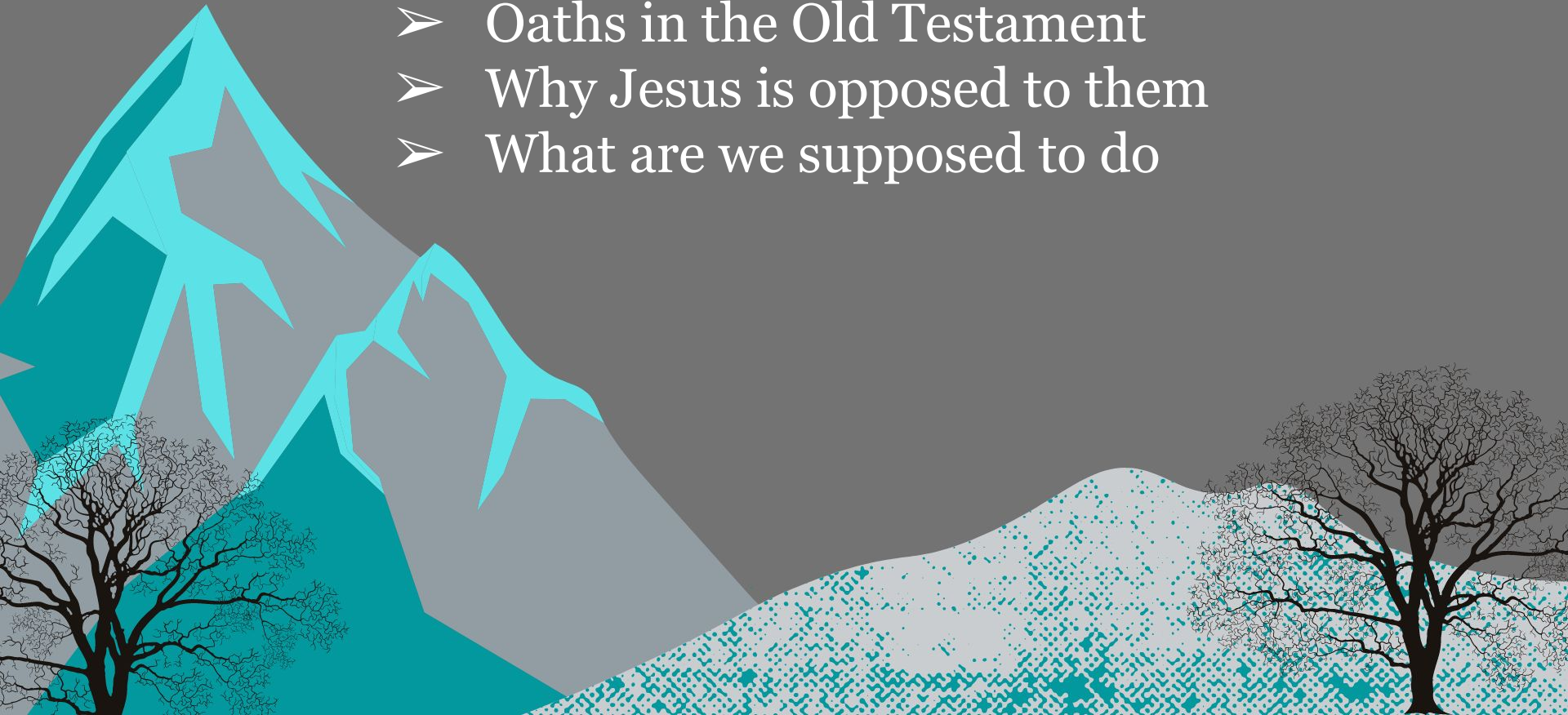
Main Point

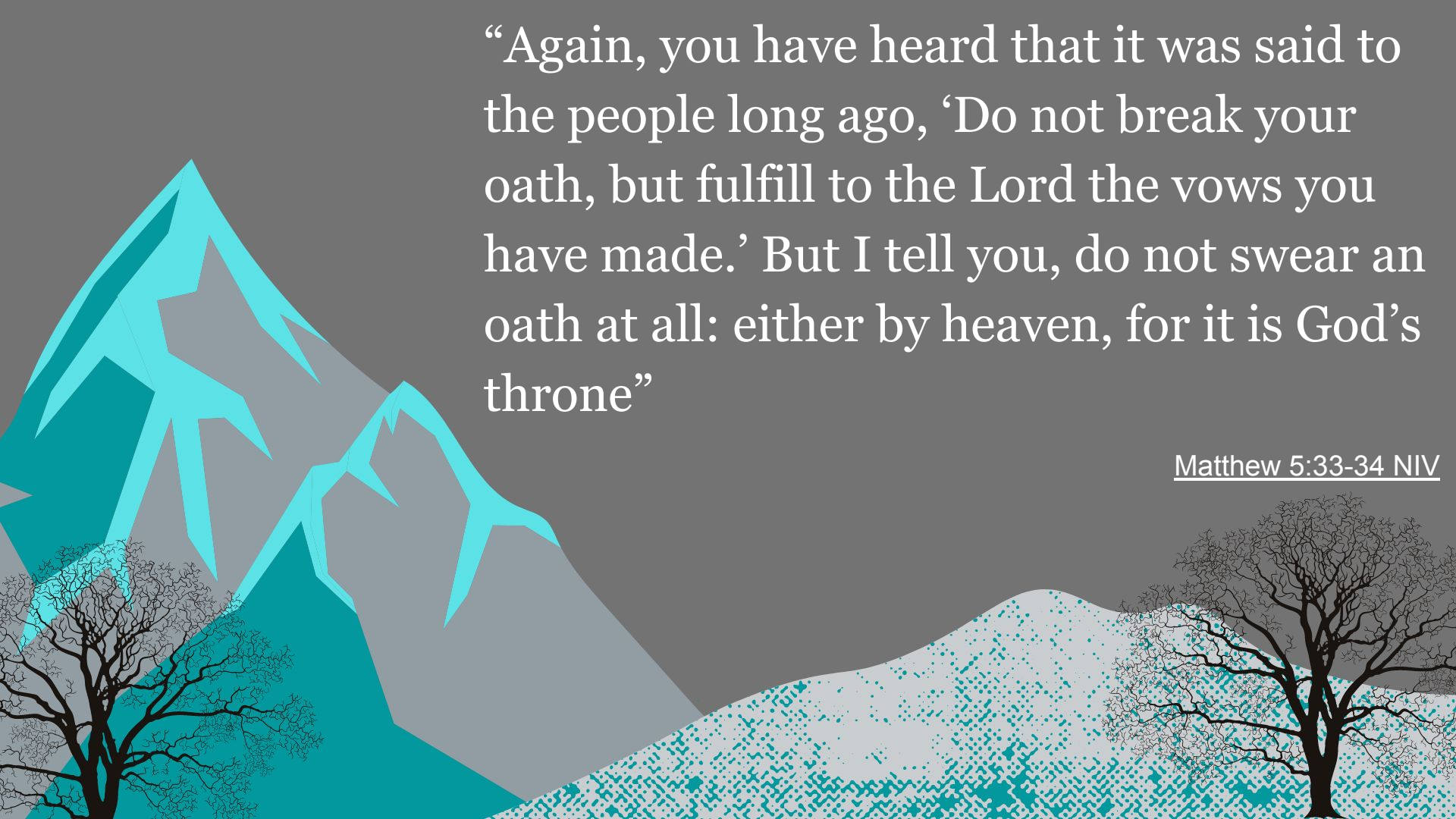
- Yes or no will do, but you have to follow through



Today

- Oaths in the Old Testament
- Why Jesus is opposed to them
- What are we supposed to do





“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne”

Matthew 5:33-34 NIV

“Or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.”

Matthew 5:35-36 NIV



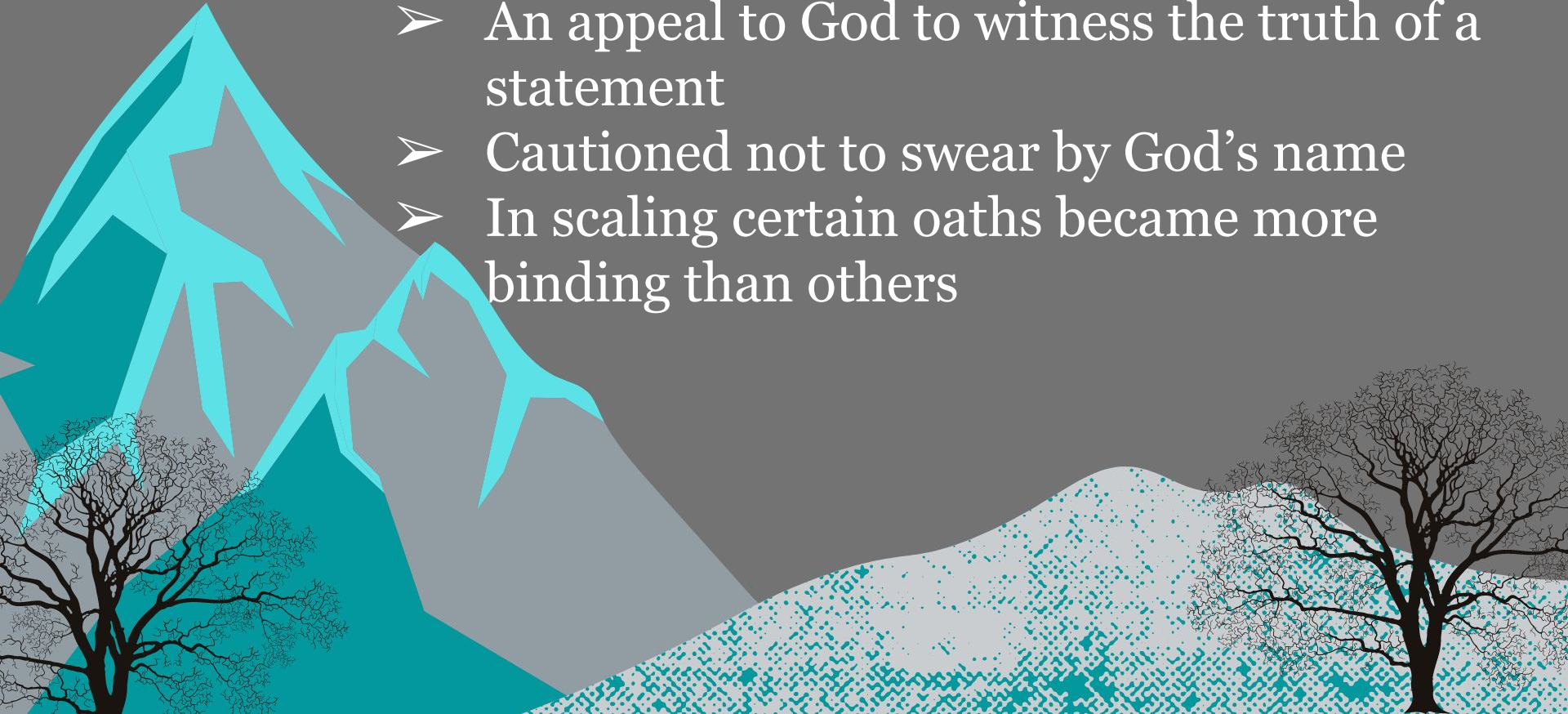
“All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’;
anything beyond this comes from the evil
one.”

Matthew 5:37 NIV



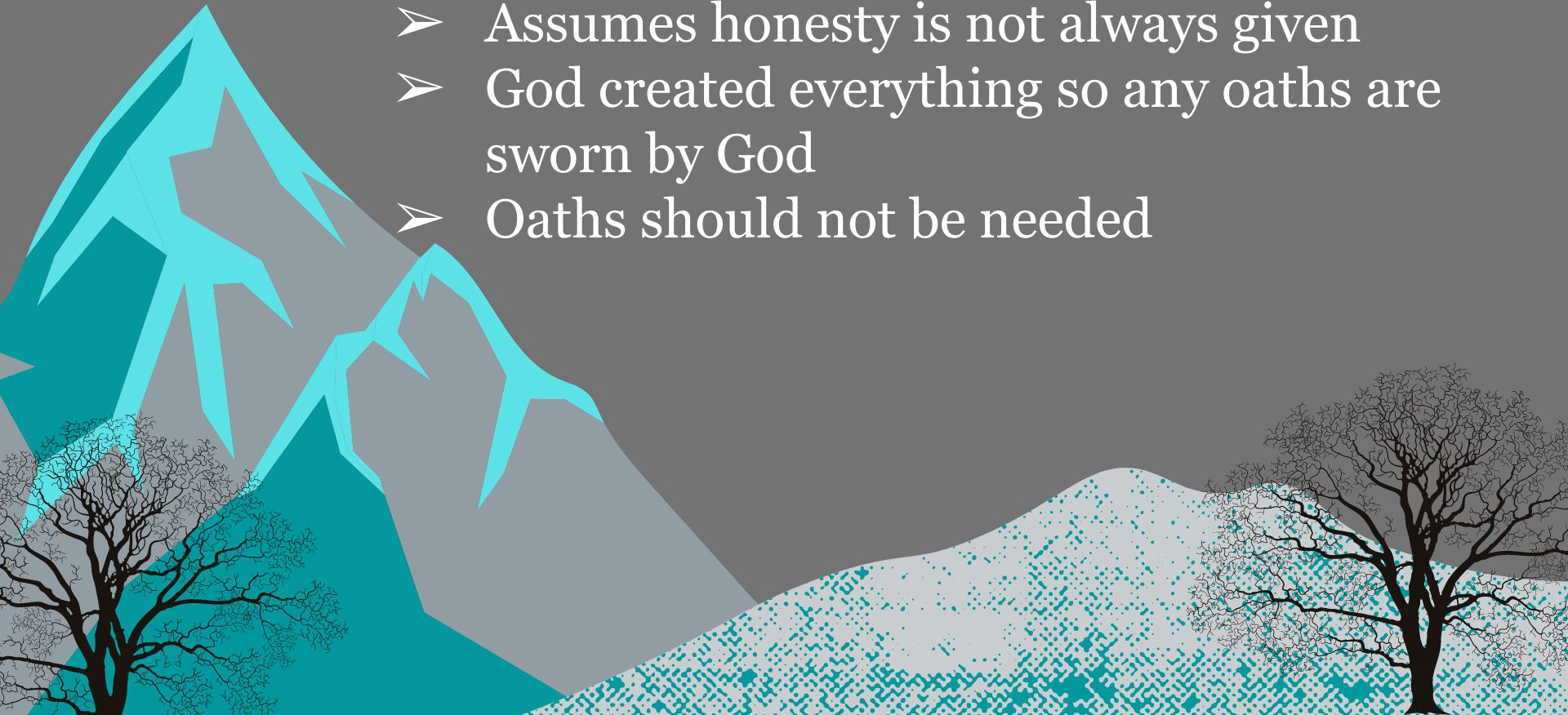
Old Testament Oaths

- An appeal to God to witness the truth of a statement
- Cautioned not to swear by God's name
- In scaling certain oaths became more binding than others



Jesus' Issue With Oaths

- Assumes honesty is not always given
- God created everything so any oaths are sworn by God
- Oaths should not be needed



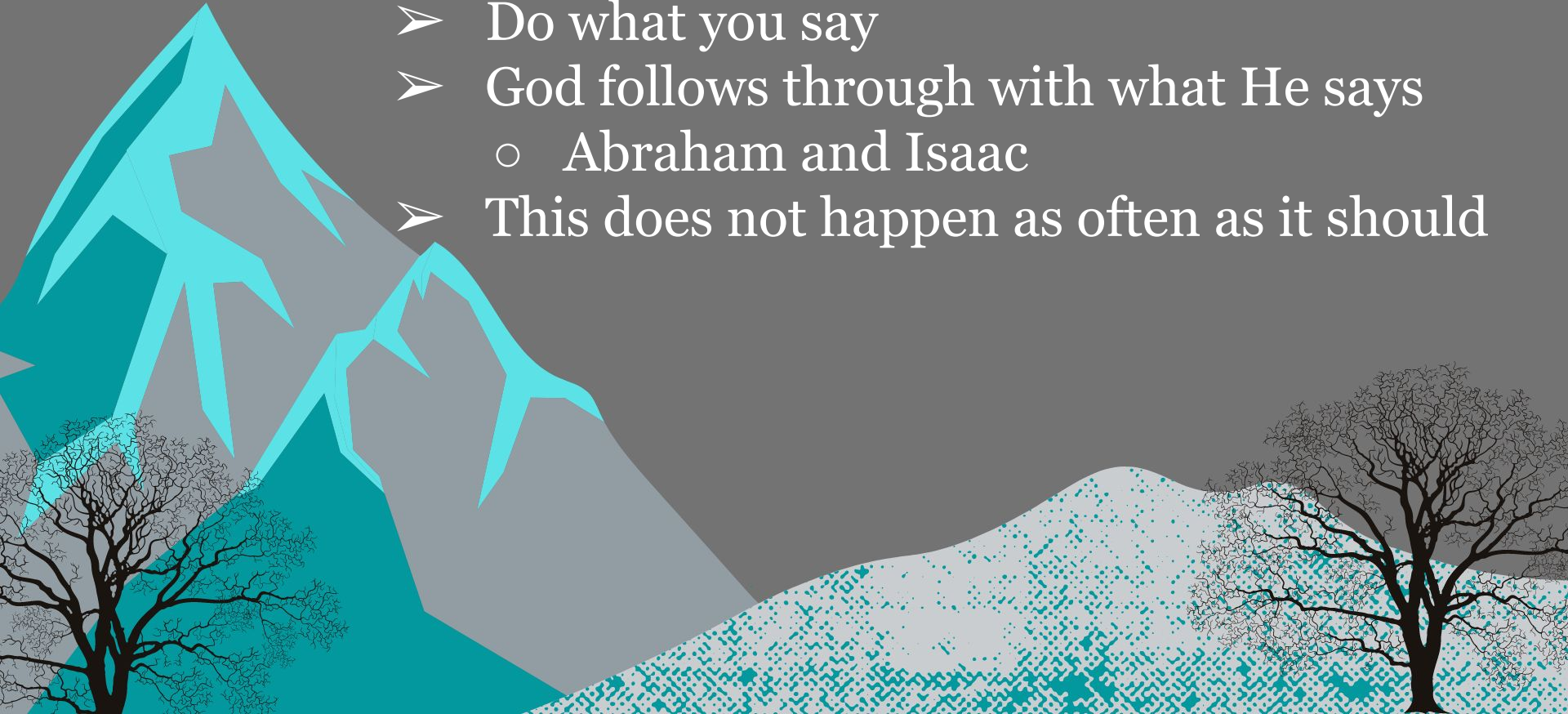
Jesus' Issue With Oaths

- Oaths give opportunity for dishonesty
- The devil creeps into things that seem Godly
- A simple yes or no should suffice



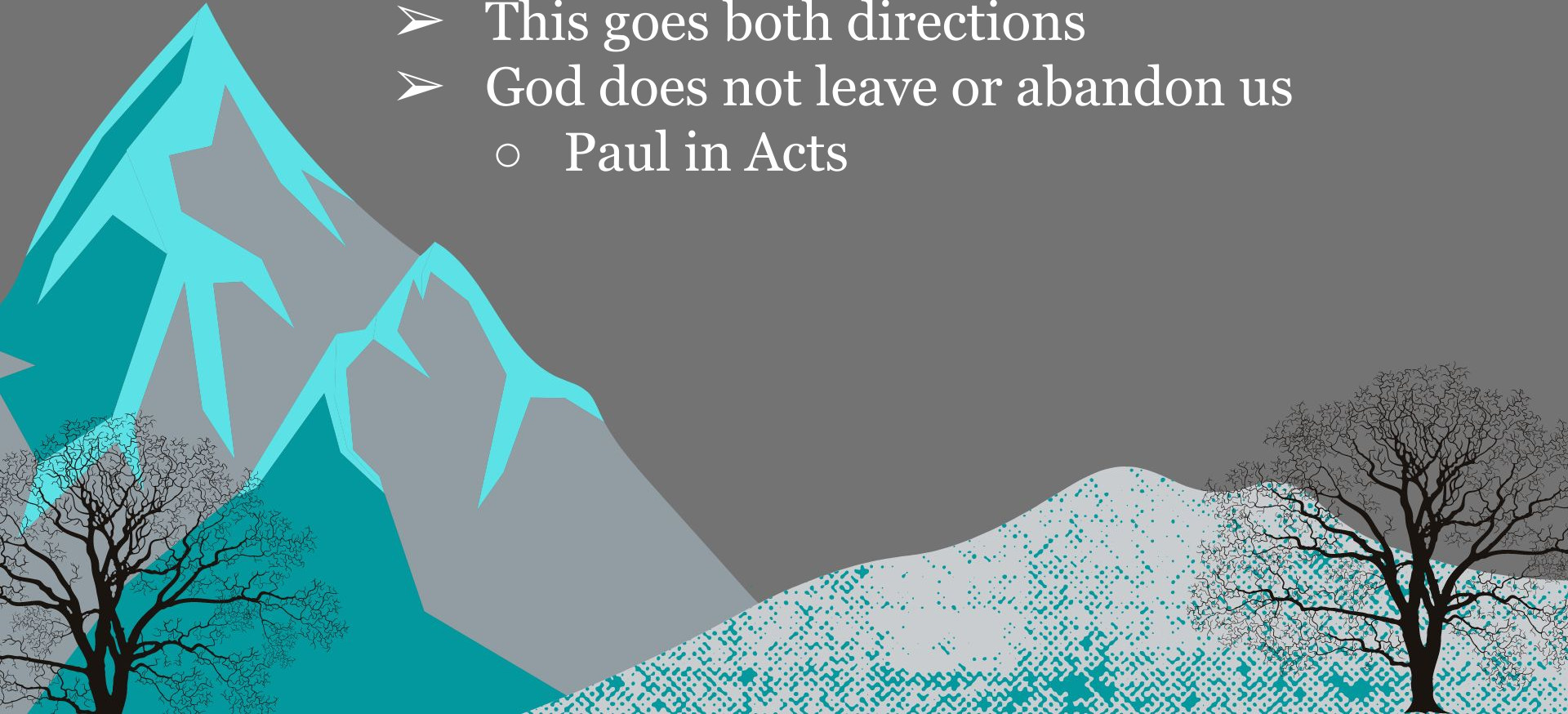
We Have To Follow Through

- Do what you say
- God follows through with what He says
 - Abraham and Isaac
- This does not happen as often as it should



We Have To Follow Through

- This goes both directions
- God does not leave or abandon us
 - Paul in Acts



Application

- Think about the promises or statements you make
- Follow through with your yes or no

