

JAMES

LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS

Week 10

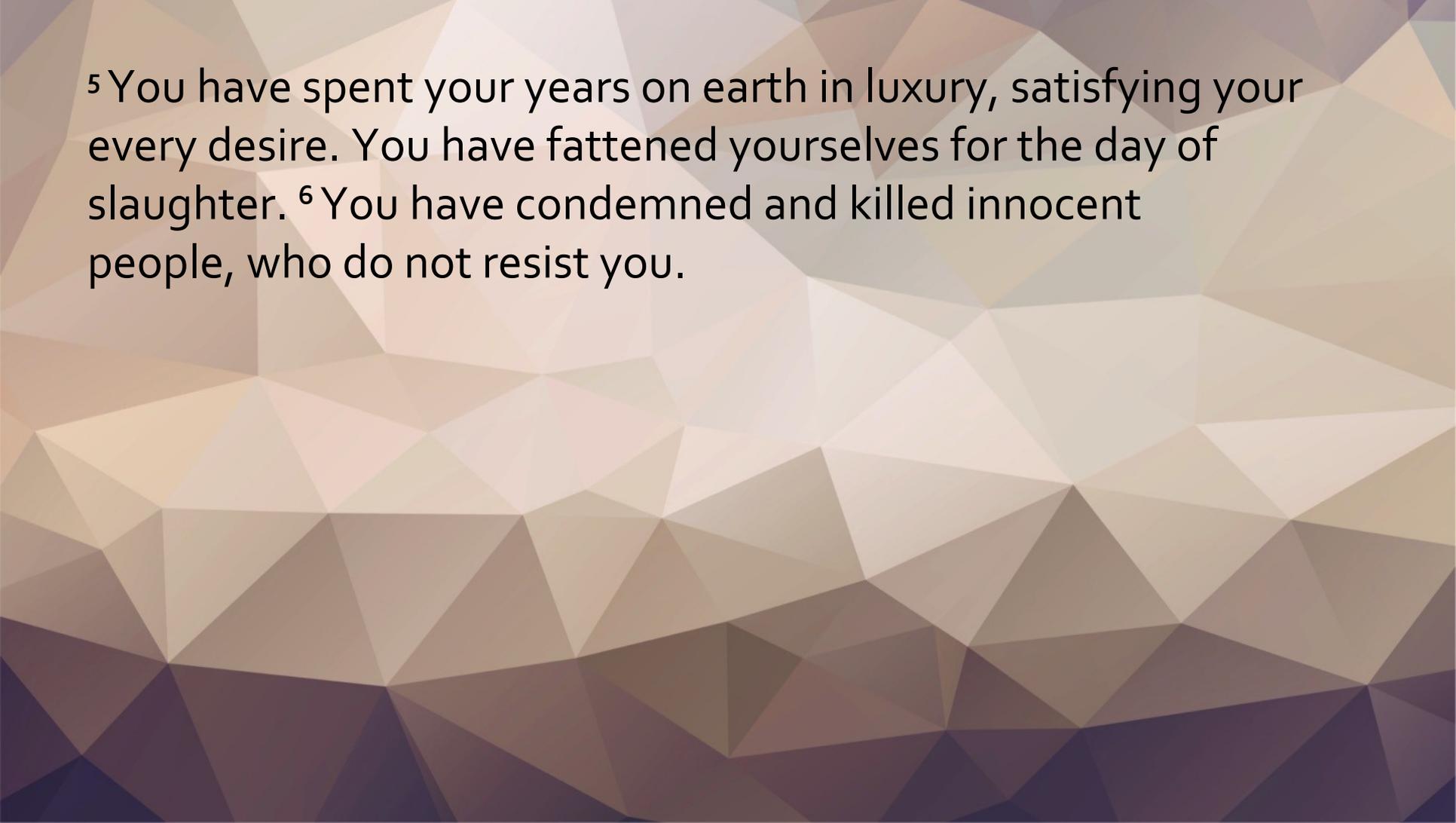
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The main theme for our series is
James 1:4b ESV

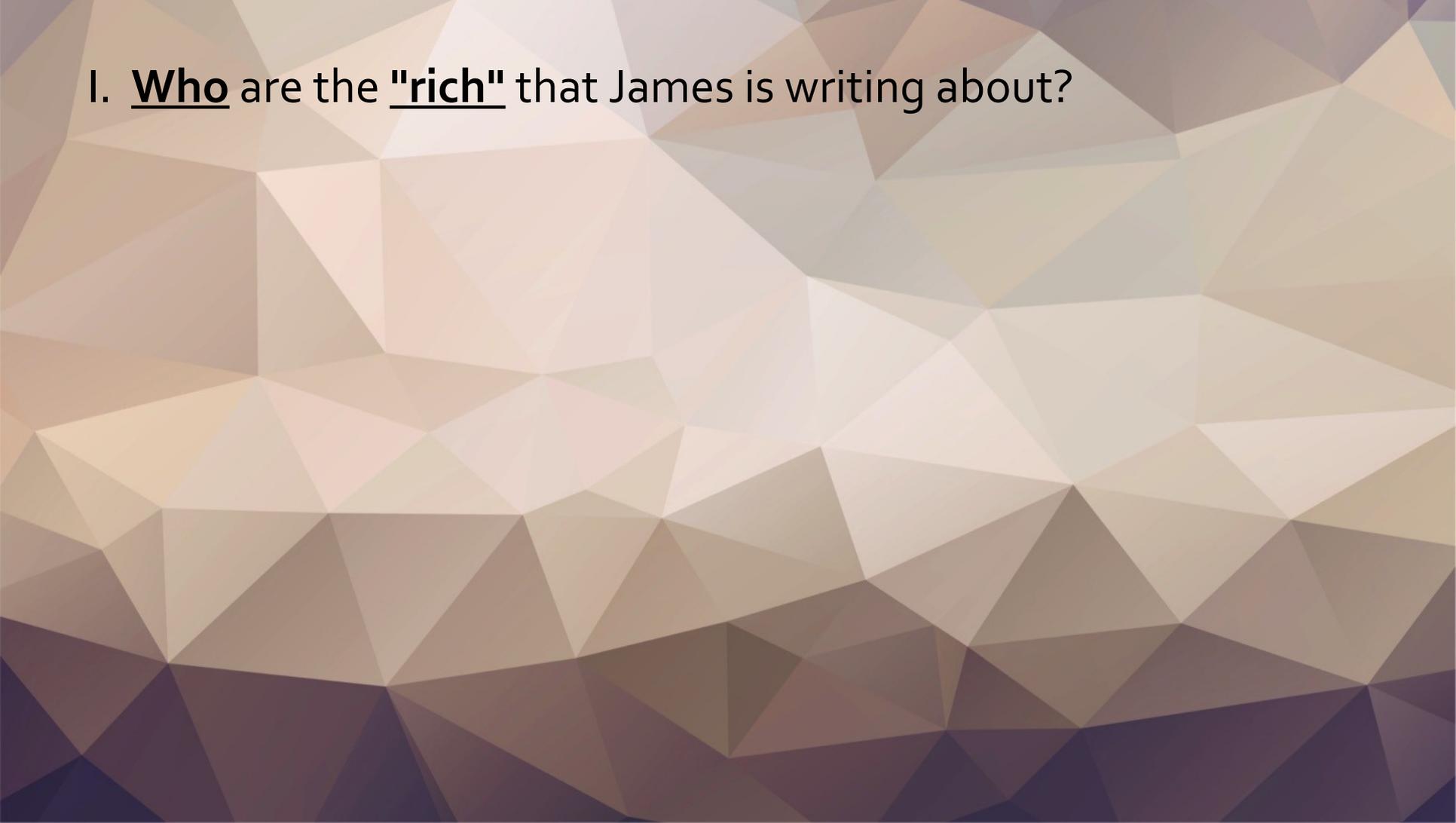
That you may be perfect (mature) and
complete, lacking in nothing.

James 5:1-6 NLT

¹ Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. ² Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment. ⁴ For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The cries of those who harvest your fields have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies.



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Luke 16:14-15 NIV

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.¹⁵ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight".

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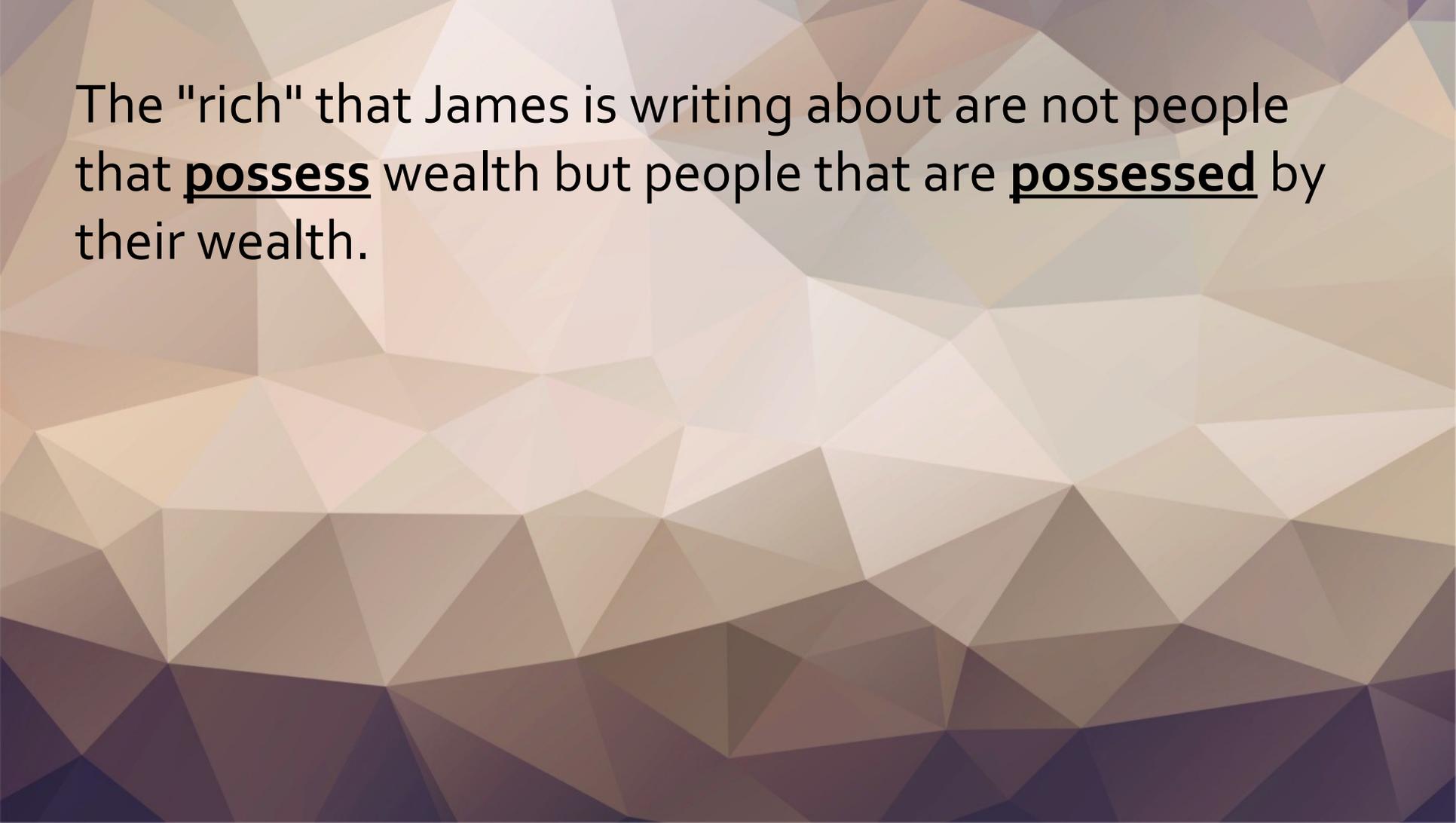
Ecclesiastes 5:10a NIV

Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.

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1 Timothy 6:10 NLT

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.



The "rich" that James is writing about are not people that **possess** wealth but people that are **possessed** by their wealth.

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James 5:2-3a NLT

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Matthew 6:19 NLT

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal”.

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- If we obtain wealth we must do it in a God-honoring way.

Proverbs 13:11 AMP

Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles, But he who gathers gradually by [honest] labor will increase [his riches].

IV. What can we learn from the mistakes of the "rich"?

- Wealth should be a by-product of our lives, not the goal.

Matthew 6:33 NLT

³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

IV. What can we learn from the mistakes of the "rich"?

- We must live as conduits of God's resources, not as containers.

Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV

⁹Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
¹⁰then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

