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**"For though by this time you ought to be
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SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

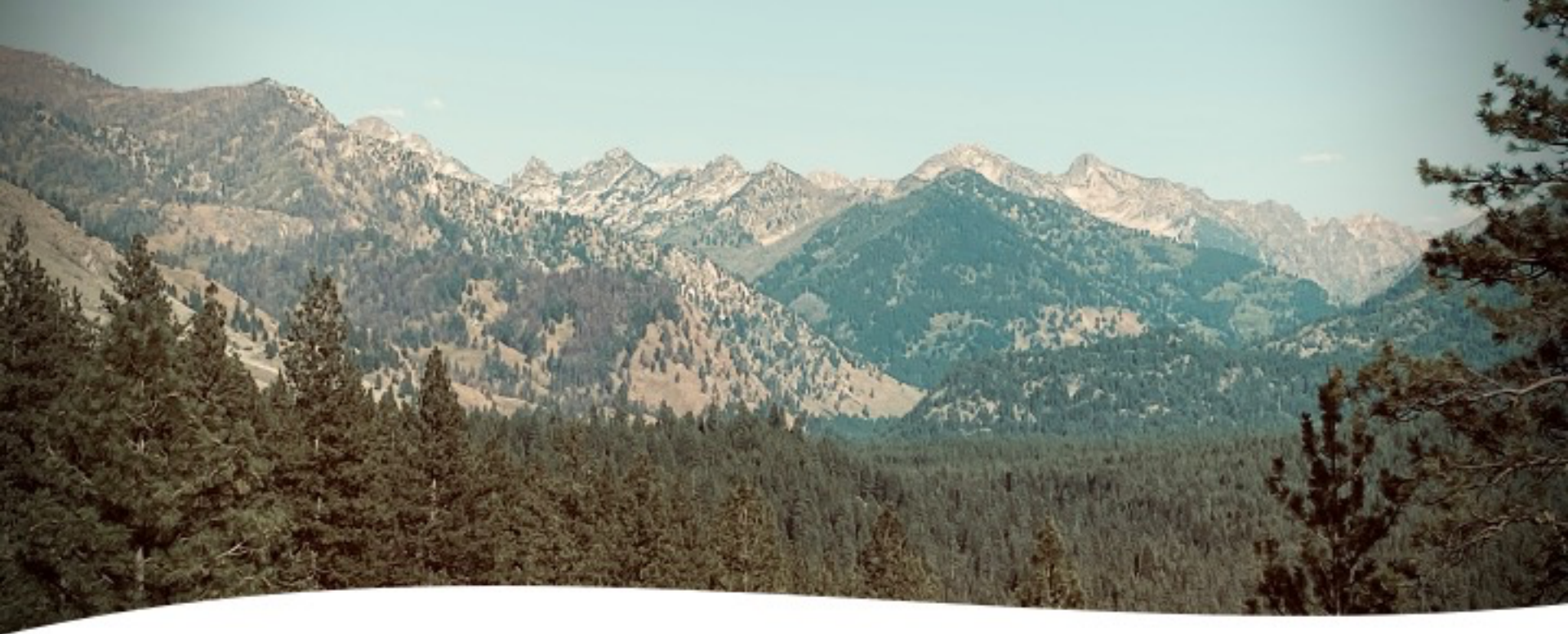
"Not that I have obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"

(Philippians 3:12-14).

- In my Bible study, the more I apply my knowledge, the more accessible it will be.
- In evangelism, one contact leads to another.
- In worship, the more I put in, the more I get out.
- The more charity I show, the more is shown to me.
- True love will never leave us with a shortage.

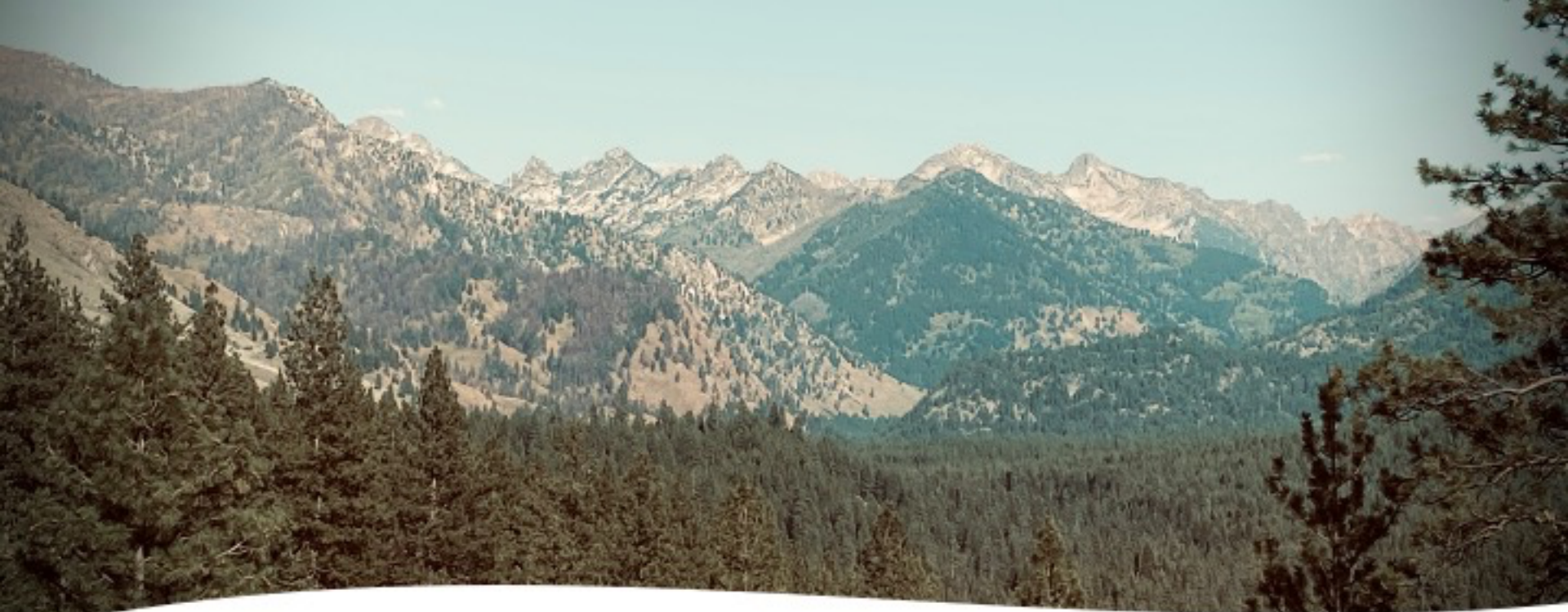


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- I will also never study the Bible and “hit a wall” of understanding. Every new phase of life will bring a fresh perspective to the book.

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- "I press on" – Straining for the finish line, pushed to the limit. This was not the only time Paul described life in such terms (1 Corinthians 9:26, 2 Timothy 4:7).



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- He might have been able to push me around when I was younger, but a sober spirit and firmness of faith, learned and practiced (1 Peter 5:8-9), will confound his efforts.