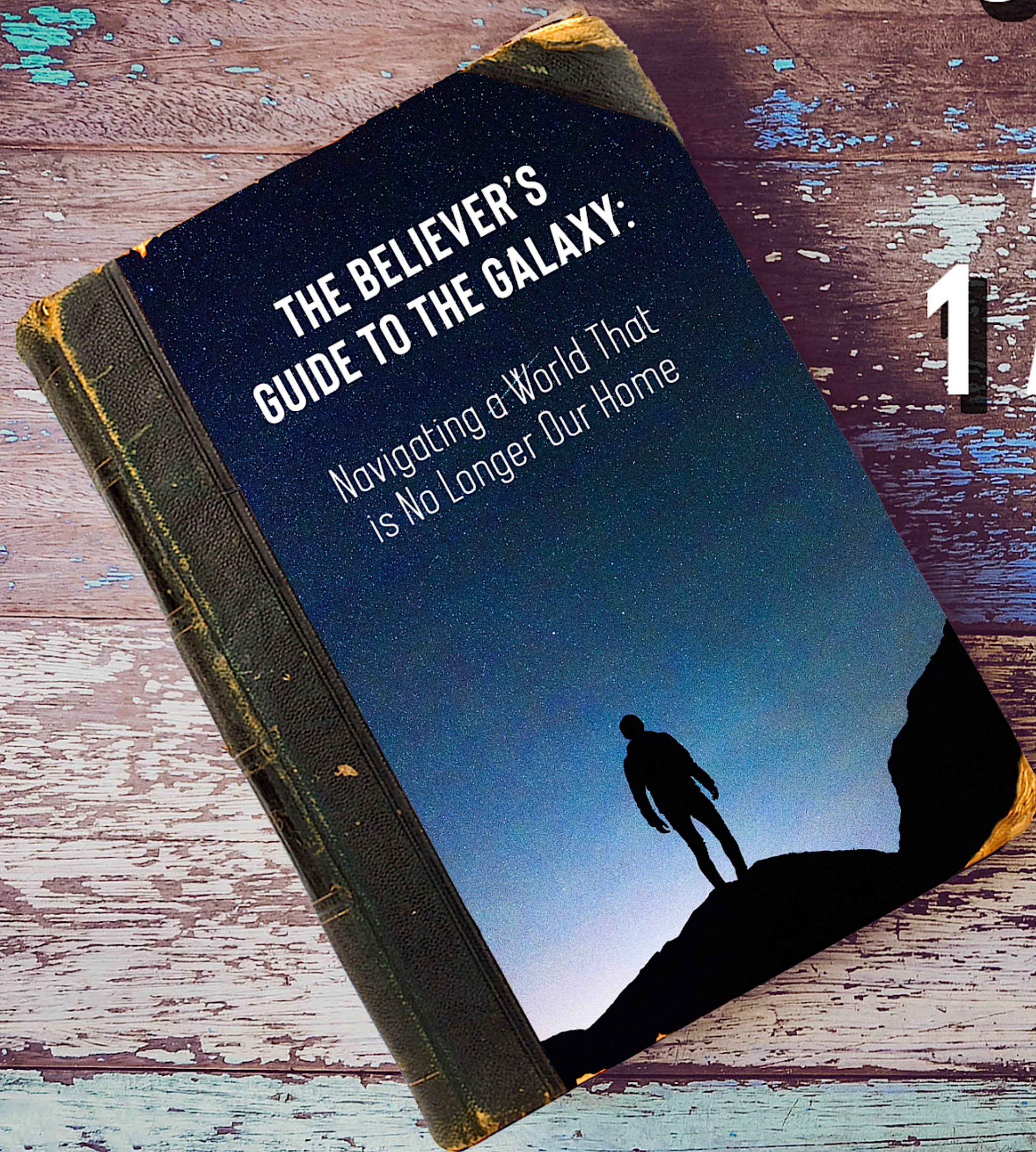


We thank God, this Memorial Day weekend, for all who have given their lives defending our freedom as Americans.

We also remember those who have gone on to heaven ahead of us.

SERIES 2019: A STUDY IN 1 AND 2 PETER



Matthew 5:1-12



Matthew 5:1-12

- Those who mourn
- Those who are meek
- Those who are persecuted
- Those who are insulted & accused
because of their faith in Christ

Matthew 5:1-12

This is NOT an easy message!

Matthew 5:1-12

...it's a message that Peter himself had no interest in listening to.

Mark 8:31-33

Jesus began to teach His disciples that He must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" He said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

After the cross...it all clicked.

1 Peter 4:1

Therefore, since Christ suffered in His body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude...

1 Peter 4:12-14

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed...

**Peter is preparing the church
for struggle & persecution.**

1 Peter 4:16-17

***“...if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed,
but praise God that you bear that name. For it is
time for judgment to begin with God’s household.”***

Christian Persecution and Genocide Is Worse Now Than "Any Time in History," Report Says

By Cristina Maza • On 1/4/18 at 11:42 AM EST



A member of the Syrian Arab-Kurdish forces places a cross in the rubble ahead of a Christmas celebration at the heavily damaged Armenian Catholic Church of the Martyrs in Raqqa, Syria. The persecution and genocide of Christians across the world is worse today "than at any time in history," and Western governments are failing to stop it, a report from a Catholic organization said. Getty Images



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1 Peter 5:1-4

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1 Peter 5:5a

In the same way,

**[not because you must,
but because you are willing,
as God wants you to be]
you who are younger, submit
yourselves to your elders.**

Church





1 Peter 5:5b-7

All of you—

1) Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." * Proverbs 3:34

1 Peter 5:5b-7

All of you—

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

:Mild of temper; soft; gentle; not easily provoked or irritated; yielding; given to forbearance under injuries.

Appropriately, humble, in an evangelical sense; submissive to the will; not proud, self-sufficient or refractory; not peevish and apt to complain of divine dispensations.

Noah Webster; 1828



1 Peter 5:5b-7

All of you—

**2) Humble yourselves,
therefore, under God's
mighty hand, that He may
lift you up in due time.**



1 Peter 5:5b-7

All of you—

Upper Story

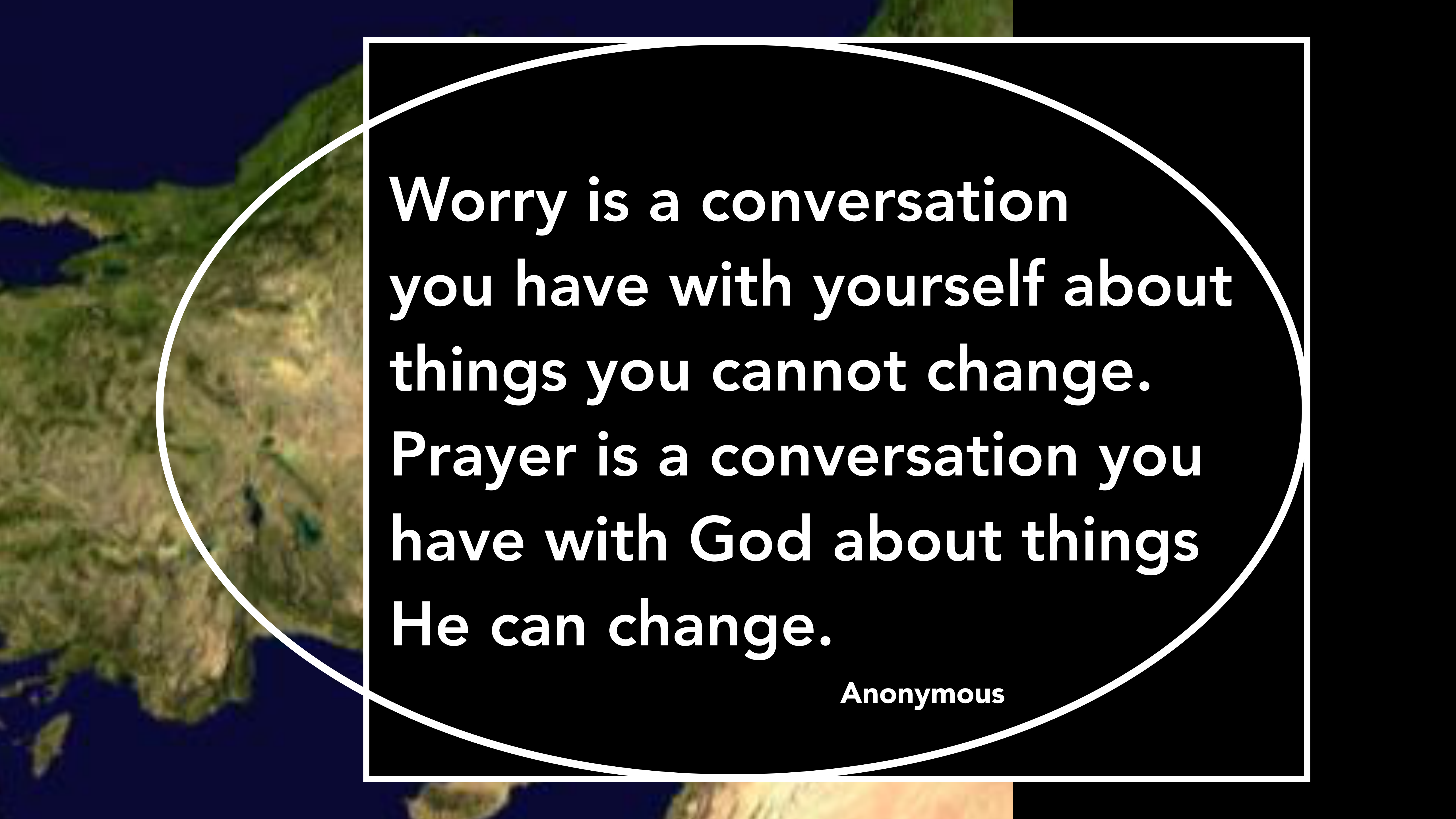
Lower Story



1 Peter 5:5b-7

All of you—

**3) Cast all your anxiety on
Him, because He cares
for you.**



**Worry is a conversation
you have with yourself about
things you cannot change.
Prayer is a conversation you
have with God about things
He can change.**

Anonymous



2 Chronicles 20:12

“For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

