

*REVELATION STUDY GUIDE*

# BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS





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# Welcome to the study guide for **Becoming A Faithful Witness: A Study of Revelation!**

Welcome to the study guide for “Becoming a Faithful Witness: A Study of Revelation”! This guide will help lead you through the book of Revelation, as well as the “Becoming a Faithful Witness” podcast series.

In this series, we introduce the three-step process for exploring Scripture - Read, Understand, and Do. This study guide is an invitation for you to utilize this method to discover the deep truths within one of The Bible’s most fascinating books.

The study guide will allow your group to go through the podcast series and book of Revelation in as little as 11 weeks, but feel free to adjust based on how often your group meets. In each section, you will read through two chapters of Revelation (READ), listen to five 20 minute podcast episodes for additional context (UNDERSTAND), and discuss questions to explore what this means in your everyday life (UNDERSTAND and DO). The goal is to give a zoomed out perspective of the book through the readings and a zoomed in focus through the podcast commentary. The readings and podcast content are not meant to line up perfectly, but to invite you into the world of Revelation and provide a setting to host your discoveries and discussions.

This study guide is meant to be just that - a guide. Feel free to explore your own thoughts and questions as you progress. This is not meant to be a checklist as much as a facilitator to get you engaged with Scripture.

The guide is available in both editable and printable PDF formats. Within the PDF, each episode will have a link that will take you to a transcription of the podcast, for those who would rather engage through reading.

We pray this resource leads you and your community into inspiration, discovery, perspective, and courage. Please share your thoughts and discussions with us on our Yellow Balloons Facebook Community, or email us at [contact@yellowballoons.net](mailto:contact@yellowballoons.net).

# BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS

## Section One

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READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 1 & 2 OF  
REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING  
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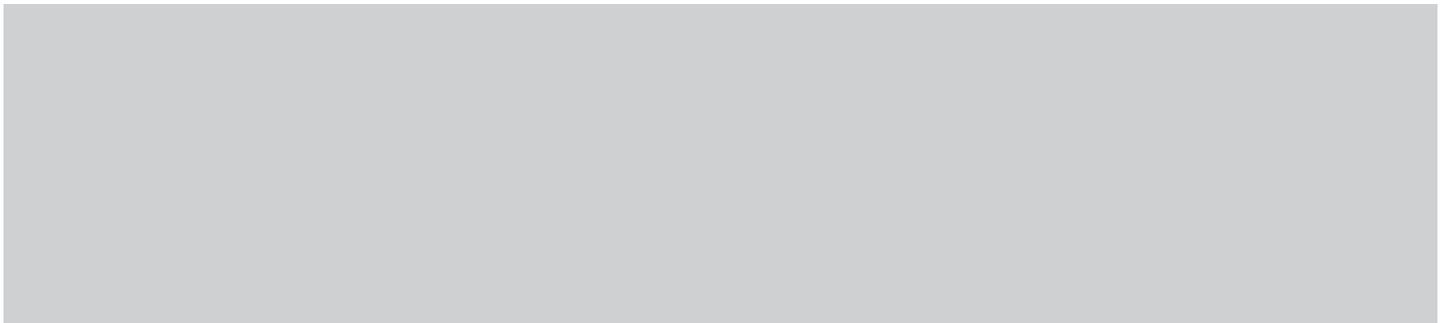
## ***Episode 1: A Simple Book With A Simple Message***

1. Revelation is written as an instruction to servants.

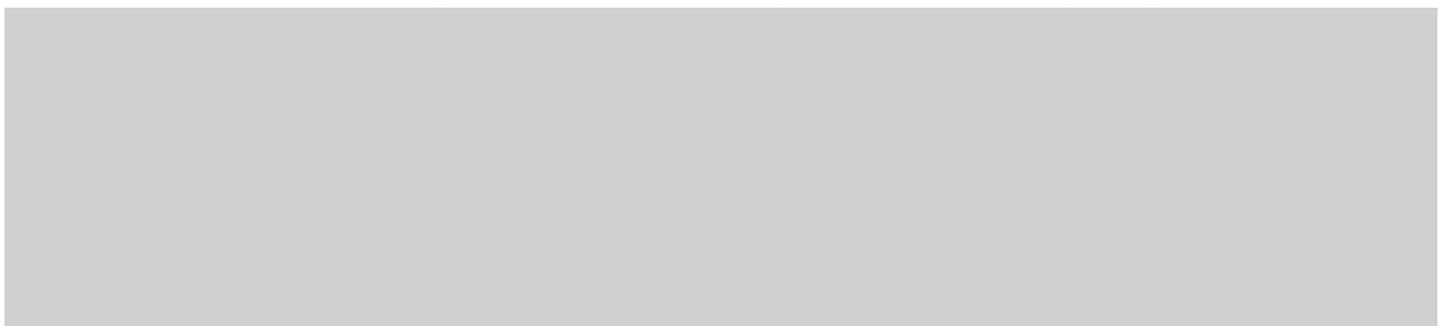
What distinguishes a faithful servant from an unfaithful servant?



2. What are ways that you can practice faithfulness in the day to day?



3. Which view of the meaning of the 7 churches do you find more compelling?



4. Do you agree that it is valuable to study both meanings and why?



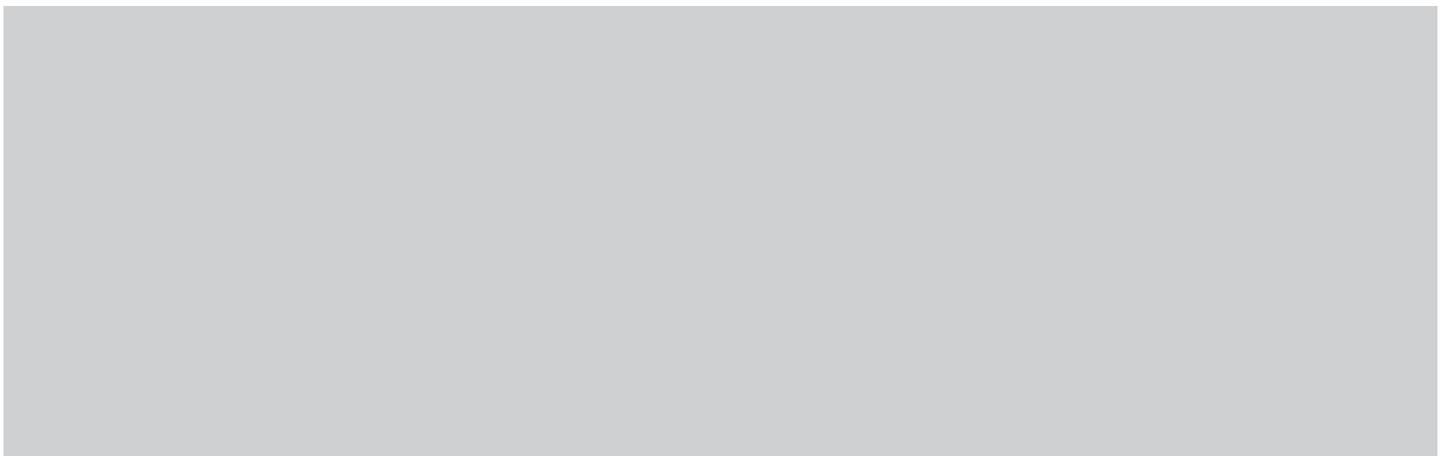
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## **Episode 2: One Simple Choice**

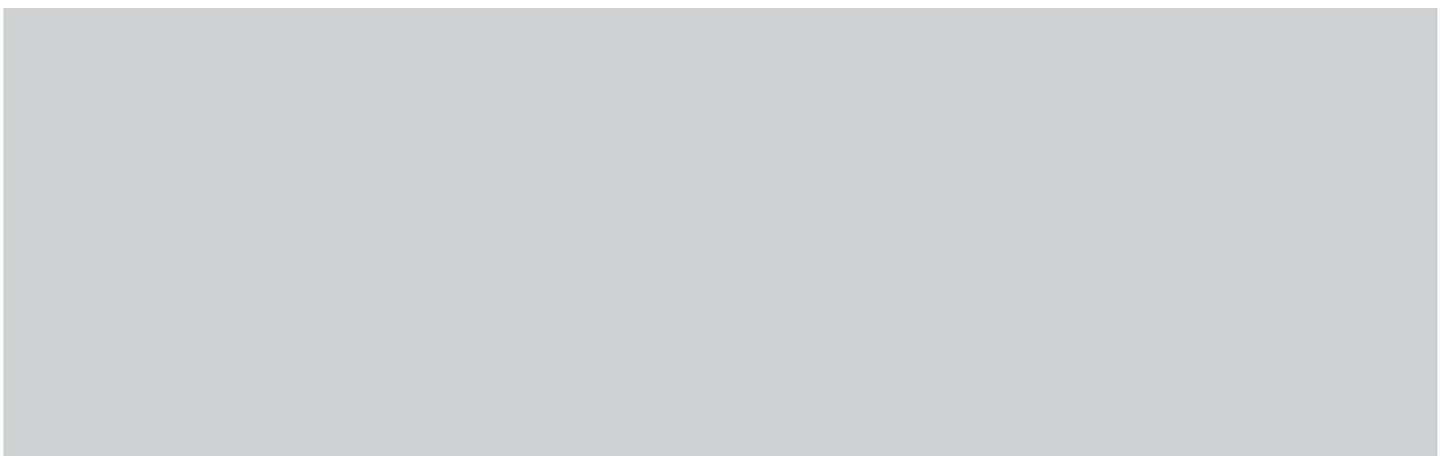
1. Why do you think it is important to consider that our society is still a Roman society? Do you agree?



2. There is an emphasis on the inevitable return of Jesus. Is this something that excites you or scares you? Why?



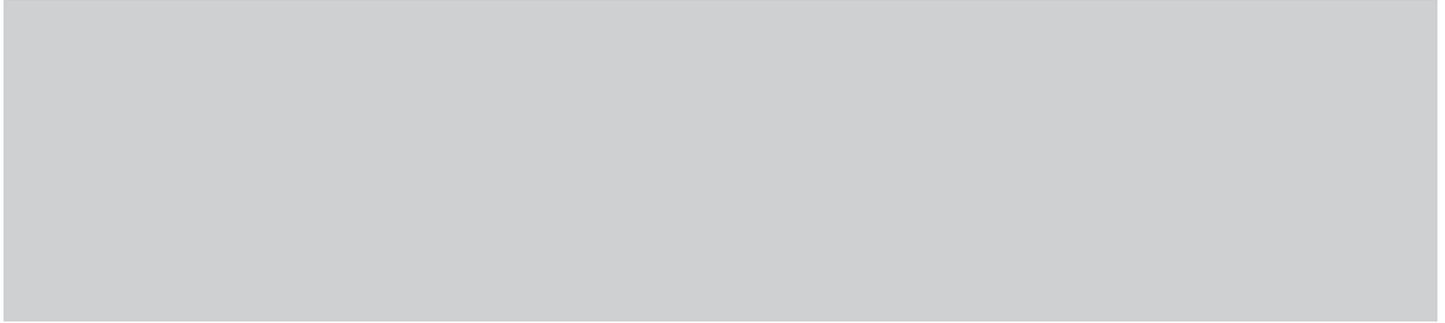
3. Has there been a time in your life where you have seen a tangible blessing from God?



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## **Episode 3: Are You Ready?**

1. Which part of “read, understand, and do” do you find comes most naturally to you?  
Most challenging?



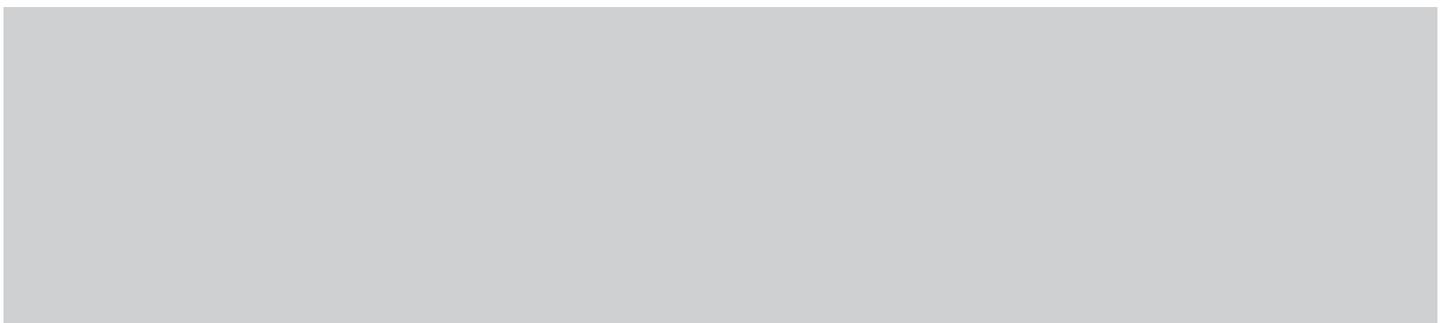
2. What are ways that you can help others in this group grow in the areas that are more challenging?



3. Have you ever felt the grace and peace given by God irrespective of your circumstances?



4. How can viewing yourself as royalty change how you live your life? How about as a priest?



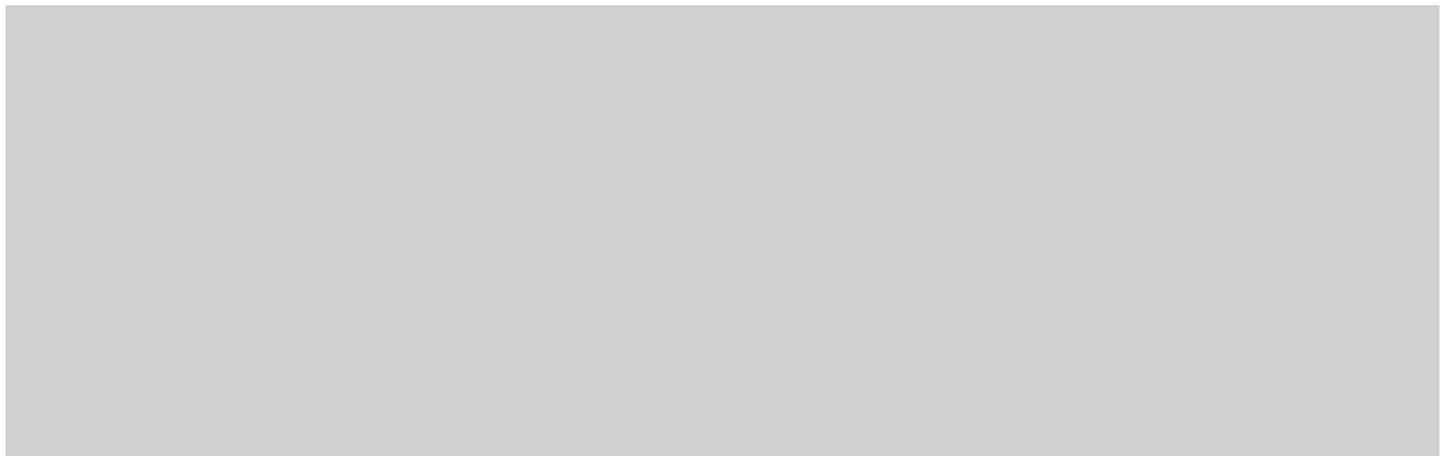
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## ***Episode 4: We're Apocalyptic***

**1. What does it mean that Jesus has the keys to Death and Hades?**



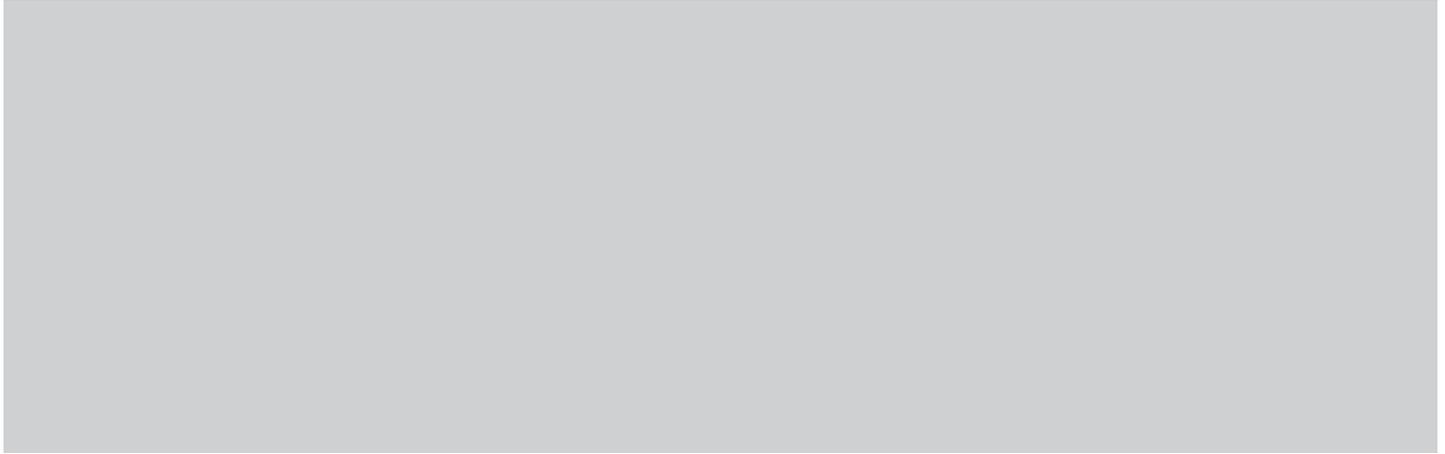
**2. Is there someone you know that consistently “brings heaven to earth” and who really understands their spiritual royalty?**



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## ***Episode 5: Underperforming, Persecuted, Compromising***

1. How can recognizing that God is a paradox strengthen your faith?



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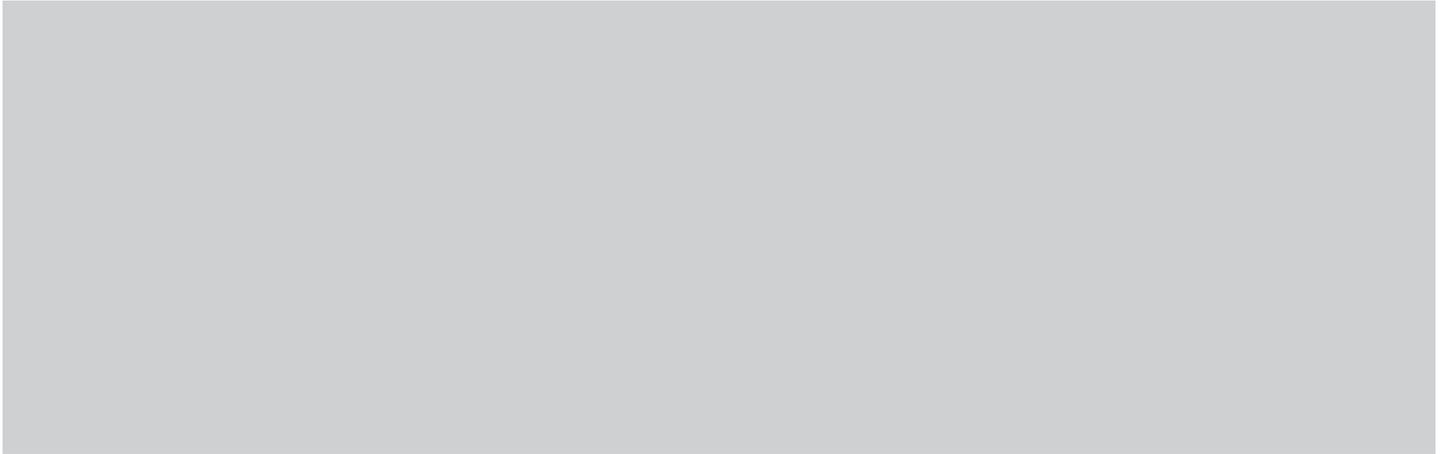
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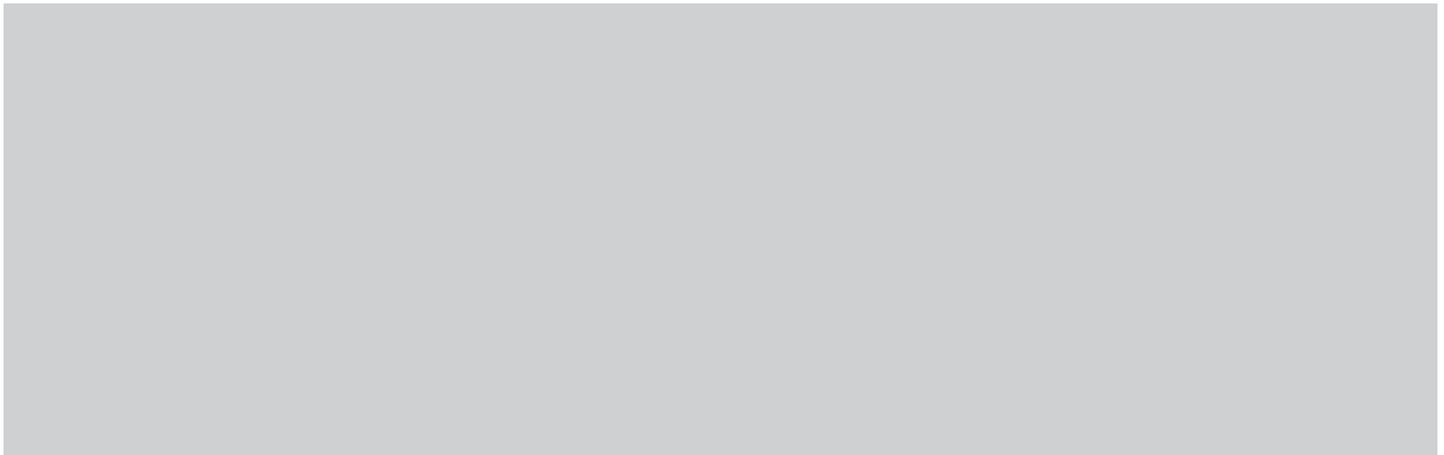
READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 3 & 4 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 6-10.

## ***Episode 6: Legalism vs. Grace***

1. What are ways we can live that will make people want to copy us?



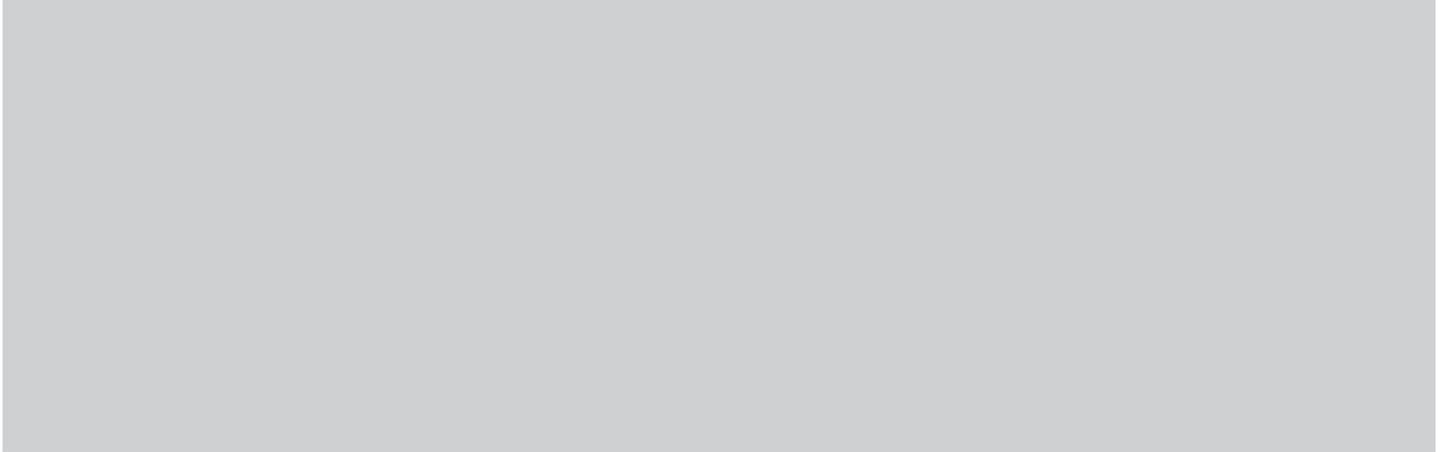
2. How can we share the gospel through our actions?



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## ***Episode 7: Revelation & Revival***

**1. How should we respond to stories of revival and the rapid spread of Christianity?**



**2. Are we praying for revival like the Moravians?**



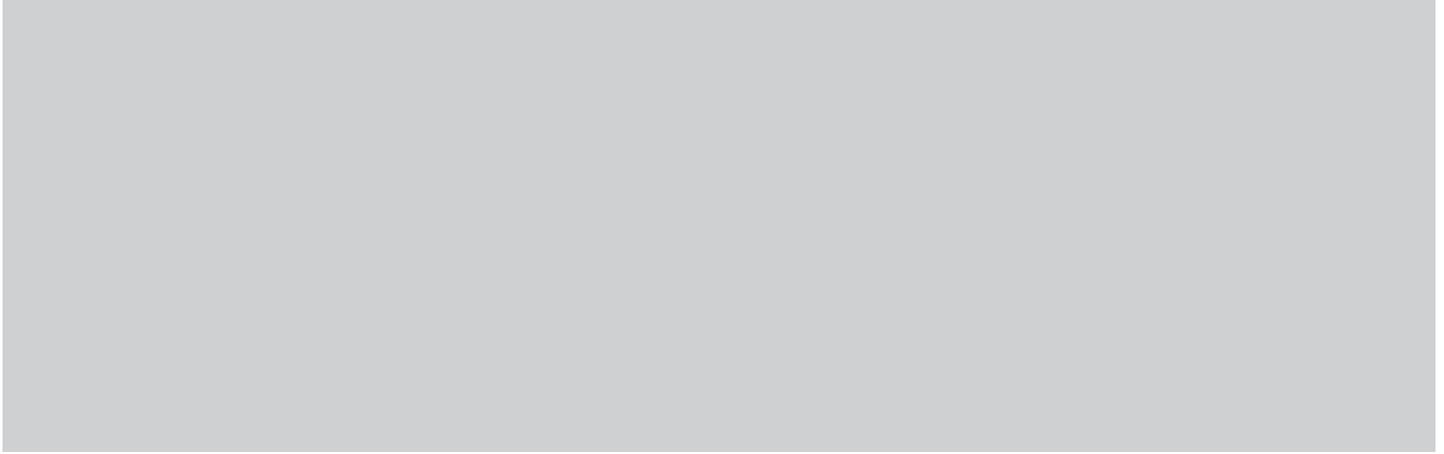
**3. How can we each participate in the advancement of the gospel if we aren't a career missionary in a foreign country?**



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## ***Episode 8: Overcome as Christ Overcame***

1. What era does this episode imply we are in?



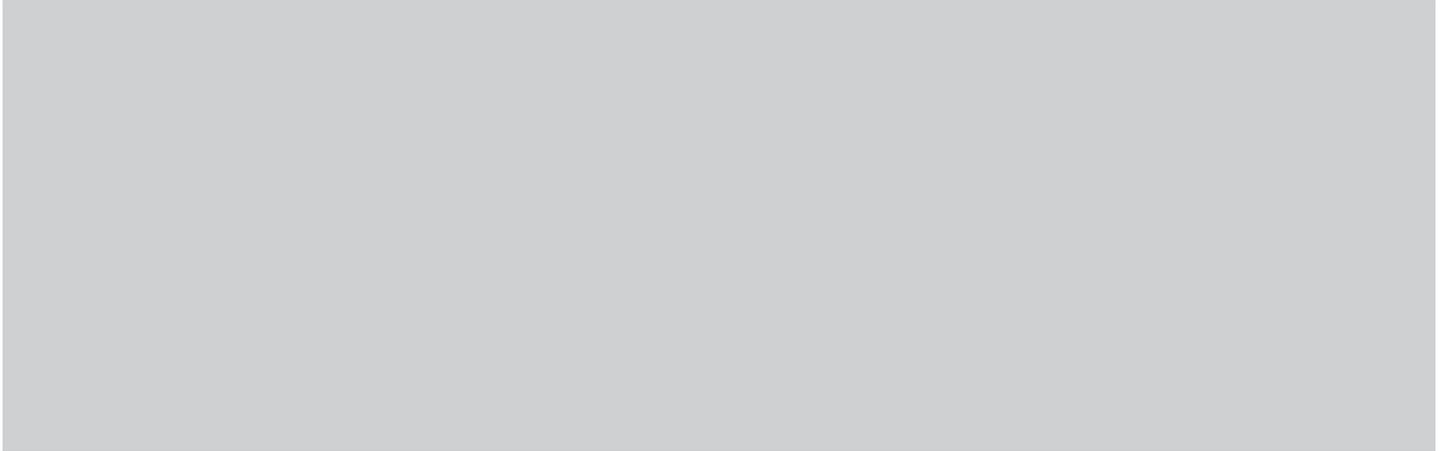
2. Do you agree?



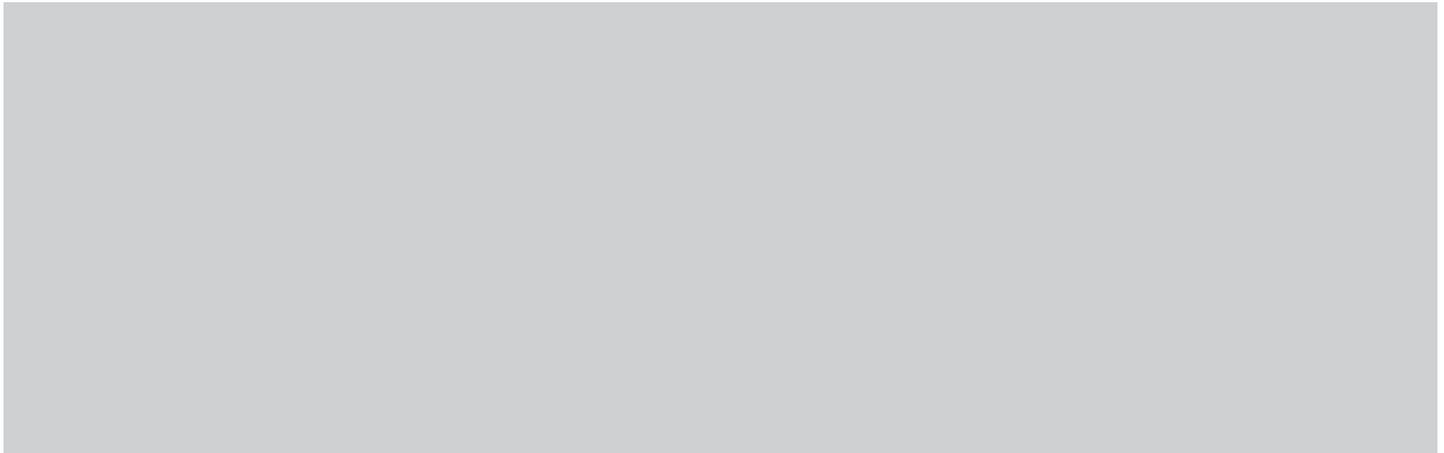
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## ***Episode 9: How to Win at Life***

1. Jesus tells the church of the Ephesians to repent. Is this something that the church as a group must do continually?



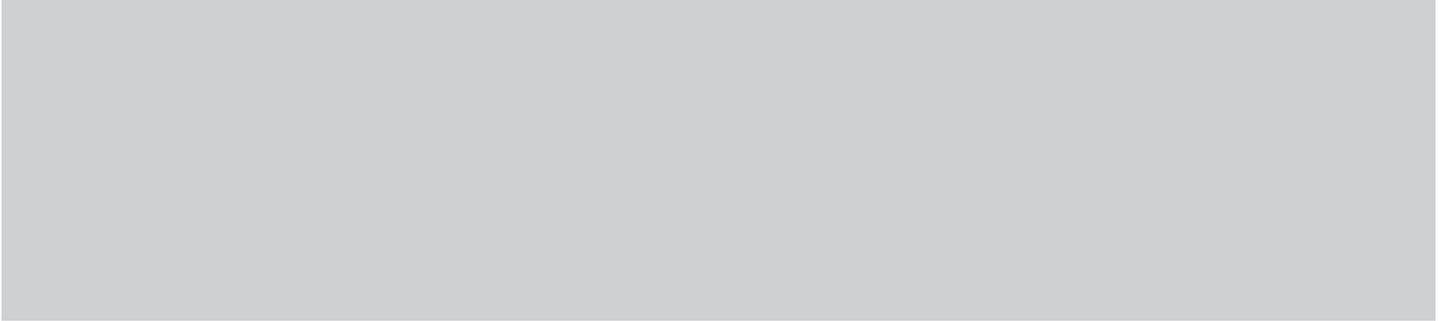
2. Or just something an individual does when they first become a believer?



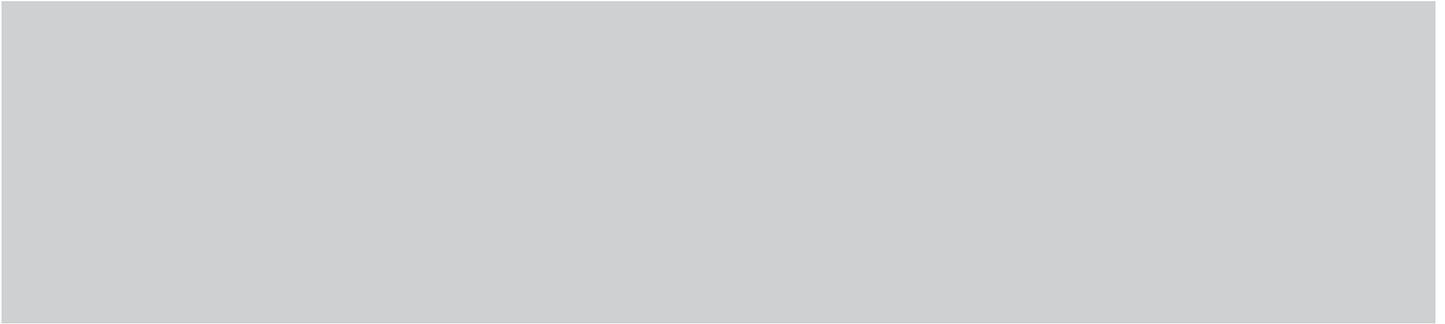
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## **Episode 10: Truth & Love**

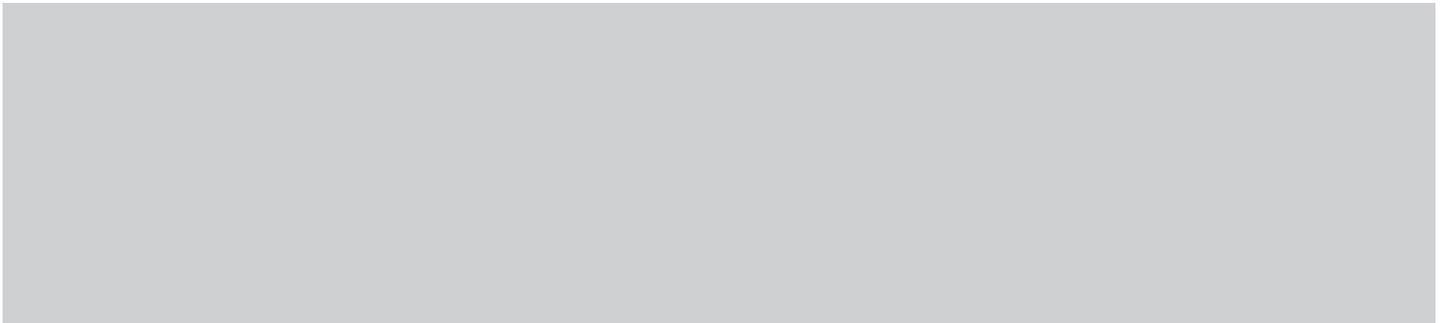
**1. What stood out to you from these lessons this week?**



**2. What are some of the things you will remember?**



**3. Are there times when we have “forgotten our first love”?**



**4. What are things we can do to help us remember and that stir our hearts with love for Christ?**



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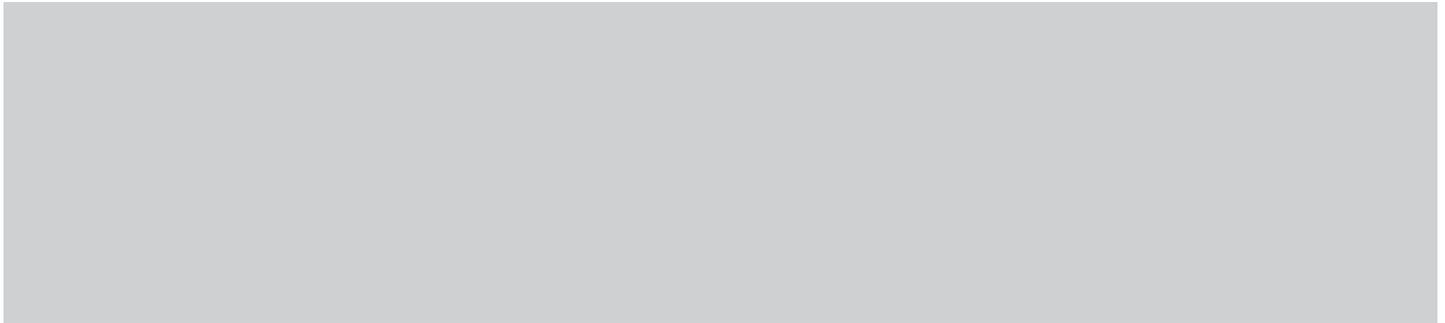
READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 5 & 6 OF  
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## **Episode 11: Do Not Fear**

1. In Revelation 2 we read the commandment to not fear future suffering. Is this a struggle for you?



2. How can we rightfully expect suffering to come (it will) without fearing it?  
Why shouldn't we fear it?



3. Why are trials good for us?



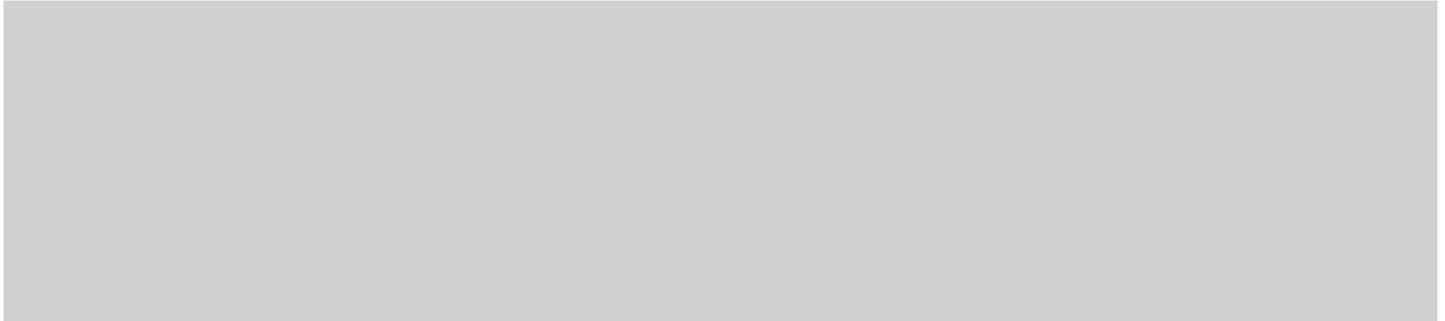
4. What can we do when that is hard to believe?



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## ***Episode 12: The Best is Yet to Come***

1. What are the two kinds of circumstances James talks about? How do we overcome them?



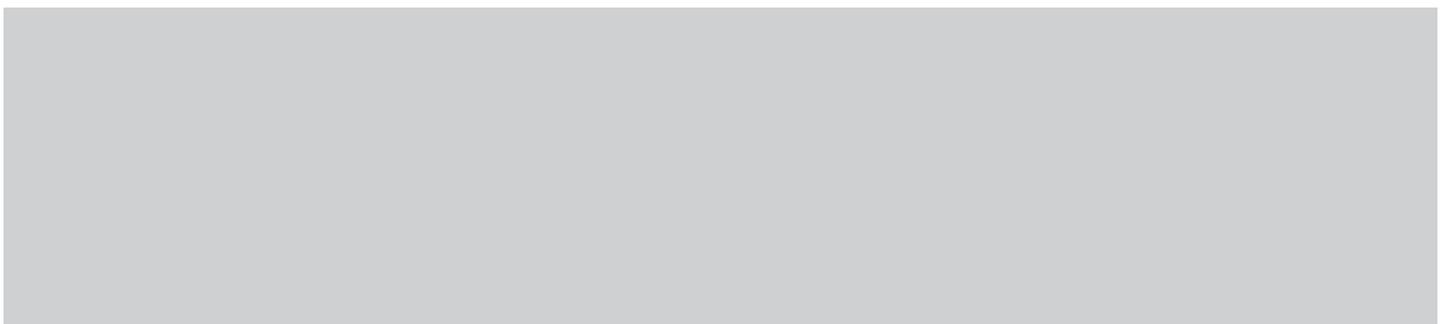
2. Have there been any circumstances of either kind that you have needed to overcome?



3. Why is the distinction between being approved and accepted important?



4. Do you agree?



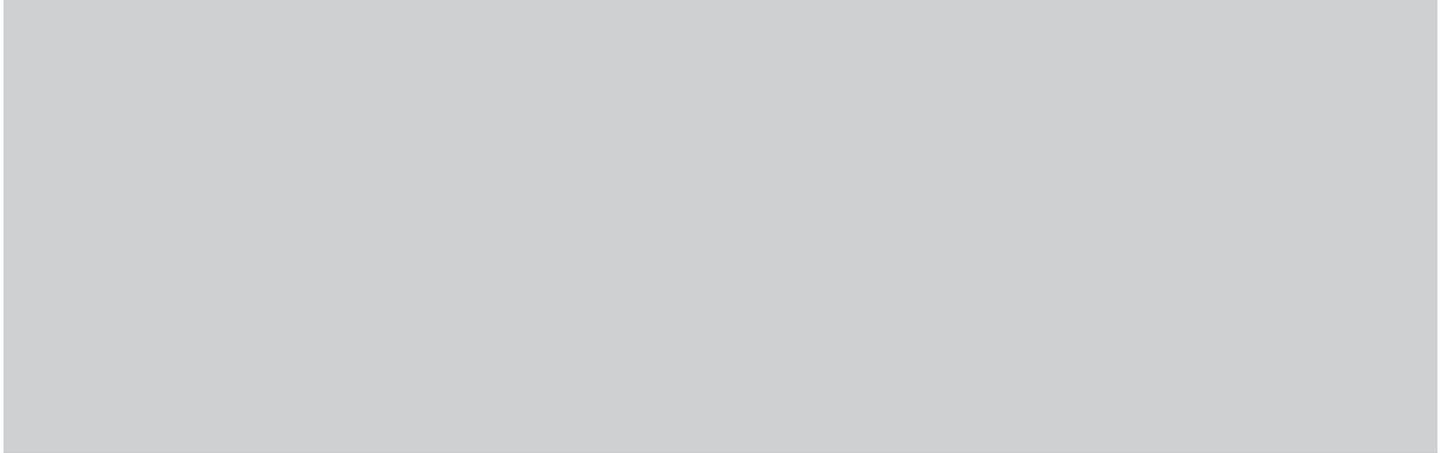
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## **Episode 13: Victim vs. Choice**

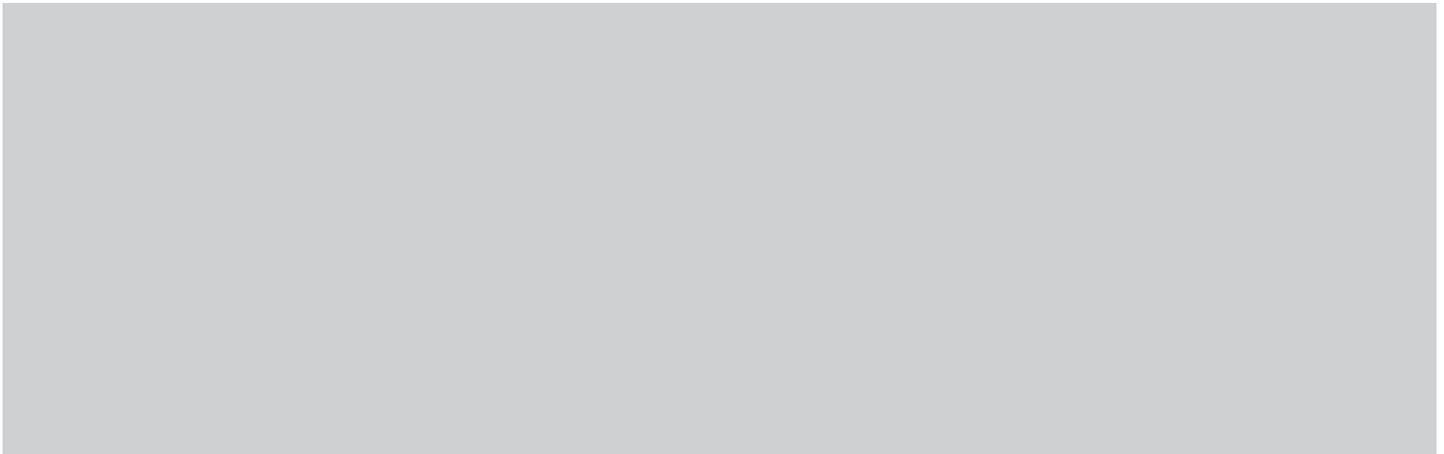
1. In the episode we discuss two circles. The victim circle and the choice circle. What are times that you have been in the two different circles and how did your perspective change how the situation played out?



2. How drastically can the perspective we choose change things for us?



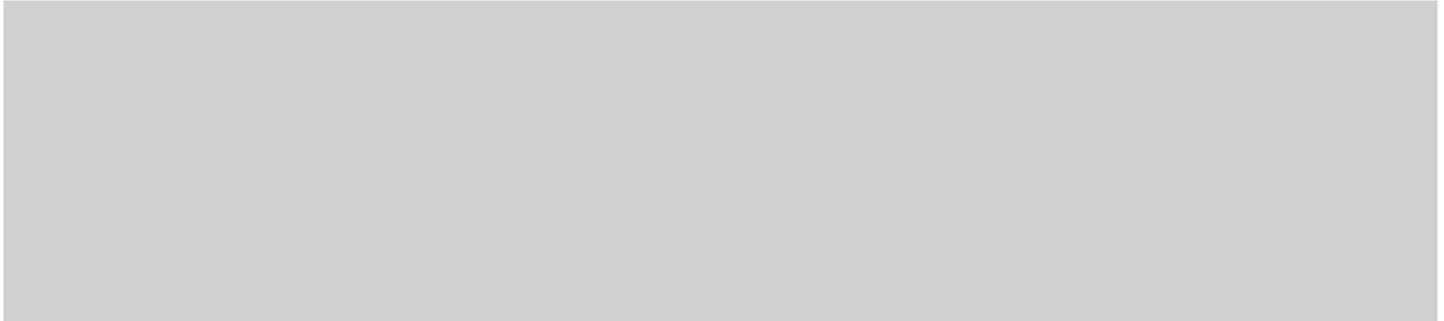
3. How can the connection between heaven & earth change how you pray & what you pray for?



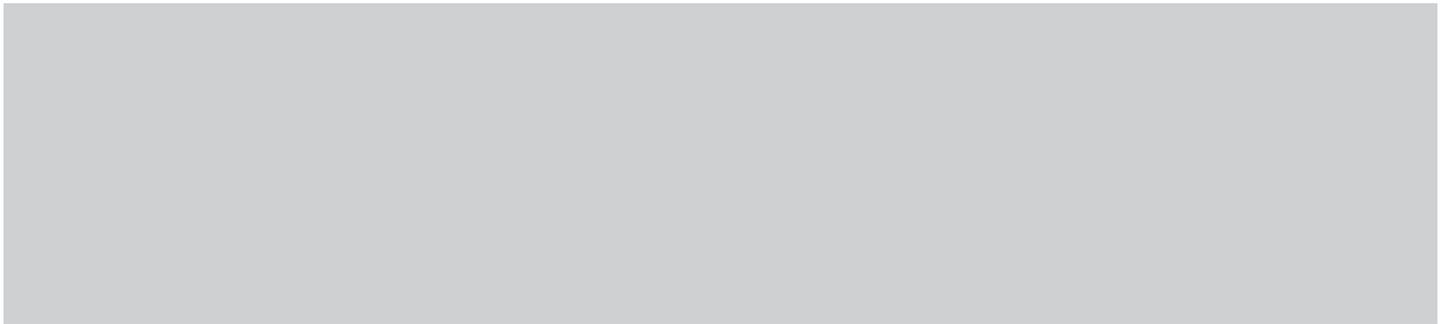
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## ***Episode 14: All This and Jesus Too***

**1. Who is Balaam? What was his problem? What was his reward?**



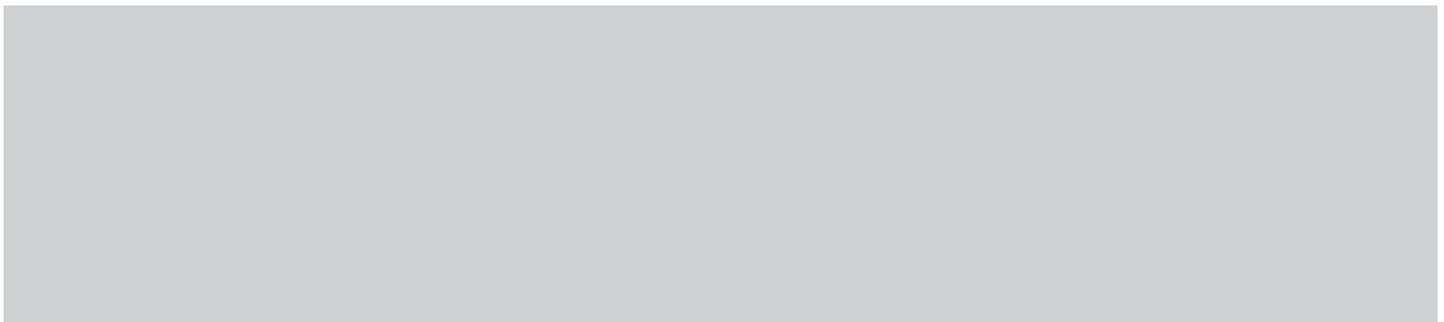
**2. How do we fight against wrong-doing?**



**3. What do truth and love look like when properly balanced?**



**4. Do you typically lean one way too much? Share with the group.**



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## ***Episode 15: Resist Wrong Authorities***

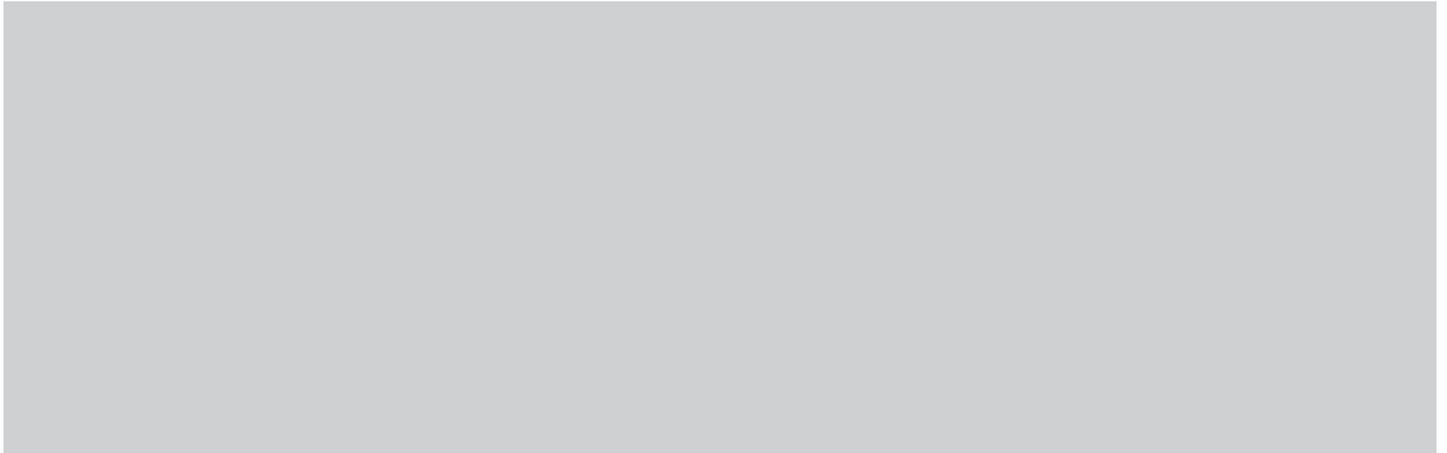
1. How can we resist evil authorities and be warriors?



2. What does that look like?



3. Do you put on the whole armor of God daily?



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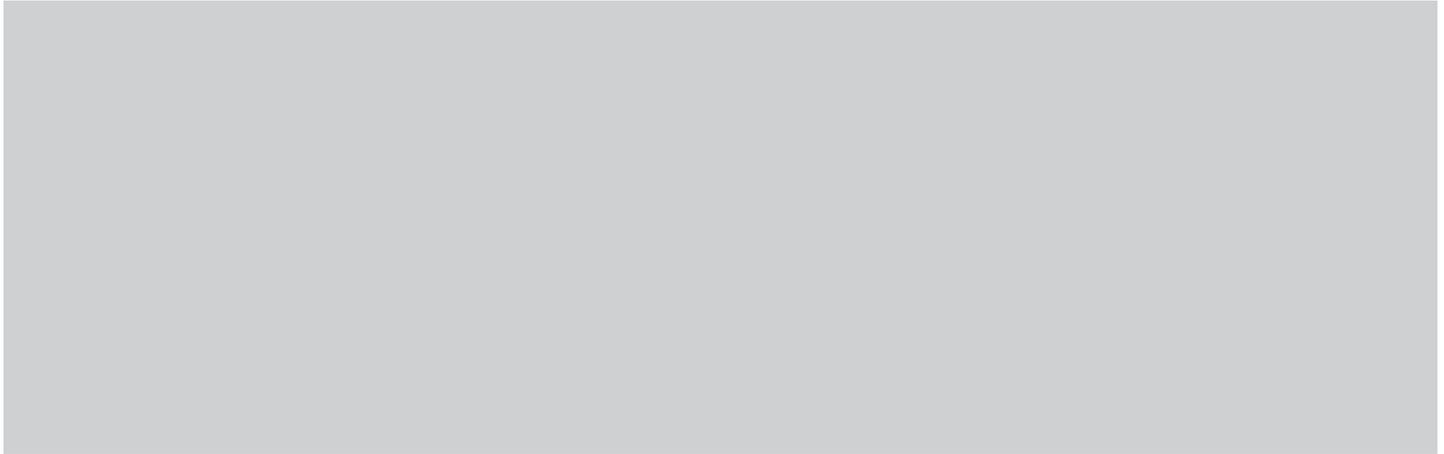
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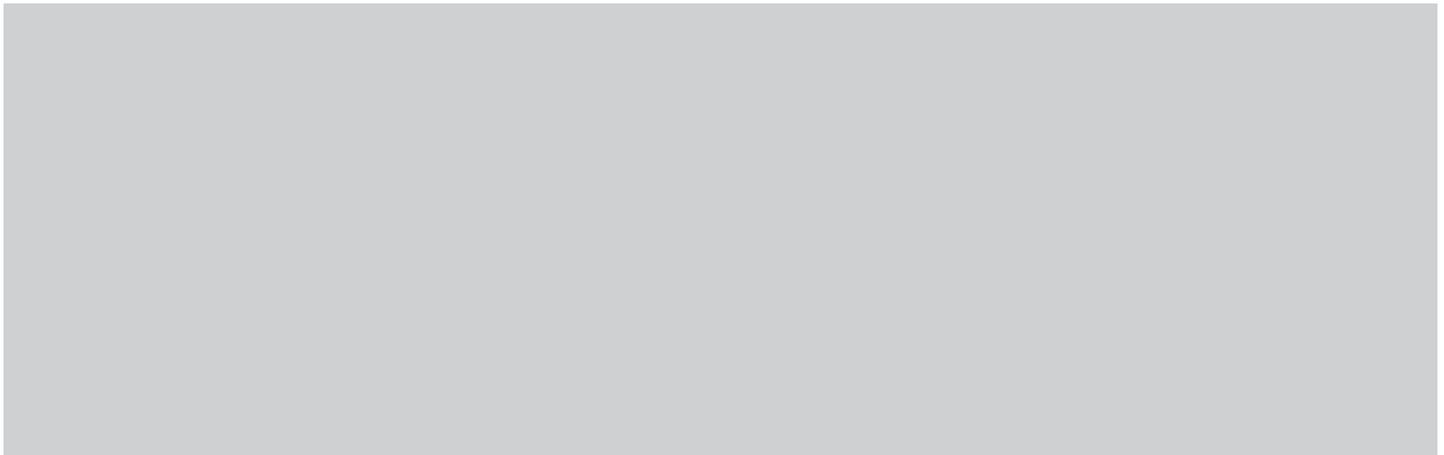
READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 7 & 8 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 16-20.

## **Episode 16: Stand for What is Right and True**

1. What was Jezebel seeking?



2. What can the example of her life teach us?



3. How should Christians think about and relate to the concept of power?



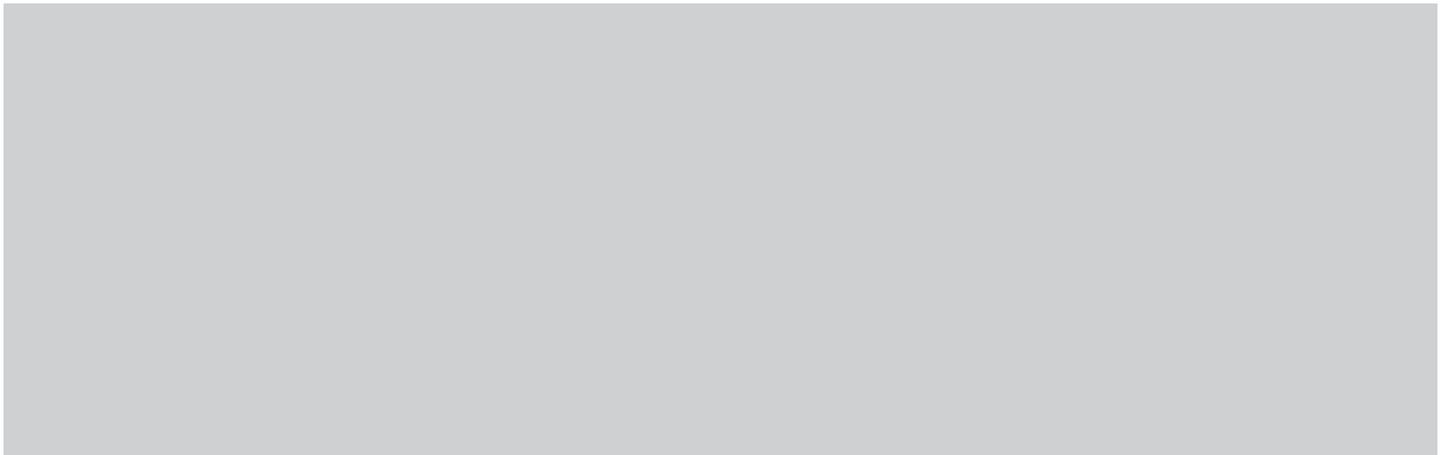
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## ***Episode 17: In Dying You Live***

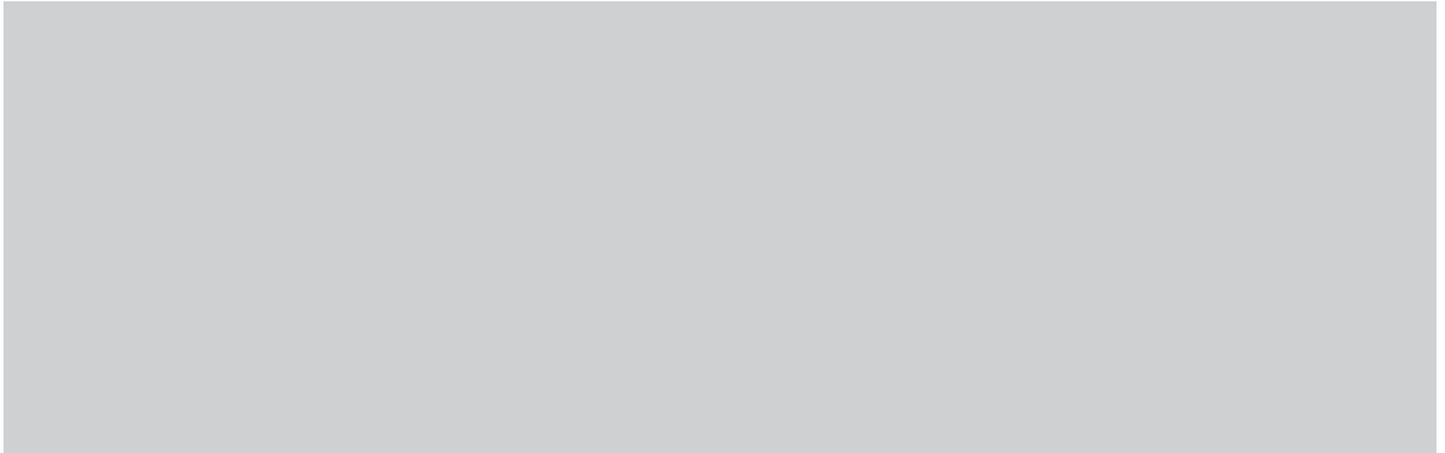
1. How can we tell if we are alive or dead spiritually?



2. How can we tell if our church is?



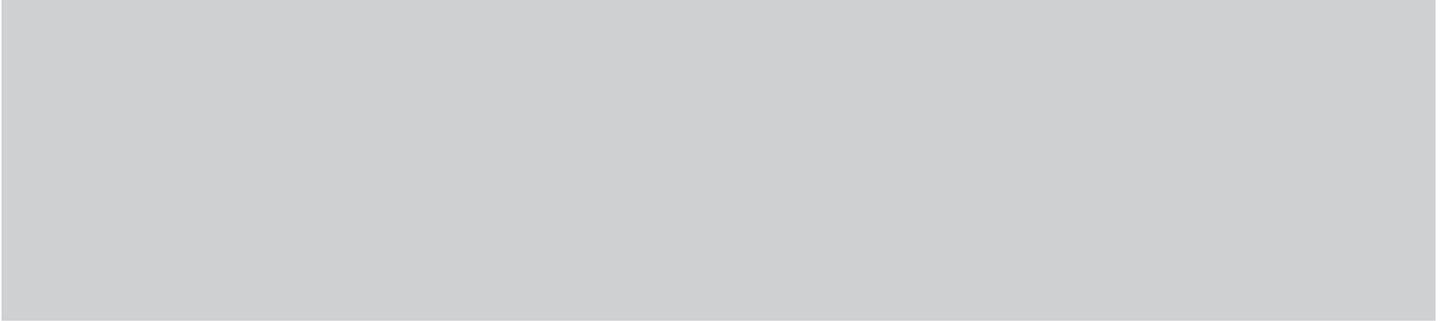
3. Why did the church of Sardis look alive, even though it wasn't?



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## ***Episode 18: Do I Have Living Faith?***

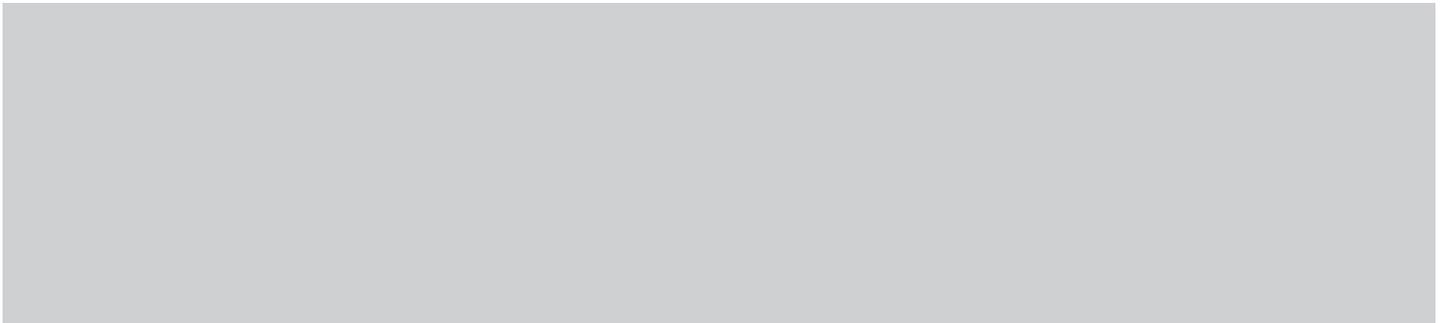
1. How can you add to your faith like Peter suggests?



2. Where do you start?



3. "To whom much is given much is expected." What have you been given?



4. What is expected of you?



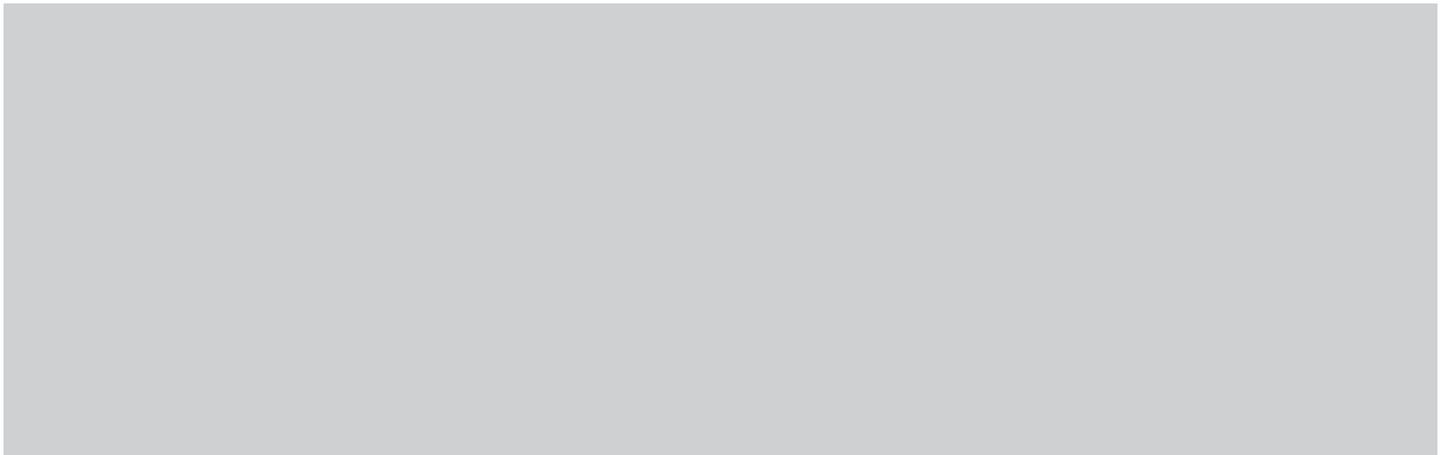
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## ***Episode 19: The Throne Room of Jesus***

1. Have you ever had to go through pain now in order to prevent going through more pain later?



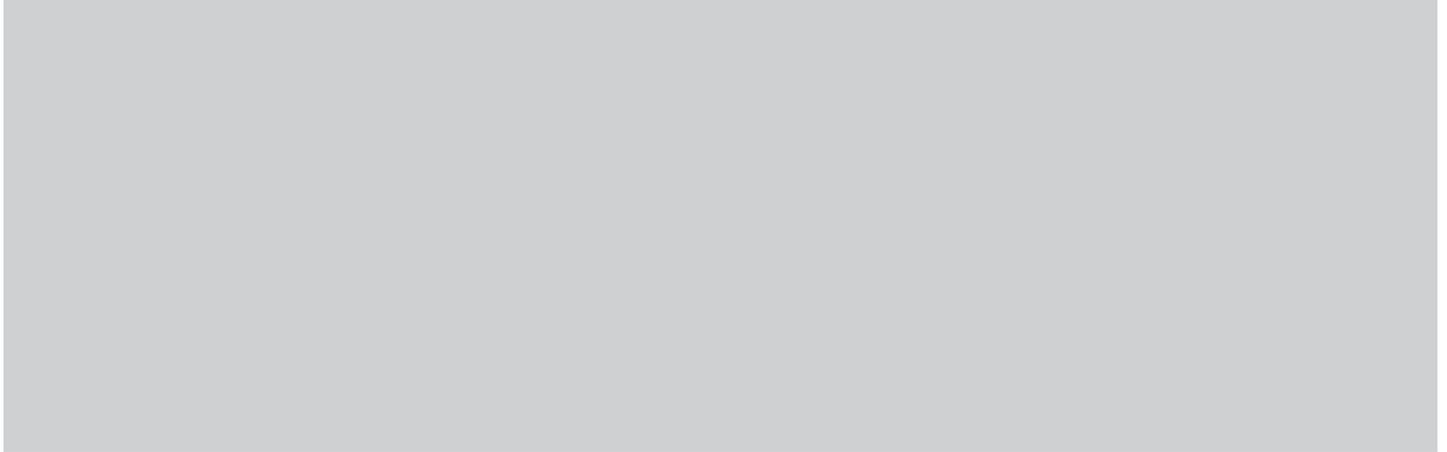
2. Is there pain you're avoiding now that would prevent more pain down the road?



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## ***Episode 20: Persevere***

1. What do you think the “joy set before Him” is? Us? Authority from the Father?



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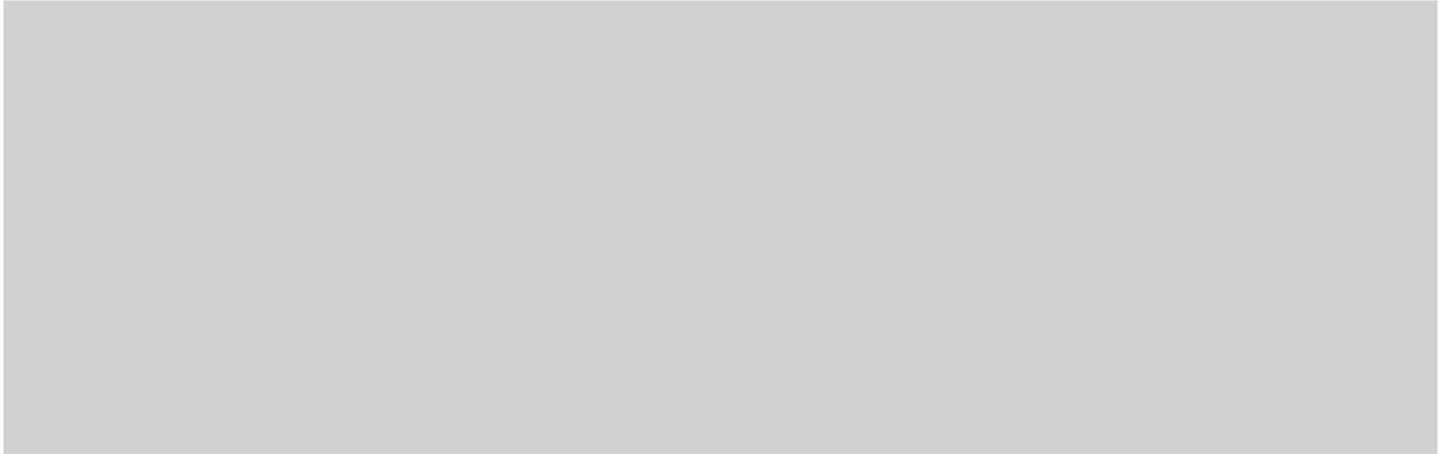
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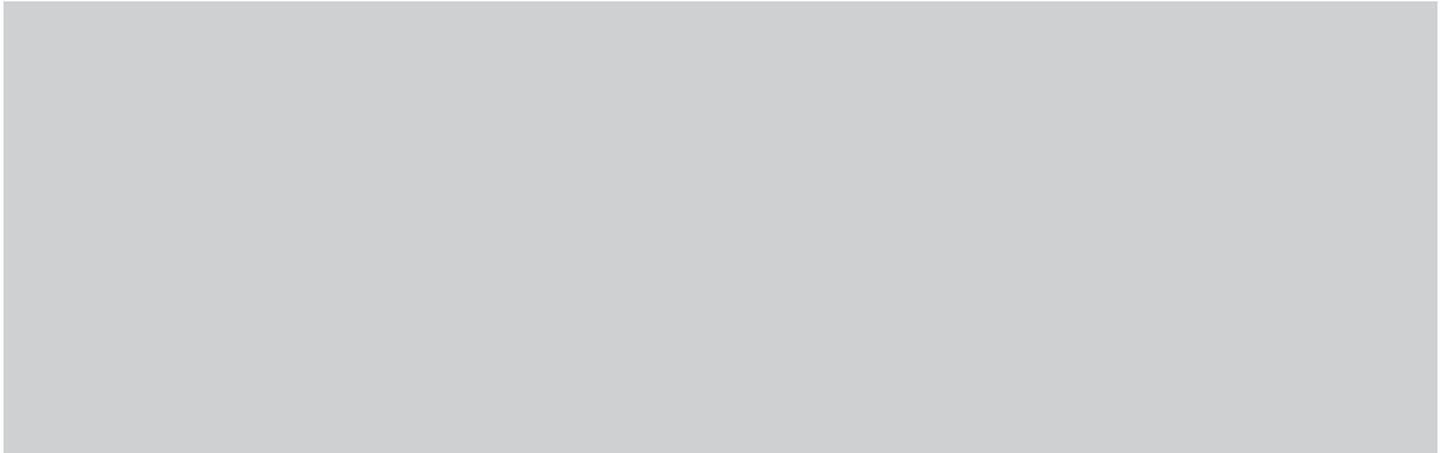
READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 9 & 10 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 21-25.

## **Episode 21: What Is To Come?**

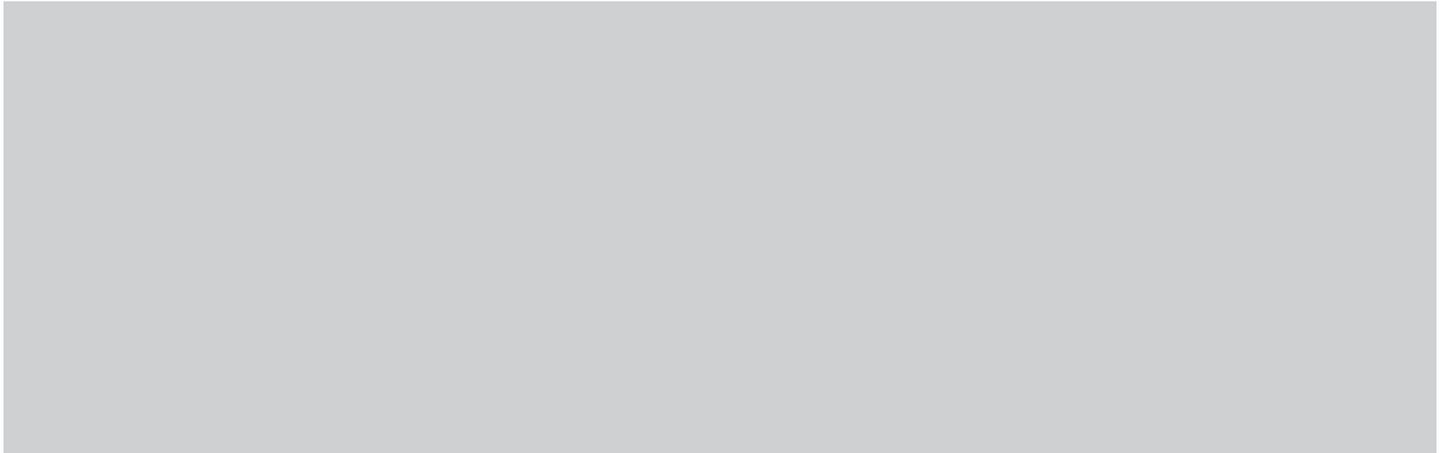
1. What is at stake for the decisions we make?



2. What does it mean for us that God will always be on the throne?



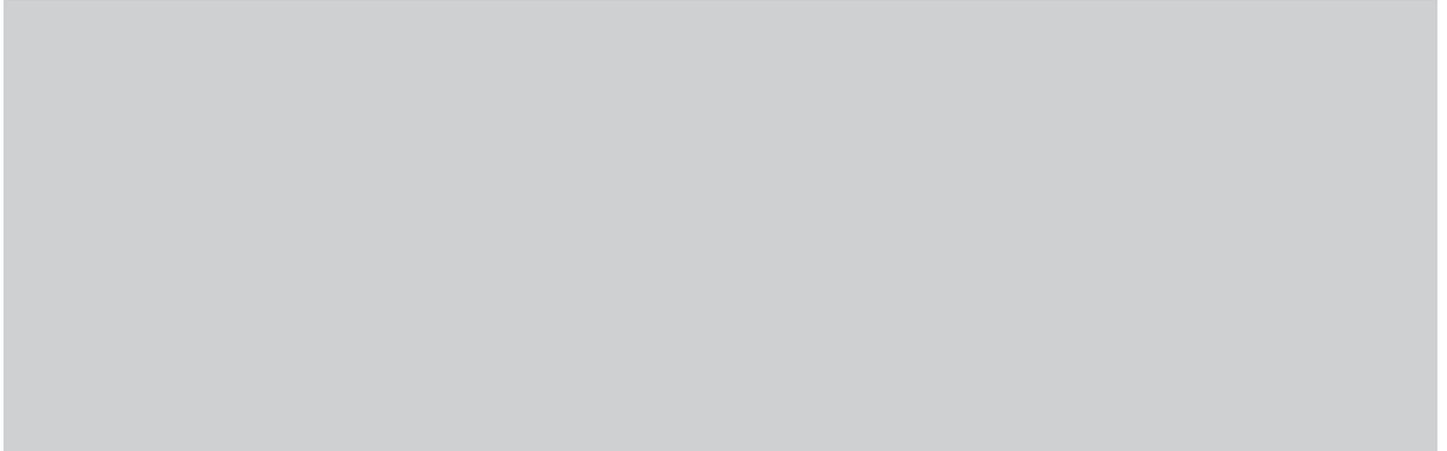
3. How can this fact change how we live?



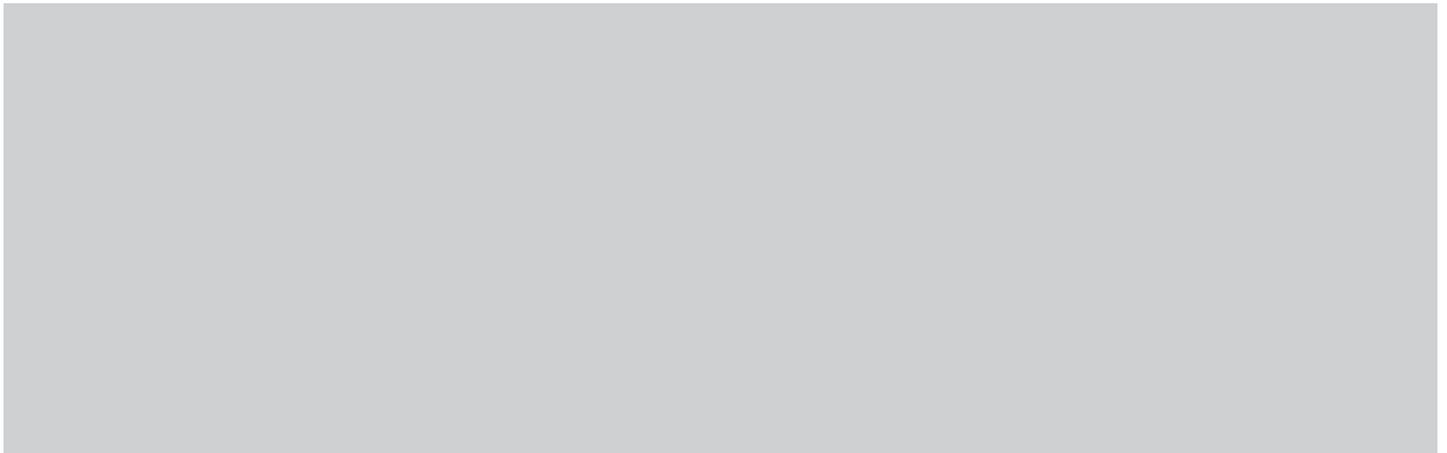
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## **Episode 22: We Have an Opportunity**

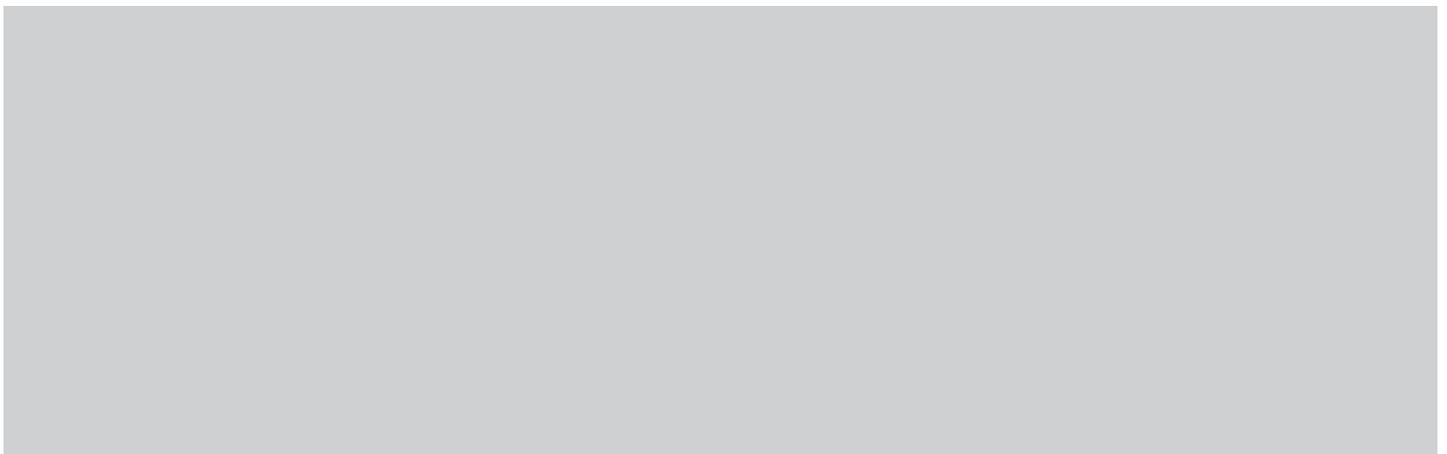
1. How does the fact that “the heavens declare the glory of God” change how we view the world and the people around us?



2. How can we posture our hearts so that we might hear that declaration better?



3. We are all striving to be like Jesus and to be overcomers.  
How did He overcome? What did he overcome?



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## ***Episode 23: We Have an Opportunity***

1. Matthew 24:4 says, “See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.” Why would it be important to remain untroubled during the end of the age that Jesus describes?

2. How can we remember this command in our own lives?

3. What does it mean to be “untroubled”?

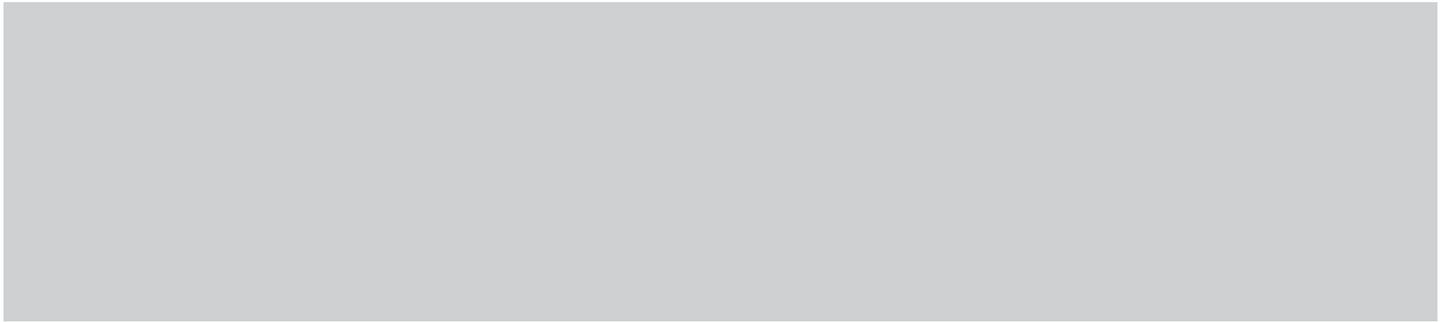
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## **Episode 24: History is Already Written**

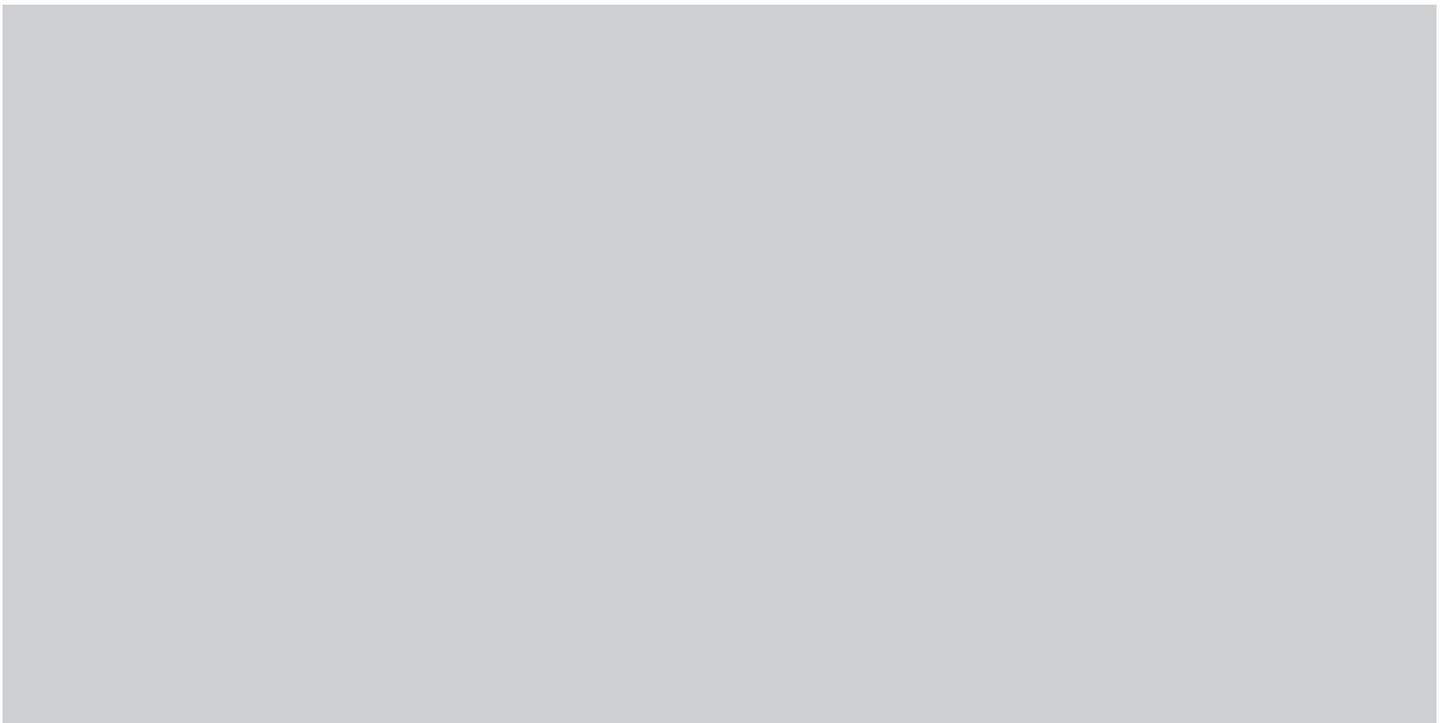
1. How can the timeline and prophecy encourage us as believers?



2. What attributes of God can we see through studying this material?



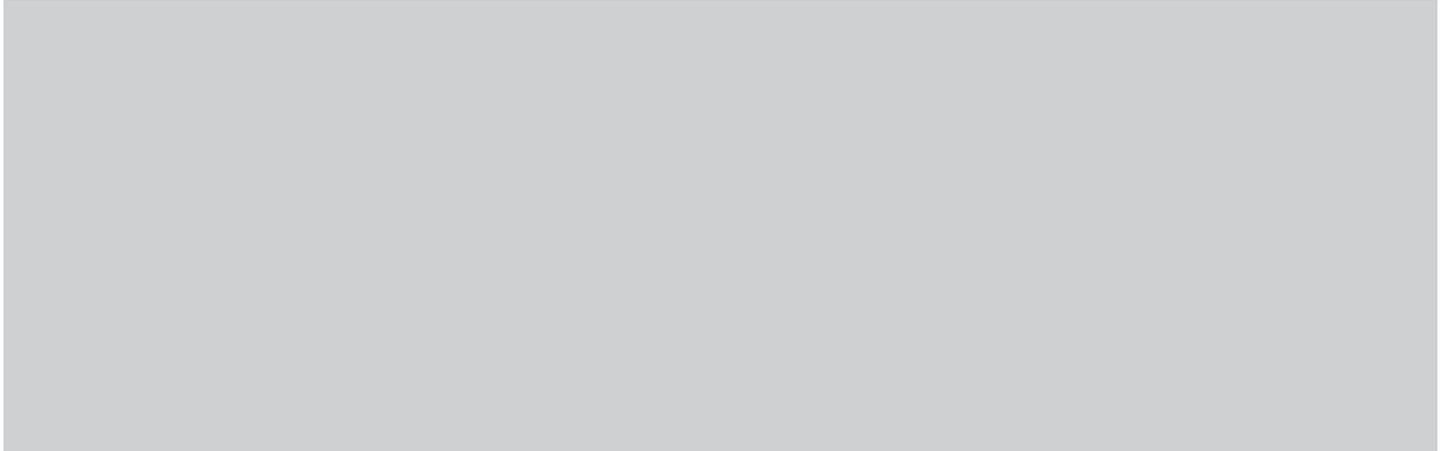
3. Do you ever feel that you focus too much on the desolation rather than the restoration? What are some dangers in doing that?



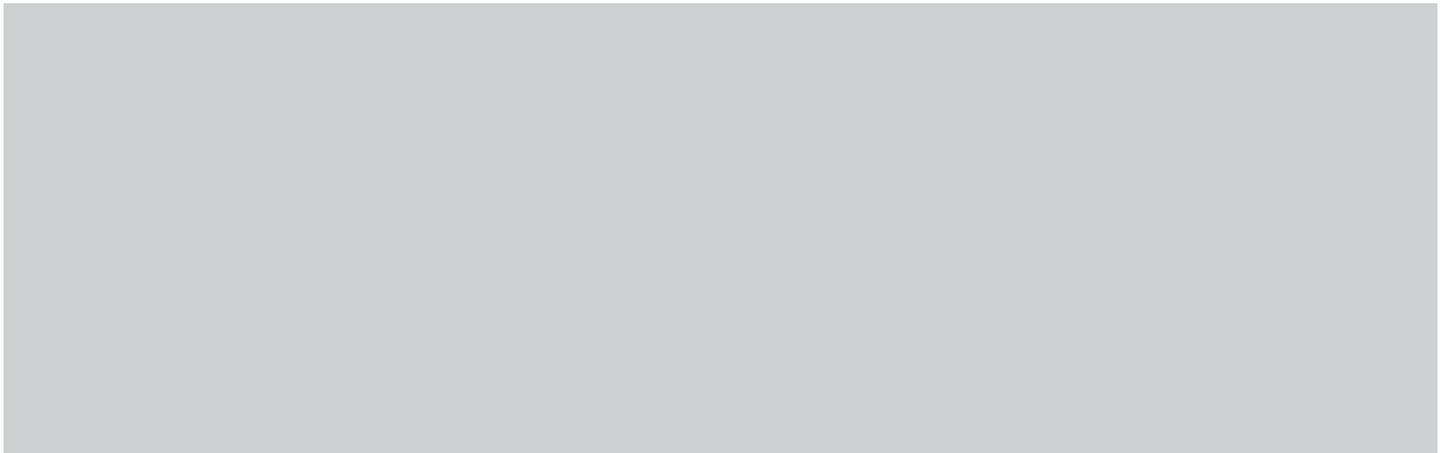
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## ***Episode 25: The Rapture***

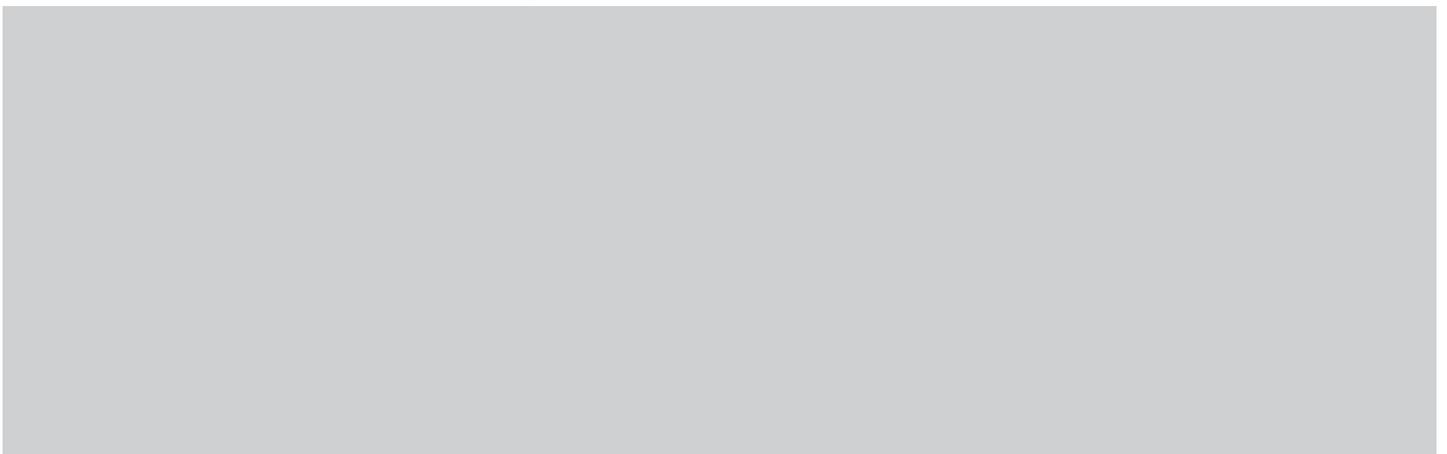
**1. The rapture is something that has a reputation outside of Christianity and the Bible. How has your thinking of the rapture been shaped by things other than the Bible?**



**2. Is your thinking of it different from what the Bible says about it? How so?**



**3. What does it look like to be ready for Christ's return?**



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## Section Six

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READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 11 & 12 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 26-30.

## **Episode 26: Apocalypse**

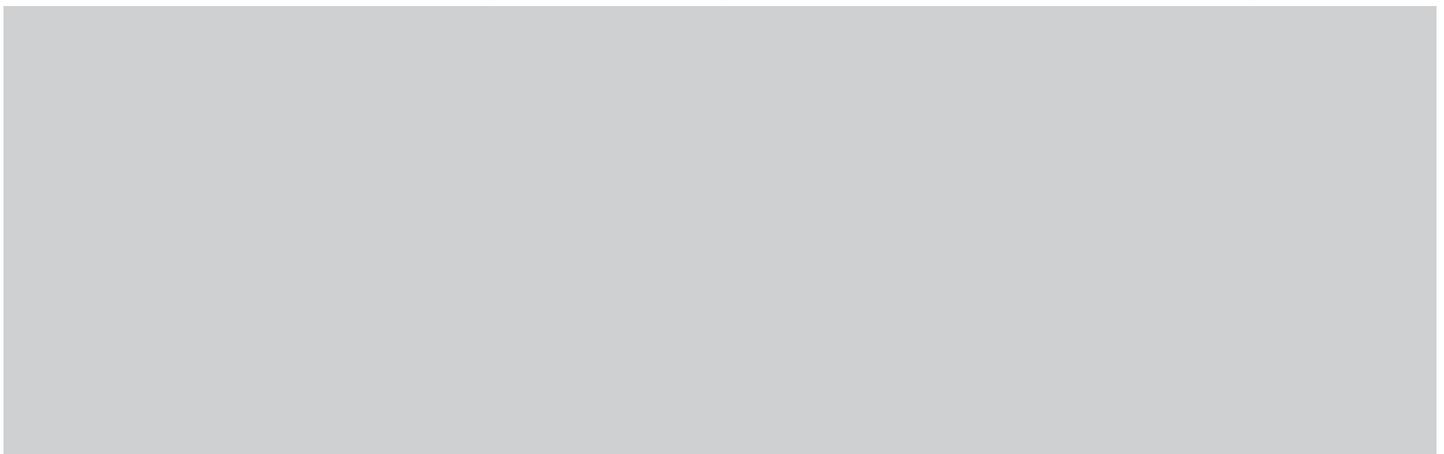
1. What key thing do the four horsemen of the apocalypse tell us?  
What should come to mind when we think of them?



2. What principles particularly encouraged you that were mentioned in this episode?



3. Which of these are particularly important for you to remember in this season of your life?



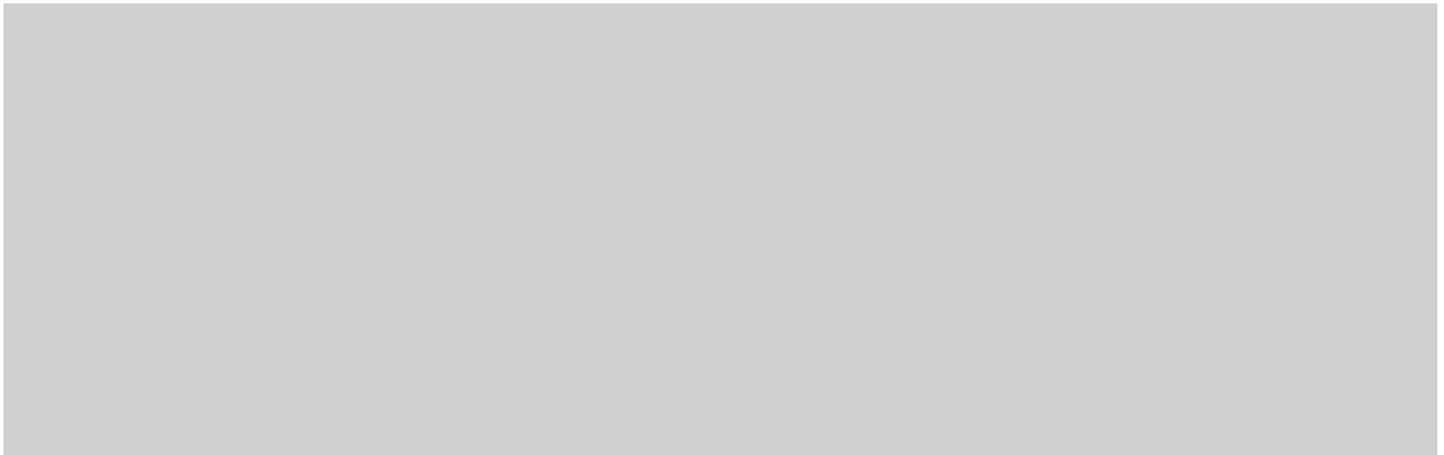
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## ***Episode 27: Defeat Death with Life***

1. It is our duty to assault death with life. How do we do this?



2. How will our lives change when we meditate on this truth and live it out?

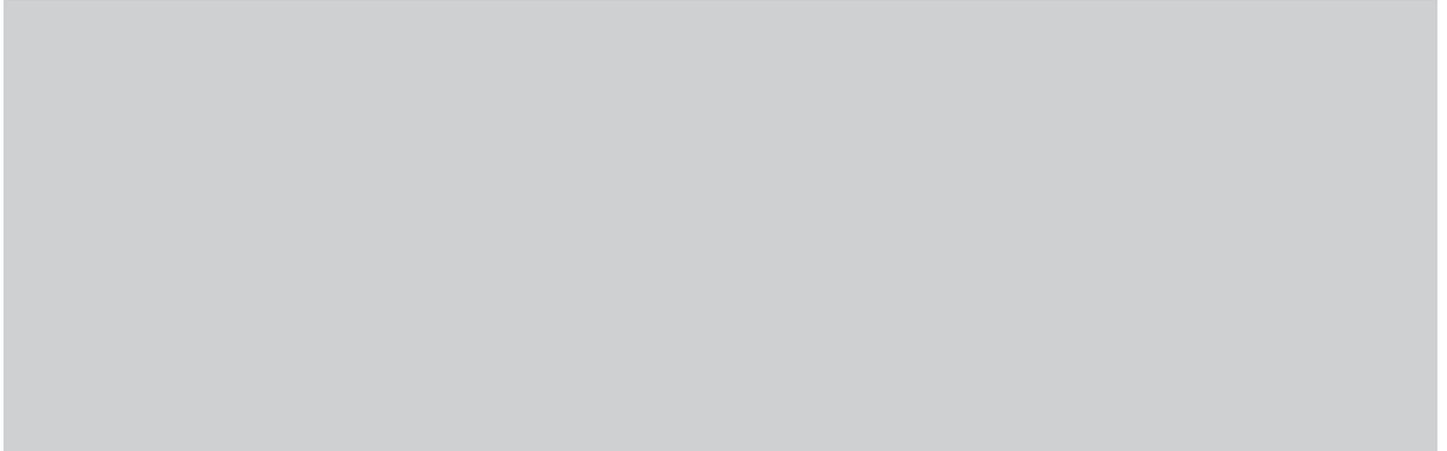


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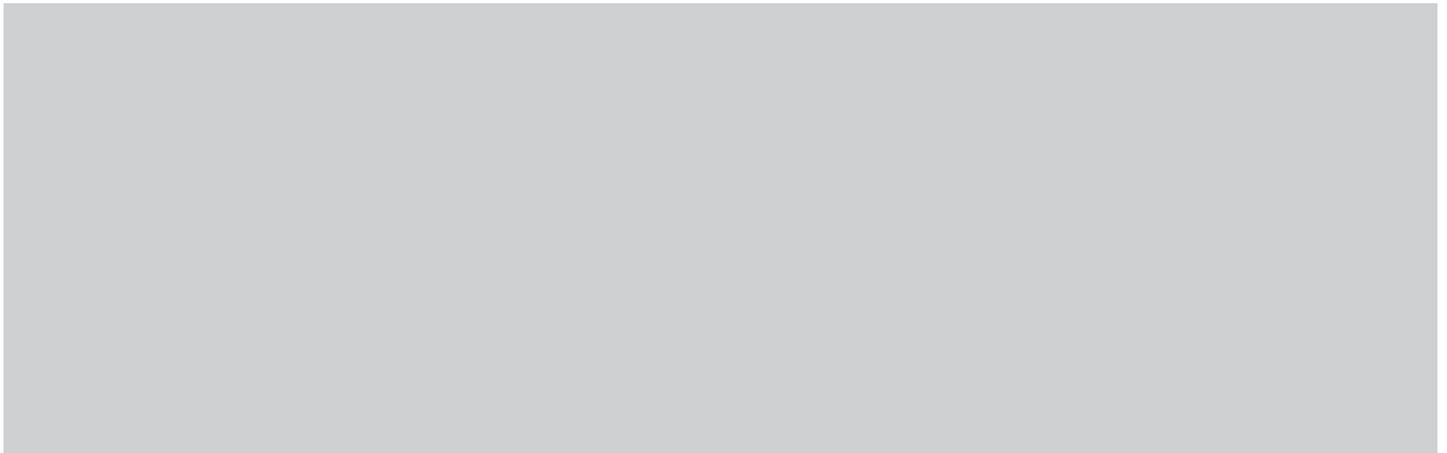
## **Episode 28: O Death, Where is Your Sting?**

1. Do you pray for justice to be done?

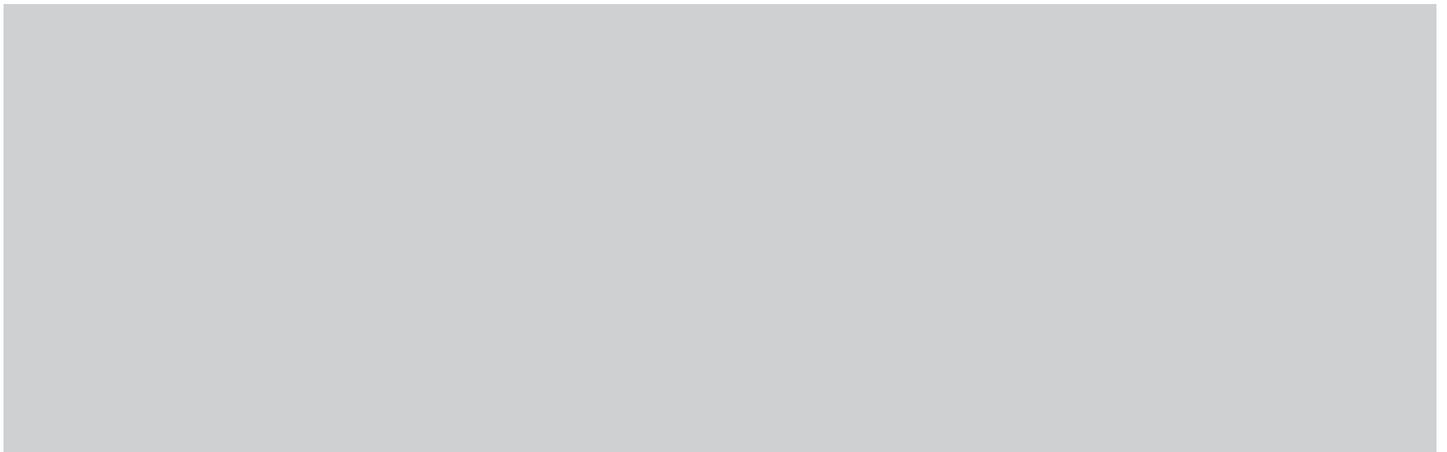
Which injustices in particular strike your heart?



2. How are we free to not fear death?



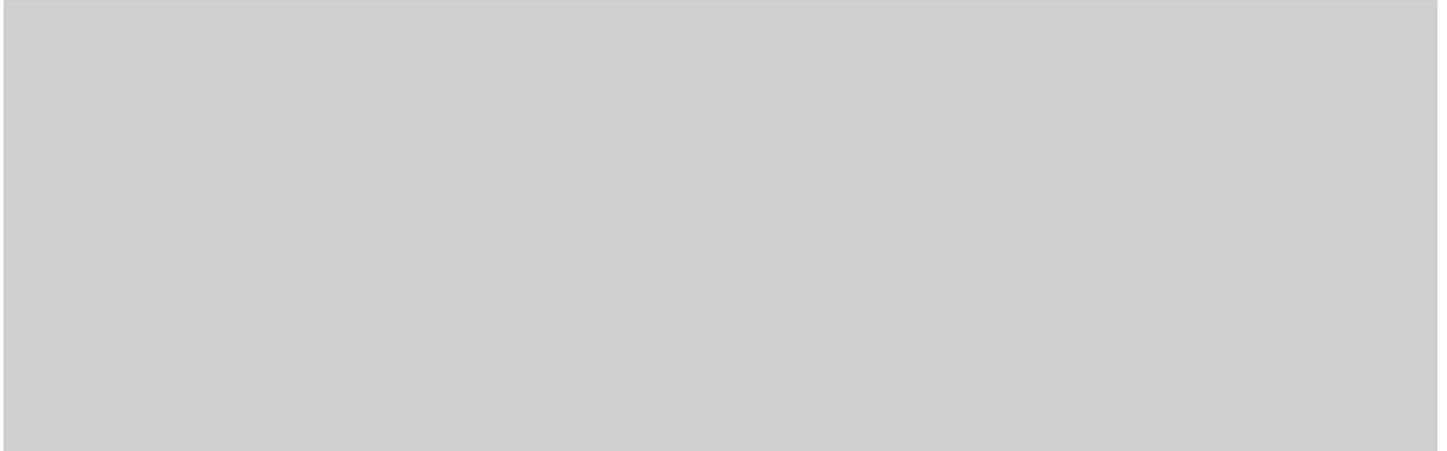
3. Do you fear it? Why?



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## ***Episode 29: Perfectly Just and Perfectly Merciful***

1. How can studying and meditating on the wrath of God push us to love Him more and pursue justice without vengeance, and mercy without apathy?

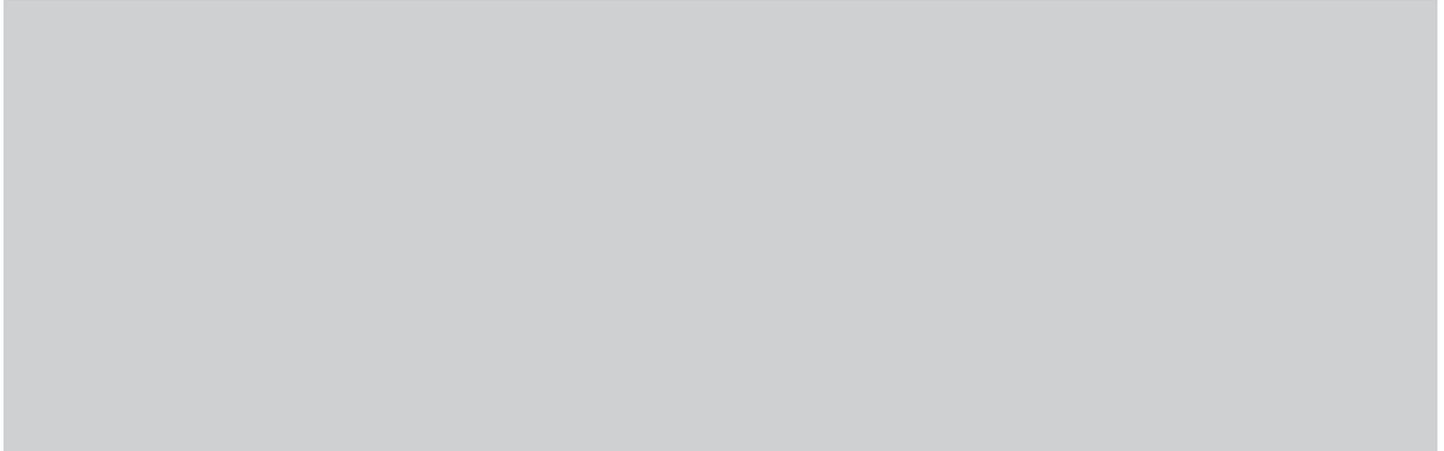


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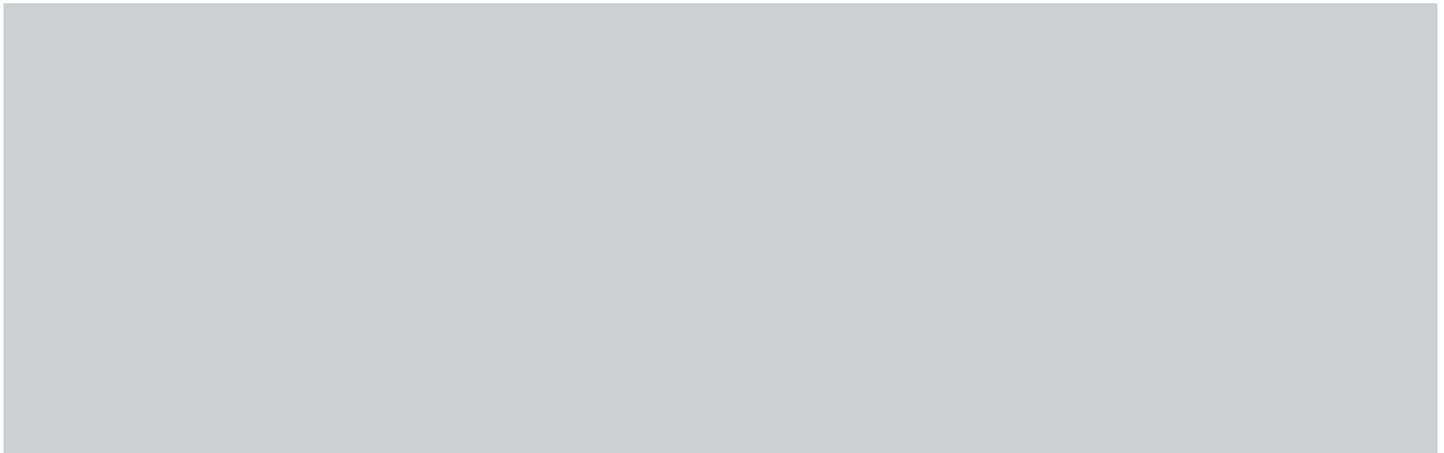
## **Episode 30: Christ's Relationship to Martyrs**

1. Revelation says that all of God's promises will be fulfilled.

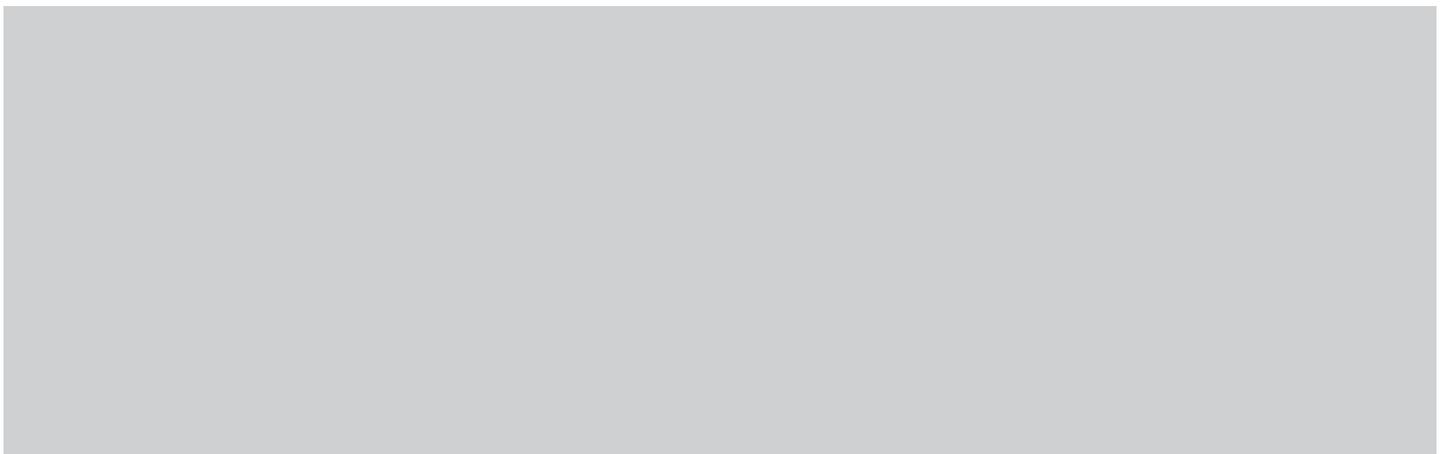
What are some of those promises? Study and reflect on all that God has promised us.



2. How can studying the Great Tribulation change how we live?



3. How can it make us better and more faithful witnesses?



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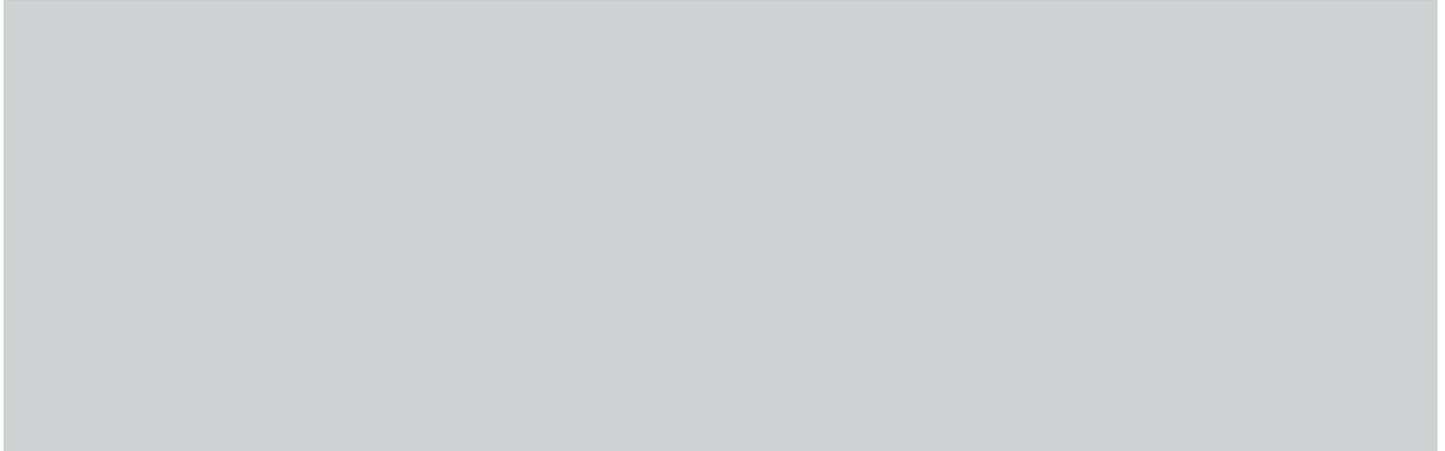
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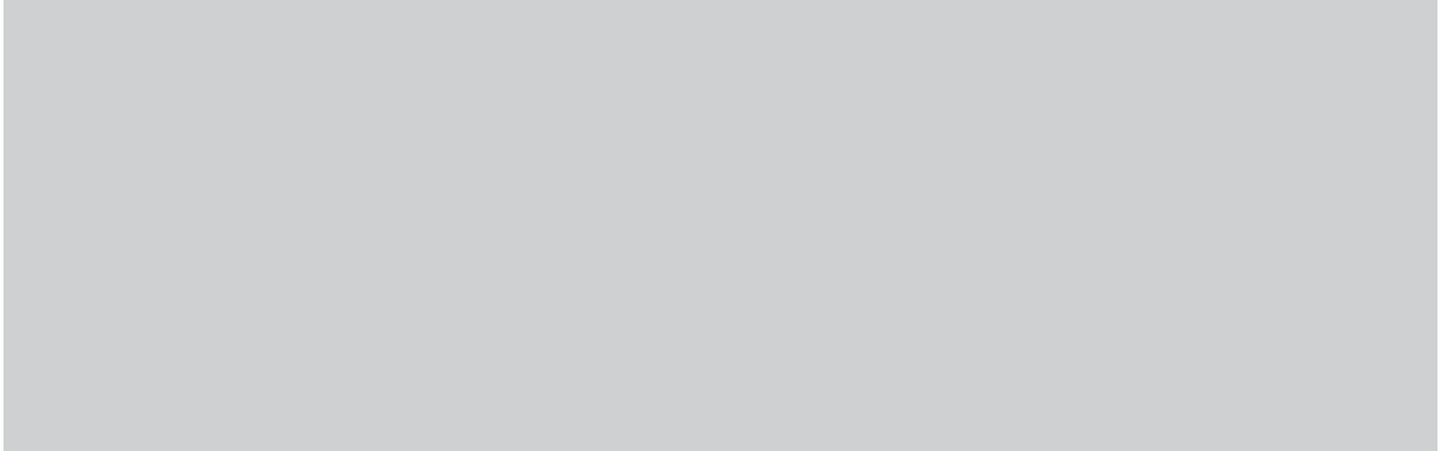
READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 13 & 14 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 31-35.

## **Episode 31: Judgment**

1. Why is the coming devastation necessary and how can we be encouraged and unafraid of it?



2. What is the great promise mentioned in this episode that ought to fill God's people with unquenchable hope?



# SECTION SEVEN

## ***Episode 32: Darkness Pointed Toward Restoration***

1. What is the will of God for your life according to 1 Thessalonians?  
Do we tend to answer this question incorrectly?

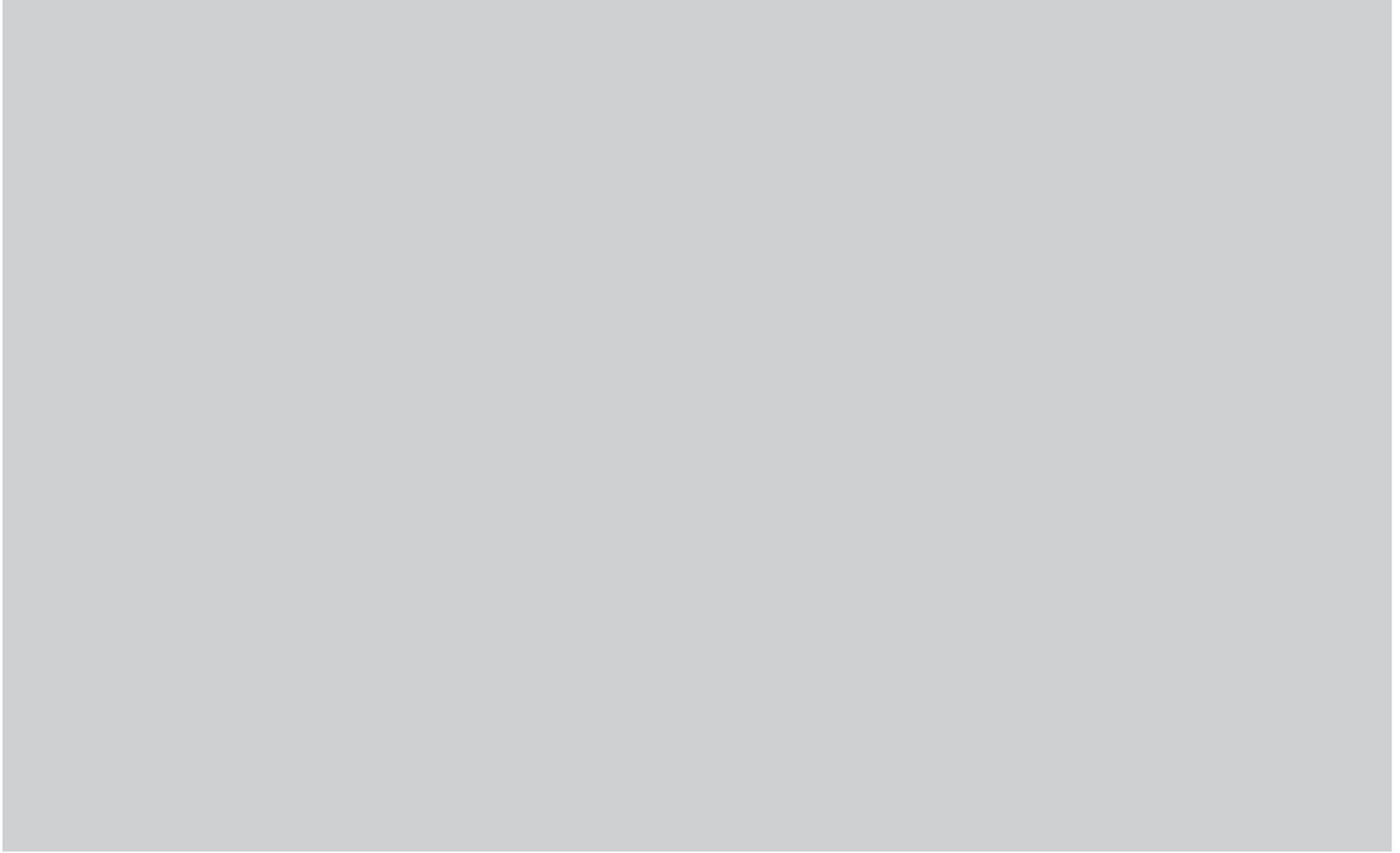
2. Why is sin so appealing to us?

3. Specifically, in regard to this episode, the sins of idolatry, sexual immorality, and sorcery?

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## ***Episode 33: No More Delay***

1. What is the mystery of God as talked about in this episode?



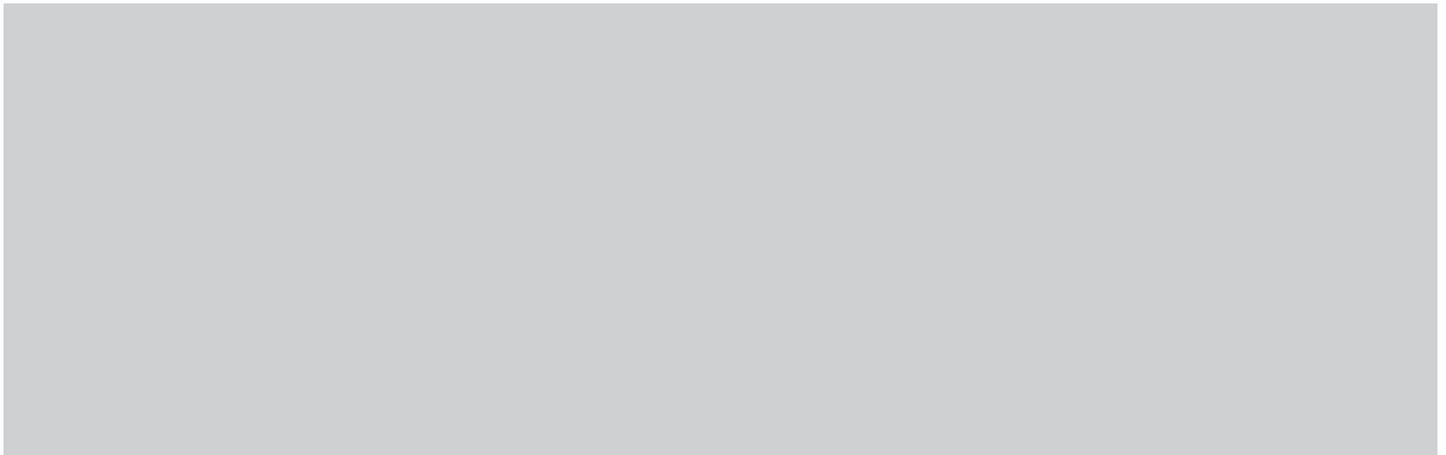
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## **Episode 34: Measuring the Temple**

1. How can we be faithful witnesses in simple ways every day?



2. How can we be a witness without fame or wide influence?



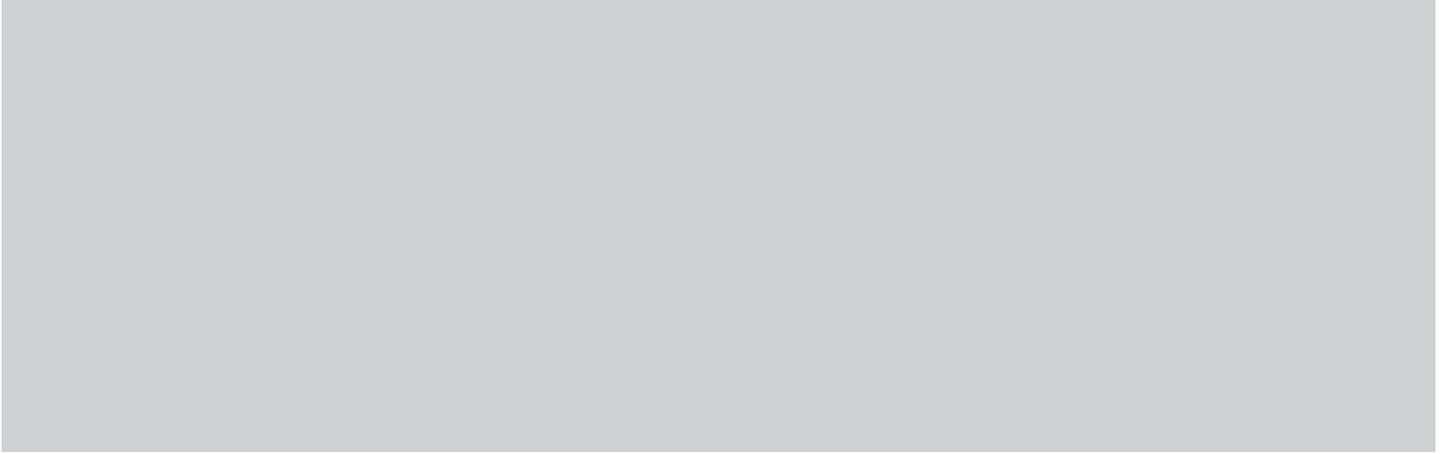
3. Who is someone in your life that you see witnessing faithfully?



# SECTION SEVEN

## ***Episode 35: Satan is Thrown Out of Heaven***

1. How does the biblical idea of heaven differ from the typical cultural understanding of it?



2. How often do we love our lives more than our testimony?



3. How can the promises of God in this book help us to remain obedient and faithful above our own desires for a comfortable life?



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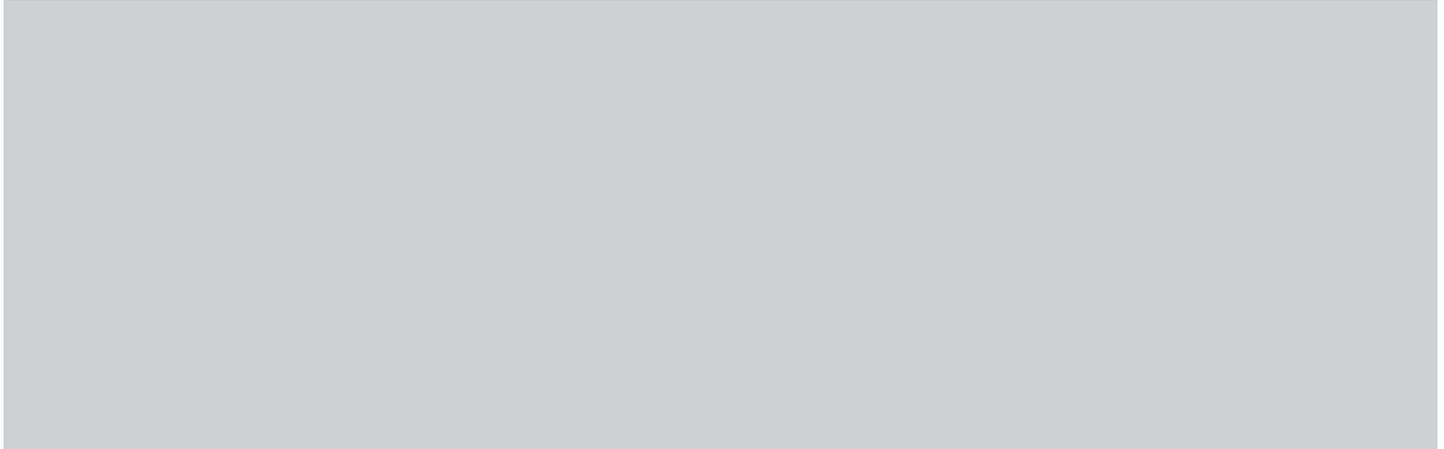
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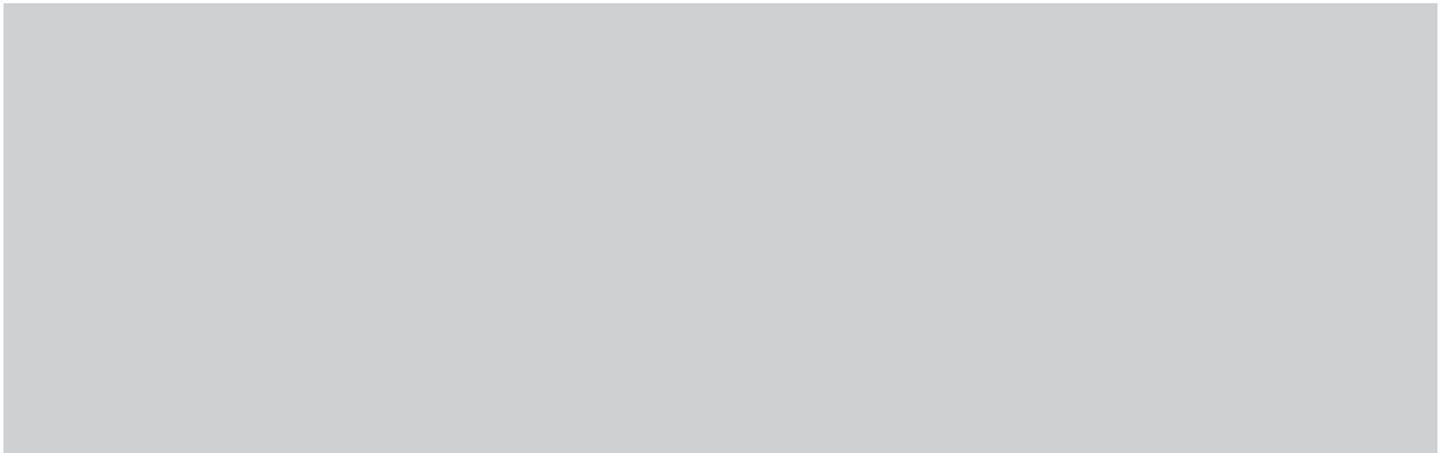
READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 14 & 15 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 36-40.

## **Episode 36: The Unholy Trinity**

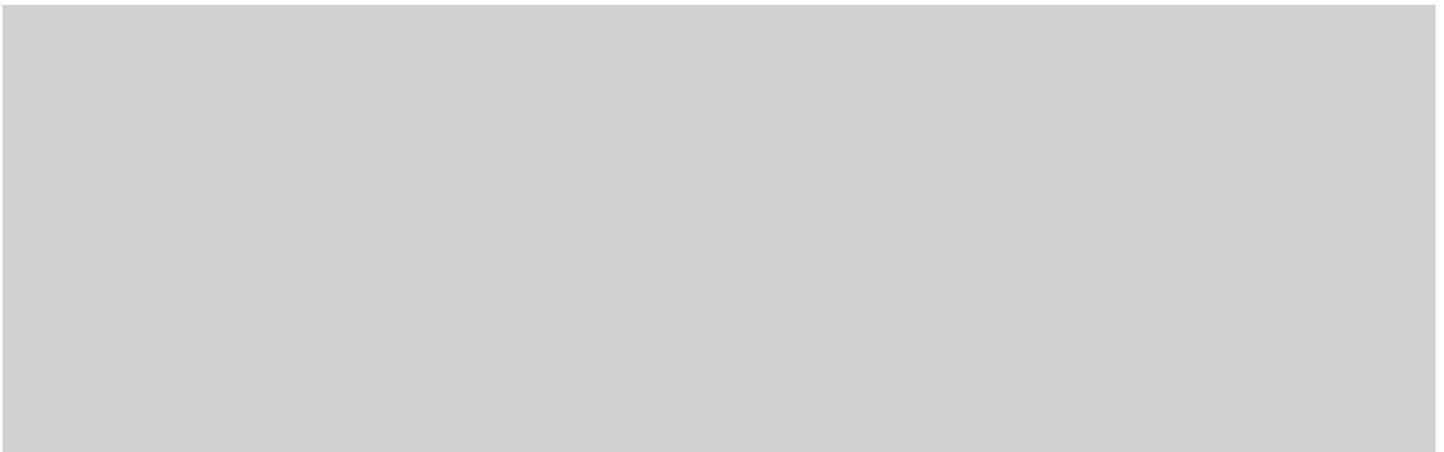
1. What is a clear take away from this entire book even if many of the passages are challenging and confusing? What does each passage point to?



2. According to this book, how do we win?



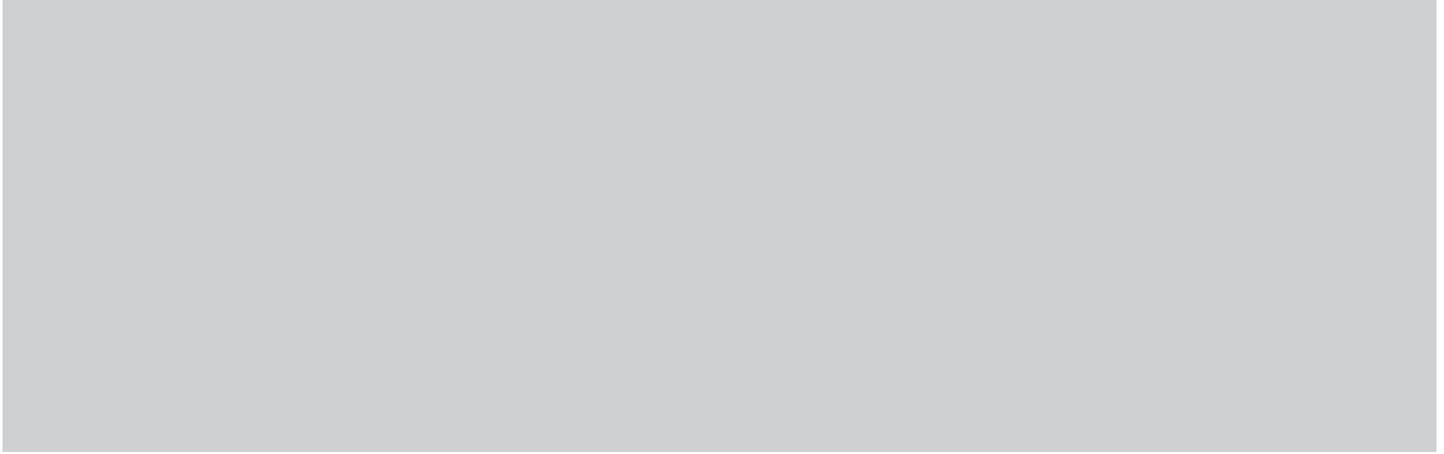
3. What comes to mind when you consider the beast that is described here? How ought we respond when reading about the unholy trinity?



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## ***Episode 37: The Everlasting Gospel***

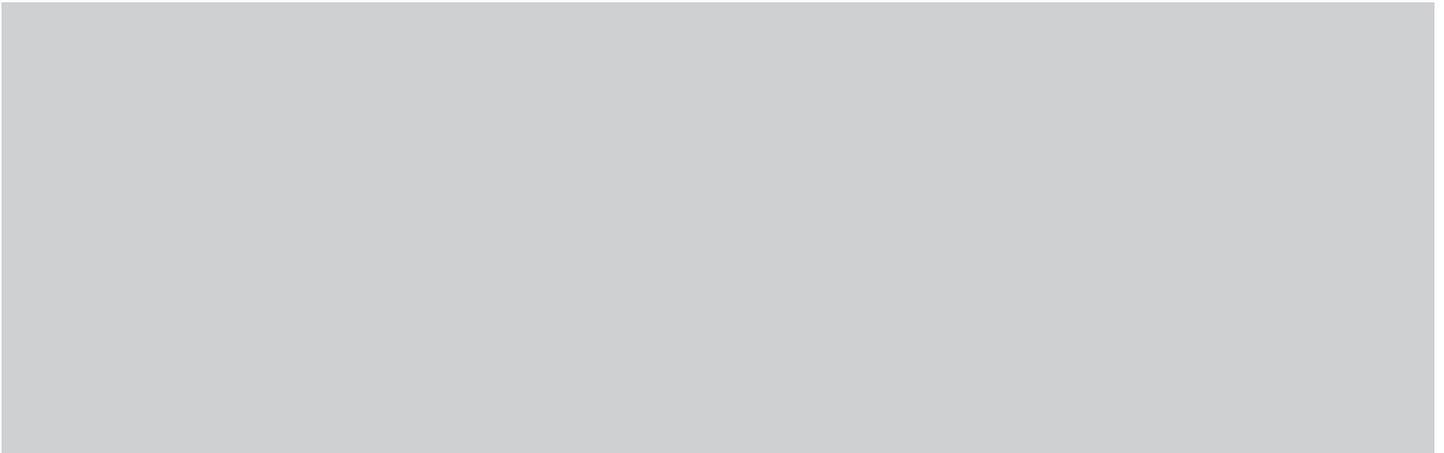
1. Why does the account of the everlasting gospel not mention Jesus?



2. How might God want to use you to share the gospel?



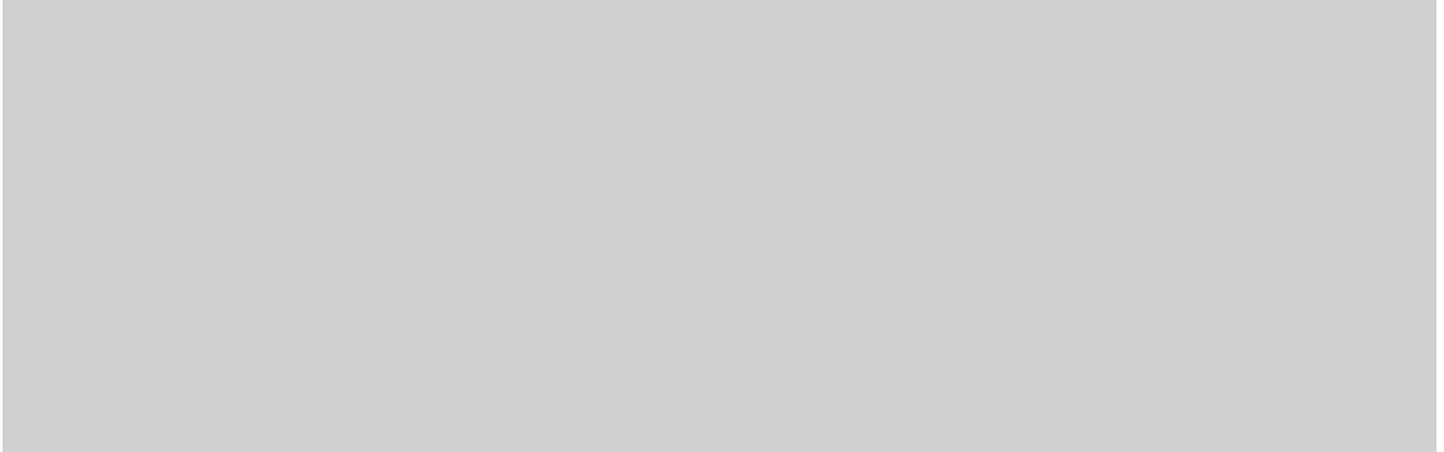
3. Can you think of anyone you know right now that could use this good news?



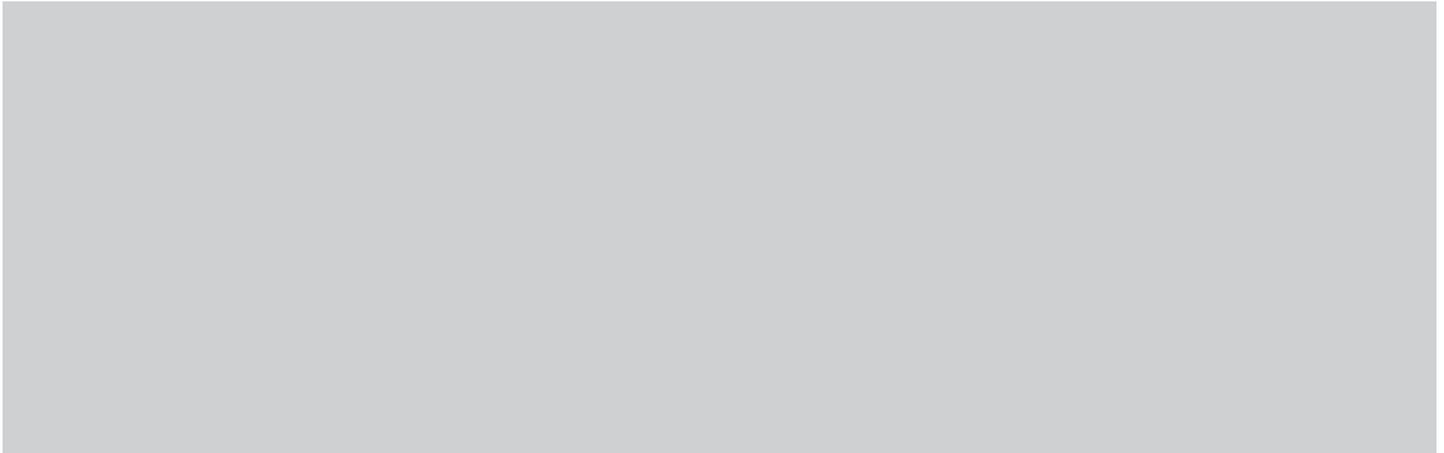
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## **Episode 38: Victory**

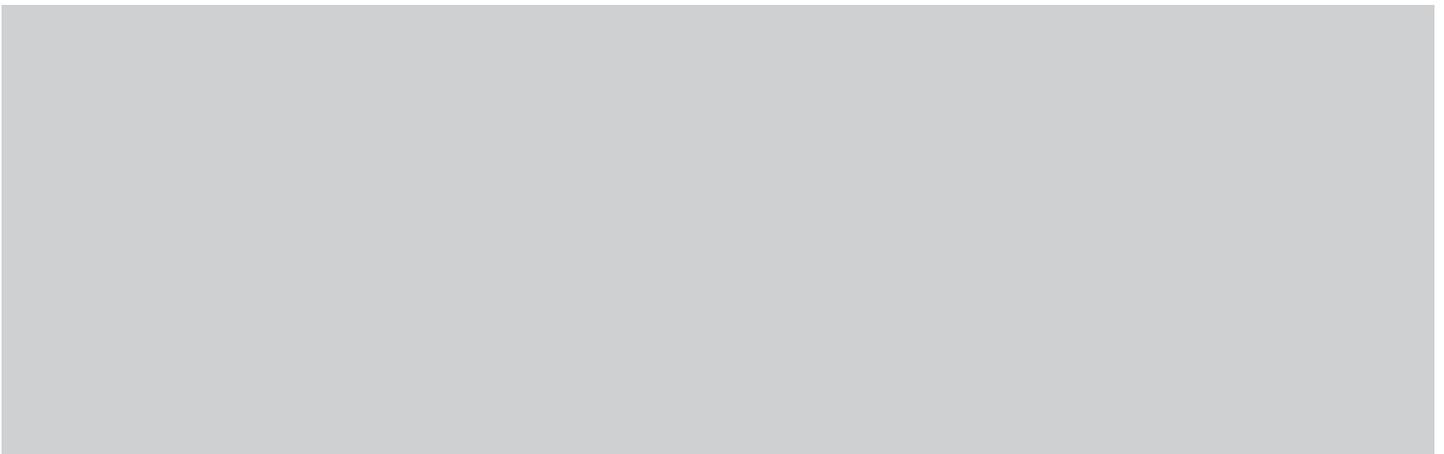
**1. How does reading about the wrath of God make you feel? What does it bring to mind?**



**2. How can we wrestle with the tension of God's perfect justice and His perfect mercy?**



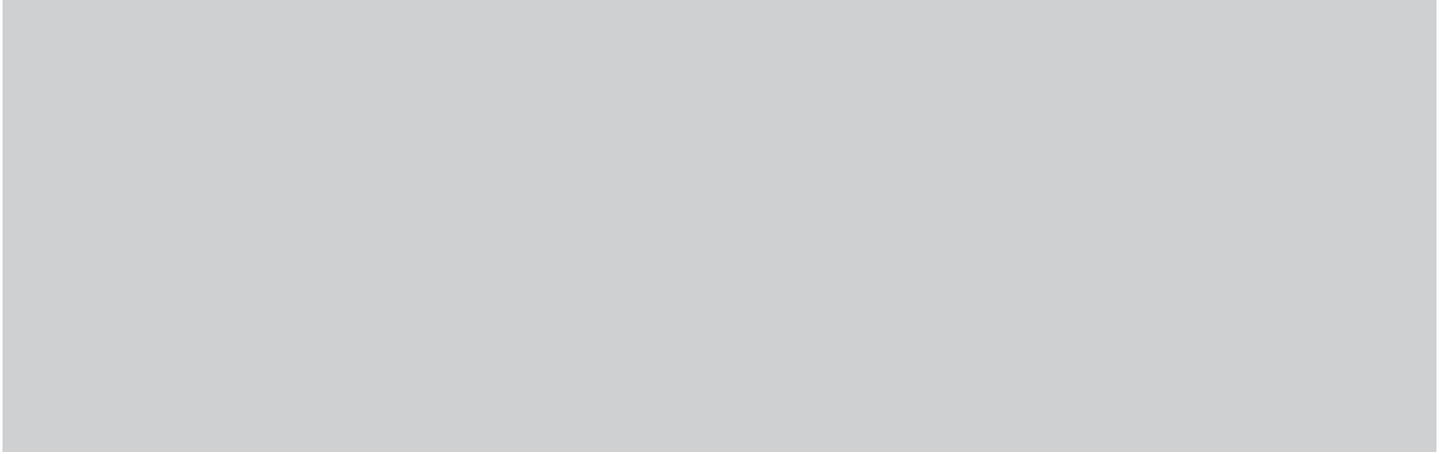
**3. Why do many people think that the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament are so different? What are some passages in the OT where God is abundantly merciful? What are passages in the NT where His justice and wrath are on display?**



# SECTION EIGHT

## ***Episode 39: The Wrath of God***

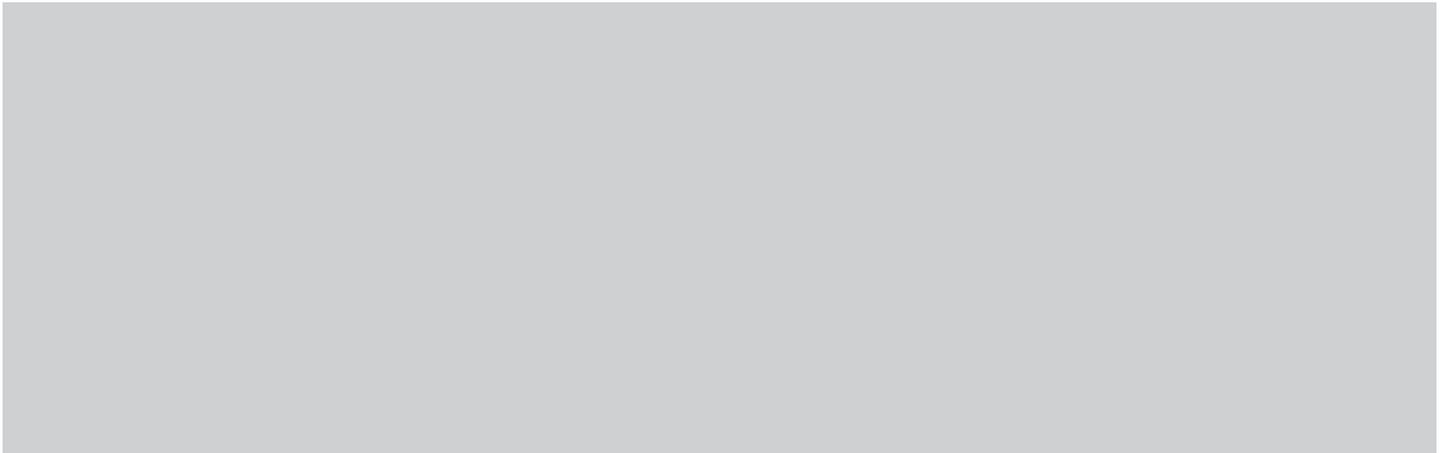
1. What are the three ways that God pours out his wrath?



2. Why is the notion of there being a creator under attack in the world?



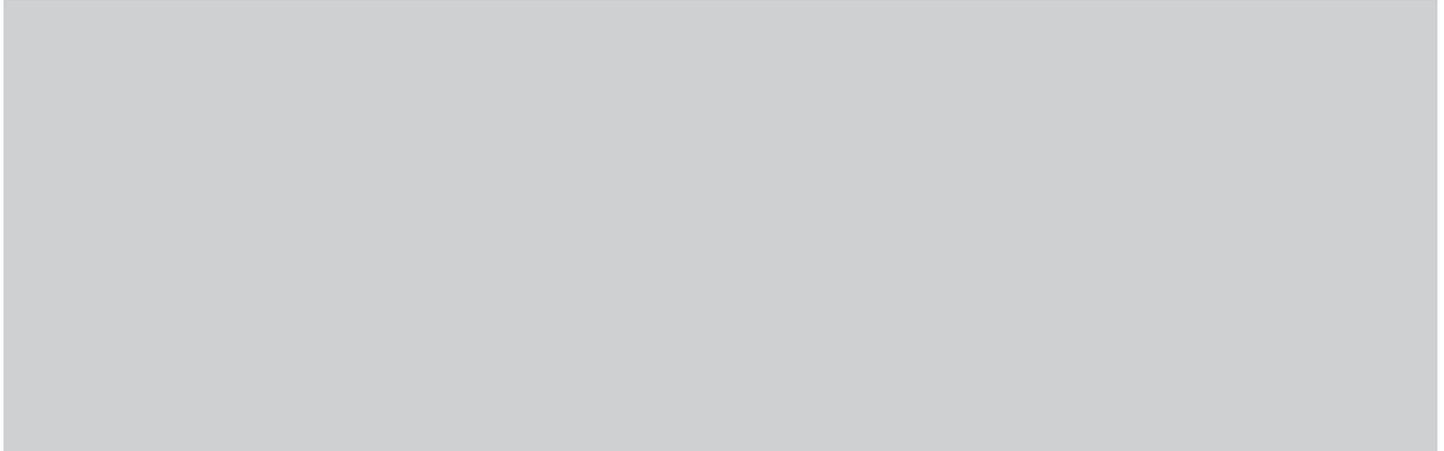
3. What does there being a creator mean for us, and why is that uncomfortable?



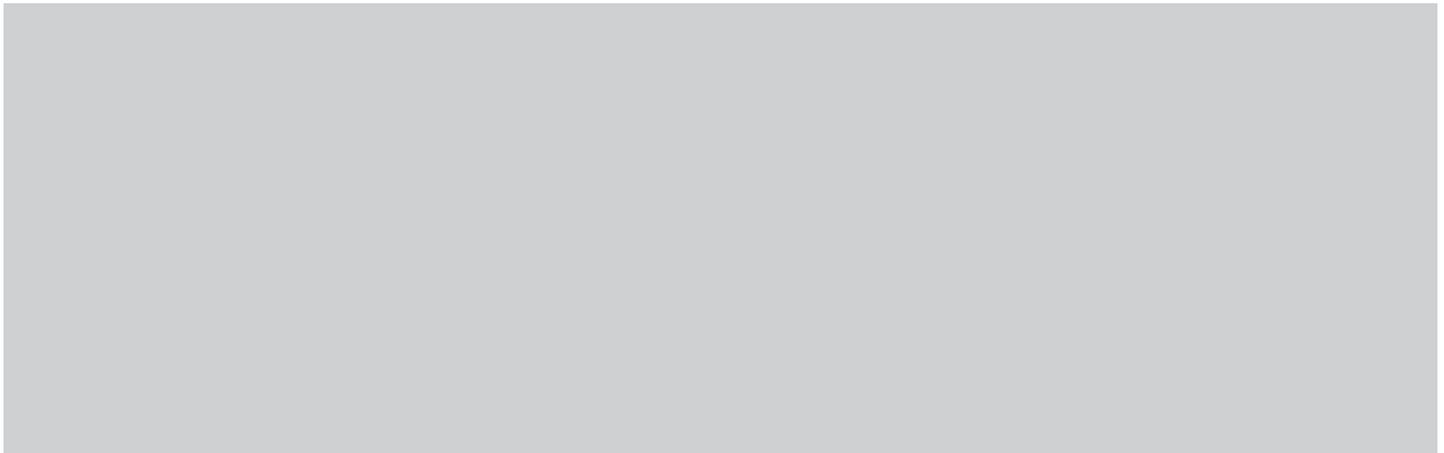
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## **Episode 40: The Last Battle**

1. What does it look like to be watchful for the future coming of Christ as we're commanded to be?



2. What is the purpose of the battle of Armageddon?



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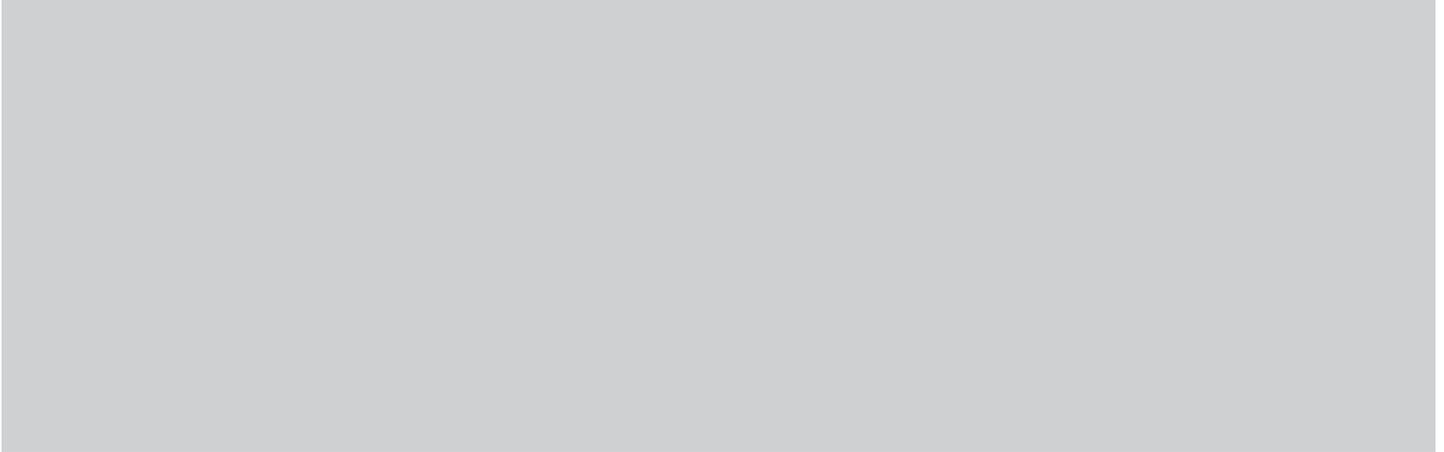
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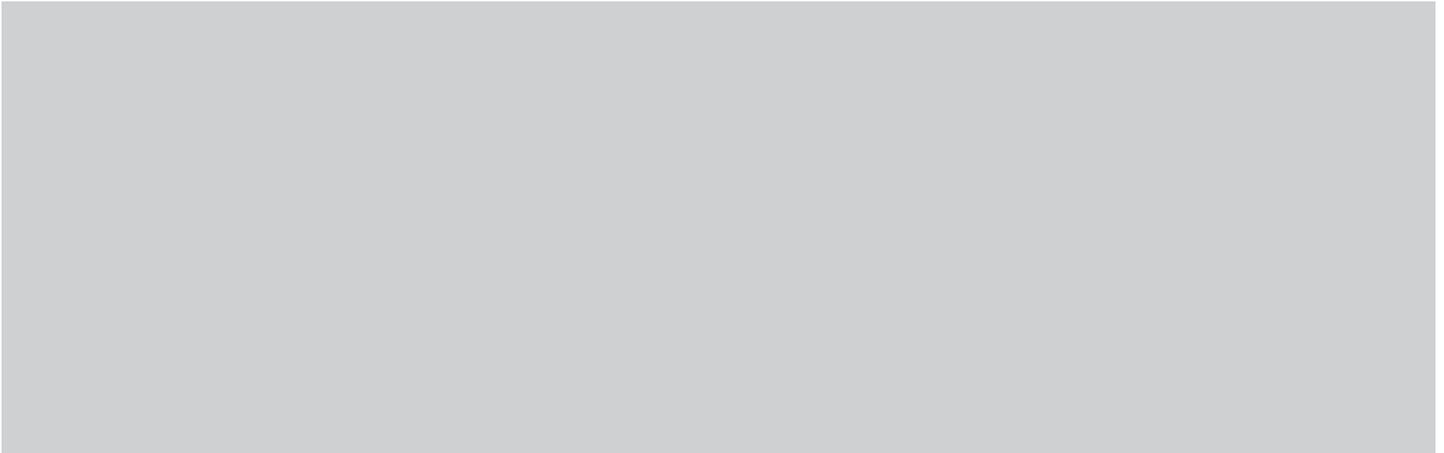
READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 16 & 17 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 41-45.

## **Episode 41: Called, Chosen, and Faithful**

1. Why do you think chapter 17 and 18 are laid out in this “word picture” style?



2. How does this style inform how we can understand and interpret the passage?



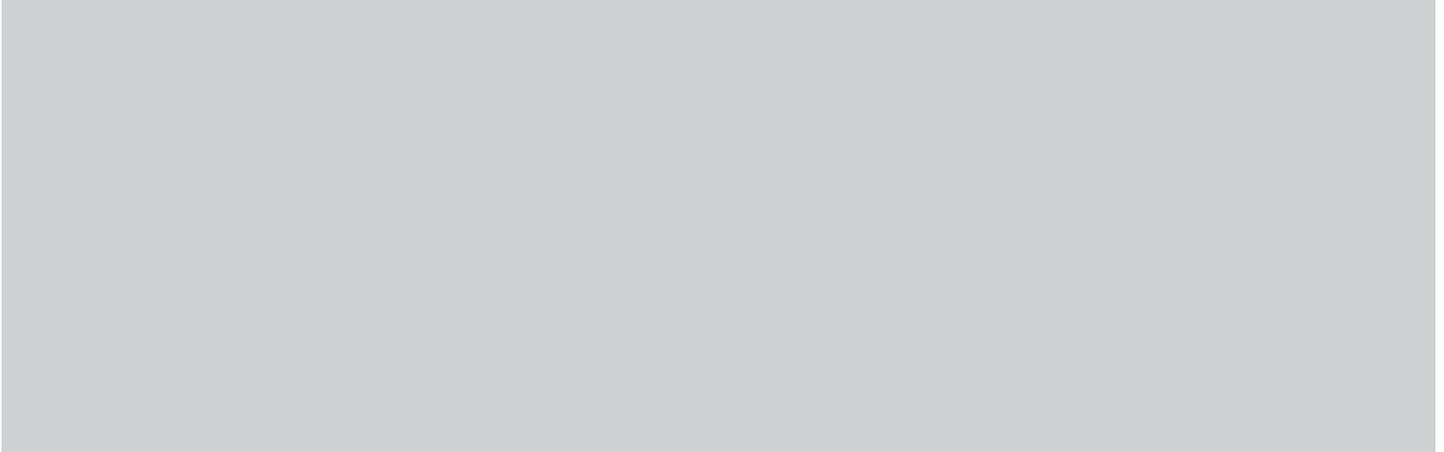
3. Why is it important to always remember that God is in complete control?  
Is there an area of your life where you are not acting like or believing that this is true?



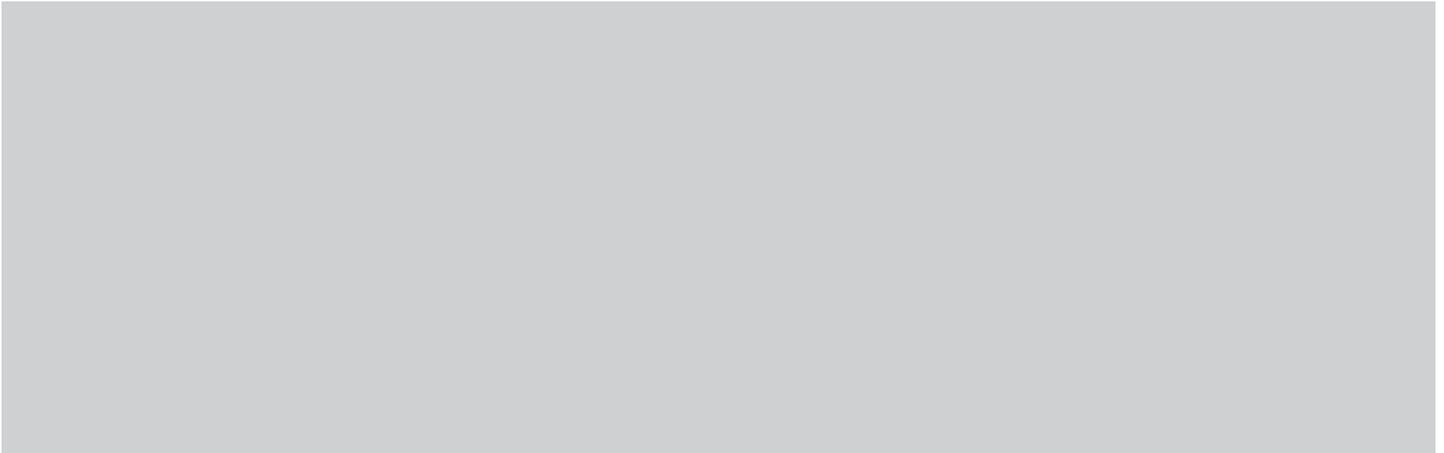
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## **Episode 42: The Truth Takes Effort**

1. What do we need to know in order to resist temptation and remain faithful to God?



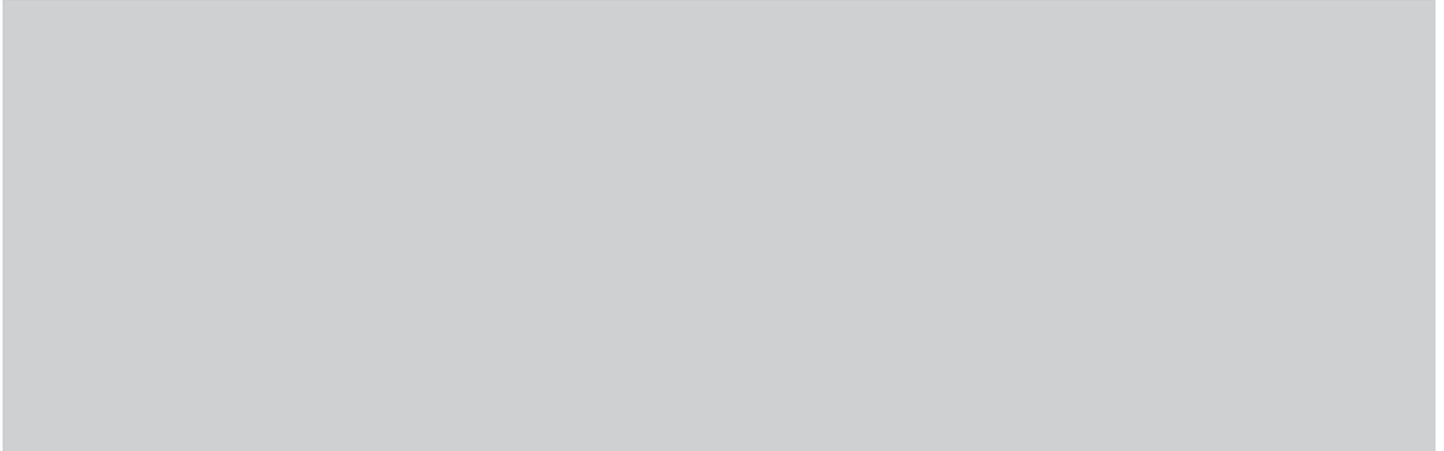
2. What does it take to learn this?



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## **Episode 43: The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns**

1. How has reading through Revelation changed your conception of what heaven will be like (so far)?



2. Do you think the song of rejoicing at the destruction of the wicked is justified?



3. Why can it often bother some readers?



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## ***Episode 44: The Marriage of the Lamb***

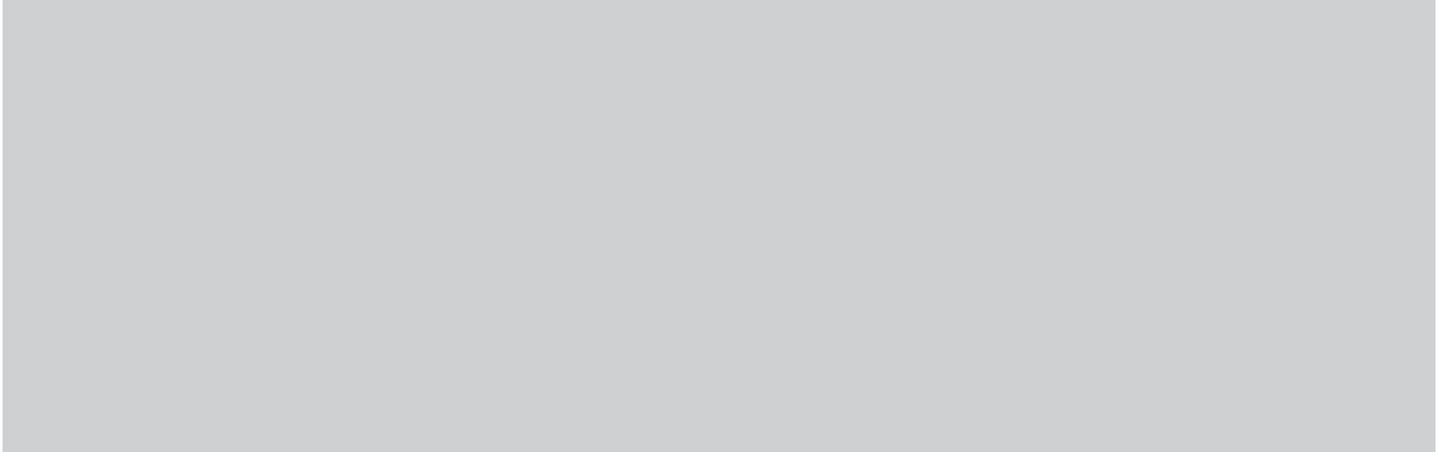
1. How should we prepare to be wedded to Christ?

2. Why does God want to reign with us?

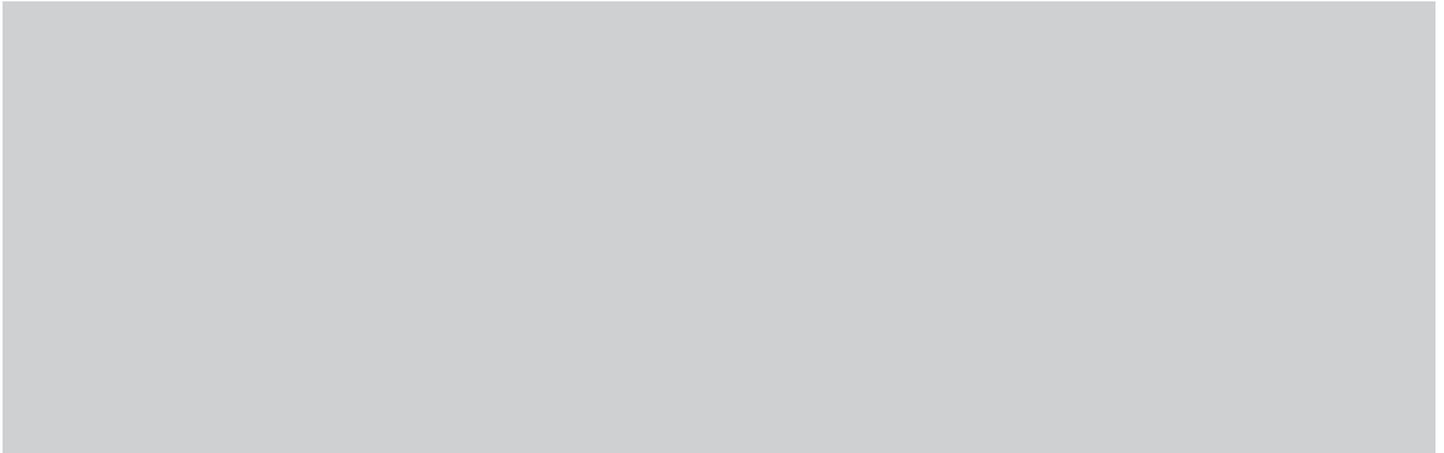
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## ***Episode 45: The Millennium***

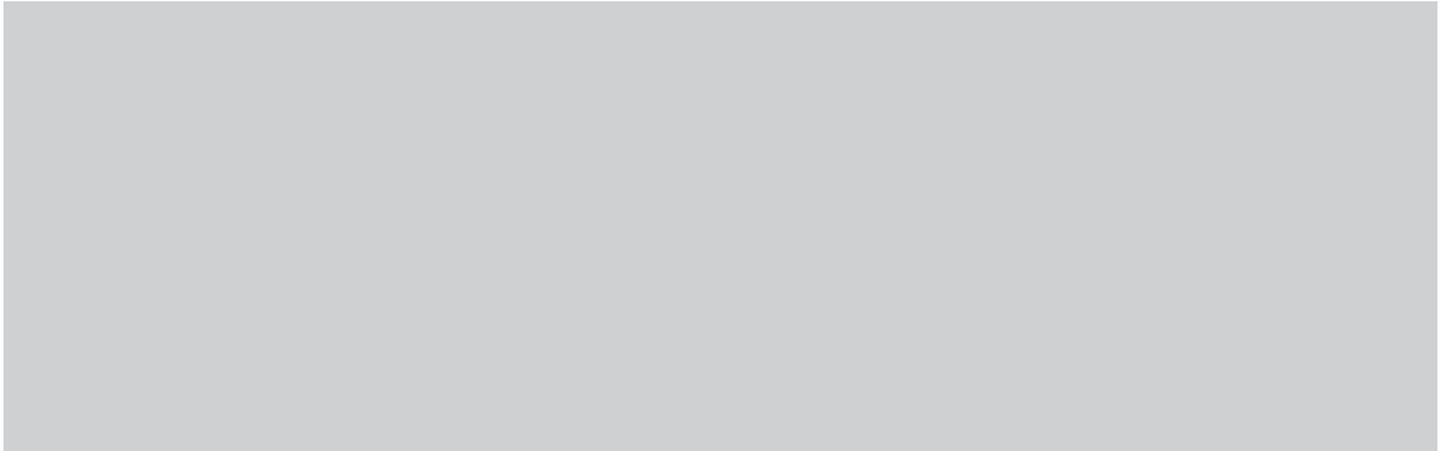
1. Do you think the Millennium is certain and physical or a spiritual thing?



2. How is God's economy of reward different from man's?



3. To whom does God give great rewards?



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## Section Ten

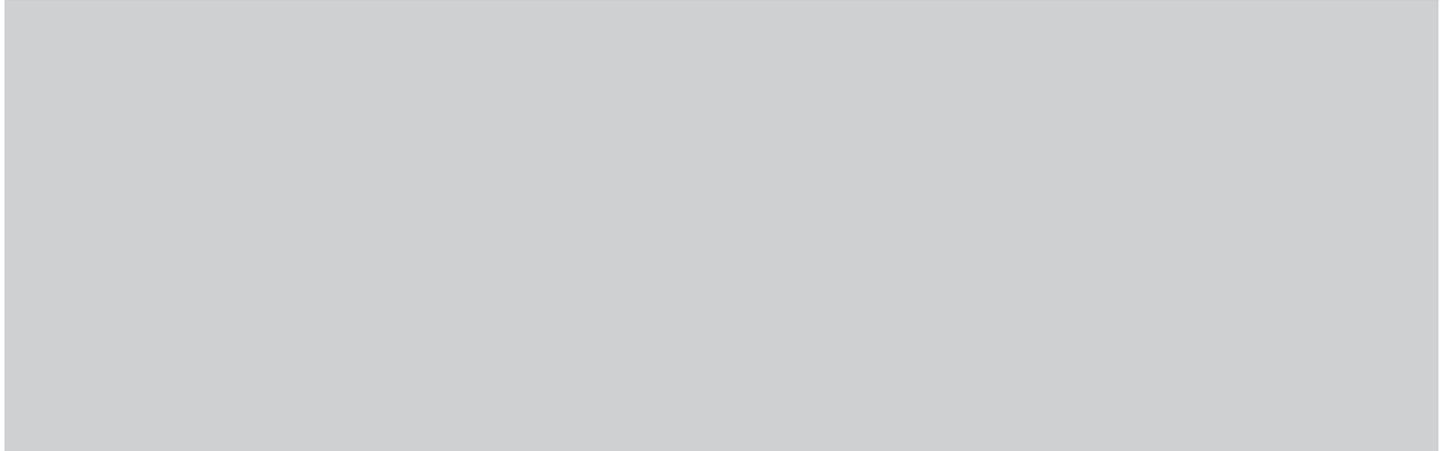
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# SECTION TEN

READ THROUGH CHAPTERS 18 & 19 OF REVELATION AND LISTEN TO *BECOMING A FAITHFUL WITNESS* EPISODES 46-50.

## ***Episode 46: A Thousand Years to Reign***

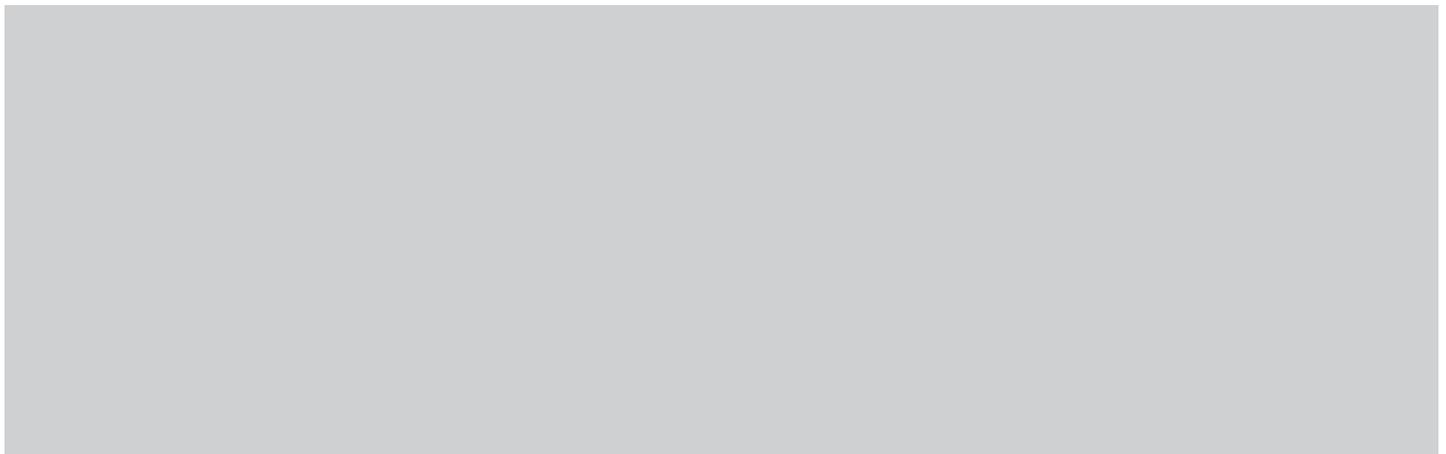
1. What is going to happen to the people who aren't reigning?  
What about to the people who are?



2. Who does God want to win? How do we win?



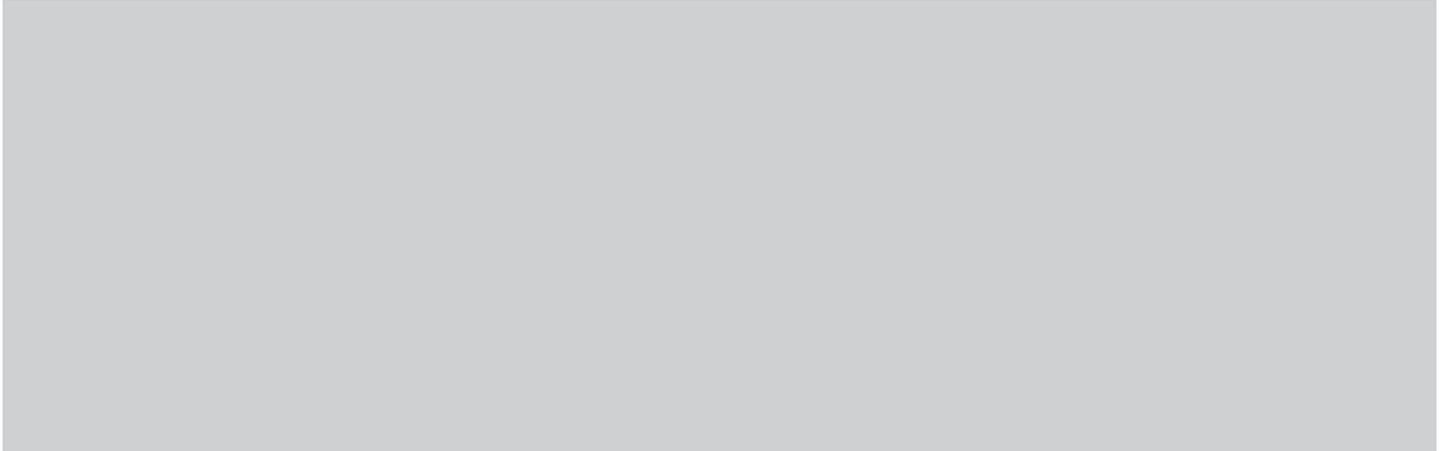
3. How does keeping from comparison help us in this quest to be faithful?



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## ***Episode 47: The End of Hades***

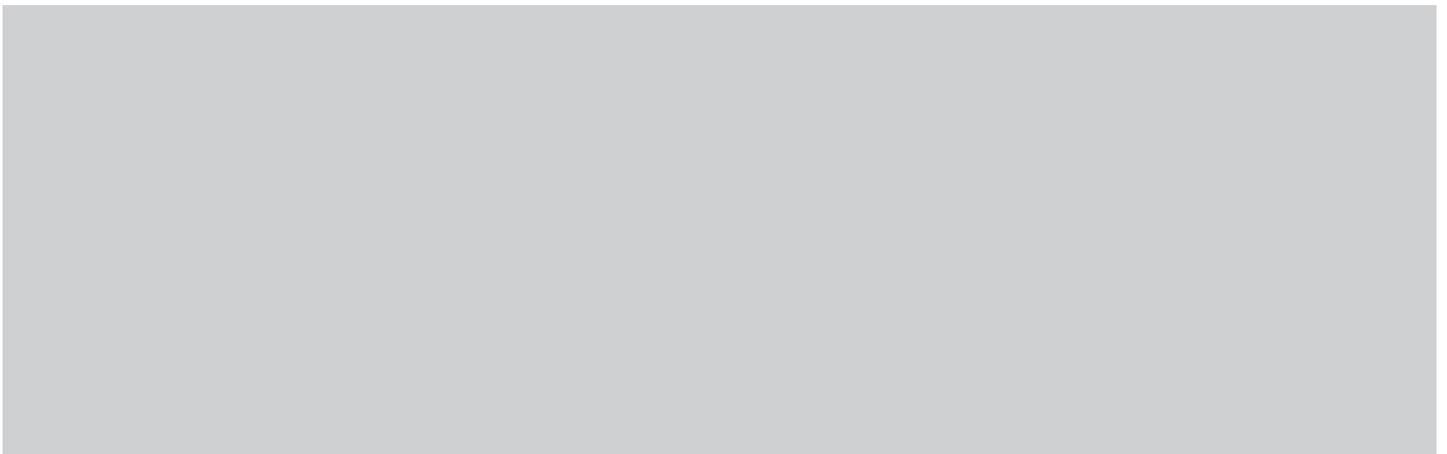
1. When reading through this book, were you surprised things that were either taken out by people or added and then taught to you?



2. If so, how does scripture differ from things you were taught growing up?



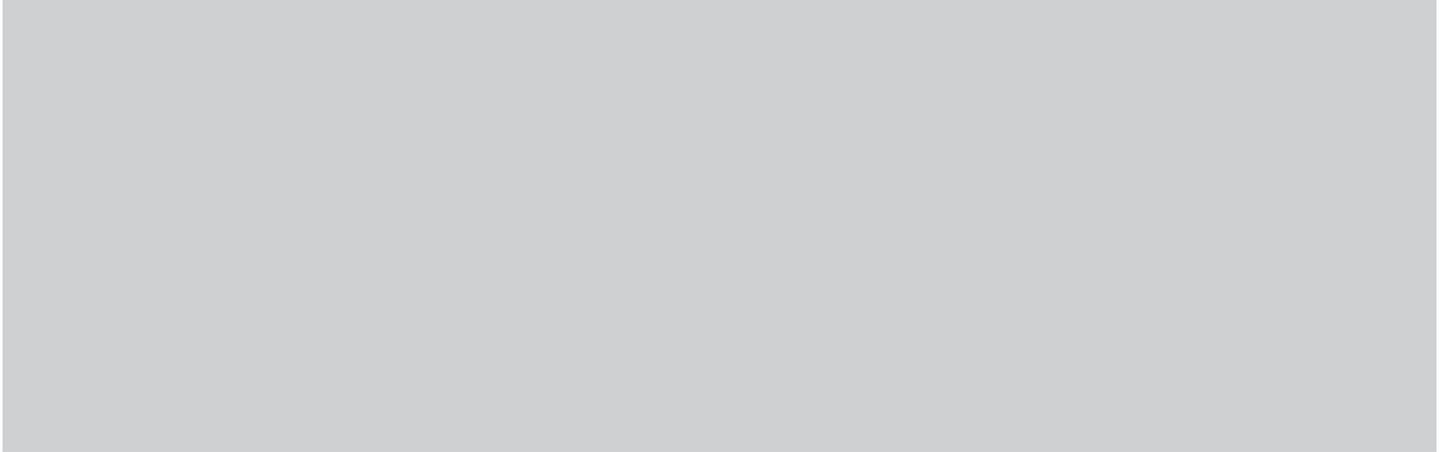
3. We talk a lot about overcoming. What are we looking to overcome?



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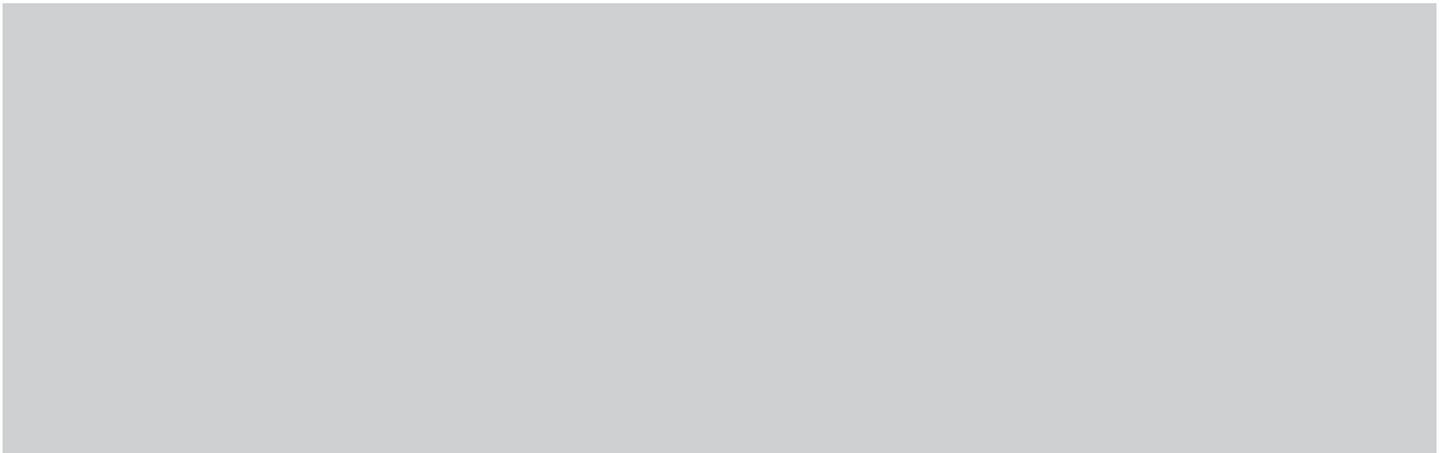
## **Episode 48: The Consuming Fire**

**1. Why is it interesting that God can be present in Hades?**

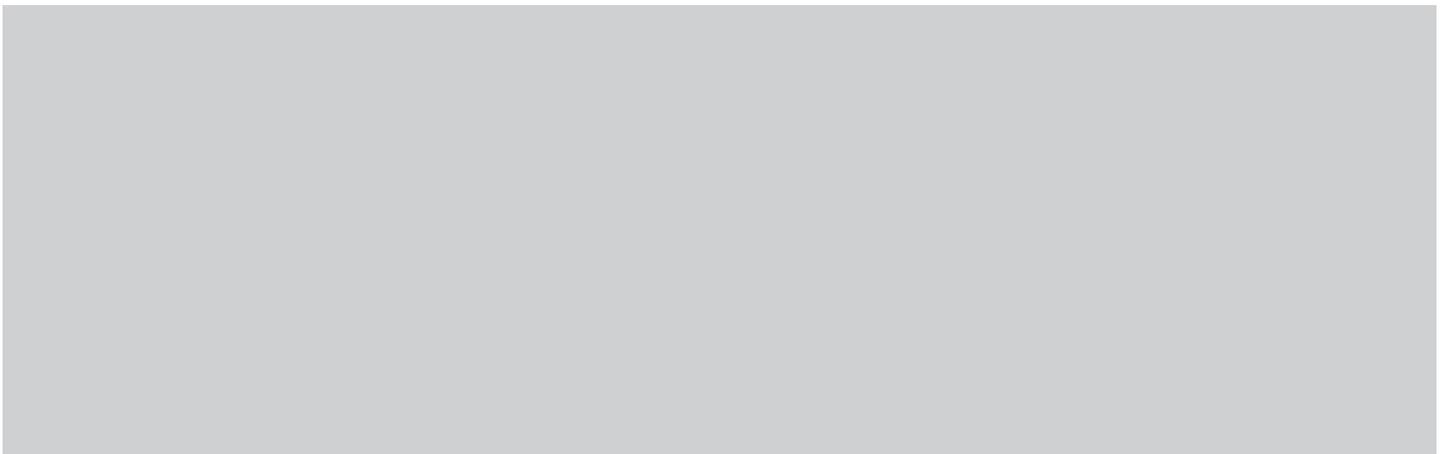


**2. Are you in the midst of a fiery trial?**

**How can the words of Revelation be of comfort and aid to you in this time?**



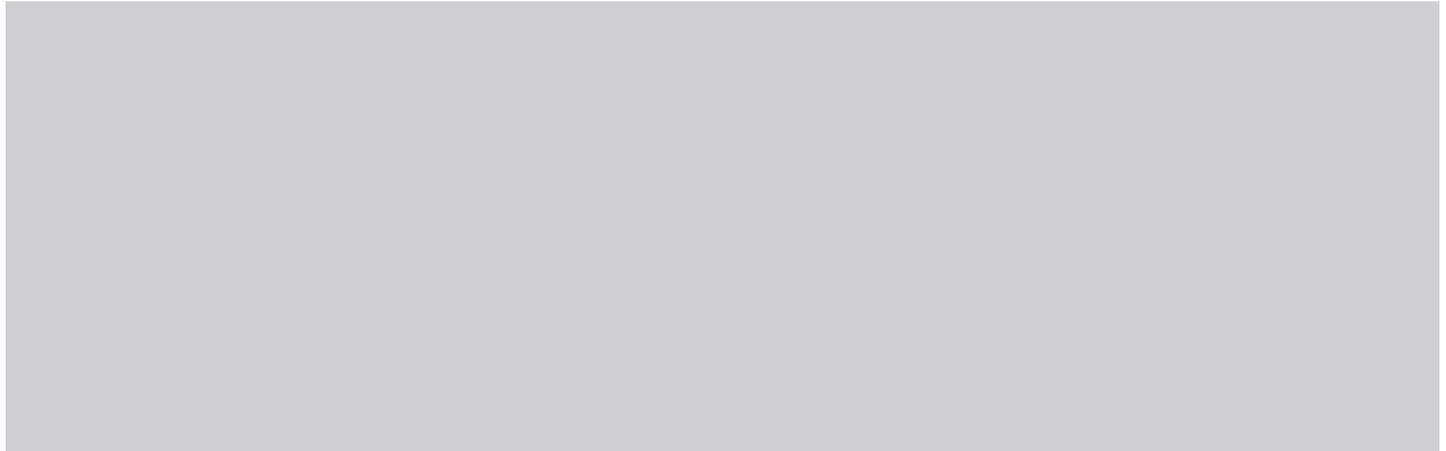
**3. What is something that stood out to you from this talk? An image or an idea?**



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## ***Episode 49: The Seat of Judgement***

1. How much thought have you given to judgement day?  
Do you act in light of it's coming or tend to ignore it?



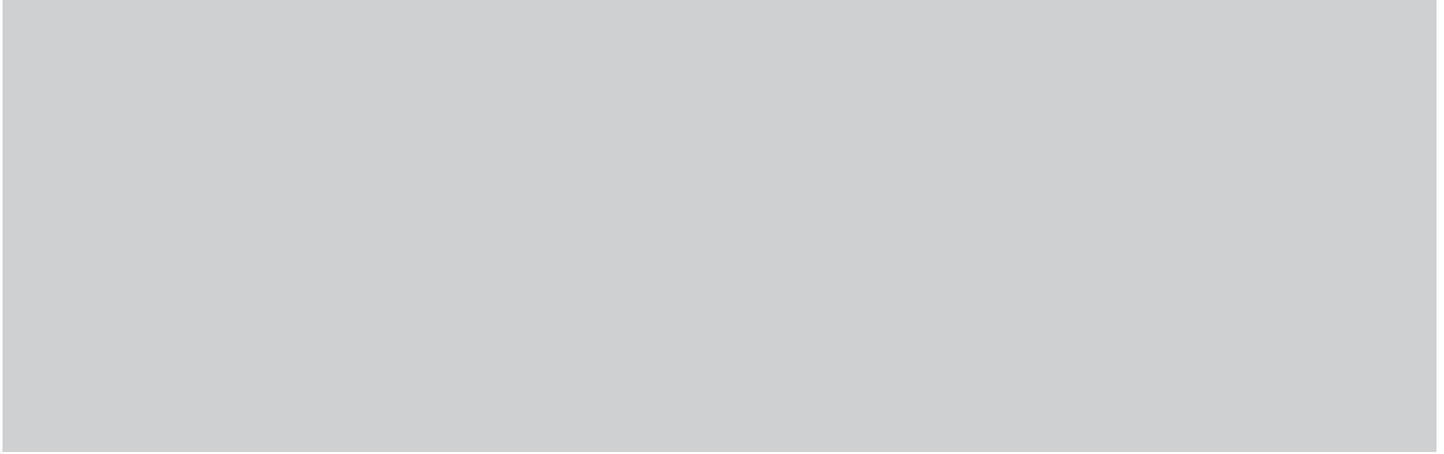
2. Are you afraid of death?  
How does that affect your choices?



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## **Episode 50: End Times FAQ**

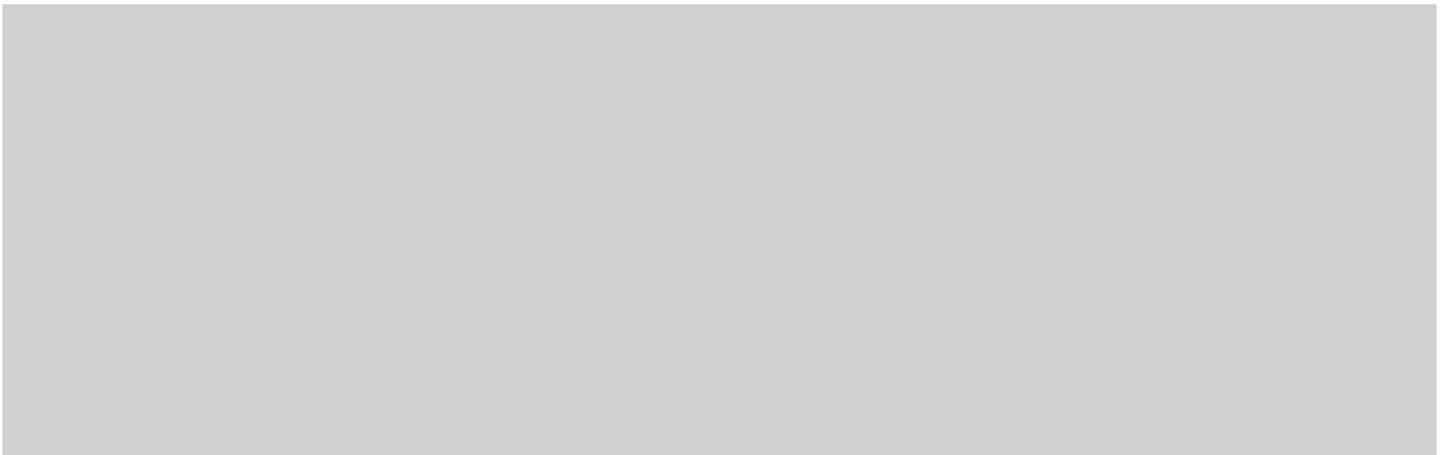
**1. What do you think of the questions brought up in this episode?**



**2. Do you have any others that weren't mentioned?**



**3. Did any answer a question you had or make you want to research something more?**



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## Section *Eleven*

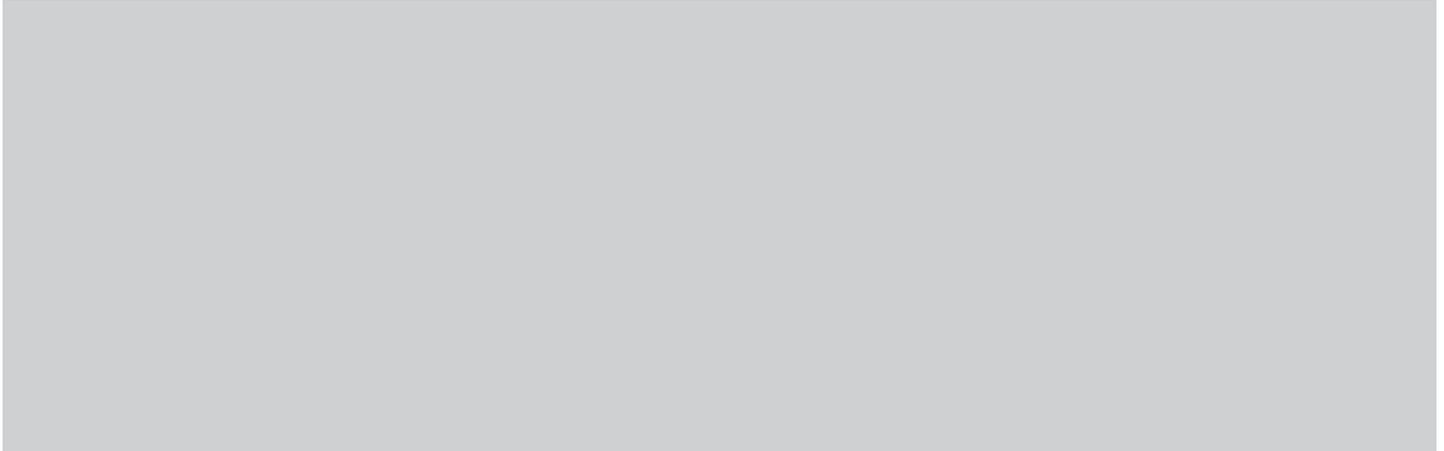
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## ***Episode 51: Made New***

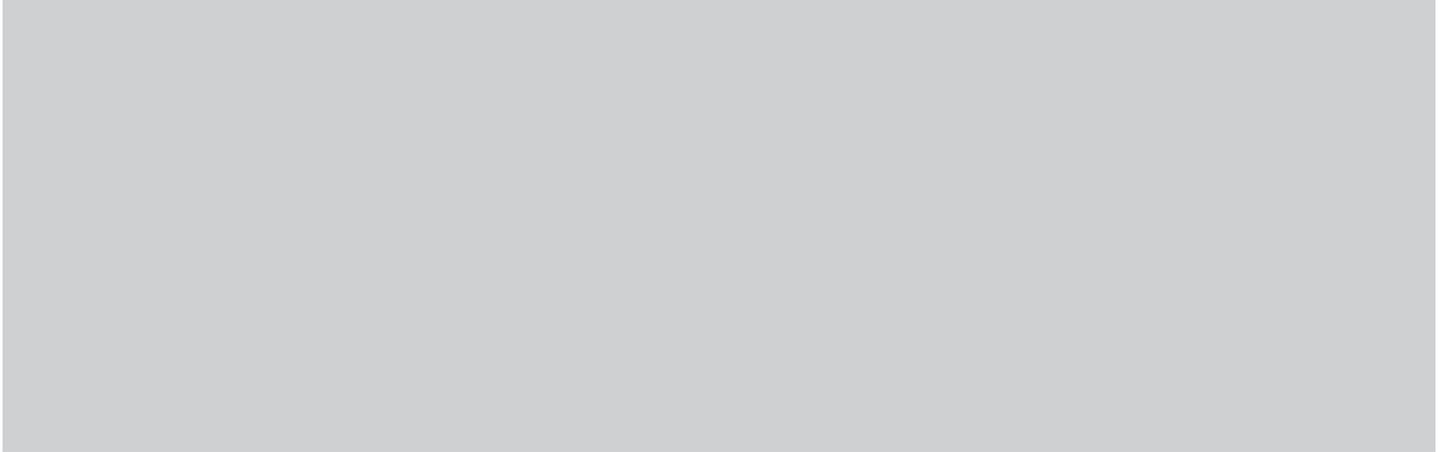
1. What is the most exciting or comforting aspect of the truths in this chapter for you personally?



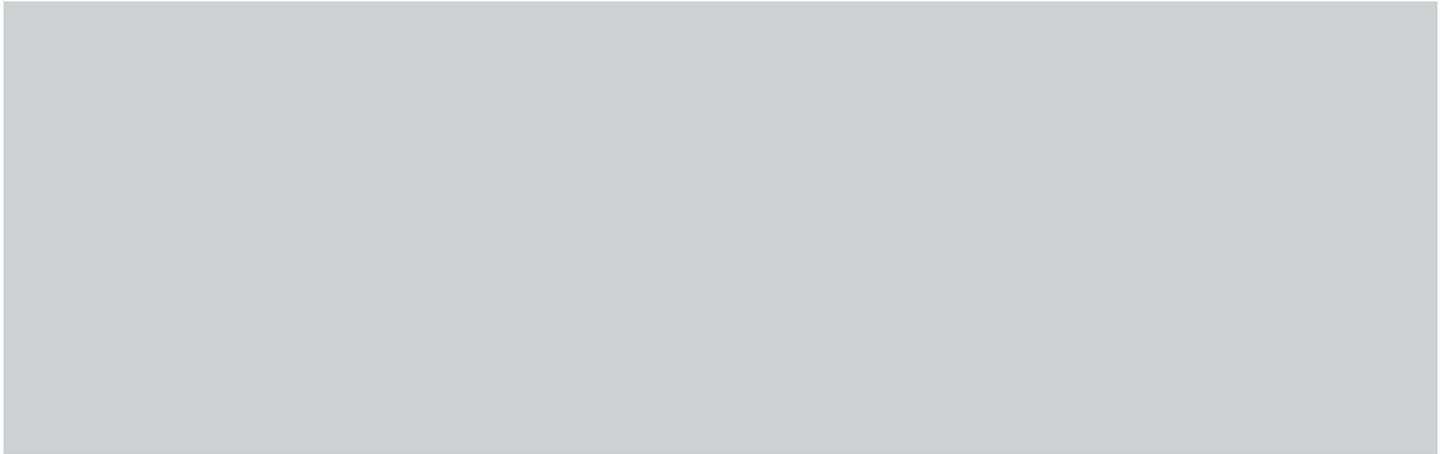
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## ***Episode 52: The Last Beginning***

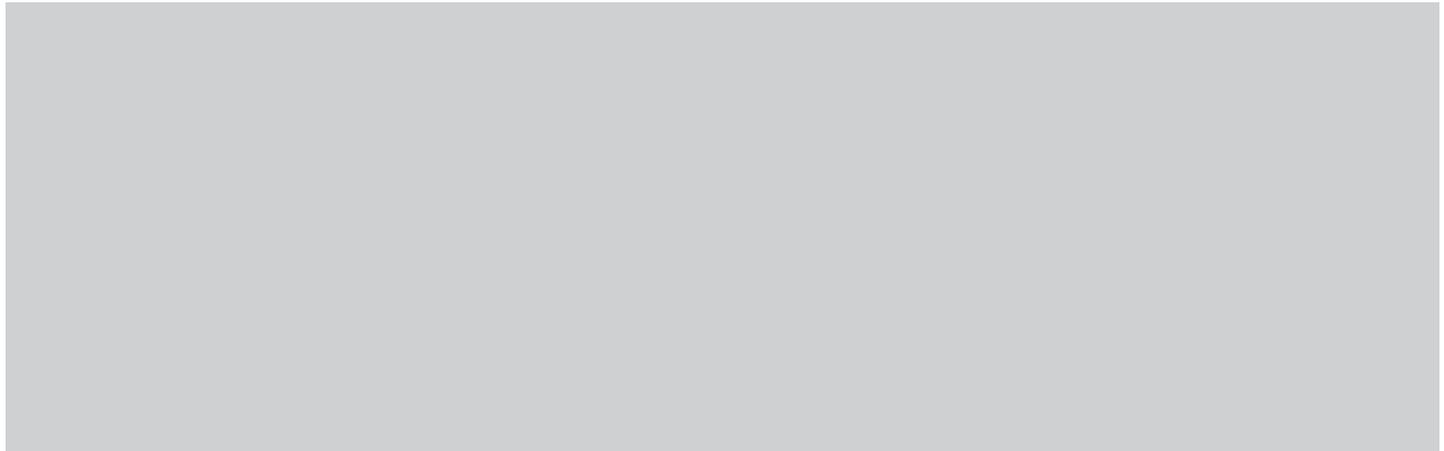
1. What is a time in your life when you had to overcome being cowardly?



2. How did you overcome it?



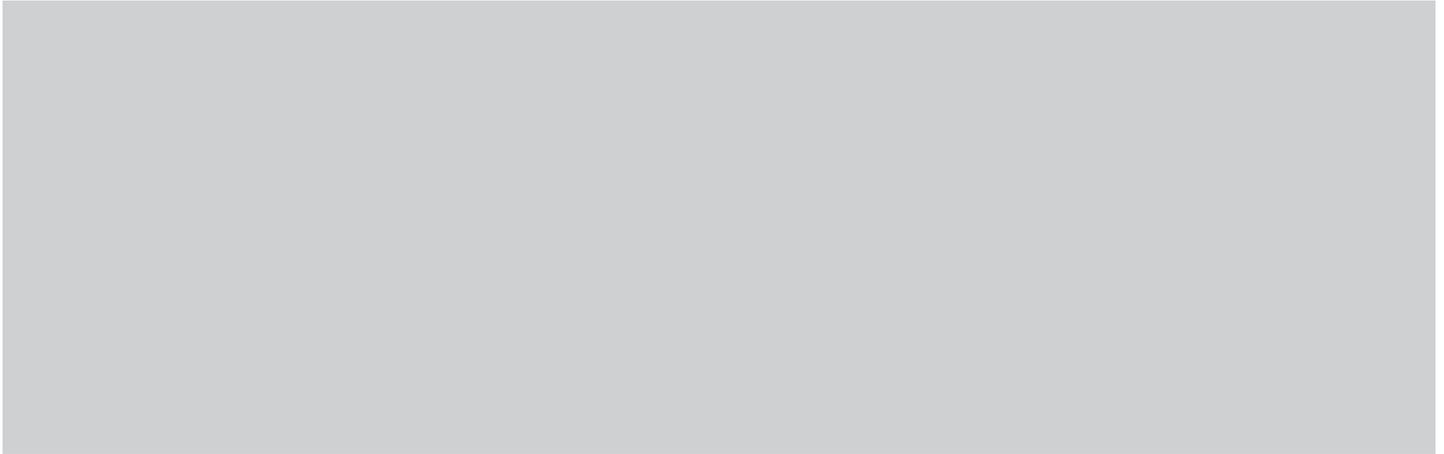
3. What perspective is key to the amazing future talked about as well as peace and joy now?



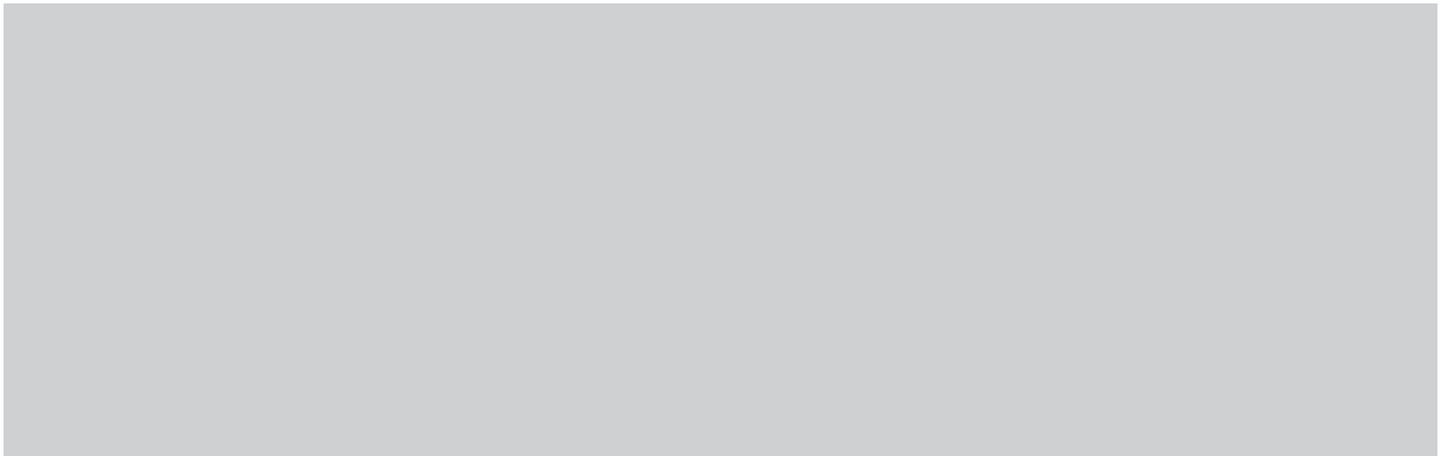
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## **Episode 53: The City of God**

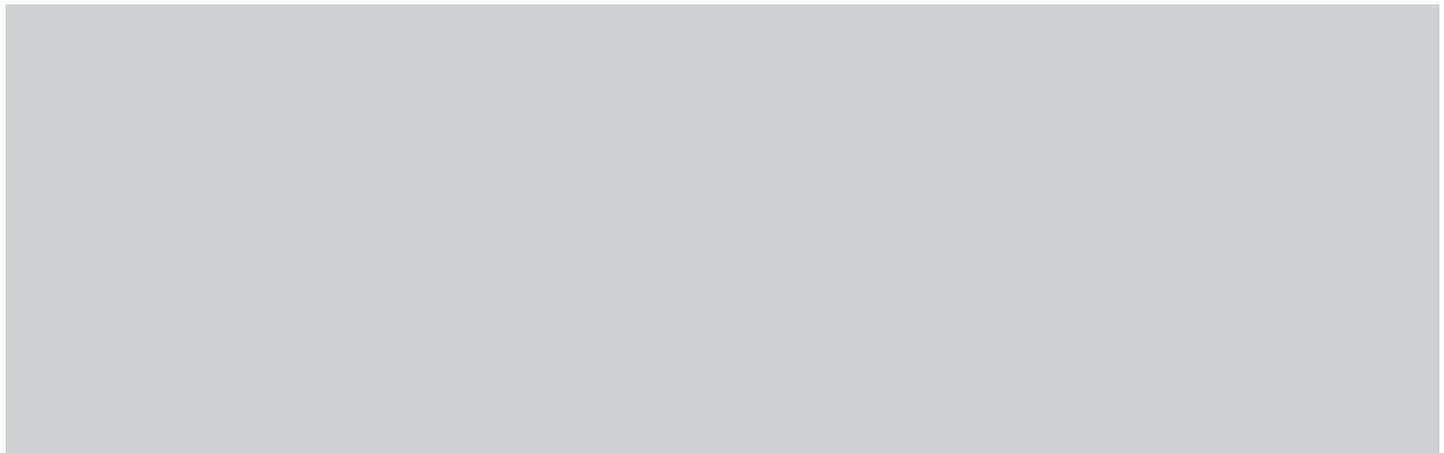
1. What will break the curse?



2. What is the relationship problem?



3. What would a world look like where that problem isn't there anymore?



# SECTION ELEVEN

## ***Episode 54: The Final Call***

1. How have your thoughts on Revelation changed over the course of this study?

