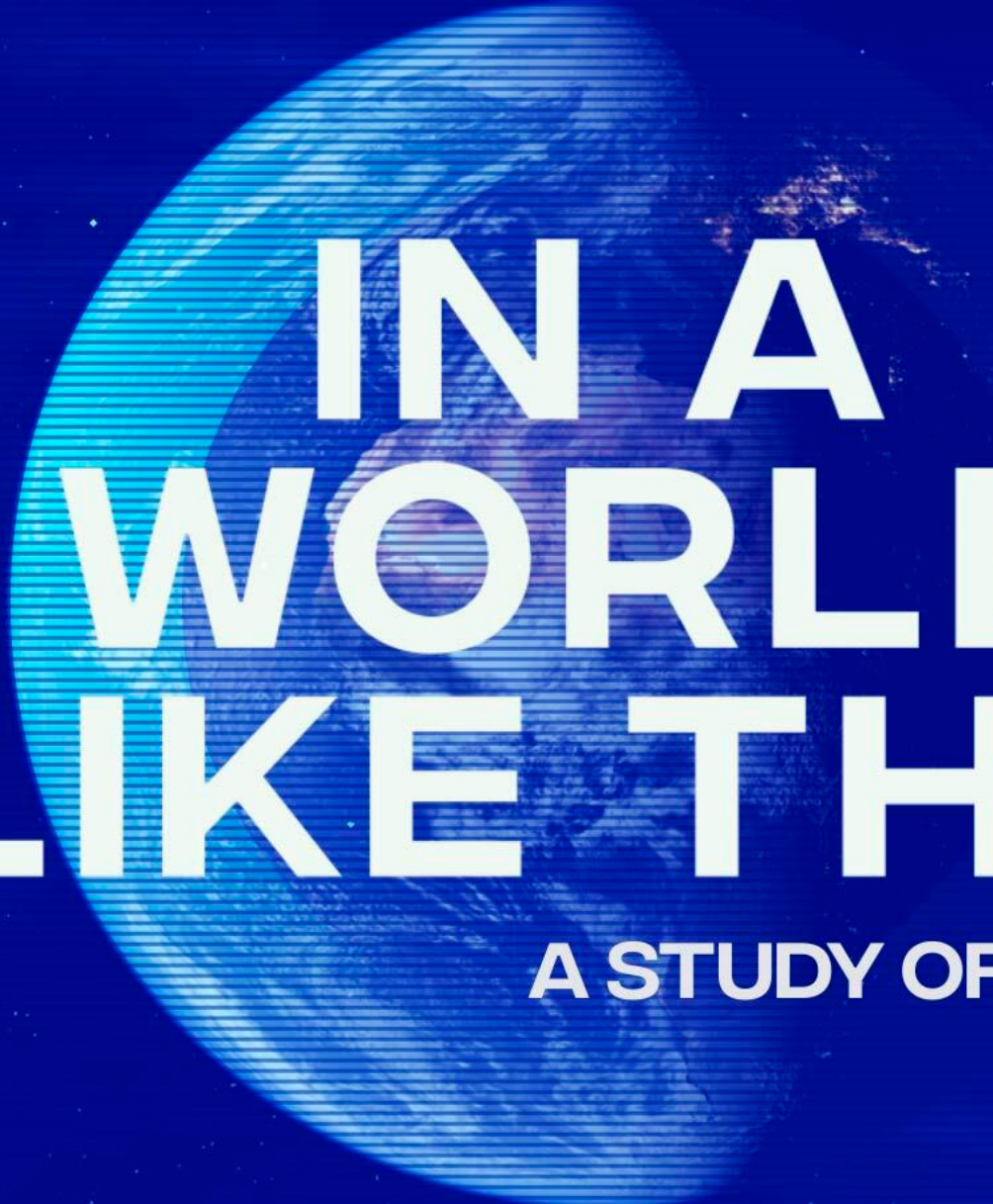




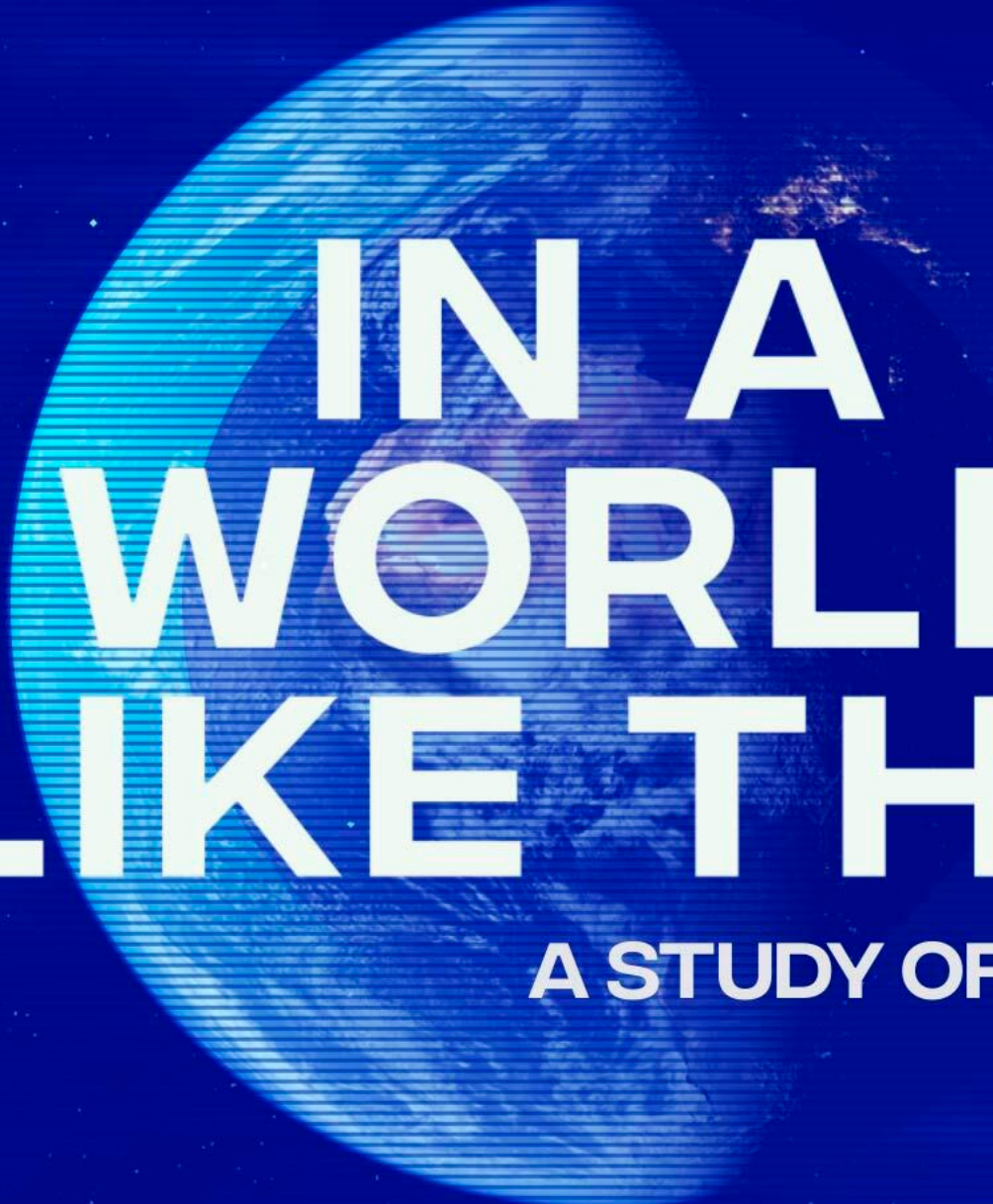
IN A WORLD LIKE THIS

A STUDY OF 2 TIMOTHY

2 Timothy 4:1–8

1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



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Three Stages of our Race

1. Starting Well (v. 1-2)
2. Enduring Well (v. 3-5)
3. Finishing Well (v. 6-8)

The Start / Finish Line

“Christ Jesus, who will judge...” (v. 1)

“...the Lord, the righteous Judge” (v. 8)

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

“The measure of a life is not its duration but its donation.”

Corrie Ten Boom

1. Starting Well (verses 1-2)

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage —with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2

1. Starting Well (verses 1-2)

“Be prepared in season and out of season”



2 Timothy 4:2

2. Enduring Well (verses 3-5)

Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

2 Timothy 4:3

2. Enduring Well (verses 3-5)

But you, keep your head in all situations,
endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist,
discharge all the duties of your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:5

2. Enduring Well (verses 3–5)

“Endure hardship, do the work...”



2 Timothy 4:5

2. Enduring Well (verses 3-5)

“Join me in suffering...” (2 Timothy 1:8, 2:3)

“Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12)

Boonmee (Moses)



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2. Enduring Well (verses 3-5)

“Endure hardship, do the work...”



2 Timothy 4:5

Just keep running...

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

3. Finishing Well (verses 6-8)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:6-7

3. Finishing Well (verses 6–8)



Aunt Edna

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Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



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