

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 28, 2021

Worship in Fellowship
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Wayne Braudrick

Stand Firm In Perspective

1 Peter 3:13-22

Stand Firm Series

Life Change: We live by the divine, eternal perspective.

The rediscovery of perspective...

Peter adds great detail re: the divine, eternal perspective

God sees all. 12

The general principle of retribution remains. 13

When the general principle is violated: 14-17

Know you are blessed.

Don't fear or be intimidated.

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– Rev. Dr. Juhana Pohjola, 21 November, 2021

Speak truth.

Stay clean.

Err toward non-resistance.

The divine, eternal perspective is based in Jesus Christ.

The thesis statement: Jesus suffered for you. 18

God's activity validates the eternal perspective. 19-21e

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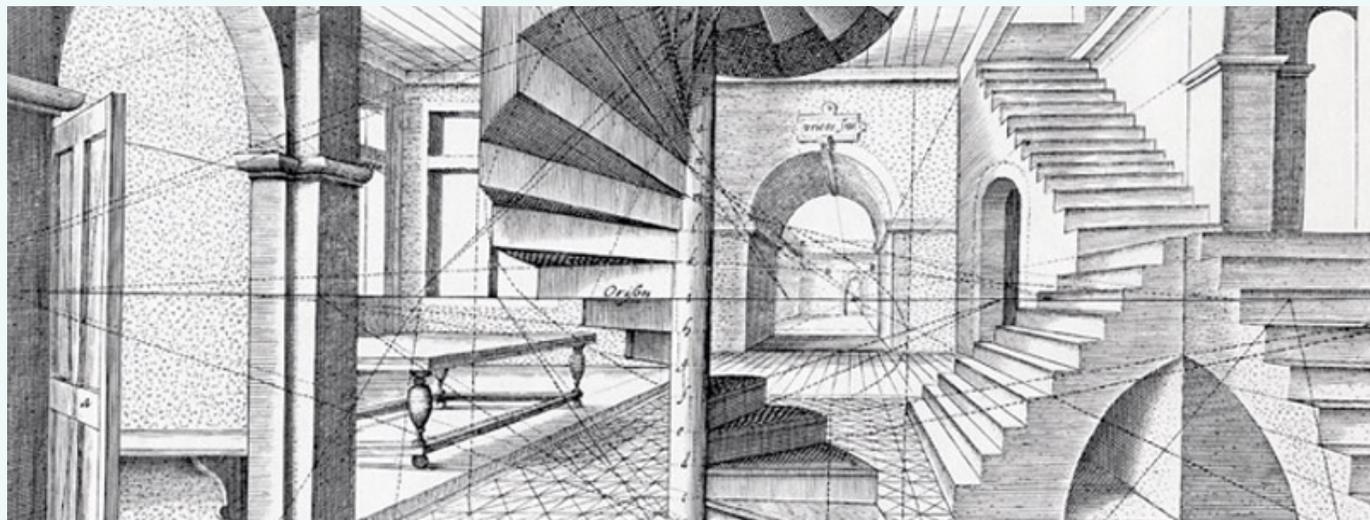
a study of 1 Peter

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the 'rediscovery' of perspective



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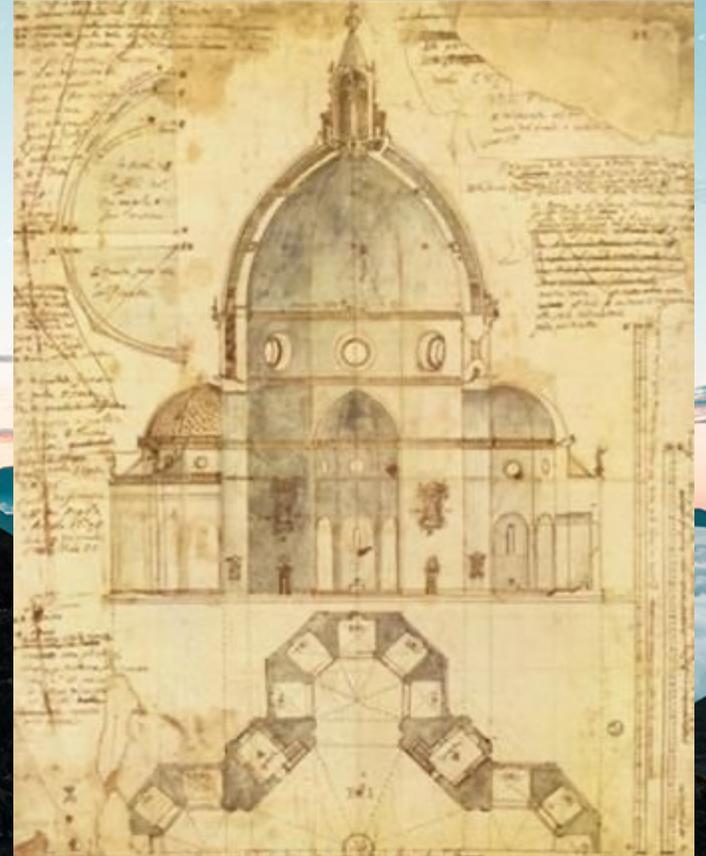
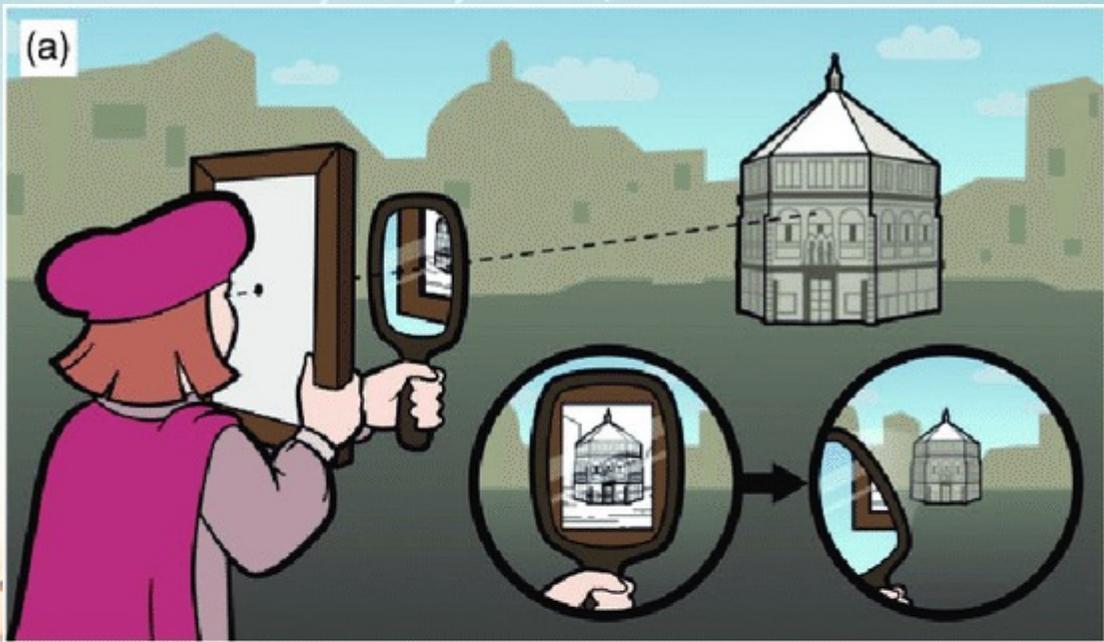


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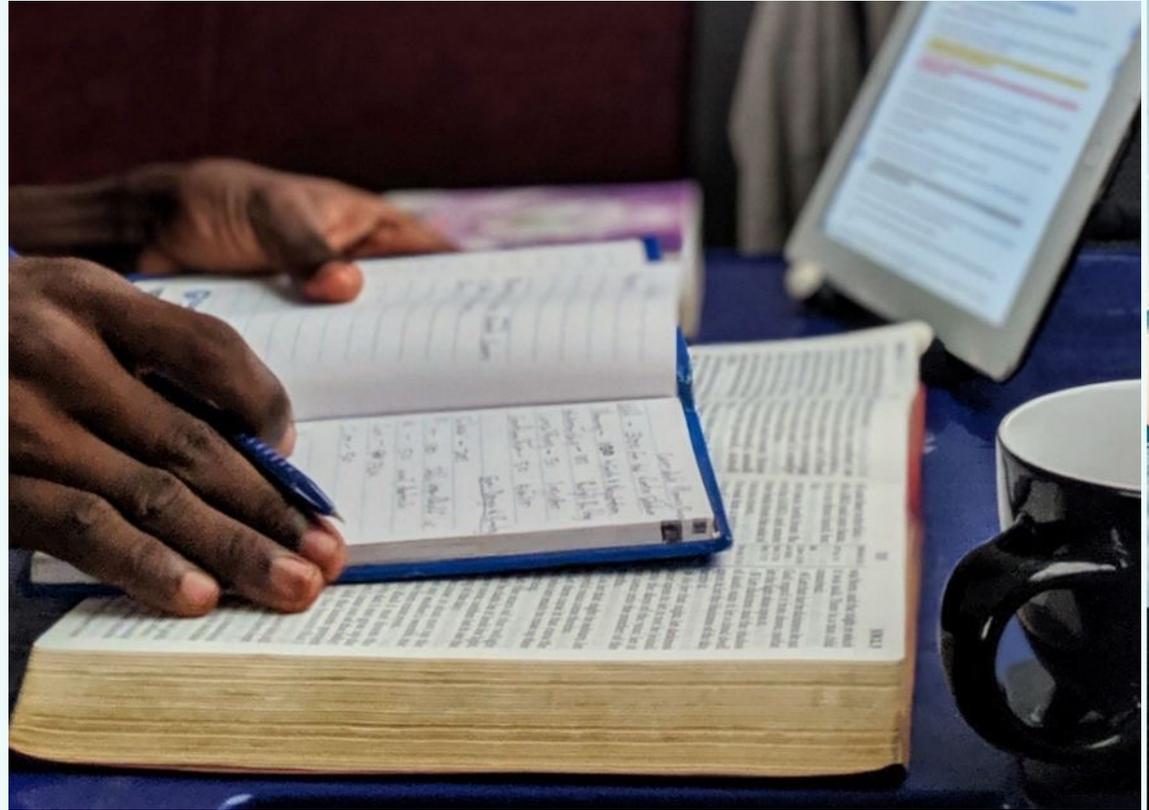
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All I want to do is
change the world



When a person only looks at the 2-D picture that is a human perspective on life, he or she loses out. They don't get all the depth of a full perspective. They don't understand what's



really happening. A person without the depth of a divine perspective is like somebody trying to watch a 3-D movie without the glasses.

Everything just looks flat & blurry.

1 Peter 3

⁸ Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble. Not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing. ^{CSB}

Titus

Phil

Heb

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1 Peter

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1 Peter 3

***10 For the one who wants to love life
and to see good days,
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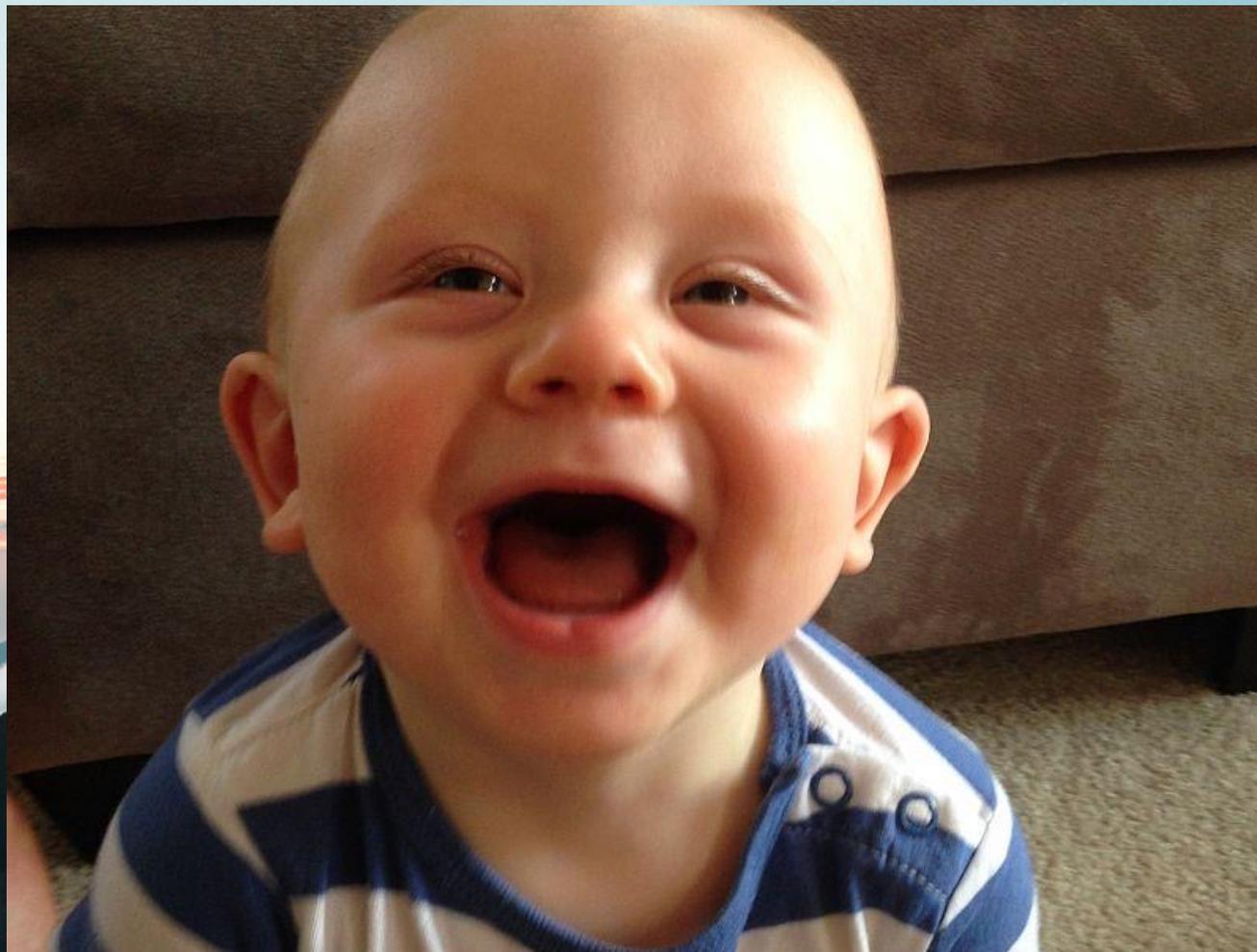
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**'Cause I
deserve it!**



**I am doing good, but I'm
the only one. Everybody
else slacks off.
Well, I am tired of being
the only faithful one!**



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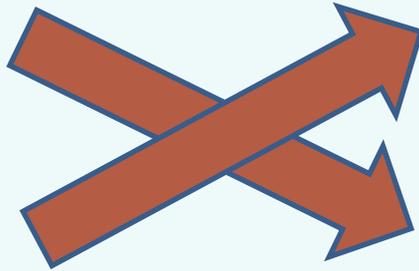
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It's a blessing to
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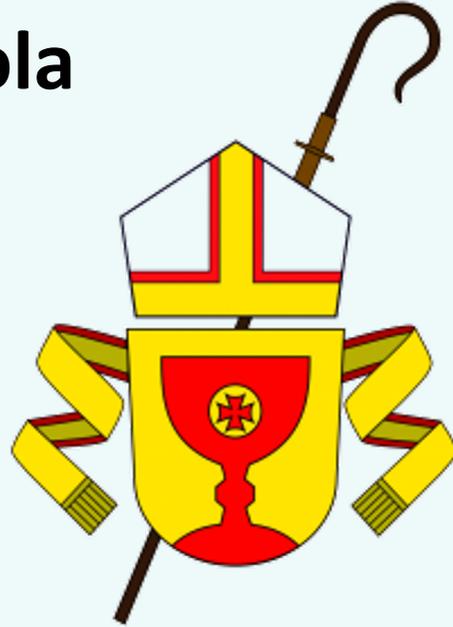
2:20 What credit is there if when you do wrong and are beaten, you endure it? But when you do what is good and suffer, if you endure it, this brings favor with God. ²¹ For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

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4:14 If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

CSB

Rev. Dr. Juhana Pohjola of Finland



People don't go to church for social capital now. This is a serious life, and they want to be serious with God.



**So churches
have to build
communities
that stand on
solid...biblical
doctrine.**

– Juhana Pohjola

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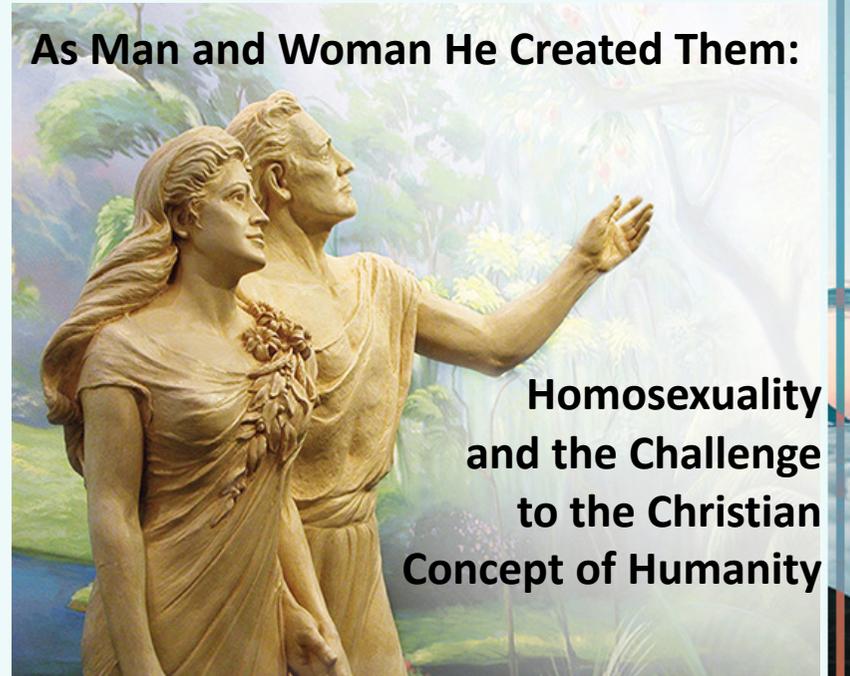
**Ruff!
Growl, grr?**

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**Päivi Räsänen
M.D.,
member of
Finland's
parliament**



Pastor Pohjola endorsed the pamphlet as “biblically accurate regarding both the dangers of sin and the divinely given dignity, value, and human rights of all, including all who identify with the LGBTQ community.”



Räsänen and Pohjola were investigated then, but no charges were brought. Now, late in this year, they are under a new investigation for thinking and saying things that are biblical. This time, the police have publicly stated that “our understanding of Finland’s Law would make publishing the Bible itself a hate crime.”

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Dr. Räsänen at the July 2021 gathering



Dr. Pohjola addressing Missouri Synod Lutheran pastors in USA

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*The Fellowship of
the Ring in Moria*
Donato Giancola
2015



“Do not be afraid!” said Aragorn...The others were crowded behind, waiting anxiously. “Do not be afraid! I have been with him [our leader, the wizard Gandalf] on many a journey, if never one so dark; and there are tales...of greater deeds of his than any I have seen. He will not go astray. He has led us in here against our fears, but he will lead us out again, at whatever cost to himself.” – J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*



**In your hearts regard
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– 1 Peter 3:15**



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**Donnie
started it.**



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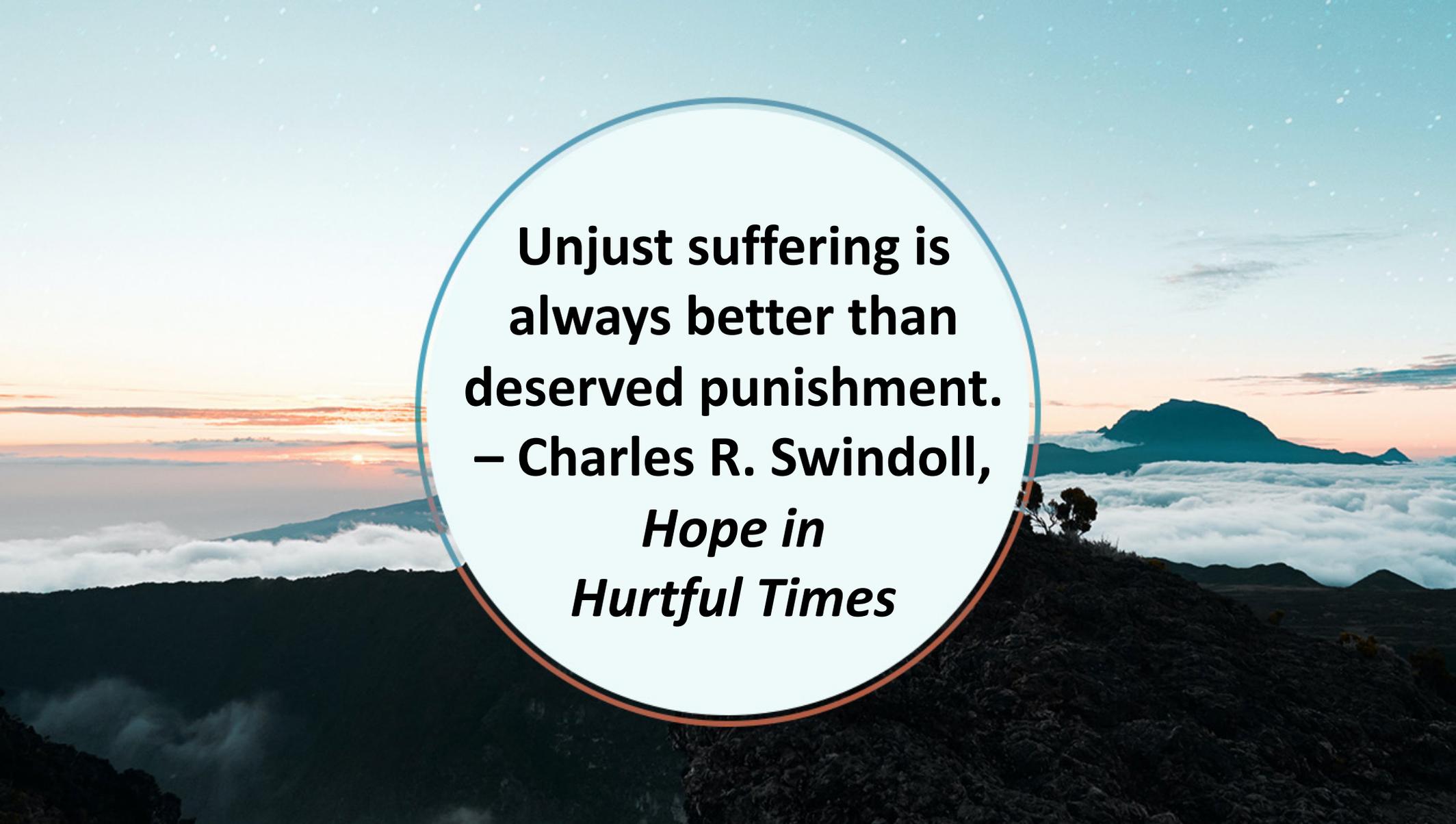
Christians must declare with courage...what is *biblically* true. Our courage should far surpass that of comedians and public celebrities who [speak out against] a lie. We must not fear cancelation or criticism. We know that the same good God who made the universe and everything in it is also love (1 John 4:8). Therefore, any truth revealed by God is an affirmation of love.

**– Allie Beth Stuckey,
“Team Truth” in World Opinion**



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**Unjust suffering is
always better than
deserved punishment.
– Charles R. Swindoll,
*Hope in
Hurtful Times***

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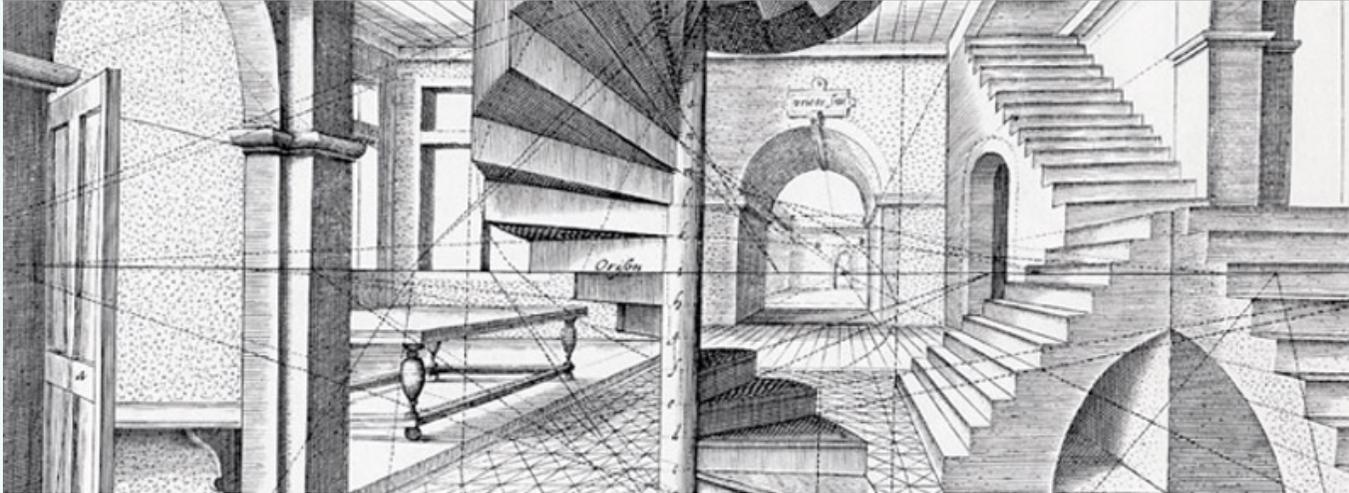
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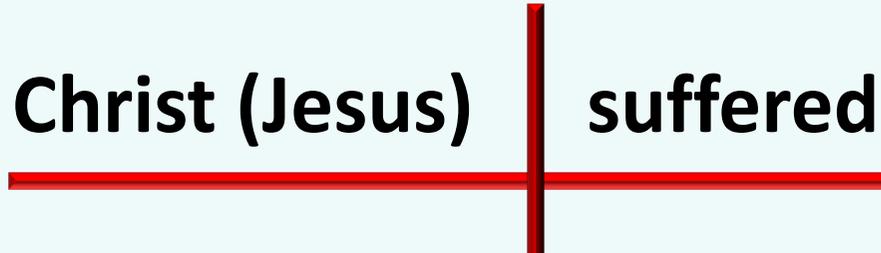
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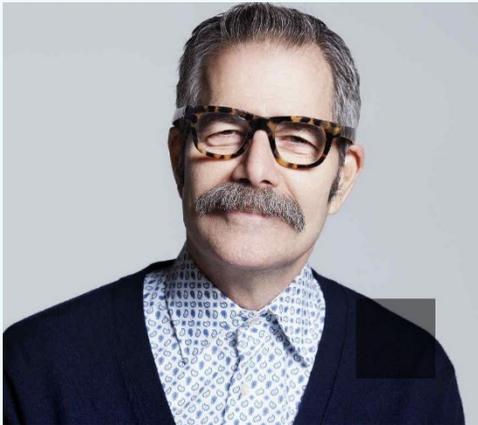
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**Noah constructs
the ark**



The doctrine of eternity is an enormous help when it comes to our struggle of values, because it teaches us what is truly valuable and worth living for. For some of us this means that we spend way too much time, energy, money, and worry on our lawn. Or maybe you're the husband who has invested too much on your man toys. Perhaps you have too much makeup and too many outfits in your closet.

Are your true values revealed by the fact that you spend more time on your appearance than you do on your daily personal time of worship? Maybe you're a university student and keeping up with social media has become far too important.



– Paul David Tripp, *“The Doctrine of Eternity Clarifies Our Values”*

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Matthew 24

38 For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah boarded the ark. ^{CSB}

How is it that the doctrine of eternity clarifies our values?

- 1. The existence of eternity tells me that this is not a destination but a preparation for a final destination, [which] means that my life is not about just the pleasures of the moment.**
- 2. Eternity invites us to understand that the highest of human pleasures are found in a person, the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 3. The existence of eternity tells me where I should be investing my resources, [where to focus my] time, energy, and money that will last for all of eternity.**

- 4. The existence of eternity tells me the danger of giving way to the temptation to worship the creation and not the Creator.**
- 5. The eternal [perspective] assures me we are never alone, because the King of kings has invaded our lives by his grace. He never sends us into battle without going with us.**
- 6. The existence of eternity gives me hope when I get my values completely wrong. It is a hope not based on my track record, but on the grace and goodness of my Lord.**

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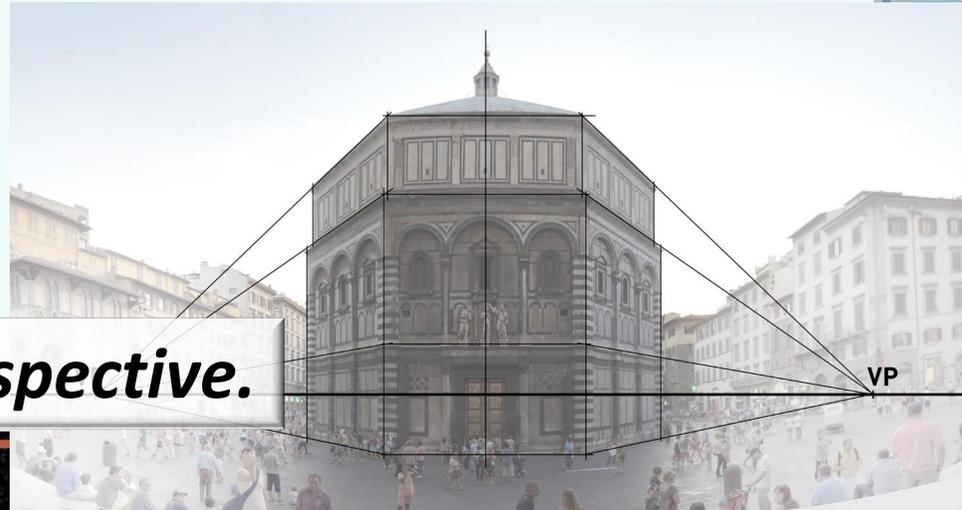
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