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What happened on Tuesday?

Did America embrace communism, Islamicism, & gross immorality?


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In exit polls, 60%-74% named the war in Iran as their number 1 issue

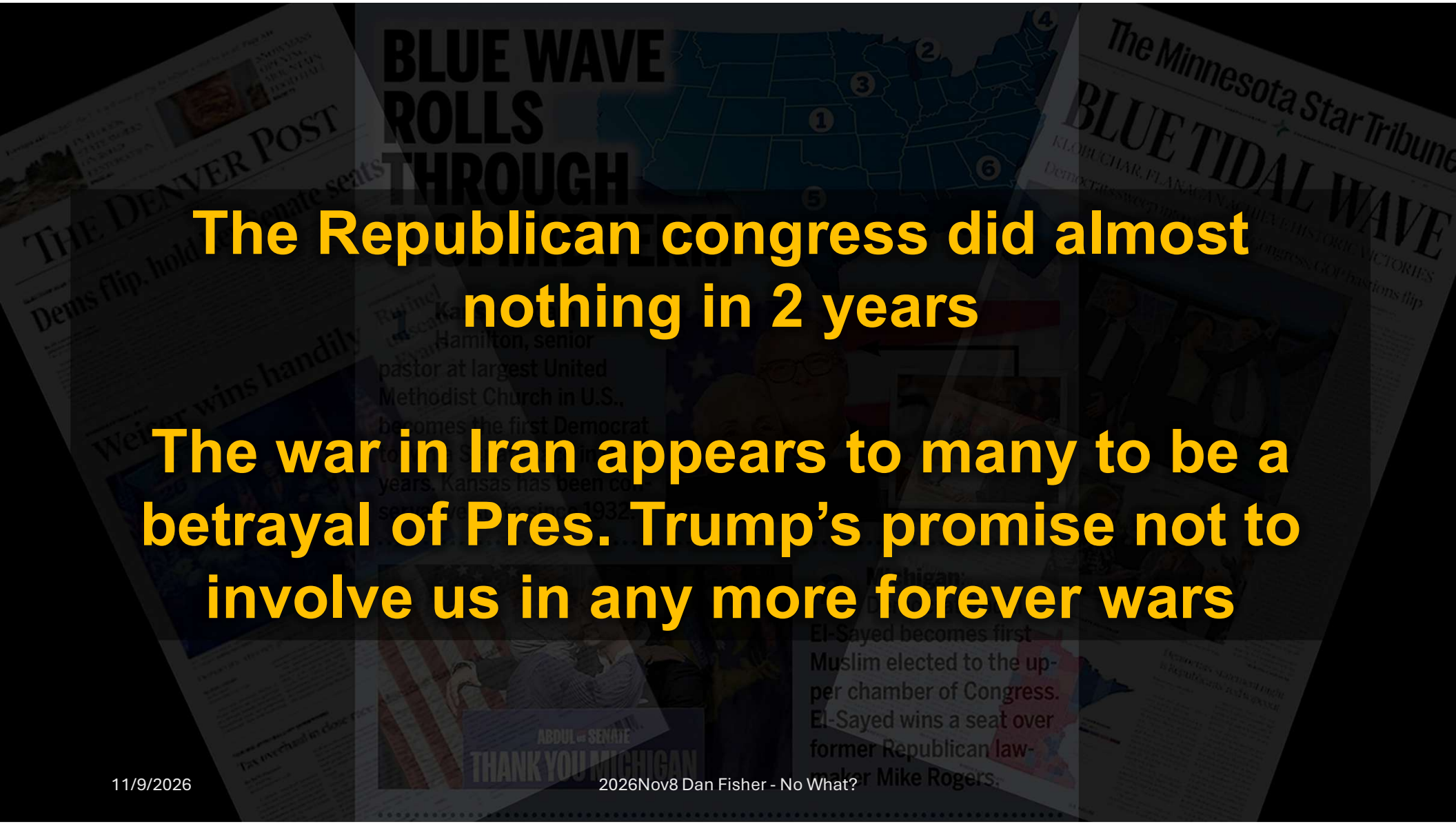
25% said the economy is good

75% said the economy is bad

In many states where Dems won, the voters approved statewide conservative referendums

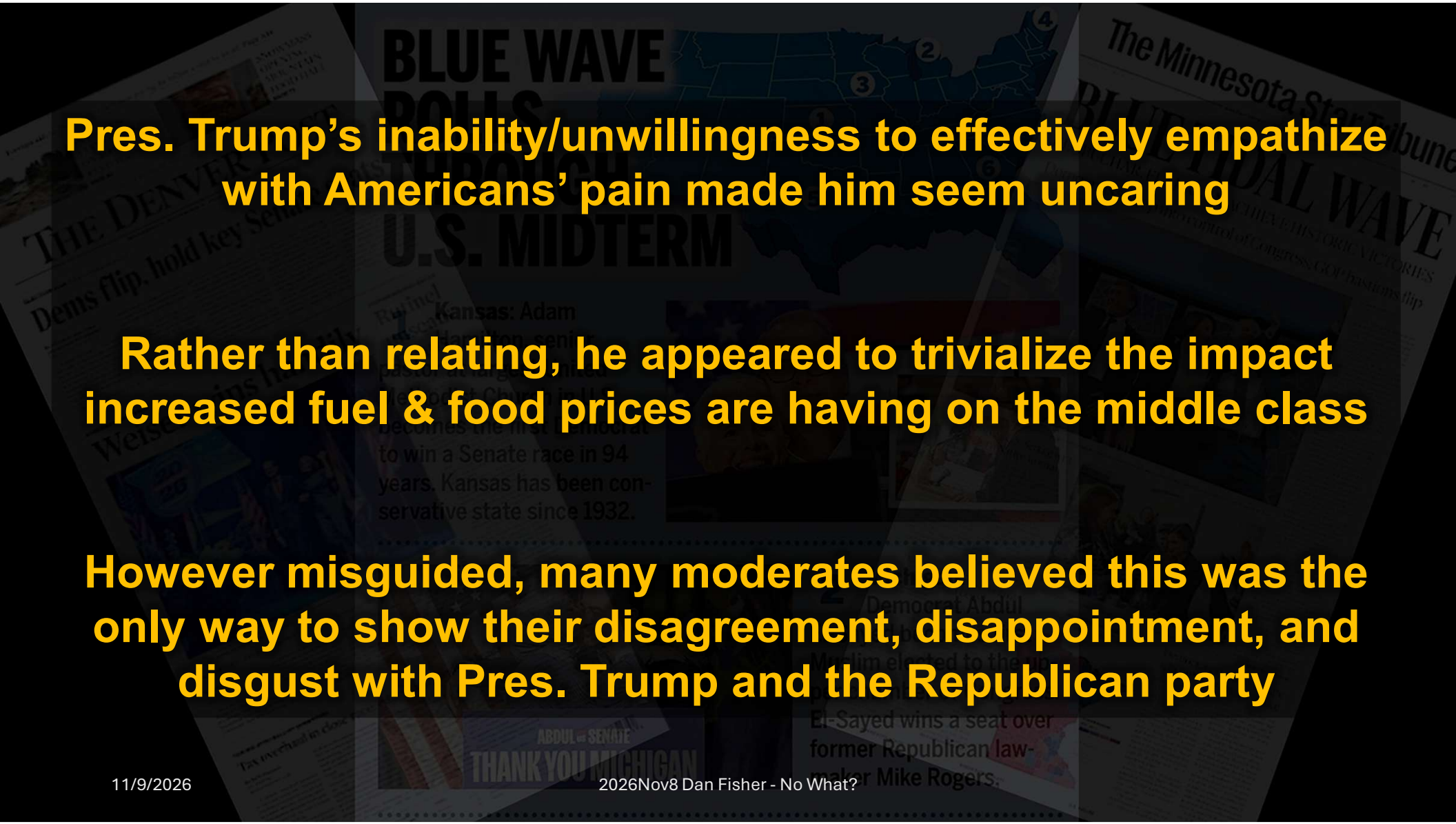


This is why we can never let our emotions/feelings override the facts & our common sense



The Republican congress did almost nothing in 2 years

The war in Iran appears to many to be a betrayal of Pres. Trump's promise not to involve us in any more forever wars



Pres. Trump's inability/unwillingness to effectively empathize with Americans' pain made him seem uncaring

Rather than relating, he appeared to trivialize the impact increased fuel & food prices are having on the middle class

However misguided, many moderates believed this was the only way to show their disagreement, disappointment, and disgust with Pres. Trump and the Republican party

- **Christians overall** (Protestants + other Christians + Catholics) made up roughly **60%** of the voters who cast ballots
- **White evangelicals** were **17%** of the electorate (down from about 24% in the 2022 midterms)
- **White evangelicals: 73%** preferred the **Republican** House candidate, **12%** the **Democrat**
- **Catholics: 42% Democrat, 39% Republican** (white Catholics leaned more Republican; Hispanic Catholics more Democratic)

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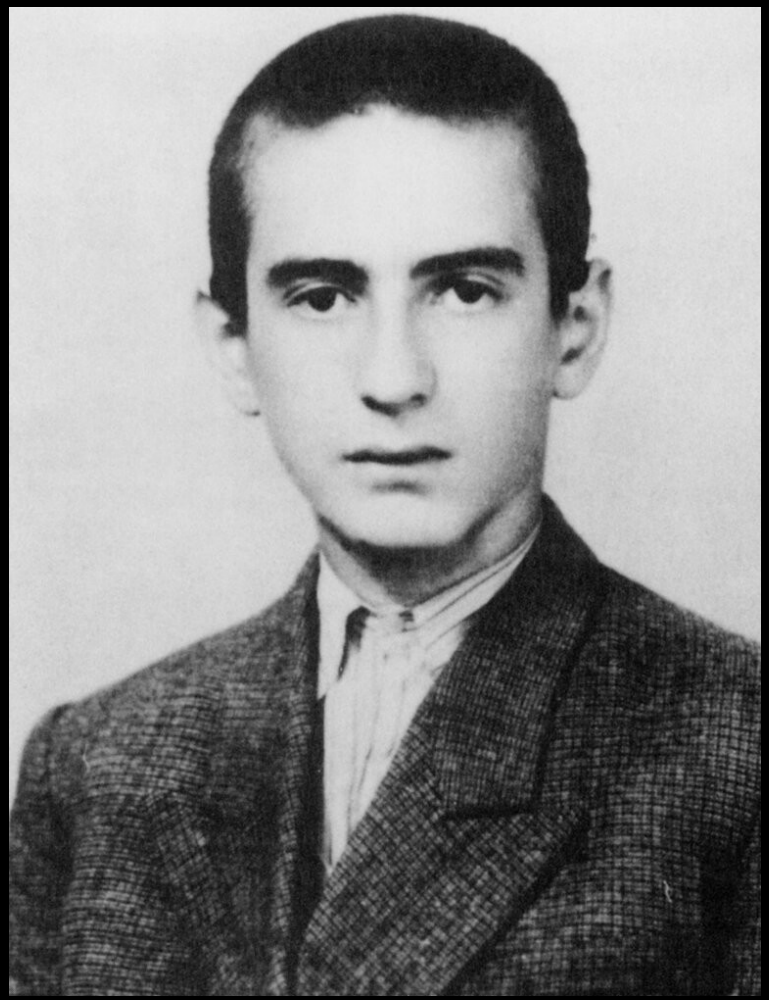
We cannot throw in the towel!



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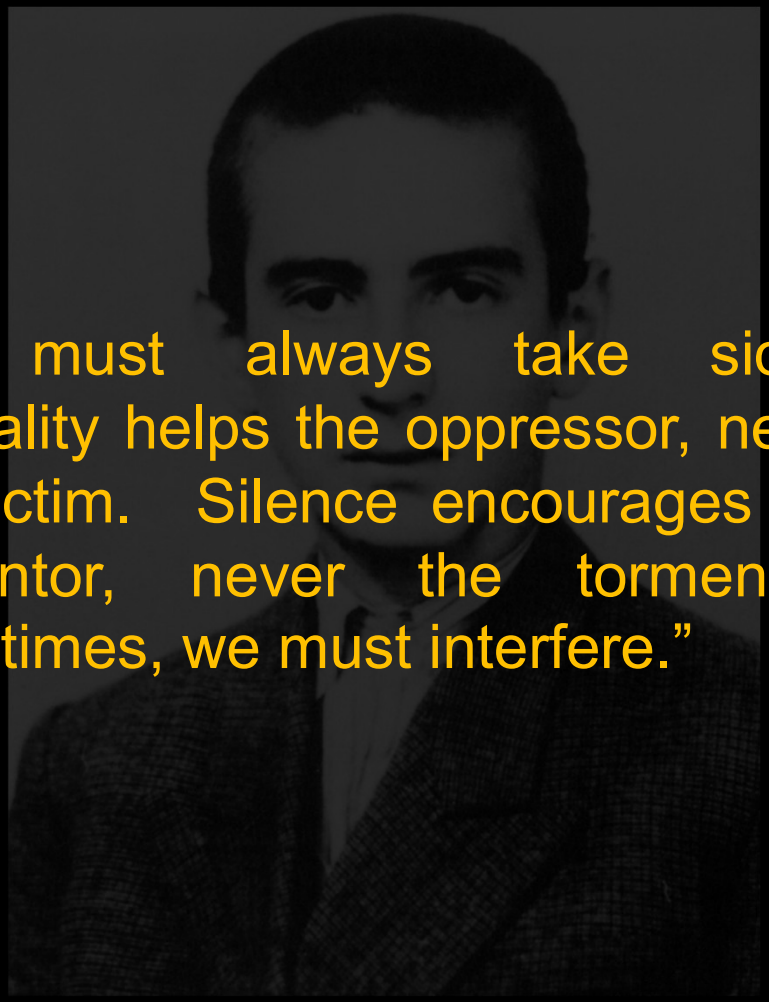
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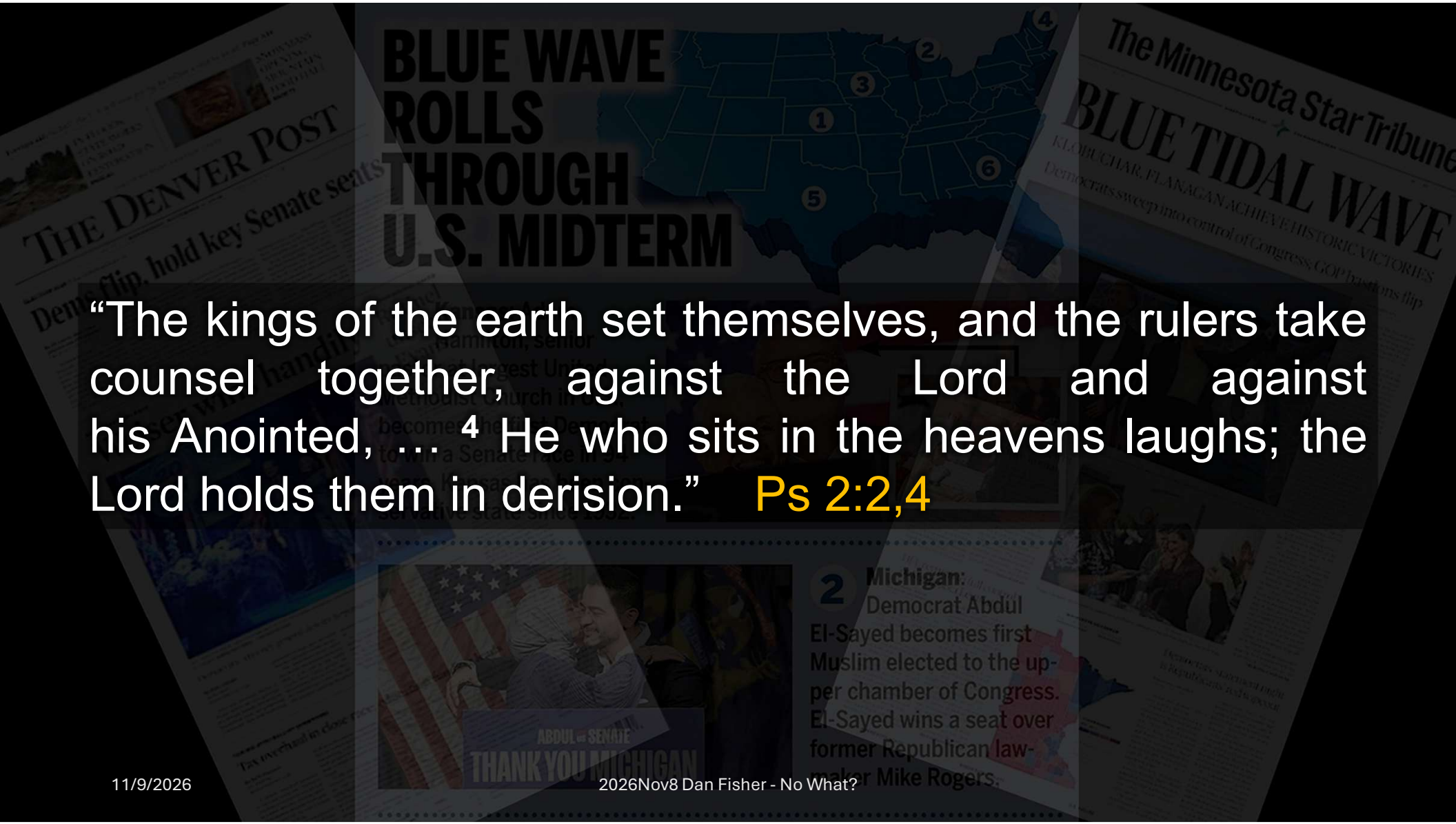
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"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes, we must interfere."

One thing we can know for certain –

there is no panic in heaven



"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, … **4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision." Ps 2:2,4



“And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’ 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’” Mk 4:37-40


Mark 6:45-52

What does Jesus sleeping the boat teach us?

1. What is an emergency to us, is **NOT** to Jesus
2. God's "apparent" inaction does not mean all is lost
3. God can stop the storm anytime He wants
4. Fear is a sign that our faith is weak
5. We can trust Him when the storm comes



How should we respond to Tuesday's elections?



We should not be discouraged

“I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.” Ps 16:8

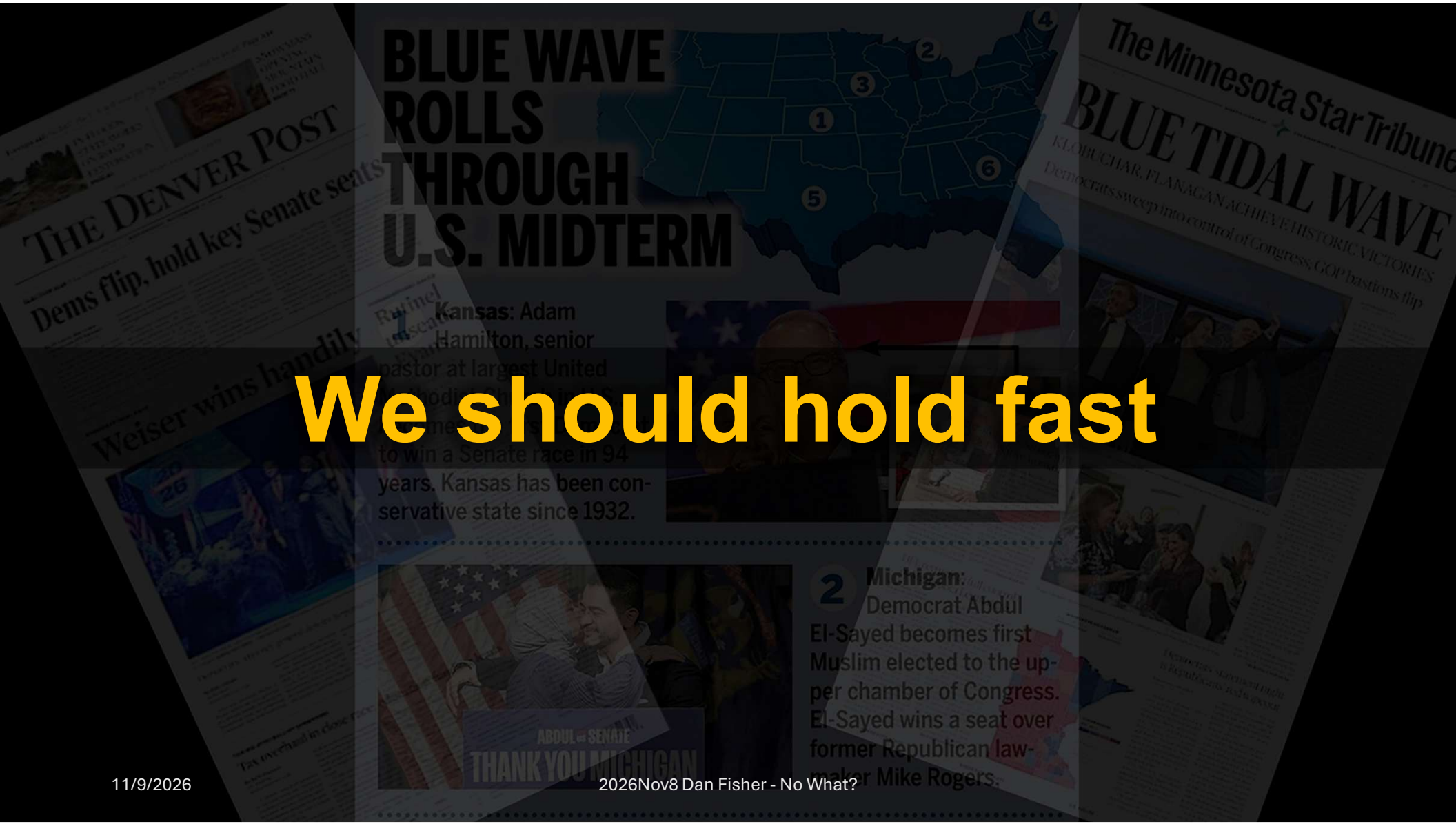
“Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. For the righteous will never be moved; … 7 He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. 8 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.” Ps 112:1,6-8

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in the Lord forever, for in Yahweh, the Lord, is everlasting strength. 5 For He brings down those who dwell on high, the lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust.” Is 26:3-5

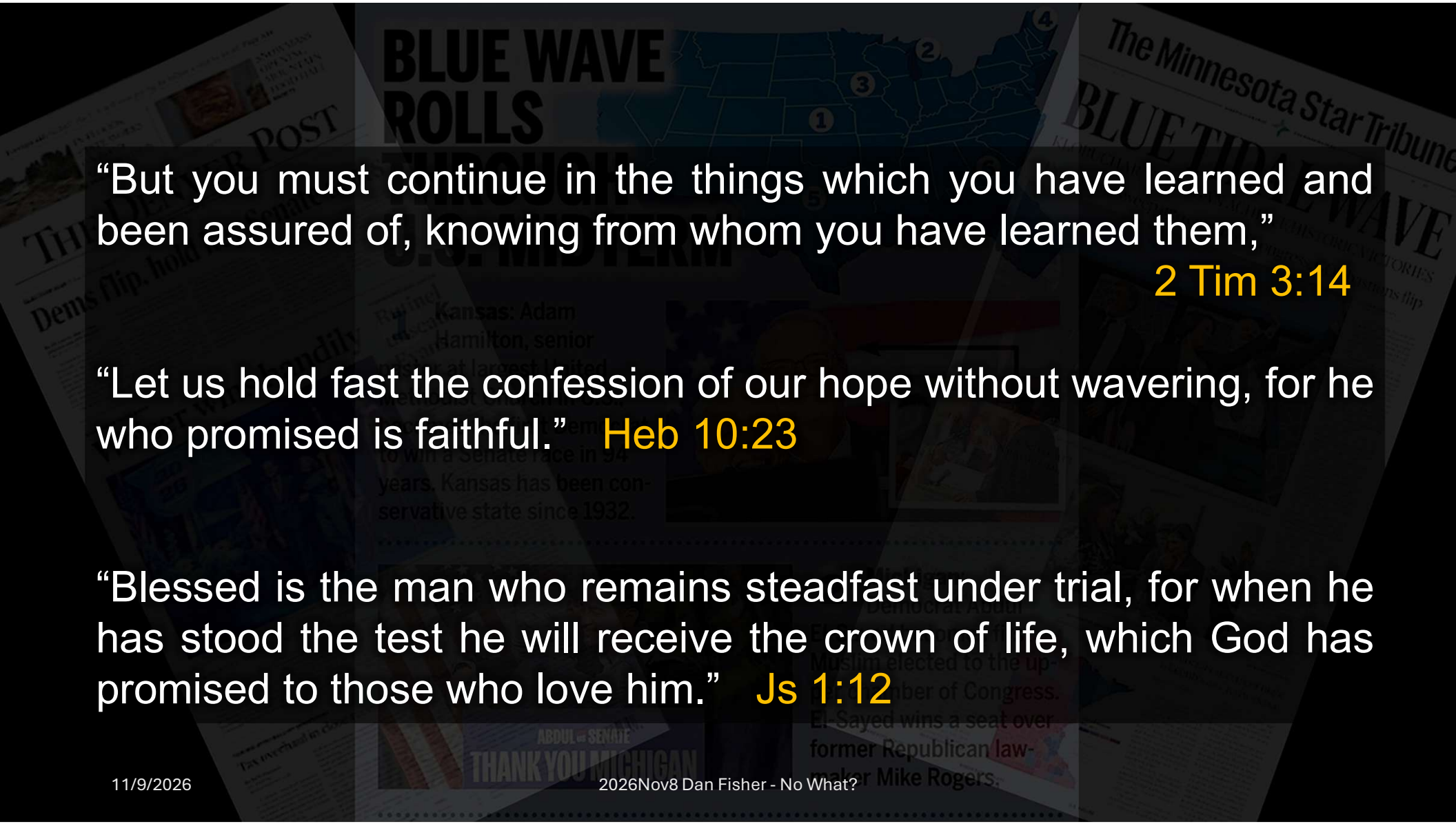


"A steadfast heart is not a heart that never struggles; it is a heart that keeps returning to God in the midst of the struggle"

Things are typically not as devastating as they initially seem



We should hold fast



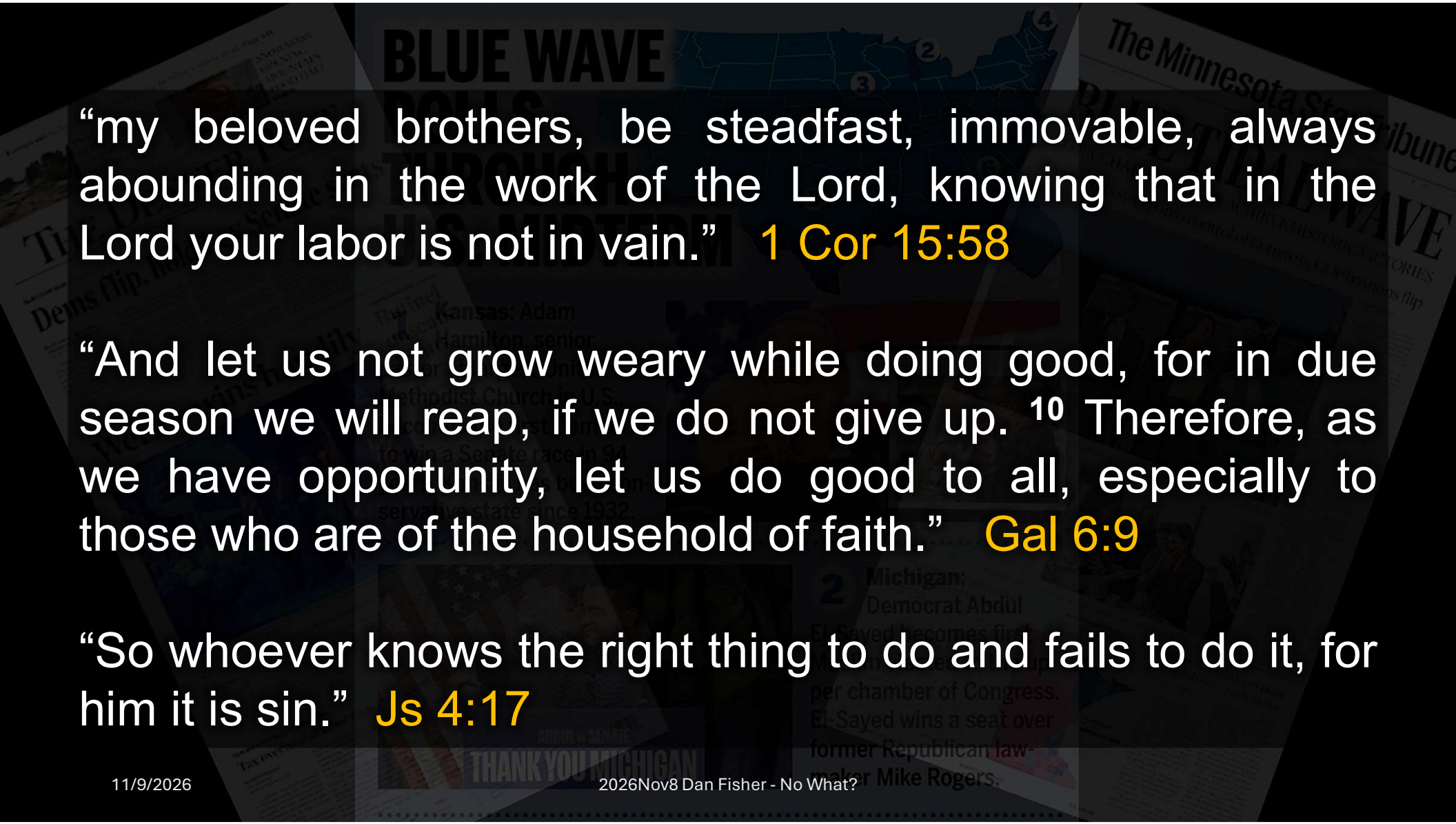
"But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,"
2 Tim 3:14

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." Heb 10:23

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." Js 1:12



We should get to work



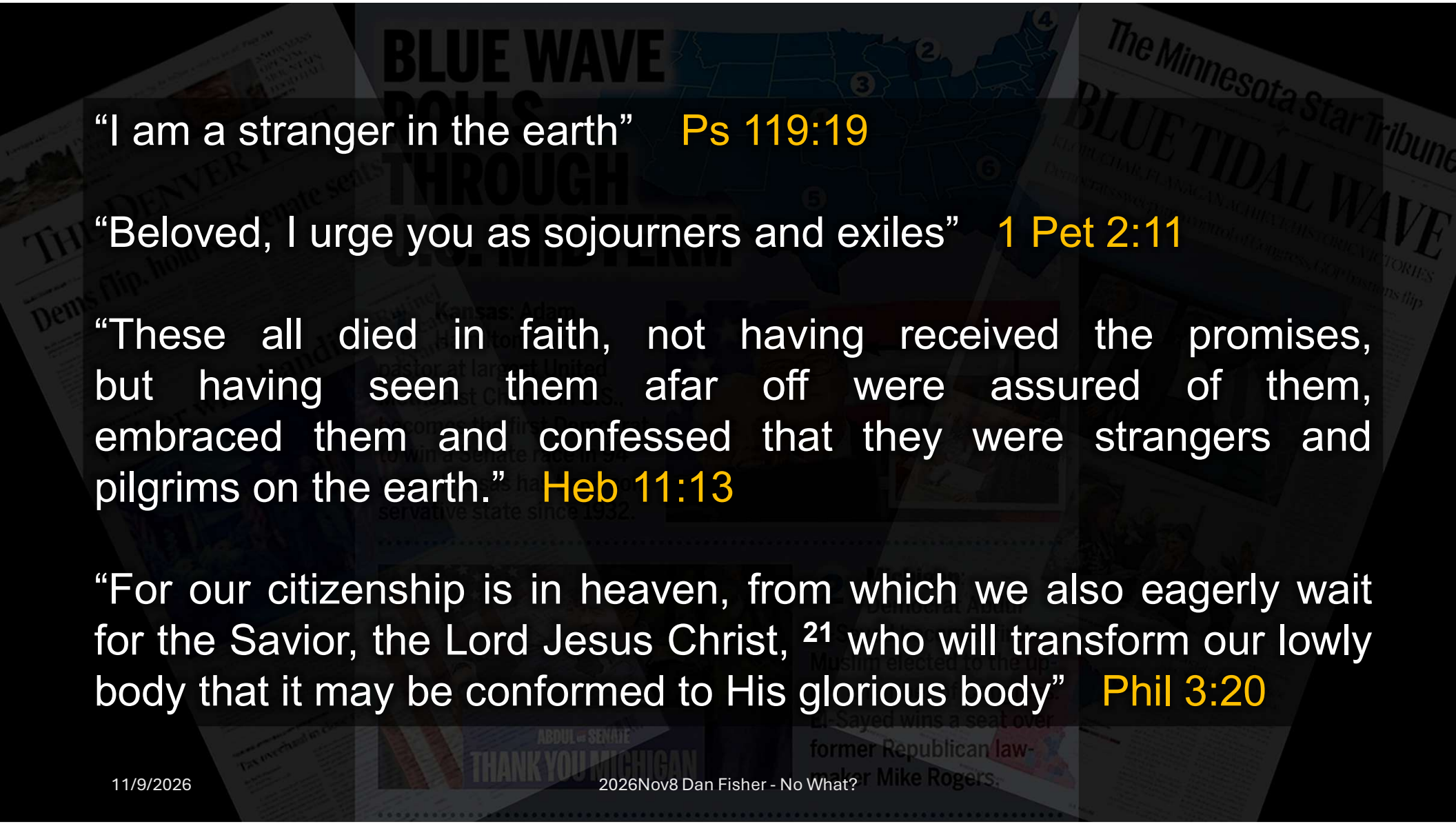
“my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Cor 15:58

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. **10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Gal 6:9

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” Js 4:17



We should remember:
this world is not our home!



"I am a stranger in the earth" Ps 119:19

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles" 1 Pet 2:11

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Heb 11:13

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body" Phil 3:20

“And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” 1 Jn 2:17

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away” Rev 20:1

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” Col 3:2-3

“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,” 2 Pet 3:11