

DANIEL



# God Rewards Faithfulness

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## The New Administration

Darius the Mede?

### Daniel 5:30-6:1-2 NIV

That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, <sup>31</sup> and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

**6:1** It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, <sup>2</sup> with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel.

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**The Narrative of Daniel**  
God's Sovereign RULE +  
REVELATION to Nations

**Compromise**

“Of” the  
Culture

## **The Way of an Exile**

How should God's people  
live in Babylon?

**Revolution**

“Against” the  
Culture



**Faithfulness in Exile**  
Peace, Pray, Prosper

**Jeremiah 29:4-7** NIV

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says **to all those I carried into exile** from Jerusalem to Babylon:  
<sup>5</sup> “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> Also, **seek the peace and prosperity of the city** to which **I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD** for it, because if it prospers, you too will **prosper.**”

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## Faithfulness in Exile

Daniel 6

- **Position for Peace** – excellence & integrity in leadership
- **Pattern to Pray** – consistent times of prayer
- **Prosper through Trials** – walking with God through trials

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## Position for Peace

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### Daniel 6:3-4 <sup>NIV</sup> | Daniel's Position

Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his **exceptional qualities** that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. <sup>4</sup> At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. **They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.**

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Position for Peace

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### Daniel 6:10-11, 13 <sup>NIV</sup> | Daniel's Pattern

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the **windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.** <sup>11</sup> Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help... <sup>13</sup> Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. **He still prays three times a day.**"

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# Schedule time to be with God

Prayer is an interactive conversation with God about what we are doing together.

**Contemplate**  
sitting with God

*"Good morning Lord!  
It is good to be with you."*

**Cooperate**  
participating with God

*"Lord, how can I  
join you in \_\_\_\_?"*

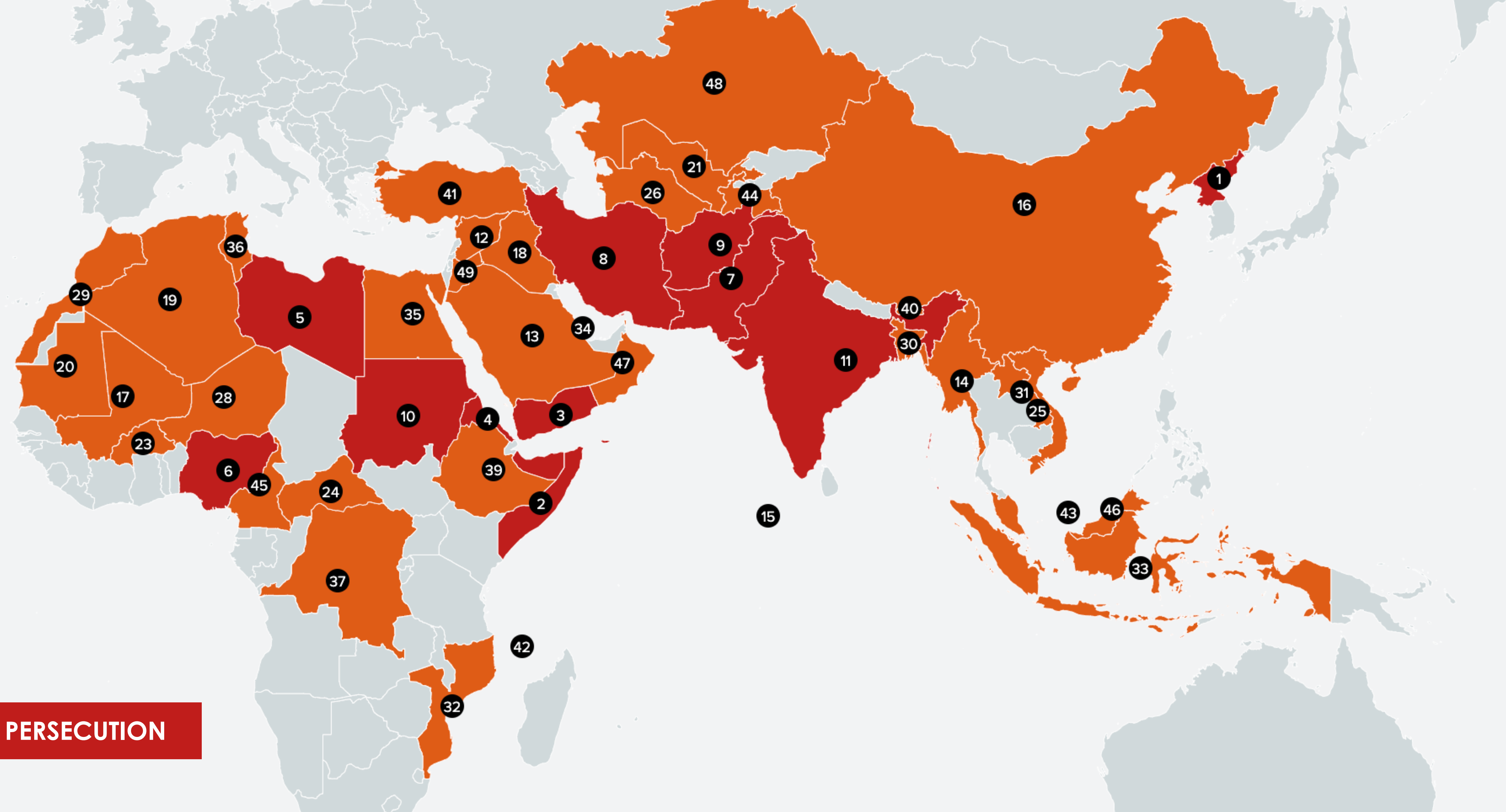
**Confess**  
reflecting with God

*"Lord, where did I miss out  
on you today?"*



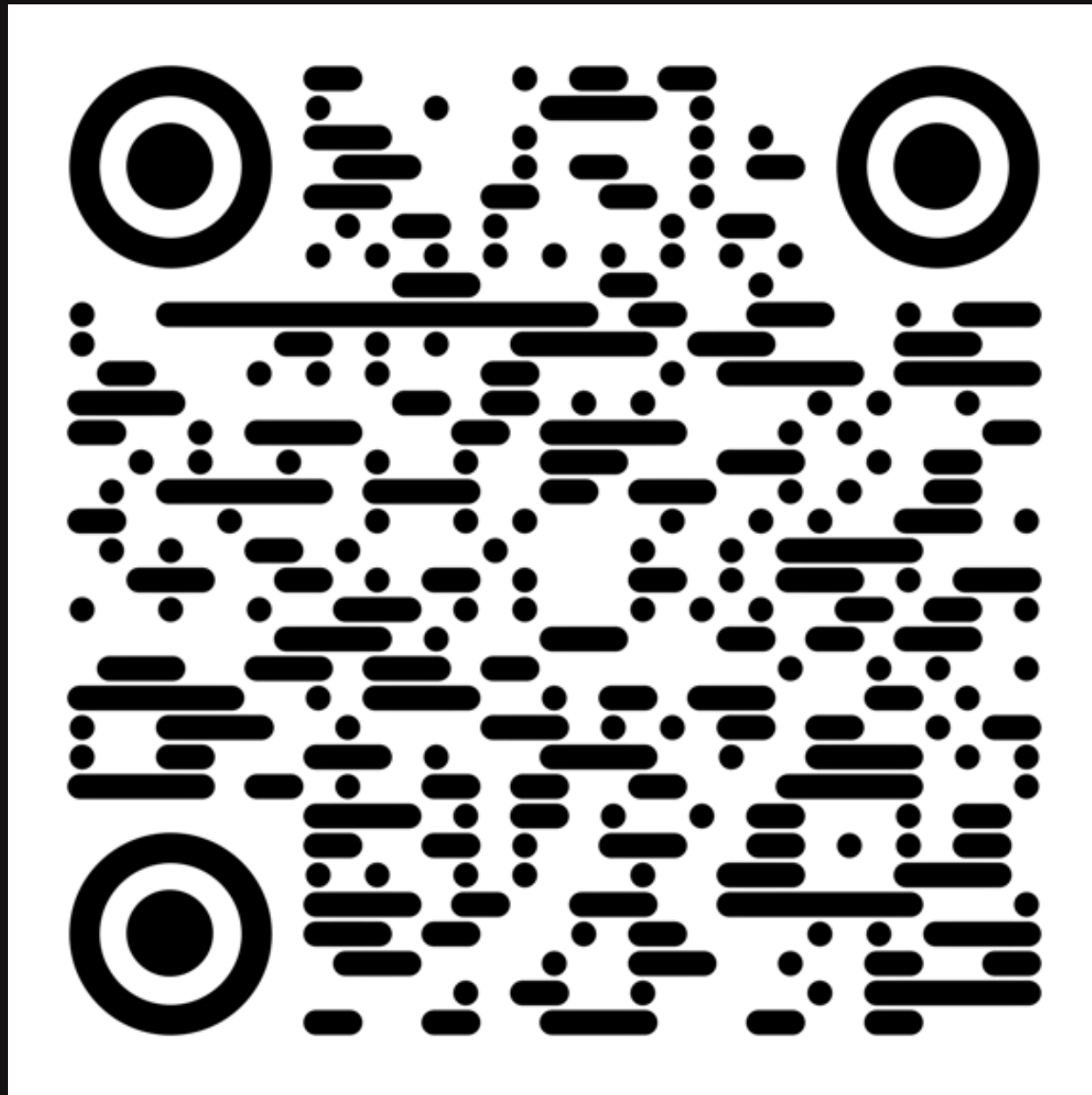


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# World Watch List

a ranking of the 50 countries where Christians  
face the most extreme persecution



- Daniel is distinguished by a foreign ruler 6:1-3
- Darius signs a decree; “no other god” 6:4-10
- Daniel’s colleagues plan his death 6:11-15
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- Daniel is distinguished by foreign ruler 6:28

Position for Peace  
Pattern of Prayer  
**Prosper through Trials**

## Daniel 6:21-23 <sup>NIV</sup> | Daniel's Prosperity

Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup> **My God** sent his angel, and he **shut the mouths of the lions**. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." <sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had **trusted in his God**.

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## A Better Stone

Resurrection and Restoration

### Luke 24:1-3, 6-7 NIV

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found **the stone rolled away** from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus...

<sup>6</sup> “He is not here; **he has risen!** Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘**The Son of Man** must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

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## Faithfulness in Suffering

Trust in the Trial

### 1 Peter 5:6-8, 10 <sup>NLT</sup>

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time **he will lift you up** in honor. <sup>7</sup> Give all your worries and cares to God, for **he cares about you**. <sup>8</sup> Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour...

<sup>10</sup> In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So **after you have suffered** a little while, **he will restore, support, and strengthen you**, and **he will place** you on a firm foundation.

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## The Living God Rescues and Saves

### Daniel 6:25-27 NIV

Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: “May you prosper greatly! <sup>26</sup> I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. <sup>27</sup> He **rescues** and he **saves**; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”

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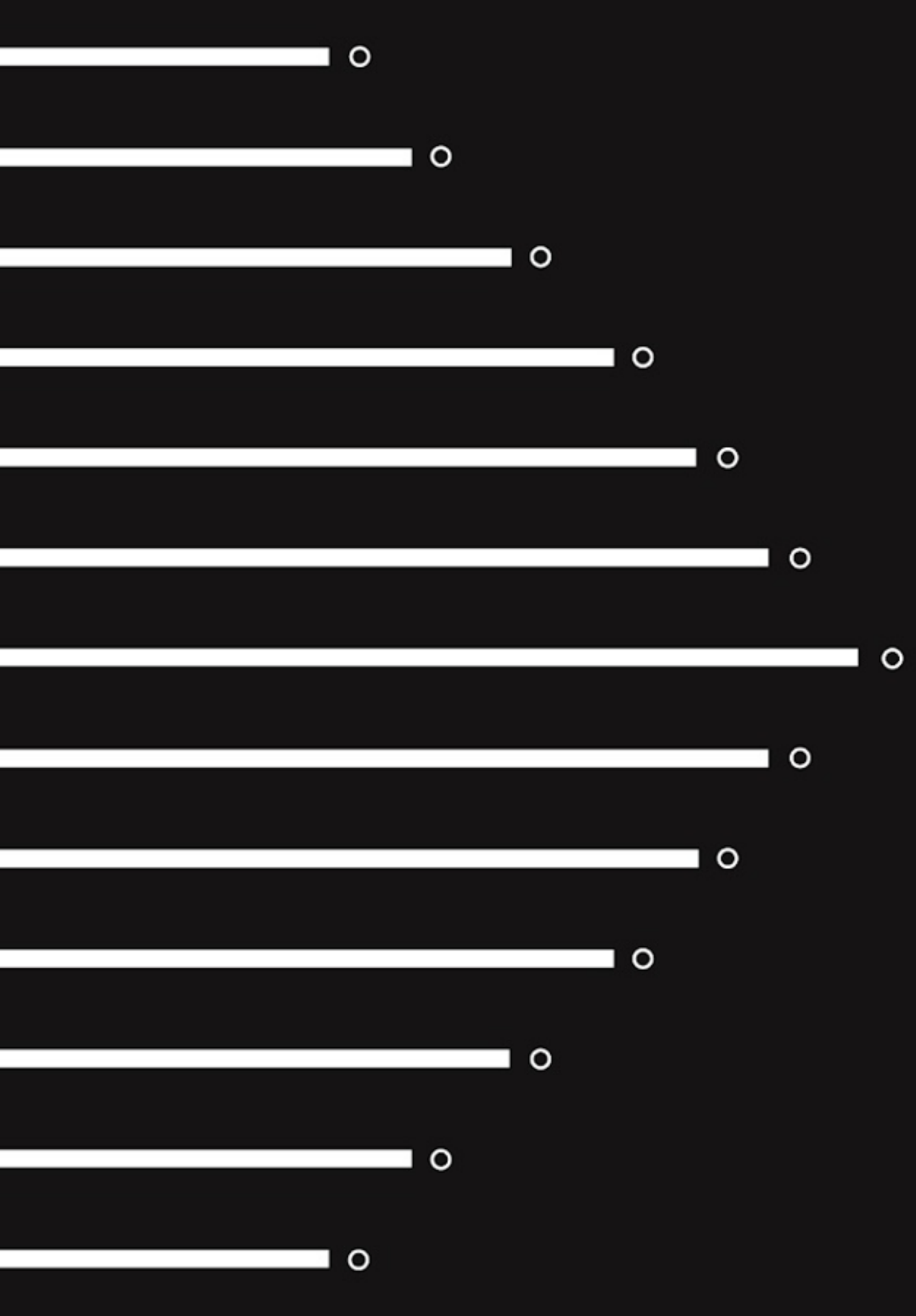
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God rescues and saves,  
so we can bless others,  
enjoy Him, and trust Him.

*What would change in and around you if you chose to be faithful?*