

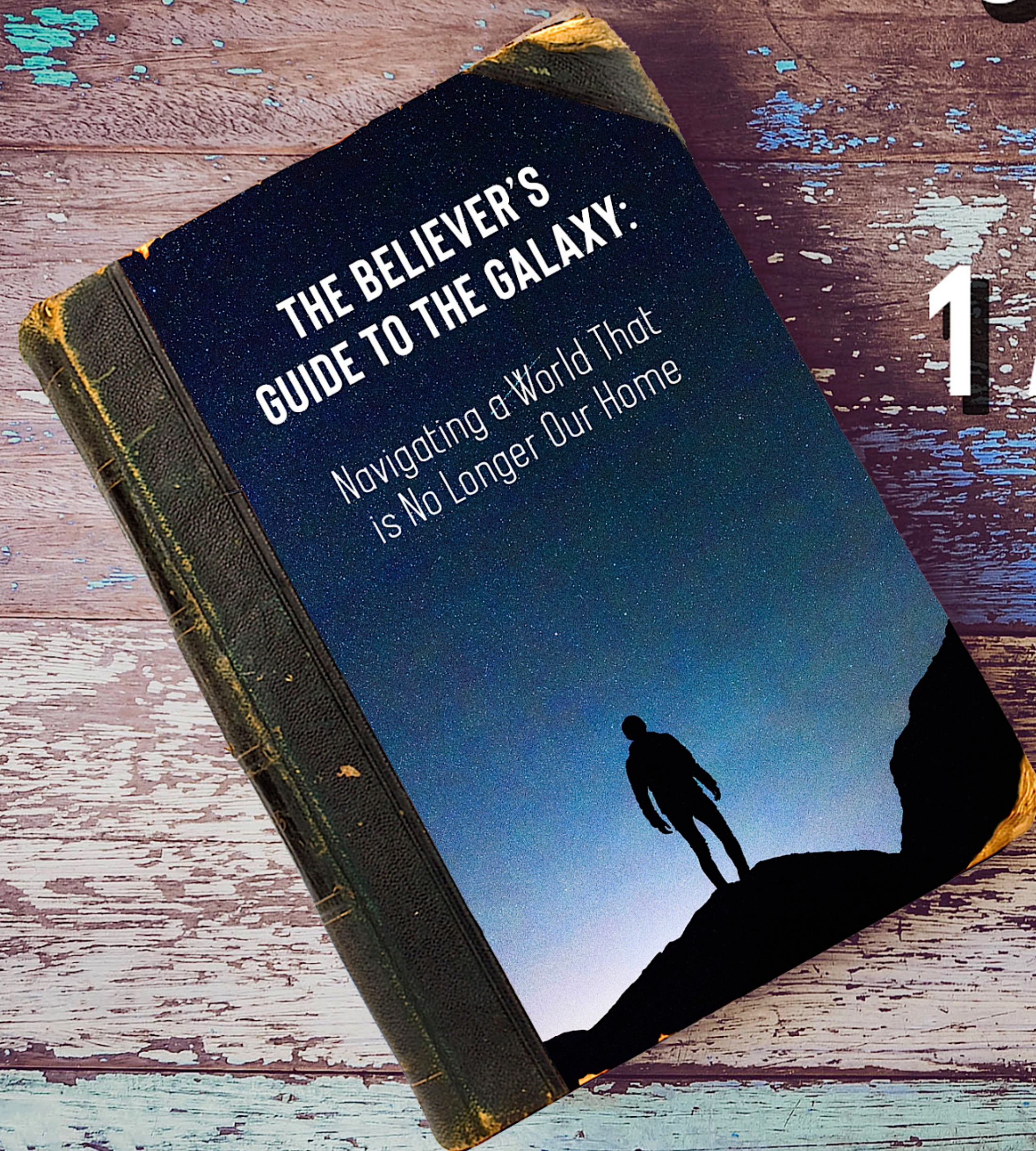
THE RIPPLE EFFECT

STUDY GUIDE



*Enter Into the Story
of the Persecuted Church
Watch Your Faith Grow*

SERIES 2019: A STUDY IN 1 AND 2 PETER







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“My dad and his four friends were willing to die rather than kill the Waodoni when they were attacked—they all had guns and the Waodoni had spears—so I figured as a little boy that my dad must have loved them. And then after dad was killed, every night we would meet for family devotions, and my mom would pray for those people who have just brutally killed my dad and ruined my life.

...I was convinced that these were the most special people on earth. I mean why would my dad and his friends be willing to risk their lives and then not try to defend themselves when they were attacked—why would my mom go on praying for them—and why would Aunt Rachel be willing to risk her life—unless these were really really special people?”

Steve Saint



Upper Story

Lower Story

Good, full preached and preaching with Thy power.
How long dare we go on without tears; without moral
passions, hatred and love? Not long, I pray, Lord
Jesus, not long...

Oct 28 - One of the great blessings of Heaven is the
appreciation of heaven on earth - Ephesian truth.

* He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain
that which he cannot lose. Lu 16:9 "That when it shall fail, they
may receive you into everlasting habitations"

Scripture leaves so many stories untold. Think of the
calloused heart of the priest who stooped over, squinting in the
dimness of the sanctuary, looking for the 30 pes. of silver Judas cast
their - pausing to see if he had found all 30. Too legal to put the
money in the treasury since it was blood-money, they were very philanthropic
and buy with it a field to bury strangers in. How cold the heart of man!
How feelingless and obdurate!

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Jim Elliot





1 Peter 1:13

“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming.”

1 Peter 1:24-25

“All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

1 Peter 2:11-12

“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.”

And we have a
very clear example—

1 Peter 2:21-23

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps. ‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.’ When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.”

Yeah...but what if Nero is
coming after you—
to imprison or even
crucify you?

Yeah...but what if you're a
household servant—
and your master mistreats
and even beats you?

Yeah...but what if you're
one of the 288 Christians
who will be killed TODAY
for claiming allegiance
to Jesus?

**Your life should be marked
with gentle, patient,
faithful, and even
wordless witness to the
grace of Jesus.**

1 Peter 3:1-6

verse 1

“...so that, if any of them
do not believe the word,
they may be won over
without words...”

verse 4

**“...it should [come from]
your inner self, the unfading
beauty of a gentle and quiet
spirit, which is of great
worth in God’s sight.”**



The Apostle Peter is writing directly to Elizabeth from Yenipazar—and many other women just like her. He is addressing them as equals. And he is calling them to remember the Upper Story!



And he is calling husbands to the same exact thing!
“In the same way be considerate as you live with your wives....Treat them with respect...as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

Peter is not spelling out a pattern for husbands and wives in all places and all times. Nor is he condoning mistreatment or abuse.

What he IS doing is calling us to live like Jesus—and remember that life is short and heaven is long.

**What are you willing to do
to help bring about the
salvation of another soul?**

**What are you willing to
sacrifice so that another
person might live?**

Pray.

- Pray for grace to live a gentle life.
- Pray for those who don't know Jesus.
- Find a Sunday School class, and pray for those in this world who are undergoing unimaginable persecution—today.

