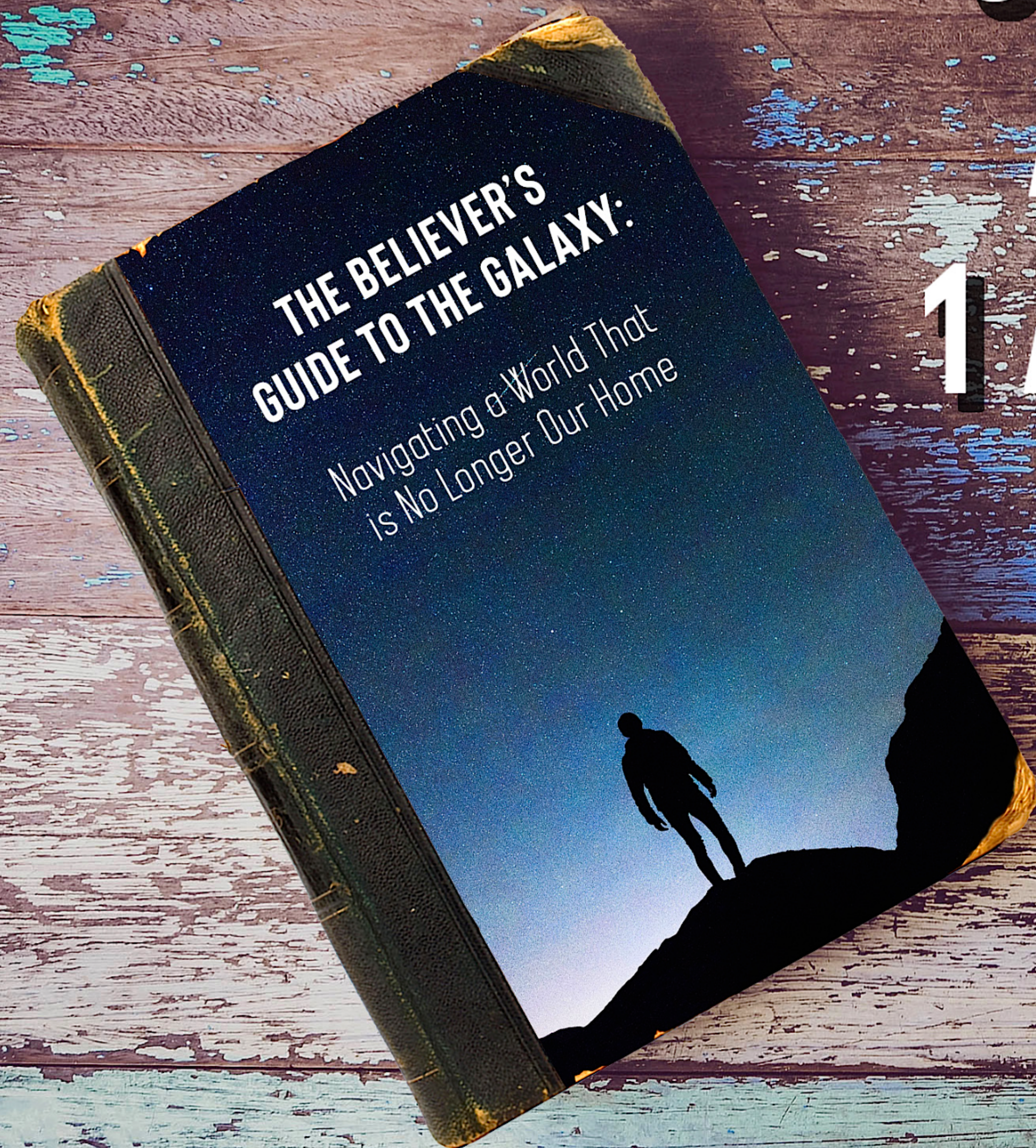


SERIES 2019: A STUDY IN 1 AND 2 PETER



THE BELIEVER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY:

Navigating a World That
is No Longer Our Home

Upper Story

Lower Story

**There is a lot more
going on than
meets the eye.**

2 Kings 6

15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked

16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Psalm 34:6-8

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.**

**Those who look to Him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.**

**This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
He saved him out of all his troubles.**

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those
who fear him, and He delivers them.**

Hebrews 11:1

**Now faith is confidence in what
we hope for and assurance
about what we do not see.**

**There is a lot more
going on than
meets the eye.**

**Things that we need
God's Word to
help us understand.**

Malaria



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mid 18th century: from Italian, from mal'aria, contracted form of mala aria 'bad air'. The term originally denoted the unwholesome atmosphere caused by the exhalations of marshes, to which the disease was formerly attributed.

**Throughout this letter,
Peter has been talking
about suffering...**

How easy it would have been
(& still is!) to demonize their
human opponents, and view
them as the real source of
the suffering.

**Peter gets to the heart of
the issue. There is a real
enemy. Like the mosquito,
this enemy is seriously
dangerous, particularly
when ignored.**

Peter, however, uses a more obvious animal to describe the enemy...



The reason is obvious...



1 Peter 5:8-9

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

This is real.



"I do not think you will have much difficulty in keeping the patient in the dark. The fact that 'devils' are predominately comic figures in the modern imagination will help you. If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights, and persuade him that since he cannot believe in that, he therefore cannot believe in you."

C.S. Lewis

The Screwtape Letters

What to do when Satan tempts or attacks...

1. Be alert & keep your wits.
2. Stand firm & don't give in.
3. Trust the Lord.
4. Remember that you're not alone.

The real key is in verse 12:

“I have written to you briefly,
encouraging you and testifying
that **this** is the true grace of God.

? Stand fast in it.”

**Finding God's joy and
strength in the midst
of your struggles.**

**Choosing to follow Christ
won't keep you out
of suffering.**

**It puts you right in
the path of suffering.**

**And that is exactly
where you find the
true grace of God.
Hold on to Jesus.**

**And don't ever lose sight
of the fact that you're
not home yet...**

vv. 10-11

**Peace to all of you
who are in Christ!**

