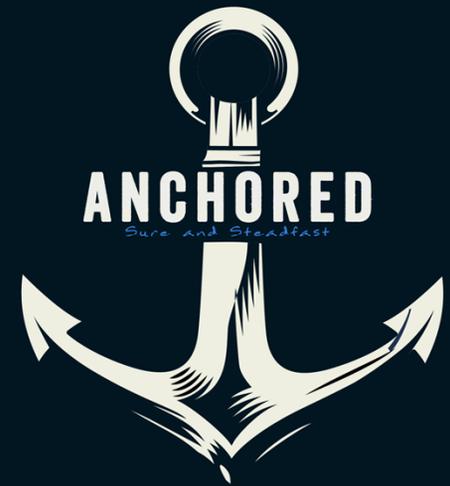


UNIT 1: WORLDVIEW

LESSON 3 – COMPARING WORLDVIEWS



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- How to share a biblical worldview more confidently with others

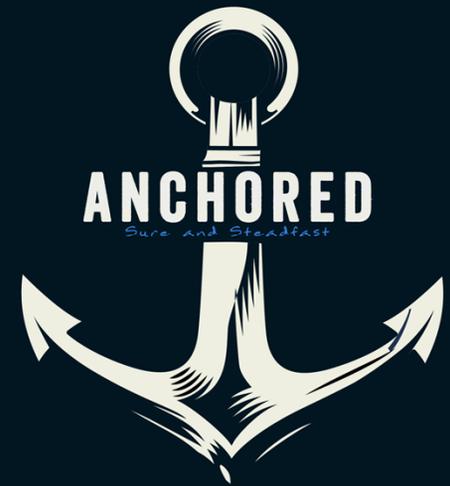


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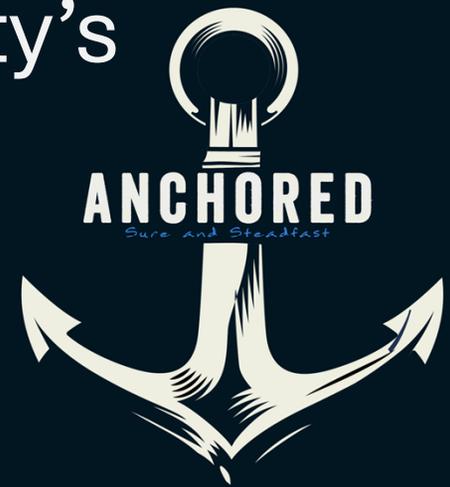
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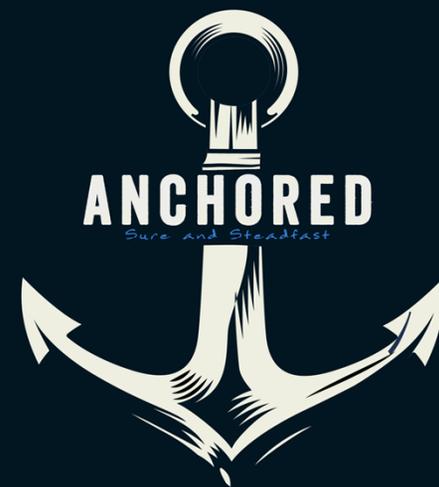


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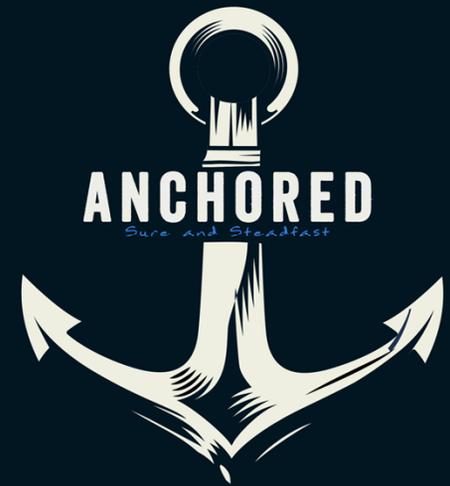


OVERVIEW



Overview

- Interact with seven of the biggest belief systems in the world
- Develop an understanding of the key differences
- Leave more anchored in our faith



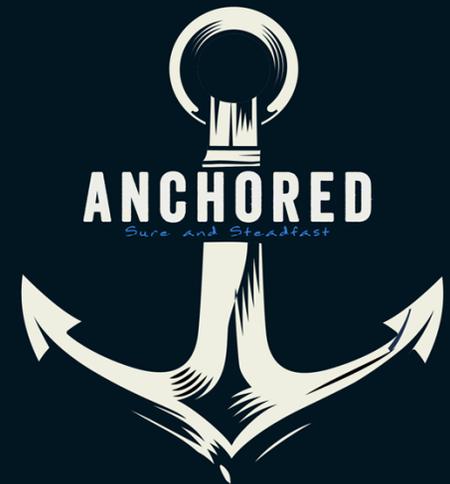
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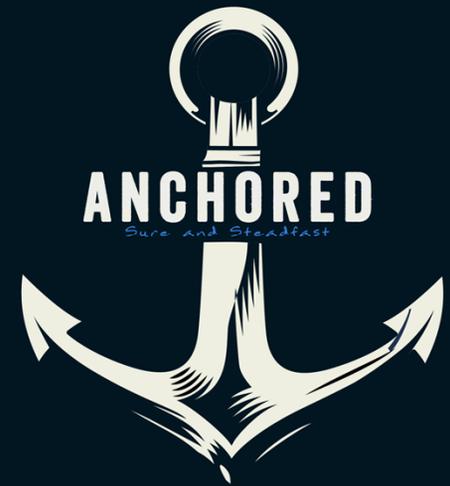
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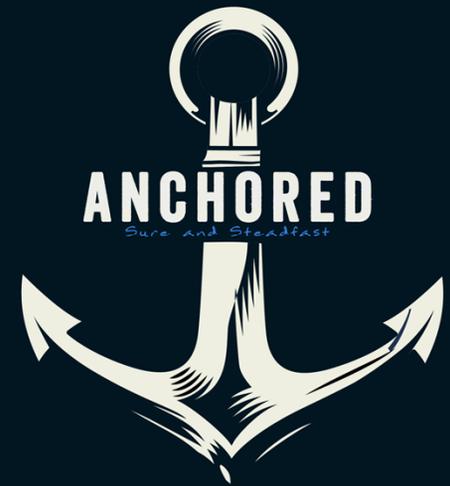
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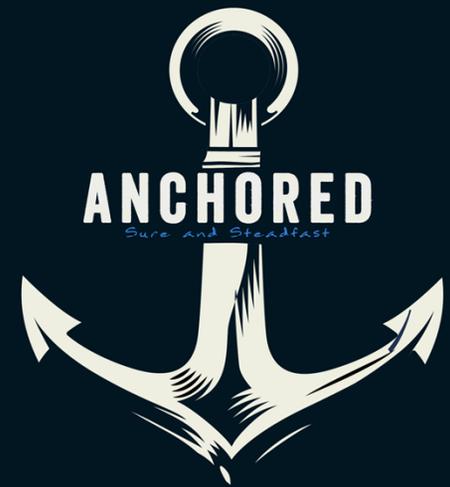
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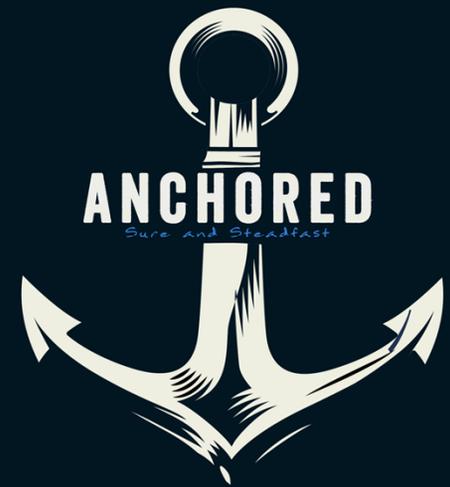
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The Bible has something to say about all belief systems

False beliefs lead to broken worldviews



THE MAIN POINT



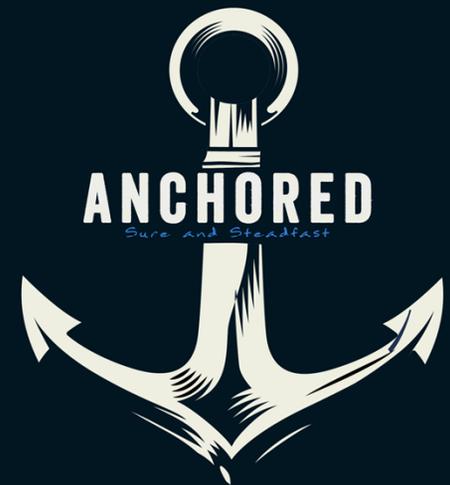
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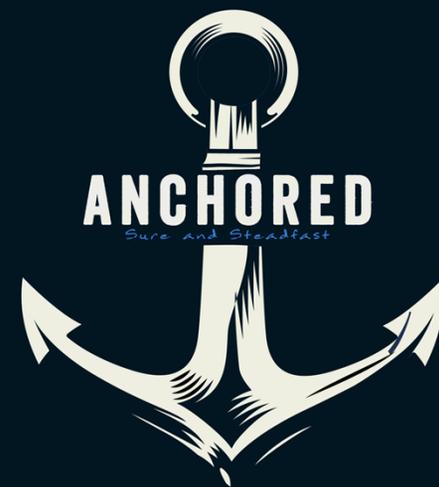
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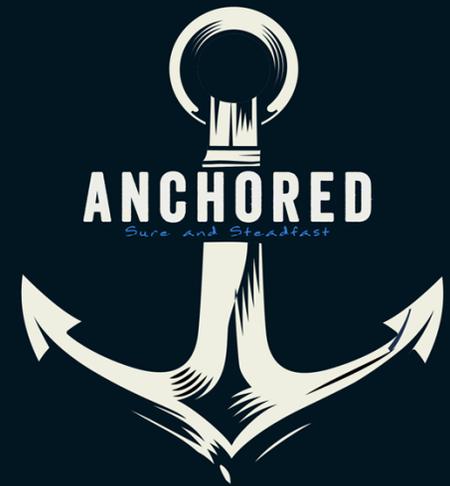


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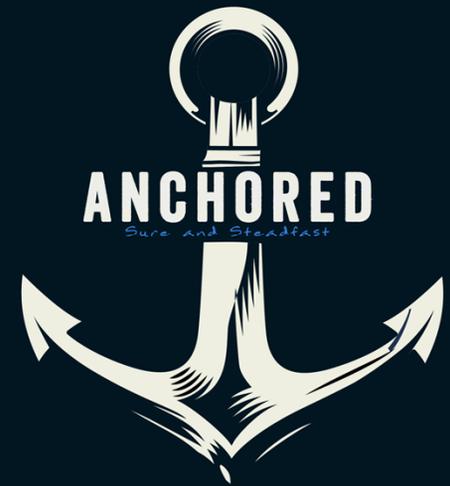
Understand the impact a
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worldview



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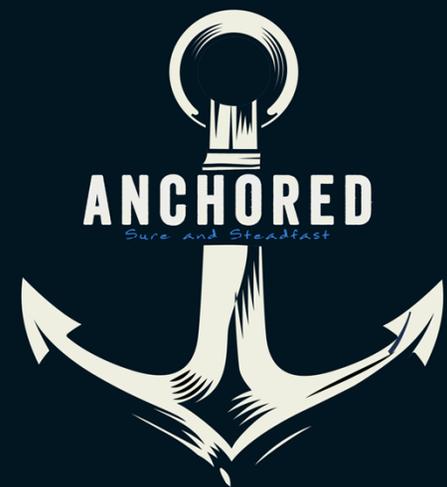
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3. Other false belief systems

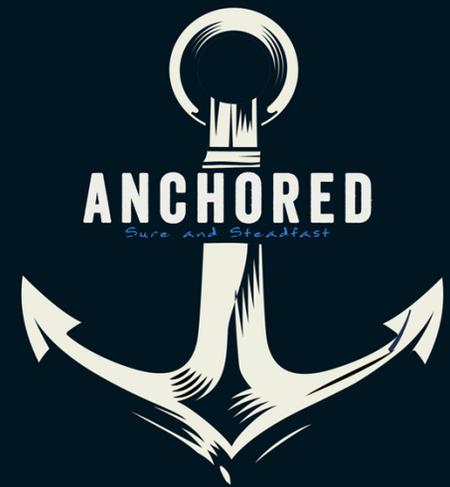


There is only one religion
that holds the truth about
the world around us

Christianity

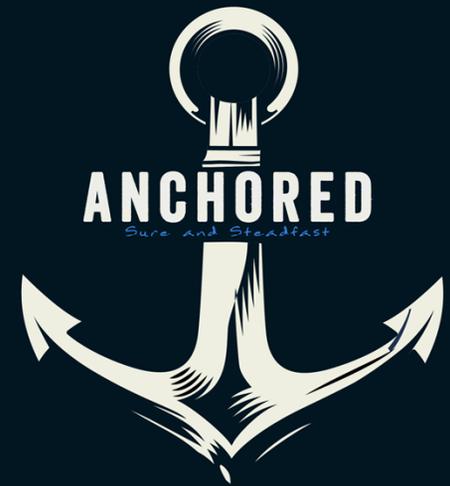


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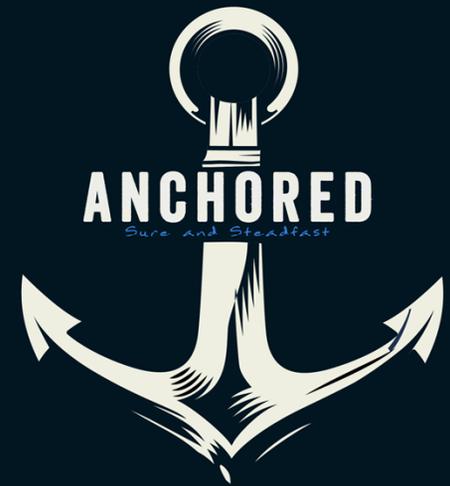
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Discuss several beliefs that distinguish a Christian worldview from a non-Christian worldview, and how that impacts all our actions

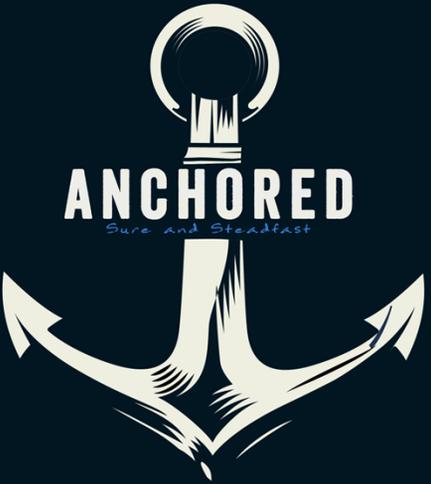


Seven Friends Worksheet

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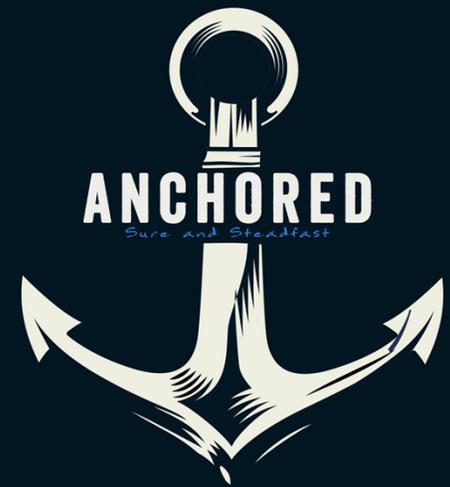


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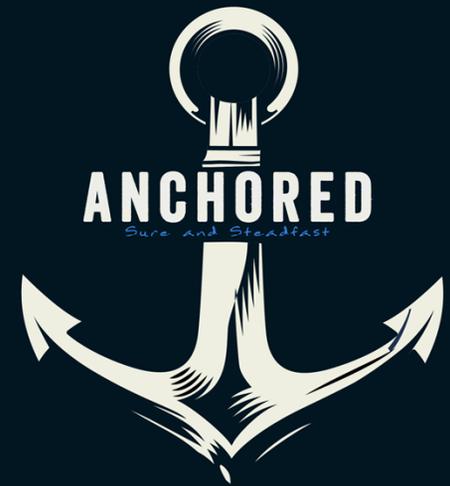
Proverbs 14:12

What are some examples of things that could seem 'right' in human eyes, but actually lead to death?



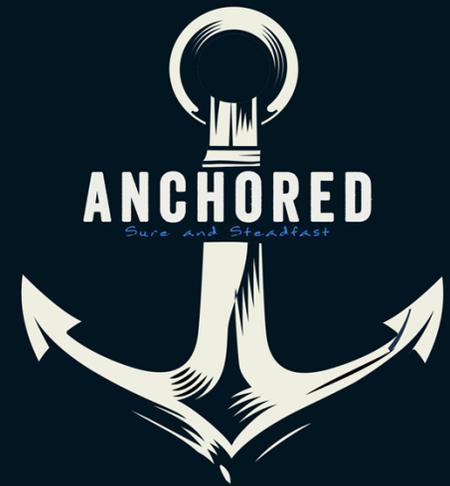
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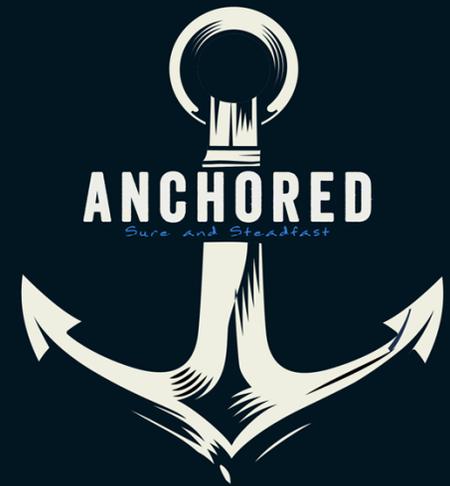
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Does this type of thinking sound similar to our current culture?



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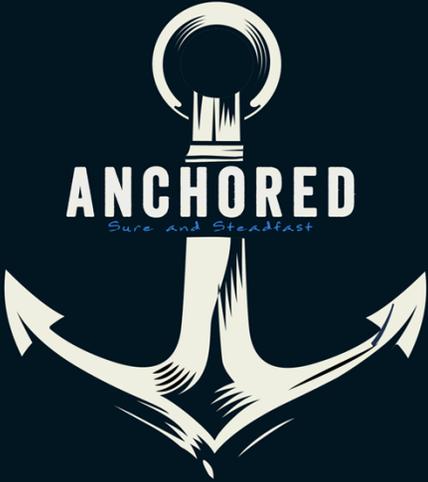
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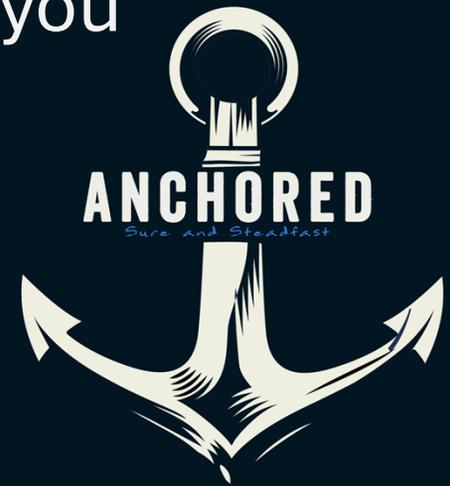


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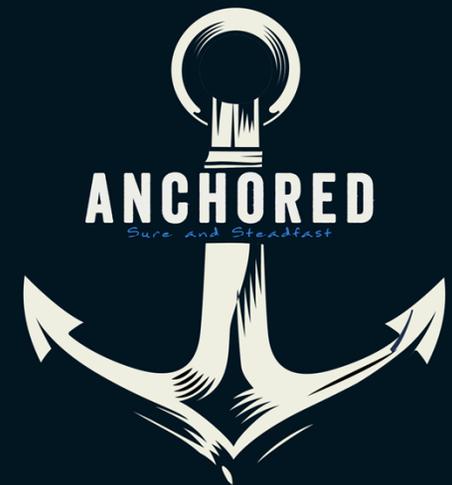
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What differences do you see between these five friends?

What similarities do you see?

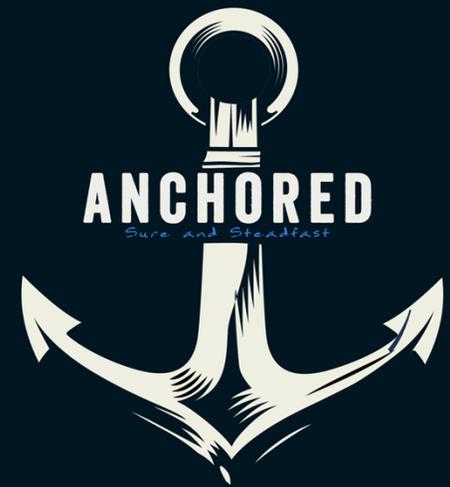


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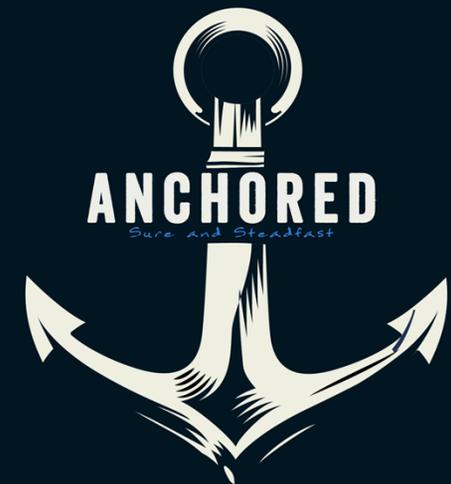


Isaiah 40:30-31

There is hope for a practicing Jew today because it says that those who wait for the Lord will have their strength renewed.

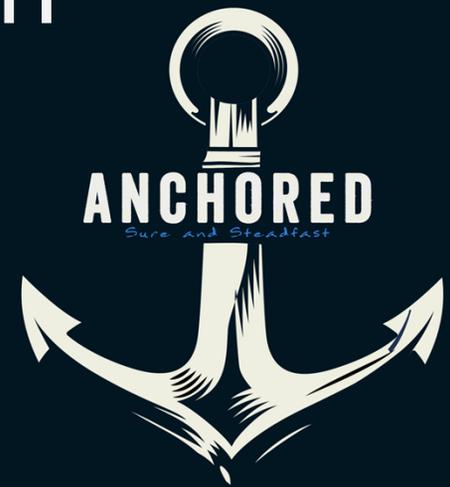


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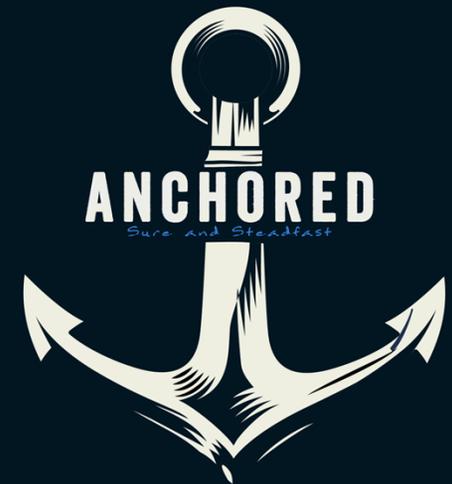


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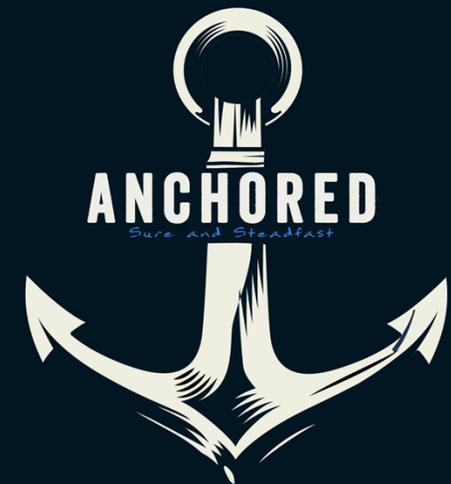
How do you think this difference in belief will impact the worldview of the Christian brother?



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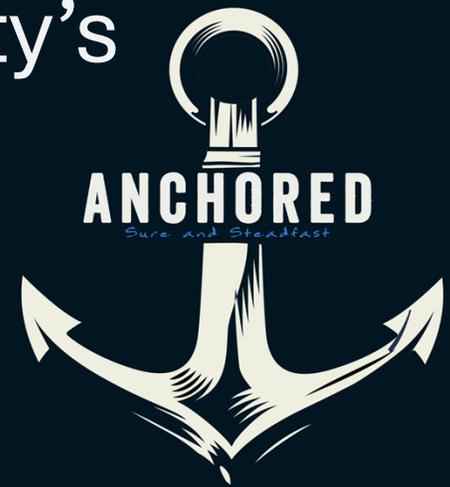


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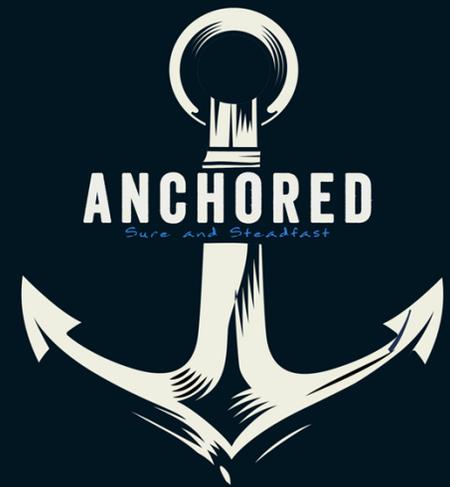


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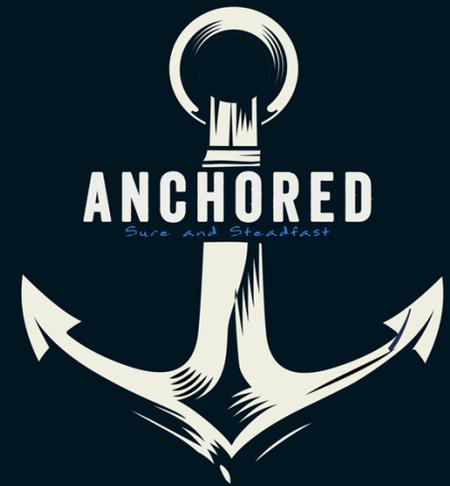


THE LAST WORD



The Last Word

How differently would each friend respond to someone experiencing a tragedy such as the complete loss of their home in a storm?



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When we think of different worldviews, sometimes we forget that actions can carry more than one meaning. It's not until we understand the mindset behind the actions that we can properly understand the person doing them.

