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CHRIST BUILDS
HIS CHURCH

Don't Get Caught Dead in Church | Acts 4:32-5:11


MAIN POINT

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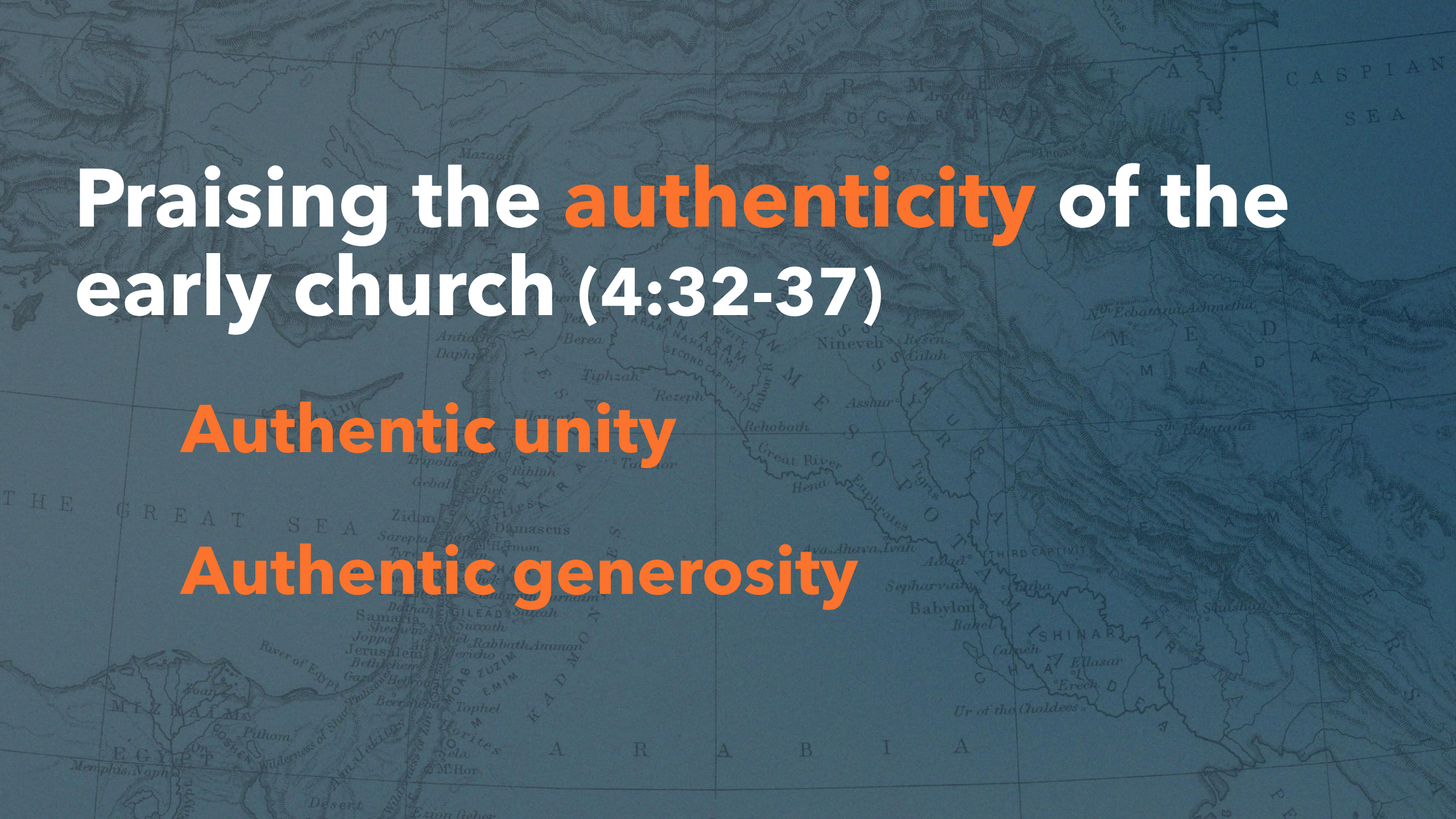


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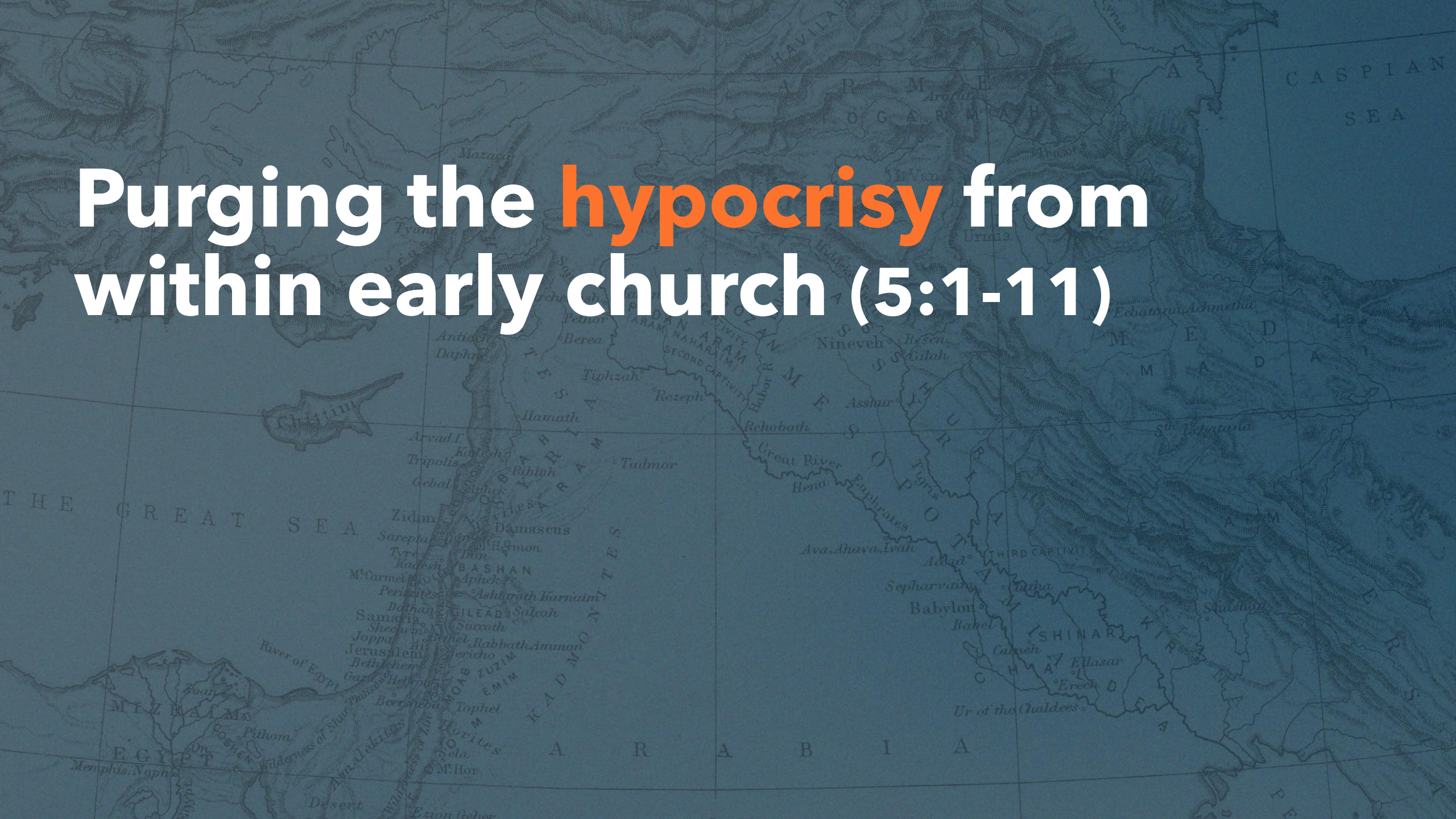
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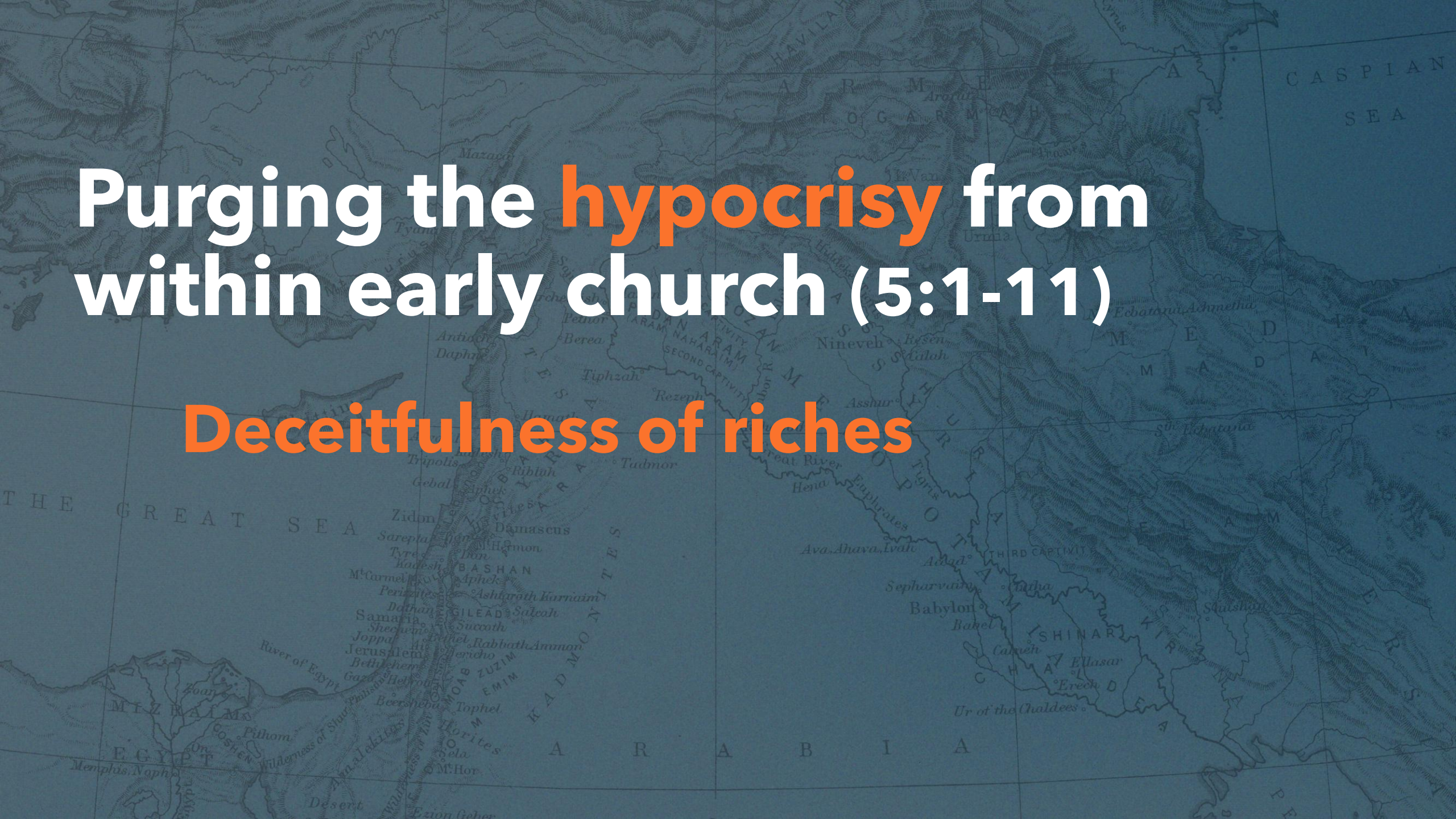
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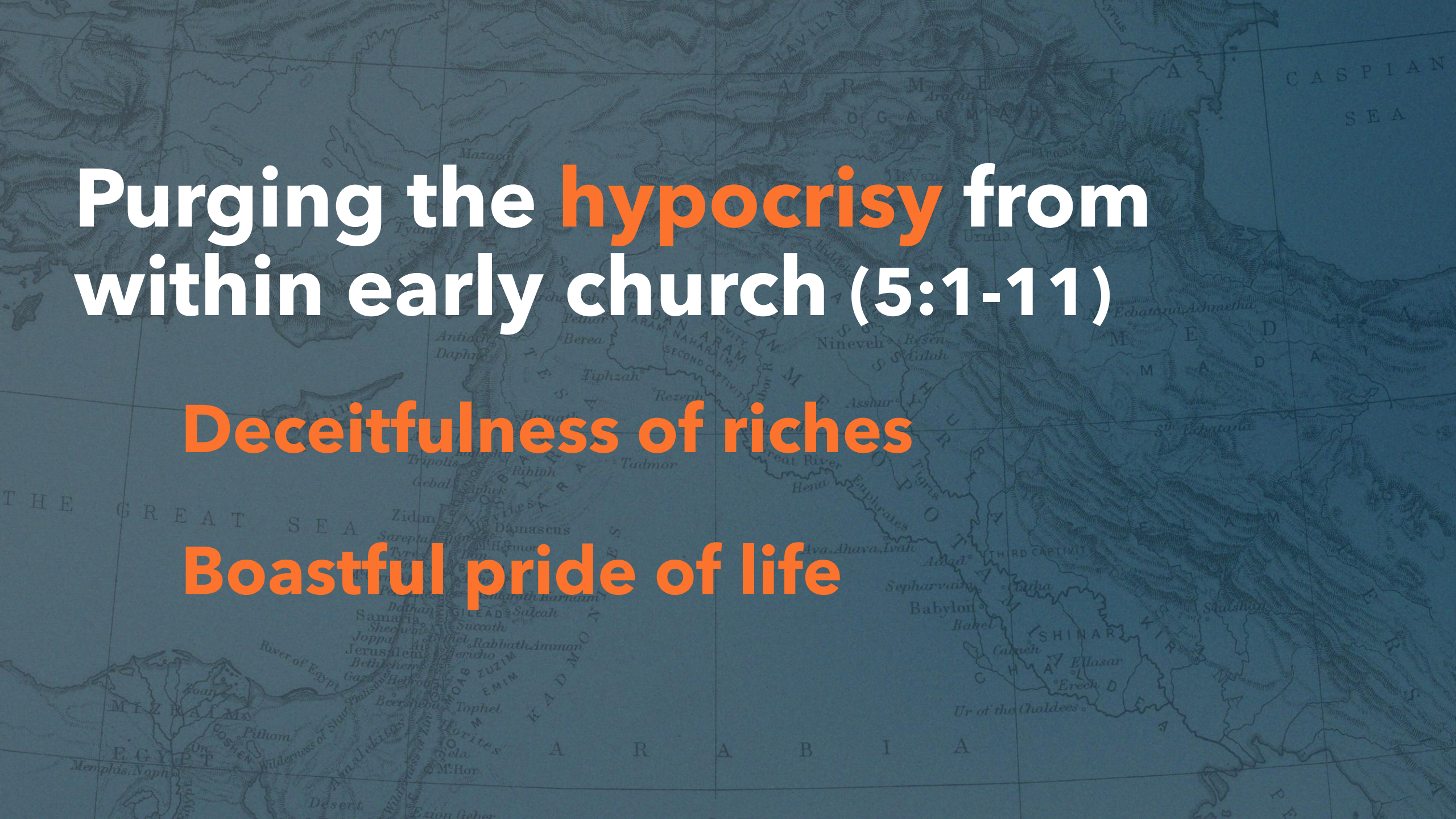


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Boastful pride of life

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Those who are rich in something should be generous with it.

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Grace and power are
found in your commitment
to Christ.

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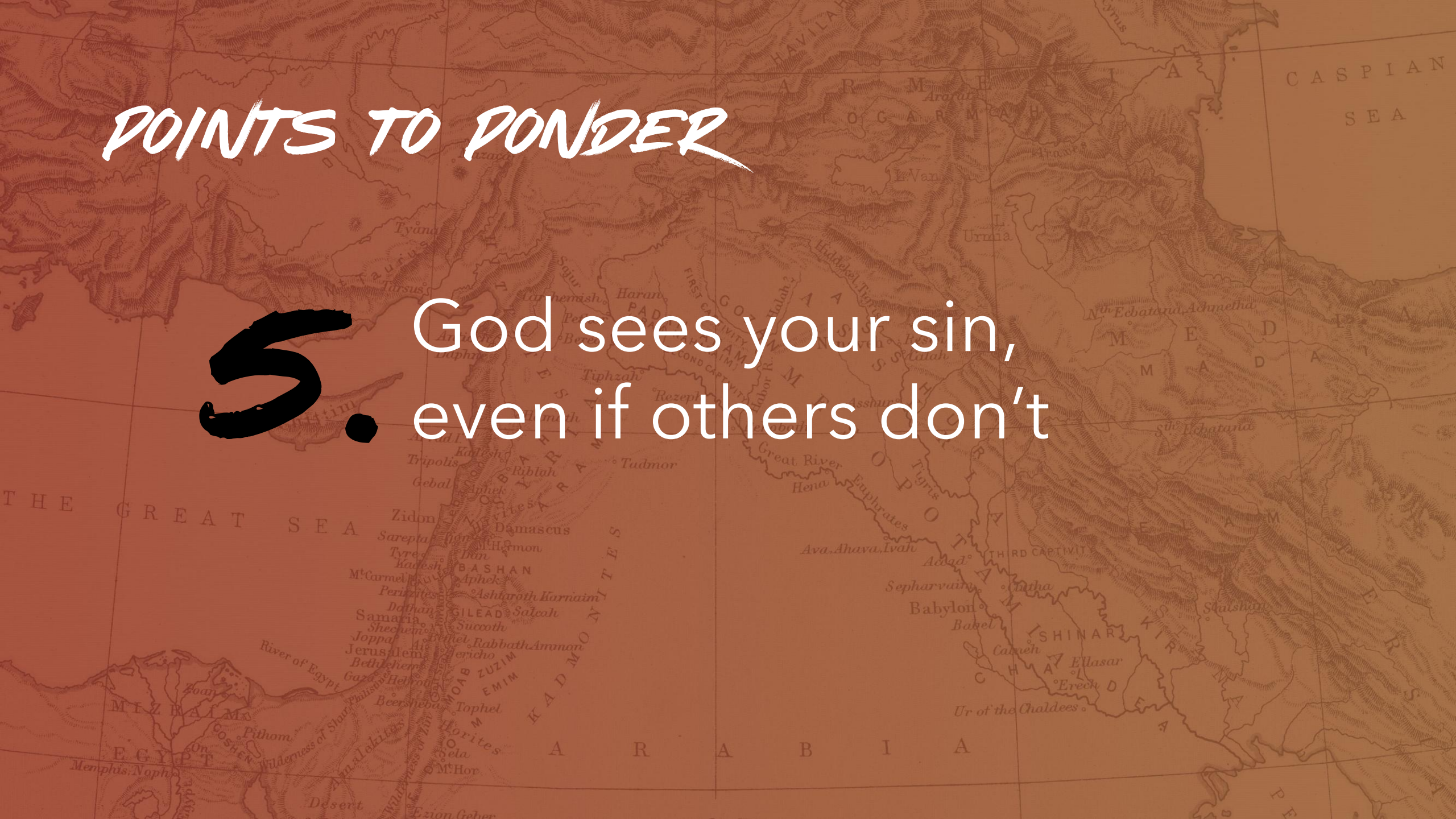
Beware! Opposition often follows success.



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5.

God sees your sin,
even if others don't



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6.

You will be remembered
by how you relate to God.

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It is exhausting to play the comparisons game.

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Satan is content to
destroy the church
through hypocrisy.

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God uses fear to purify
and build His church.



19 Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 20 As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, **so that the rest may stand in fear.**

1 Timothy 5:19-20





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“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.”

3:20-21

“Don't Get Caught Dead in Church”

Acts 4:32-5:11 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

MAIN POINT: Authentic worship is threatened when sin is tolerated.

Praising the _____ of the early church. (4:32-37)

Purging the _____ from within the early church. (5:1-11)

Points to Ponder

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- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.
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- 9.

Growing Deeper:

1. In what areas of your life do you feel "rich" as a Christian—such as finances, time, talents, or physical space? How can you use these blessings to help meet the needs of our local church?
2. How does tolerating sin threaten authentic worship? Do you feel like God overreacted in how He dealt with Ananias and Sapphira? How does God use fear to purify and build His church?
3. How are you tempted to appear more spiritual than you really are? What sin(s) might you need to confess to God and those closest to you?
4. What role does Satan play in this story? How does Satan seek to destroy the progress of the church still today?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 04/26 by reading and meditating on Acts 5:12-42.

Prayer Prompt: Holy Father, forgive me for how I have sought to promote my own glory above Your own. Purify me today from the unholy desires that bring shame upon the church and the name of Jesus. Help me to walk in integrity for the sake of my effective witness in this world. Amen.

Reaching Farther:

Family: As a family, use this story to discuss the importance of honesty. Help your kids see how Ananias and Sapphira didn't just lie to the church – they lied to God. Even if others (parents, teachers, friends) do not see our sin, God does. How should this change the way they think about integrity and sincere worship?

Community: Spend time in reflective prayer this week. Consider any way(s) your gospel witness to unbelievers is being damaged by your current lifestyle – perhaps in your speech, your engagement on social media, or your interactions with family? Where do you need to repent and seek forgiveness? What next step do you need to take?