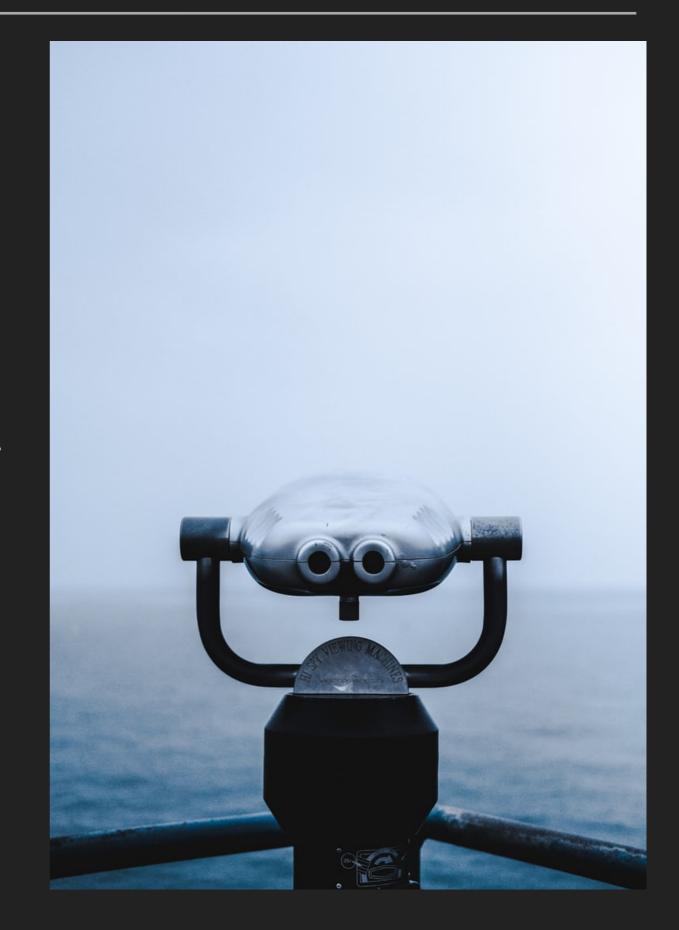


## DEVELOPING ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

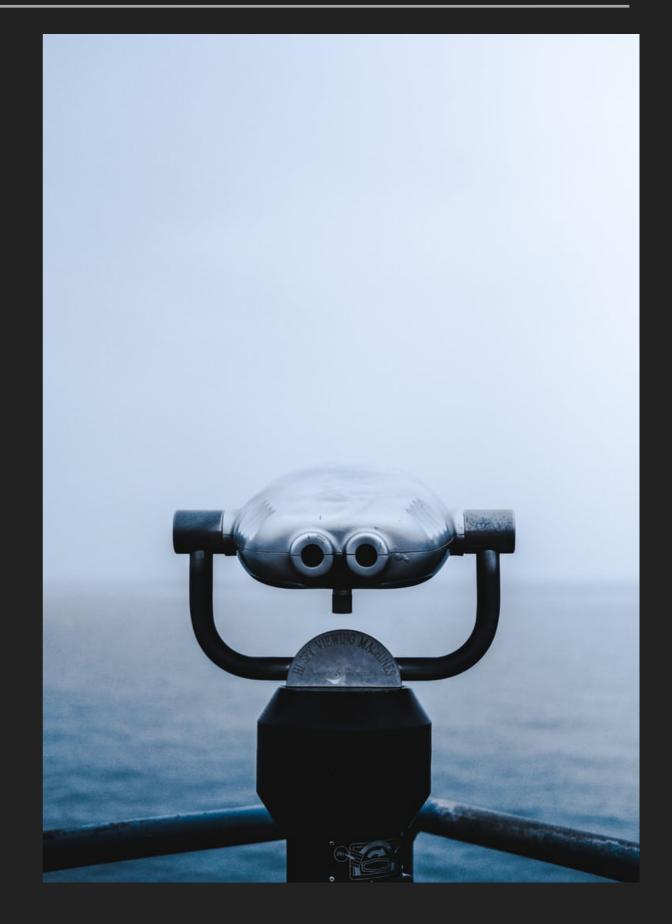
## A PERSONAL STRUGGLE:

- We have a body and senses which know this world.
- We have a spirit and faith which seek something more.
- A familiar struggle ensues:
  - ▶ 1 John 2.15-17
  - 1 John 2.28
  - ▶ 1 John 3.2-3
  - ▶ 1 John 5.2-5,13



## A DIVINE CHALLENGE:

- The challenge is to keep this world in a proper perspective.
  - We are called to look at unseen and eternal things 2 Corinthians 4.18
  - We are called to walk by faith, not by sight - 2 Corinthians 5.7
  - We are called to make pleasing God our highest priority 2 Corinthians 5.9



## MAINTAINING PERSPECTIVE:

- How do I develop an eternal perspective within myself? (Ephesians)
  - I don't do it by myself 1.15-18; 2.4-9
  - I make God an inextricable part of my life 2.10
    - ▶ This includes His word 3.4-7
    - ▶ This includes following Christ 4.17-21
    - This includes a new life 4.22-24
    - This includes Bible study and baptism -5.26
  - ▶ I associate with people who will foster this perspective within me 5.6-14

