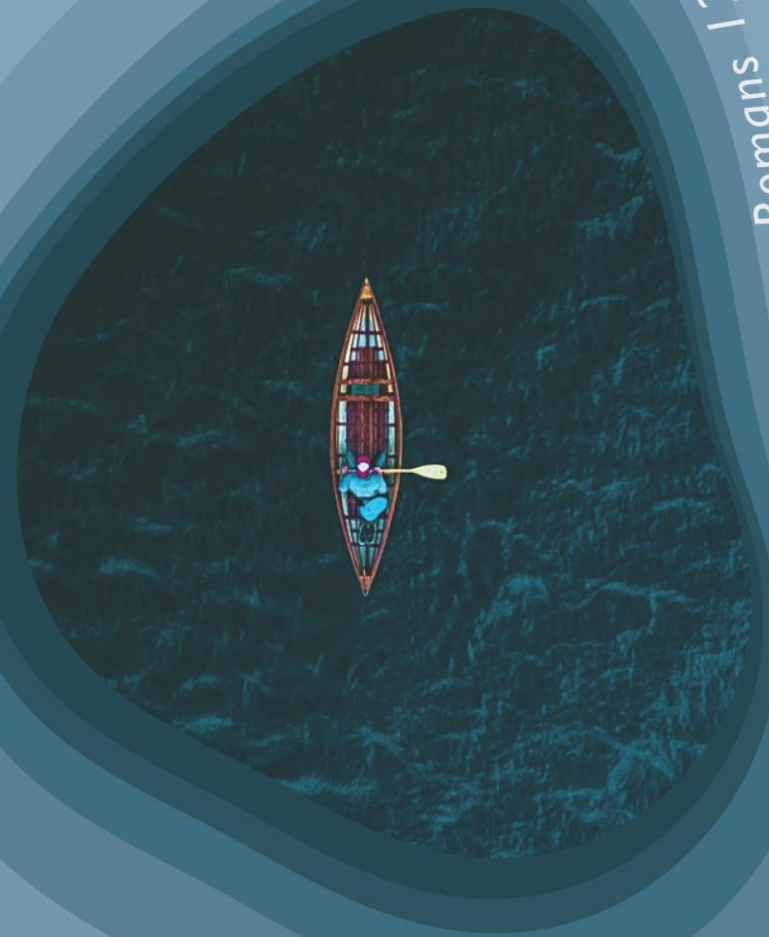


# Swimming In The Cultural Sea

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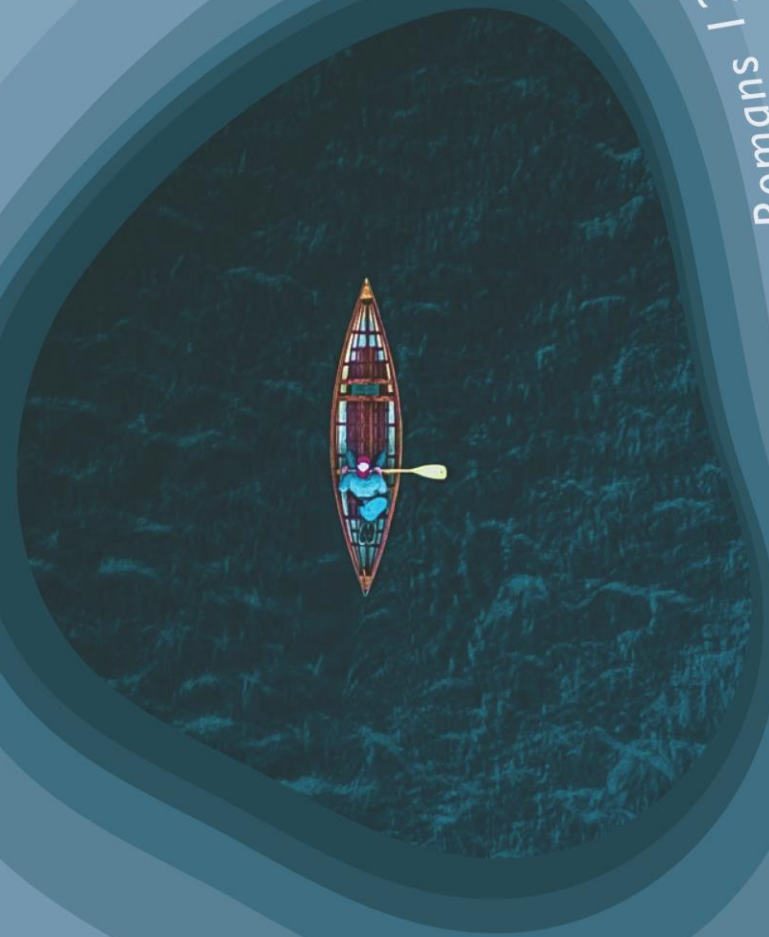


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**SET YOUR COURSE**

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# What You Believe Matters

“As in water face answers to face, so the mind of a man reflects the man.”

*-Proverbs 27:19 RSV*

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# God Has a Course For Your Life That is Good and Possible

“Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him”

-Psalm 25:12



# God Has a Course For Your Life That is Good and Possible

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness”  
-Matthew 25:23

**God Has a Course For Your Life  
That is Good and Possible**

**“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the  
race, I have kept the faith”**

**-2 Timothy 4:7**

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# We Live in a World of Competing Beliefs

“...but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

-John 17:15-17

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# We Live in a World of Competing Beliefs

“He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is not truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

-John 8:44

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# Actively Listen to God

“For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair – every good path.”

-Proverbs 2:6, 9

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# Actively Don't Listen to the Enemy

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is.”

-Romans 12:2

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# God's Word is a Map

“I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes. . . Many are the foes who persecute me, but I have not turned from your statutes.”  
-Psalm 119:59,157





# God's Spirit is a Compass

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’”

-Isaiah 30:21

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# Three Specific Topics:

- Social Justice
  - Gender
  - Environment
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“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the evil one. . .As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world”

-John 17:15,18

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# ASSIGNMENT:

- Read Psalm 119
  - Read John 14-16
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