



**LET ME ASK YOU
A QUESTION**

MEETING **JESUS** IN HIS QUERIES

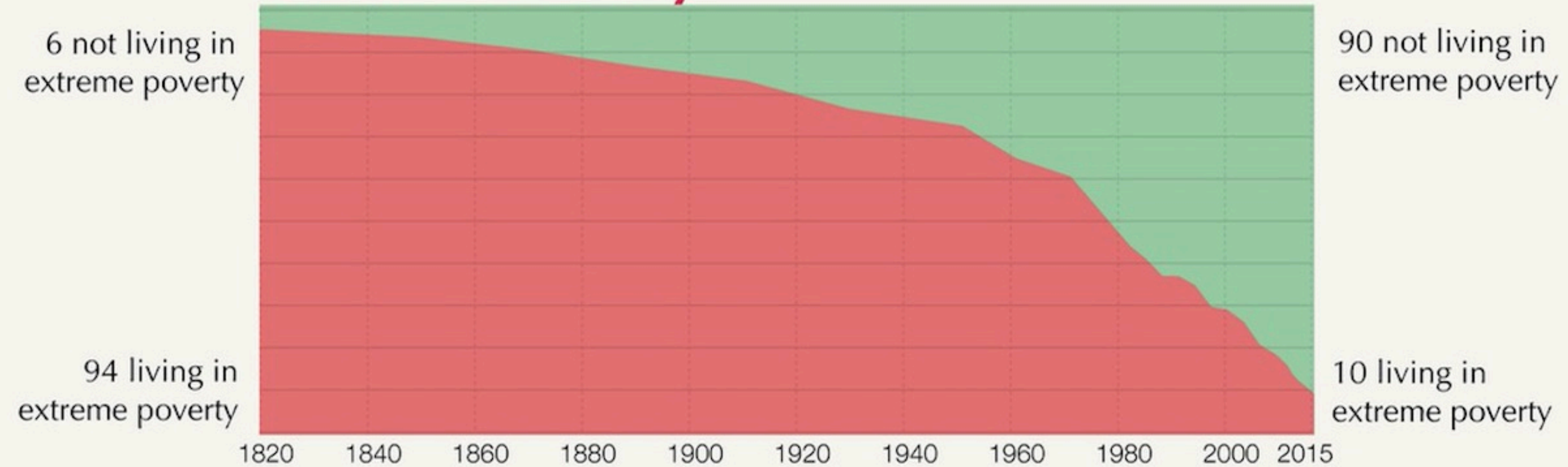


Why Do **You** Worry?

Matthew 6:24-34

JESUS

Extreme Poverty



Source: Our World in Data

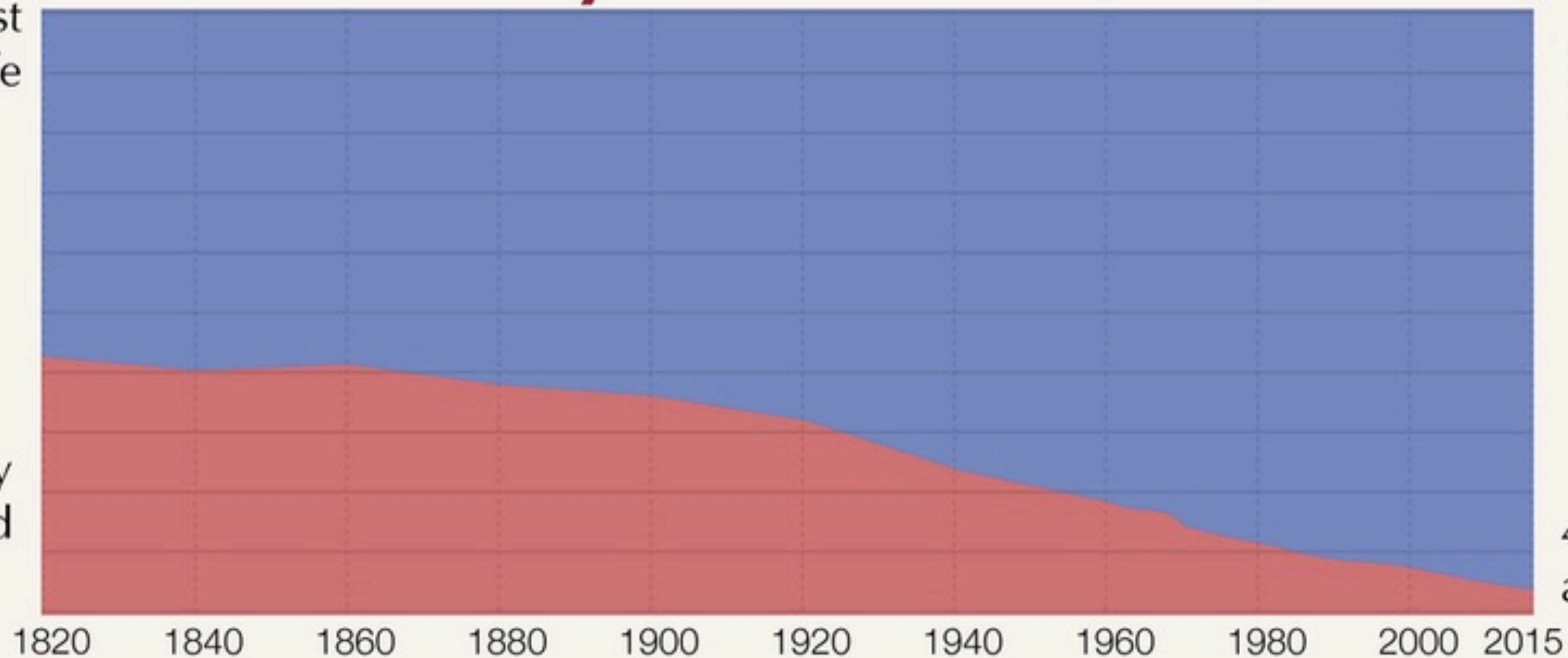
Child Mortality

57 survive the first
5 years of life

96 survive the
first 5 years of life

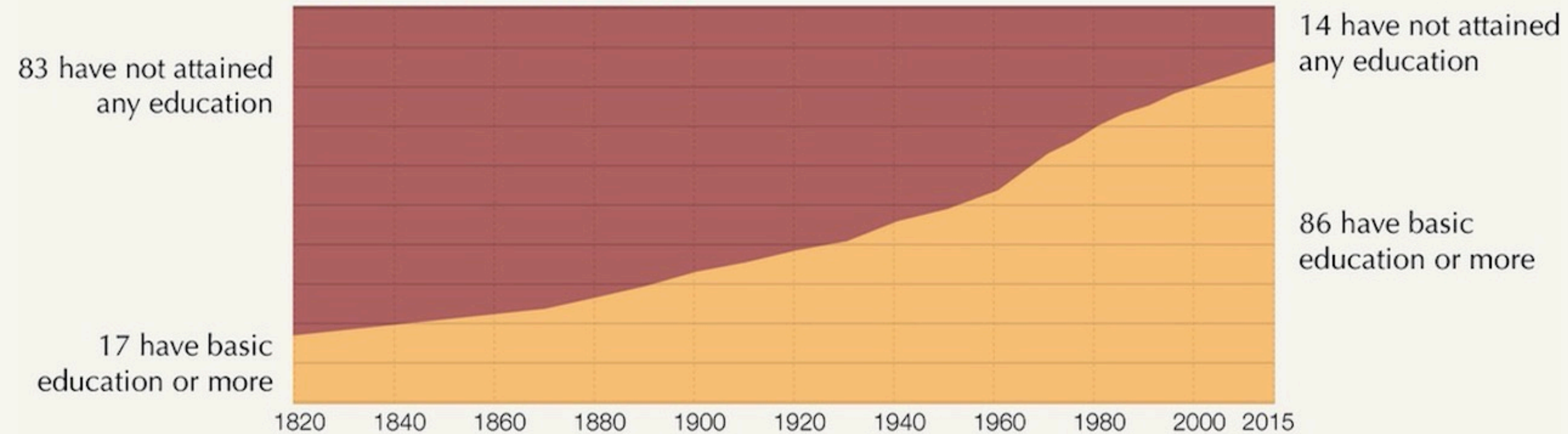
43 die before they
are 5 years old

4 die before they
are 5 years old



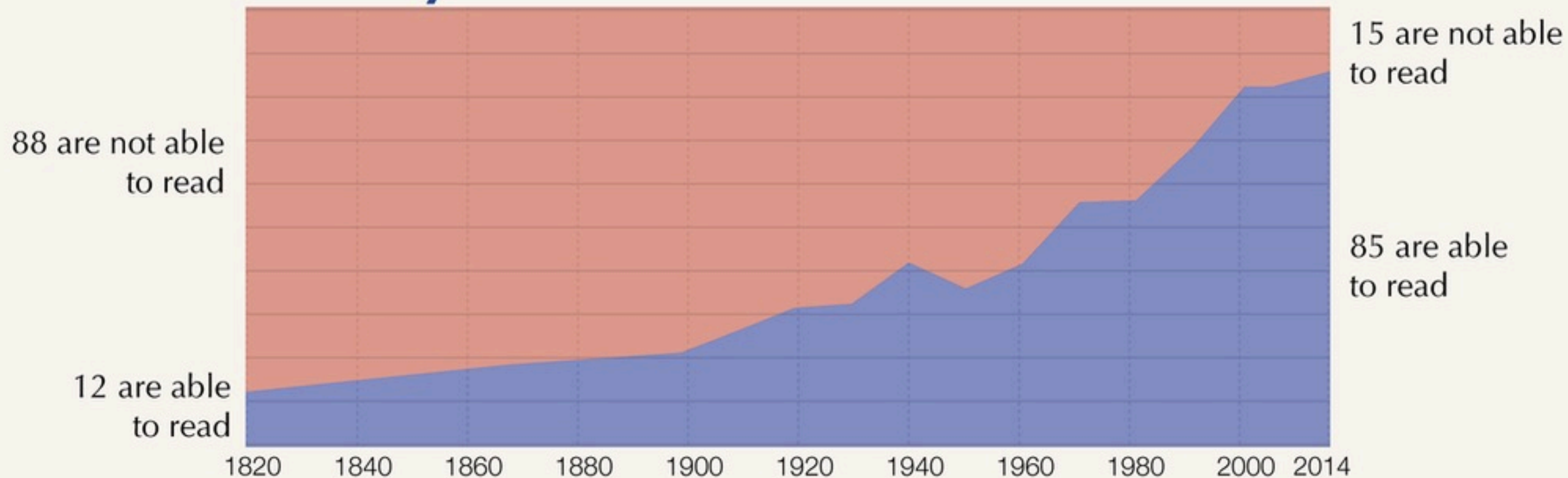
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Basic Education



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Literacy

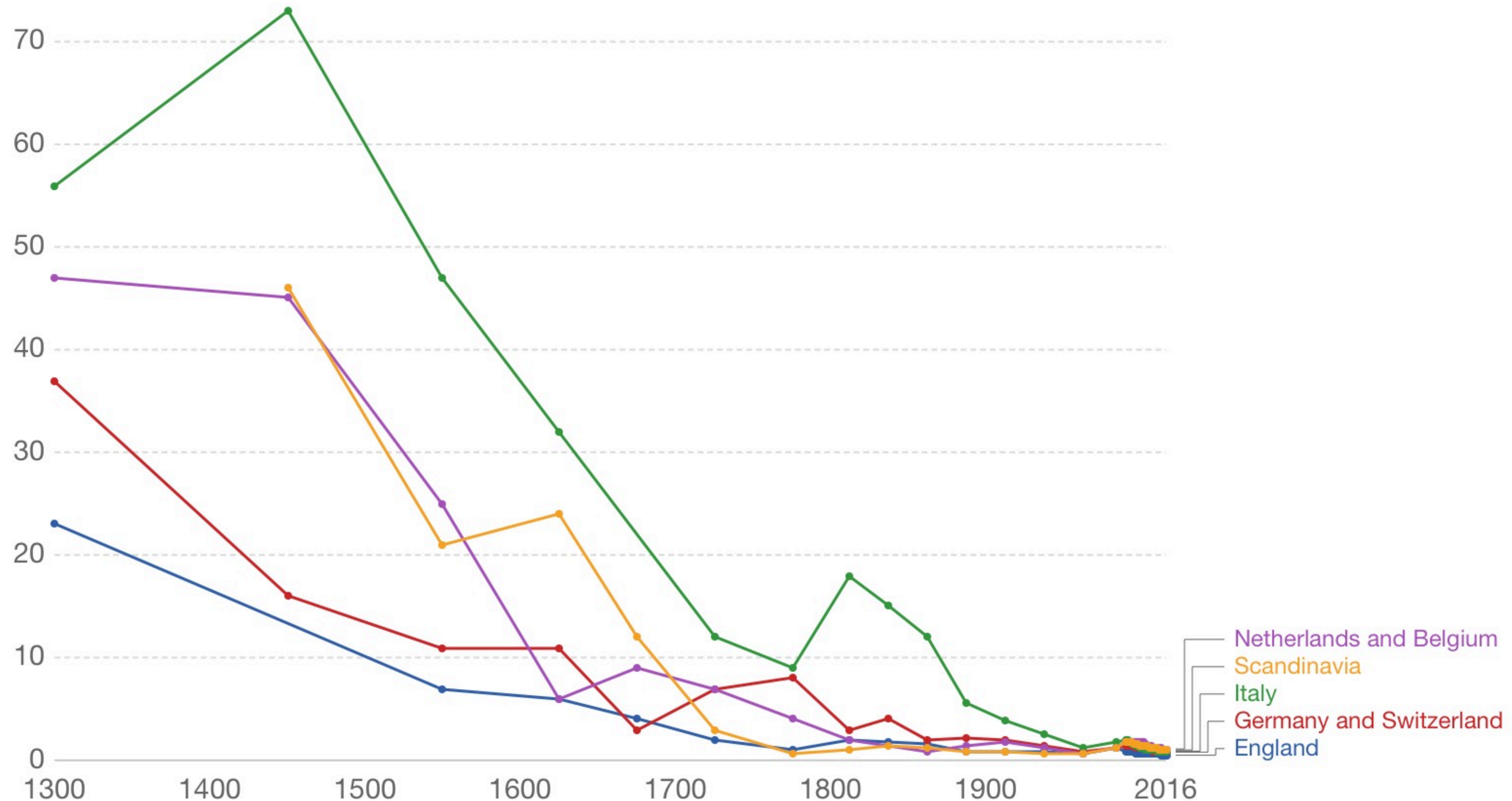


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Long-term homicide rates across Western Europe

Long-term homicide rates across a select number of countries or regional groups in Western Europe. This is measured as the number of homicides per 100,000 individuals in a given population.

Our World
in Data



Source: Eisner (2003) & IHME

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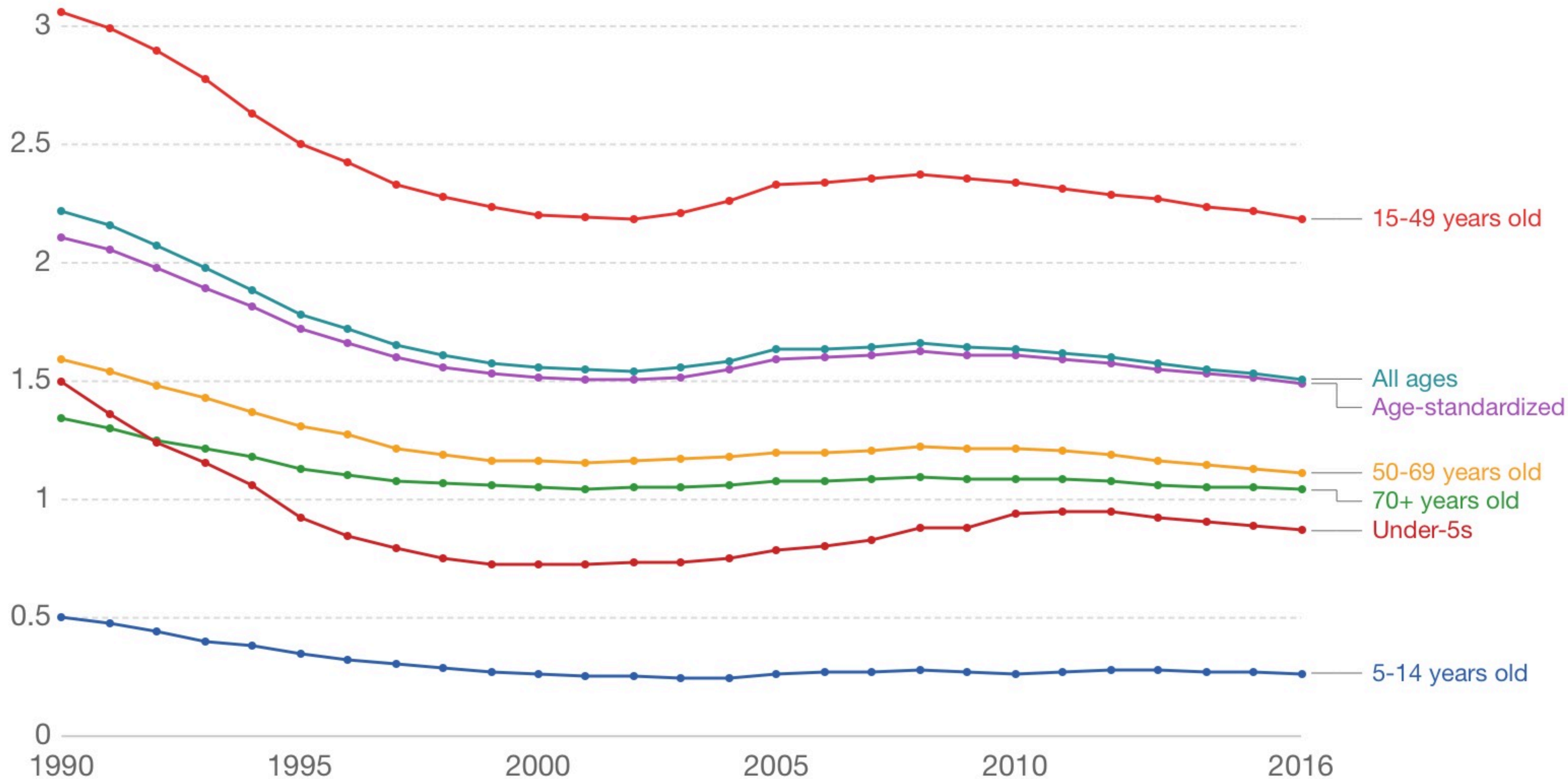
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Homicide rate by age (per 100,000), Canada

Homicide rates measured per 100,000 individuals across various age categories. Also shown is the total death rate across all ages (not age-standardized) and the age-standardized death rate. Age-standardization assumes a constant population age & structure to allow for comparisons between countries and with time without the effects of a changing age distribution within a population (e.g. aging).



Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease (GBD)

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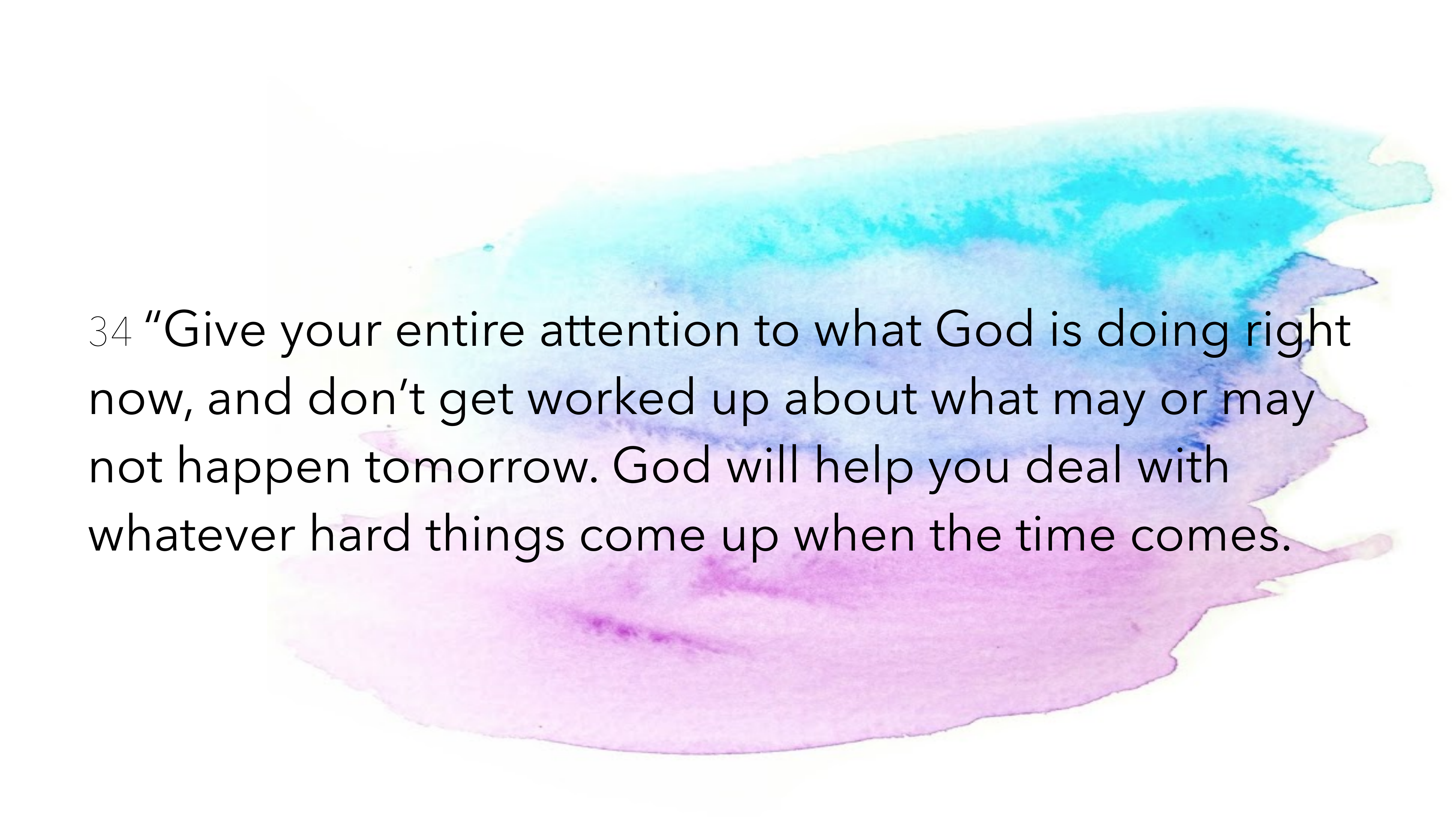
Matthew 6:24-34 (*The Message*)

"You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both.

25-26 "If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

27-29 "Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

30-33 "If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.



34 "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

1) MATERIAL GOODS

“For the kingdom of
God is not food and
drink but righteousness
and peace and joy in
the Holy Spirit.”

~ Paul to the Romans
(14:17)



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Vs 32

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"literally every good and beautiful thing
shimmers with an aura both vibrantly real and
undetected to our five senses. Each thing in
the world is more than itself and just so a source
of deep and many-layered pleasure."

~Miroslav Volf (Flourishing: Why We Need
Religion in a Globalized World)

2) SUCCESS IN OUR PROJECTS

"Can any one
of you by
worrying add a
single hour to
your life?"

Vs 27

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2) SUCCESS IN OUR PROJECTS

“Repentance and
forgiveness beat
regret and worry
every time.”

~Matthew Croasmun



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2) SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING OURSELVES

Jesus wants to know
if we understand
how valuable we are
and if we know the
source of our value

~Matthew Croasmun



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A field of red and purple poppies at sunset. The background is a warm, golden-orange glow from the setting sun, with silhouettes of thin, leafless branches in the foreground. The poppies are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

“Seek first God’s Kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.”

~ Jesus (vs 33)

“Don’t worry about anything; instead pray about
everything... Then you will experience God’s
peace which exceeds anything we can
understand.”

~Paul (Phil 4:6-7)



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