

REMEMBER TO REMEMBER

2 Peter 1.12-21 // February 27, 2022

LAST WISHES

Peter has some form of “remind” three times in this small section, surrounded by other strong, emphatic words like “always,” “stir up,” “every effort,” “after my departure,” and “at any time.”

Peter makes clear that he intends to not only preach the Gospel until he dies, but to remind them specifically of the qualities that they should be growing in. It doesn’t matter to him if his listeners are mature, every believer needs to be stirred up and reminded, even if they’ve heard it over and over again.

We need reminders that we need to be reminded.

SHINY OBJECTS

The Gnostics had a made-up spirituality, one that shares a common thread with much of what we see today, both inside and outside the church. But at the heart of Peter’s message is that he is an eyewitness to the facts of the second coming of Jesus, and no matter what it is you believe, we must know that He *is* going to return in bodily form, and we *will* have to answer to His Lordship.

Matthew 17.1-8

**Philosophies and fads will come and go,
But the Word of God remains forever.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Peter reassures his readers that the prophets and apostles didn’t receive the Word from God and then apply their own interpretation (which is essentially how the Gnostics approach spirituality). We can look to the Gospel for our foundation without reservation, and we need to be reminded of it daily.

The cross is not the starting point, it is the path itself.

-Kyle Strobel

Whether it is relationship problems, marriage problems, financial, or other various trials and sufferings, the cross is our true north. The reality of the second coming of Christ keeps us walking forward in faith, knowing that one day, every tear will be wiped away and we will be in the eternal presence of our King. We need this to be our anchor, because in this life, there are many things that draw us away.

The human heart is an idol factory.

-John Calvin



NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began ha good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **2 Peter 1.12-21**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

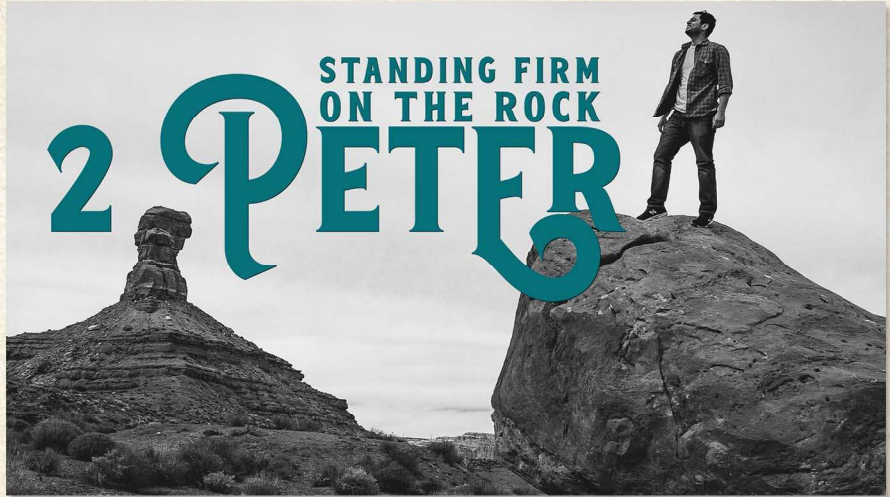
This is one of the most clear instances of the Word telling us that we *need* to be reminded of the Gospel and have it preached to us all the time. It's a beautiful section. Share with your group the ways that you make a habit of preaching the Gospel to yourself, and/or share with the group the way that you struggle with it and could use some help and reminders.

Your Life Mission

Calvin said "the human heart is an idol factory." Many idols get in the way of our evangelism. What relationships in your life would you like prayer for, and ask your group to pray even for the roadblocks you have in your own life that cause pause in your pursuit of sharing the Gospel.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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