

HOW FALSE TEACHING SNEAKS IN

2 Peter 2.1-3, 10-16, 19 // March 6, 2022

EYES OPEN

Peter gives a clear warning and exhortation to his readers to be on the lookout for false teachers and doctrine that sneaks into their minds and hearts. It is easy for us today to quickly think of many of those false teachings: prosperity gospel, “feel good” Christianity, or some of the more obvious and plain-sight non-Christian teachings such as Islam or atheism. And though these are all in view, Peter is exhorting his readers to be on the lookout for the hard to see, deceptive, alluring, and enticing ones.

In other words, the ones that are hard for us to see.

**Discernment isn’t about knowing the difference
between right and wrong,
But the difference between right and almost right.**
-C.H. Spurgeon

SNEAKY TEACHING

2 Peter 2.19

**False teaching will find its easiest way into your heart
by going through the door that is already open.**

Those open doors are your hurts, desires, the times you’ve been wronged, your passions, opinions, preferences, sufferings, hardships, things that anger you, that you think a lot about, your worries, and any number of other things.

**Anxiety, fear, and depression are the smoke
that rises from the altar of idolatry.**
-Augustine

DROPPING GOSPEL BOMBS

James 1.14, 15

**The cause for my heart struggle is not the people or situations in my
life, but the “heart” I bring to those relationships and circumstances.**

Galatians 3.1, 5.7, 8 // 1 Corinthians 15.3, 4

**The only lock strong enough to keep these false teachings
out of your heart is the Gospel.**

We not only need daily, but even *specific* Gospel truths to be dropped upon the weakened parts of our hearts that are most susceptible to false teaching.

NOTES:

How Desire Takes Control

- 1. Desire:** “I want.” Nothing wrong yet. But think to yourself...what do you want?
- 2. Demand:** “I must.” The desire is no longer an expression of love for God and man, but something I crave for myself.
- 3. Need:** “I will.” Something desirable is now seen as essential. I’m convinced that I can’t live without it.
- 4. Expectation:** “You should...” This is where my relationships begin to be affected. If I believe I have a need, I expect others to make it happen if they really love me.
- 5. Disappointment:** “You didn’t!” Here the anger breaks out and becomes personal. You are standing in the way of what rules my heart.
- 6. Punishment:** “Because you didn’t, I will..” I respond to you in anger (silent treatment, hurtful words, withholding, vengeance, etc.)

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Corinthians 3:7

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

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 2.1-3, 10-16, 19**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

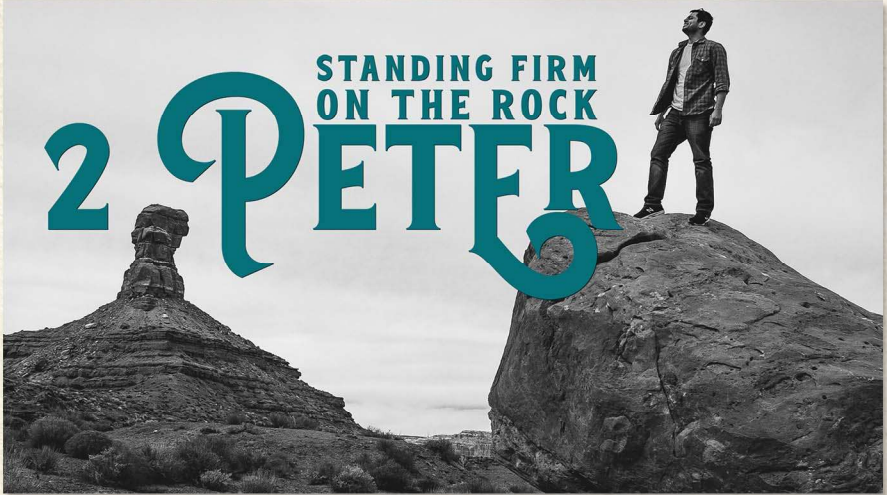
What “overcomes” you and is a weak entry point, or “unlocked door” into your heart? What Gospel truths do you need to be reminded of and preached to yourself in order to fortify that weak entry point?

Your Life Mission

The flipside of our “unlocked doors” is that they are also fantastic entry points not just for false teaching, but for the Gospel! When you come alongside others, these entry points are great starting points to share the Gospel. What relationships in your life would you like prayer for, and ask your group to pray even for entry into their hearts through those unlocked doors?

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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