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Message: Stand Firm

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Connection

What is one of your oldest memories and what makes it special?

Content

Peter wrote 1 and 2 Peter knowing that his time on earth would be coming to an end as his execution under Emperor Nero was nearly at hand. Yet Peter wrote these letters reaffirming fellow believers to <u>Stand Firm</u> in their faith and to trust in their Lord.

Remember

1. Read 2 Peter 1:1-2. What can be seen as an introduction from Peter by some actually has a very rich and deep meaning. What is Peter asking us to remember in this introduction?

2. Peter was an apostle and witnessed first hand many of the miracles of Jesus, including His resurrection. As a self described slave of Jesus Christ, Peter's mission was to share the gospel of Christ with everyone and to help us remember Christ's death on the cross for us. How can we as believers help do the same for others in our lives?

3. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. Our own power isn't enough. We can't live a godly life without Christ and what He has given us. What promises have we received with Christ?

Respond

4. Read 2 Peter 1:5-8. Our response should be active, rigorous, and excited to respond for Jesus. What does it look like to be active in your faith?

5. Read 2 Peter 1:9-11. Christ cleanses us of our sins and we are saved through faith in Him. As such, we are called to live a life that shows that shows faith to others. When has someone in your life lived in a way that clearly showed they were a follower of Christ?

Remind

6. Read 2 Peter 1:12-15. There is great power in repetition. As long as Peter lives he is reminding us of the glory and truth of Christ. How have you built repetition into your life to help you be reminded of the glory of Christ?

Commitment

Read John 14:6 and John 3:16.

7. Jesus answers that He is the good news, that through Him we have eternal life, and we can come to the Father through Him. Take time to reflect on how Jesus has given you a new life since you were saved. This week, how can you work to share that with someone in your life?

Challenge Assignment

Put to memory this week 2 Peter 1:3:

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness."