

STIR UP!

A STUDY OF 2 PETER

DAY 1: YOU ARE NOT DEFINED BY YOUR WORST MOMENT

DEVOTIONAL:

Peter knew what it felt like to fail in the most public, painful way possible. He had walked with Jesus, witnessed miracles, and declared His undying loyalty. Then, in the span of a few hours, he denied even knowing Him. Three times. And yet, Jesus did not write Peter off. Before it even happened, Jesus told Him something remarkable. He said He had prayed for Peter. Not that Peter would avoid the fall, but that his faith would not ultimately fail. And when Peter came back, Jesus had a mission waiting for Him. That is the kind of Savior we serve. He sees your failures before they happen, and He is already interceding for you. Maybe you are carrying the weight of a past mistake. Maybe you have convinced yourself that you have gone too far or fallen too hard to be used by God. Peter's story says otherwise. His greatest failure became the foundation of his greatest message. He wrote his final letter as a man who had been broken, restored, and sent back out. Your failures do not have to be final. God is not finished with you. He is praying for you, and He has a purpose waiting on the other side of your return.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to sift you men like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail; and you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."
- Luke 22:31-32

REFLECTION QUESTION:

In what area of your life have you been tempted to believe that your failure disqualifies you from God's purpose?

SERMON QUOTE:

"You can fall, but it doesn't mean that you cannot finish. You can fail, but your failures do not have to be final."

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You that You intercede for me even in my weakest moments. Help me to trust that Your grace is greater than my failures and that You are not finished with me yet. Amen.

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DAY 2: REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

DEVOTIONAL:

Before Peter said anything else in his letter, he told his readers exactly who he was. A servant. An apostle. A man who belonged to Jesus Christ. He did not lead with his accomplishments or his authority. He led with his identity. And that order matters. Belonging to Jesus came before any title or role He held. We live in a world that constantly tells us our worth is tied to what we do, what we achieve, or how others see us. But Peter modeled something different. His identity was anchored not in his performance but in his relationship with Christ. This is especially important when life gets hard. When pressure mounts, when doubt creeps in, or when you feel like you are losing ground, the first thing to remember is not what you need to do. It is who you are. You are a servant of Jesus Christ. That is your identity. Not your job title, not your past, not your failures, and not your successes. When you know who you are, you are far less likely to be shaken by what happens around you. Start today by grounding yourself in that truth. You belong to Him. Everything else flows from there.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:" - 2 Peter 1:1

REFLECTION QUESTION:

When life gets difficult or uncertain, what does your default identity tend to be, and how does it compare to who God says you are?

SERMON QUOTE:

"I know who I am. I'm a servant of Jesus Christ. That's my identity."

PRAYER:

Father, remind me today that my identity is rooted in You and not in what I do or what others think of me. Help me to live from that place of security. Amen.

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DAY 3: THE GROUND IS LEVEL AT THE CROSS

DEVOTIONAL:

One of the most quietly powerful things Peter does in his opening words is this: he tells ordinary believers that the faith they hold is the same kind of faith the apostles received. Think about what that means. Peter, who walked on water and preached at Pentecost, is saying that his faith is not superior to yours. The ground is completely level at the foot of the cross. This matters because it is easy to feel like a second-class citizen in the kingdom of God. Maybe you did not grow up in the church. Maybe your story is messy. Maybe you look at other believers and assume their faith is somehow more valid or more valuable than your own. But Peter will not allow that kind of thinking. Faith is not earned by effort or experience. It is received. And the faith you have received rests on the same foundation as every other believer's: the righteousness of Jesus Christ, not your own. Your faith is precious not because of how strong you are, but because of who Jesus is. He is the one on whom your faith rests, and His righteousness is more than enough. You are not on the outside looking in. You belong fully and completely to the family of God.

BIBLE VERSE:

"And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith."

- Acts 15:8-9

REFLECTION QUESTION:

In what ways have you compared your faith to others and found yourself feeling like you do not quite measure up?

SERMON QUOTE:

"The ground is level at the foot of the cross. There are no second class citizens in the kingdom of God."

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You that my standing before God is based entirely on Your righteousness and not my own. Help me to receive that truth fully and live in the freedom it brings. Amen.

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DAY 4: GRACE GROWS WHEN YOU KNOW HIM MORE

DEVOTIONAL:

Peter prays something specific for the people he is writing to. He does not pray for more programs, more spiritual disciplines, or more religious activity. He prays that grace and peace would be multiplied in their lives through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ. That word multiplied is worth sitting with. Not just given. Not just maintained. Multiplied. Peter is describing a grace that keeps growing, a peace that keeps deepening, and he ties it directly to knowing God more intimately. If you have ever felt spiritually dry or stuck, this is an important word for you. The answer is not to do more. It is to know Him more. A deeper, more personal knowledge of who God is and what He has done changes everything. It shifts how you see your circumstances, how you respond to pressure, and how you hold on when things get hard. This kind of knowledge is not just information about God. It is a living, growing relationship with Him. It is what happens when you spend time in His Word, when you pray honestly, and when you pay attention to how He is moving in your life. Every day is an opportunity for grace and peace to increase. Not because of what you accomplish, but because of who you are drawing closer to.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."
- 2 Peter 1:2

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What is one honest step you could take this week to pursue a deeper, more personal knowledge of God rather than simply more religious activity?

SERMON QUOTE:

"The answer to your spiritual malaise, the answer to your spiritual needs. It's not more programs, it's not more spiritual things that you do. It's more knowledge of God and Jesus Christ our Lord."

PRAYER:

Lord, I want to know You more, not just know more about You. Multiply Your grace and peace in my life as I draw closer to You today. Amen.

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DAY 5: KEEP GOING, GOD IS NOT FINISHED YET

DEVOTIONAL:

Peter wrote his final letter as a man who had every reason to quit and chose not to. He had failed publicly. He had been restored quietly. And now, near the end of his life, he was still showing up, still strengthening others, still fulfilling the mission Jesus gave Him. That is what faithful service looks like. Not a life without failure, but a life that refuses to let failure have the final word. God is always continuing something He has already started. The grace He gave you at the beginning is the same grace that sustains you today. The faith you received is still alive and still growing. And the mission He placed on your life has not expired. Whatever season you are in right now, whether you are thriving or barely holding on, God is at work. He is not surprised by where you are. He is not waiting for you to get it all together before He can use you. He is working in you right now, in the middle of the mess and the uncertainty. So keep going. Remember who you are. Remember how you got here. And trust that the God who started something good in you is faithful to see it through to the end.

BIBLE VERSE:

"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unscrupulous people and lose your own firm commitment, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." - 2 Peter 3:17-18

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What would it look like for you to keep serving faithfully in your current season, even if you feel like your efforts are small or unseen?

SERMON QUOTE:

"Any success won't make me forget and any failure won't make me quit."

PRAYER:

Father, thank You that You are not finished with me. Give me the courage to keep going, to keep serving, and to trust that You are completing what You started in me. Amen.

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