

STIR UP!

A STUDY OF 2 PETER

DAY 1: YOU ALREADY KNOW IT, BUT DO YOU LIVE IT?

DEVOTIONAL:

There is a difference between knowing something and being grounded in it. You might know that exercise is good for you, but knowing that truth does not make you healthy. The same principle applies to your faith. Peter wrote to believers who already knew the truth of the gospel. They had heard it, received it, and believed it. Yet Peter still felt compelled to remind them. Why? Because knowing the truth and staying grounded in it are two entirely different things. Life has a way of slowly pulling us away from what we know to be true. It rarely happens all at once. It happens in small, quiet moments when we choose comfort over conviction, or when we let a busy week replace a steady rhythm of time in God's Word. Peter was not writing to people who had abandoned their faith. He was writing to people who were in danger of drifting from it without even realizing it. That warning is just as relevant for us today. You do not need new truth. You need to stay anchored to the truth you already have. Encouragement today: the fact that you are reading this is a sign that you care about staying grounded. Keep going. God honors that faithfulness.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them and have been established in the truth which is present with you." - 2 Peter 1:12

REFLECTION QUESTION:

In what area of your life do you know the right thing to do, but find it hardest to consistently live it out?

SERMON QUOTE:

"I want you to ground your life on the truth."

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for the truth of Your Word. Help me not just to know it, but to live deeply grounded in it every single day. Amen.

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DAY 2: WAKE UP, THE ALARM IS STILL RINGING

DEVOTIONAL:

Have you ever hit snooze on your alarm so many times that you forgot why it was set in the first place? Spiritually speaking, many of us do the same thing. Peter described his ministry as stirring people up. That phrase carries the image of a spiritual alarm clock, something designed to wake believers to what is truly at stake. He was not trying to shame his readers. He was trying to rouse them. It is easy to grow comfortable in our faith. We settle into routines, attend church, and check the familiar boxes. But comfort can quietly become complacency. And complacency is where drift begins. Peter understood that urgency and love are not opposites. In fact, the people who love us most are often the ones willing to say the hard thing, to shake us gently and say, "Wake up. This matters." God is doing the same for you today. He is not alarmed by where you are, but He is lovingly calling you to something more. He wants you alert, engaged, and fully alive in your faith. You are not too far gone. You are not too tired. You are exactly the kind of person Peter was writing to, and exactly the kind of person God delights in stirring back to life.

BIBLE VERSE:

"For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands." - 2 Timothy 1:6

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Where in your spiritual life have you been hitting snooze, and what would it look like to finally wake up in that area?

SERMON QUOTE:

"I realize that what I'm doing is a reminder, but what I'm doing is not just so that you know it, but that you might be stirred up and encouraged in your faith."

PRAYER:

Father, stir my heart today. Where I have grown comfortable or complacent, awaken me to the urgency and beauty of walking closely with You. Amen.

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DAY 3: ONE GRAIN AT A TIME

DEVOTIONAL:

Imagine a pile of sand. Remove one grain and it is still a pile. Remove another, and another, and another. At some point, quietly and without fanfare, the pile is gone. This is one of the most sobering pictures of how faith erodes. It rarely collapses all at once. It disappears one small compromise at a time. One skipped morning with God. One softened conviction. One moment where we chose what felt easier over what we knew was right. Peter warned his readers about this kind of slow drift. He knew that forgetting is not just a memory problem. It is a spiritual one. When we stop returning to the truth, we slowly stop living by it. But here is the encouraging flip side of that same truth: faithfulness also works one grain at a time. Every morning you open your Bible, every prayer you offer, every time you choose integrity when no one is watching, you are adding to something solid and lasting. You do not have to overhaul your entire life today. You just have to make one faithful choice. Then another. Over time, those choices build a foundation that can weather anything life throws at you. Stay consistent. Stay grounded. The small things matter far more than you realize.

BIBLE VERSE:

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." - Hebrews 2:1

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What is one small, quiet compromise you have been allowing that, if left unchecked, could slowly weaken your foundation over time?

SERMON QUOTE:

"Remove one grain of sand from a heap and you still have a heap. But keep removing grains one at a time, and eventually the heap is gone entirely. The same is true of faith."

PRAYER:

God, help me to see the small things clearly. Give me the courage to address what I have been ignoring, and the discipline to stay faithful in the everyday moments. Amen.

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DAY 4: WHAT LEGACY ARE YOU LEAVING BEHIND?

DEVOTIONAL:

Peter knew his time was short. Facing death, he did not scramble to protect his reputation or secure his legacy through impressive accomplishments. He focused on one thing: making sure the people he loved would still have the truth after he was gone. That is a profound kind of love. It is the love of a parent who teaches their child not just how to succeed, but how to live. It is the love of a mentor who pours into someone not for personal gain, but because the truth is worth passing on. Peter committed himself to being diligent so that even after his departure, people could call these truths to mind. He wanted his life to be a signpost pointing others back to God, long after He was no longer there to point. You are leaving a legacy right now, whether you are thinking about it or not. The question is not whether you will leave something behind. The question is what that something will be. Your children, your friends, your community are watching. They are inheriting something from your life. More than any possession or achievement, the greatest thing you can pass on is a life visibly rooted in the truth of God's Word. You have more influence than you know. Use it well.

BIBLE VERSE:

"And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind." - 2 Peter 1:15

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What is one truth about God or faith that you want the people closest to you to clearly see in how you live your life?

SERMON QUOTE:

"What do you want people to remember about your life after you're gone?"

PRAYER:

Lord, make my life a legacy of truth. Help me to live in a way that points the people around me back to You, both now and long after I am gone. Amen.

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DAY 5: GROUNDED, REMINDED, STIRRED

DEVOTIONAL:

Over these five days, we have walked through a simple but powerful progression. We started by acknowledging that knowing the truth is not the same as living it. We recognized the need to wake up from spiritual complacency. We saw how faith erodes quietly, one small compromise at a time. And we considered the legacy we are building right now, whether we realize it or not. Today, we bring it all together with Peter's own summary of his purpose: to ground you, to remind you, and to stir you up. Being grounded means your roots go deep into God's Word, deep enough that when the winds of culture or confusion blow, you do not move. Being reminded means you return to the truth regularly, not because you have forgotten everything, but because repetition is how we stay anchored. Being stirred means you are not just informed but moved, moved to live differently, love more boldly, and pass the truth on to others. This is not a one-time spiritual tune-up. It is a lifelong rhythm. And the good news is that God is faithful to meet you in that rhythm every single time. You are not on your own in this. He who began a good work in you is committed to seeing it through. Stay grounded. Stay reminded. Stay stirred.

BIBLE VERSE:

"I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder."
- 2 Peter 1:13

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Of the three words, grounded, reminded, and stirred, which one do you most need to pursue in this season of your life, and what is one practical step you can take this week?

SERMON QUOTE:

"We need to be grounded in the truth of God's Word. We need to be reminded of the truth of God's Word. We need to be stirred up by the truth of God's Word."

PRAYER:

Father, thank You for Your faithfulness to ground, remind, and stir me. Help me to stay grounded in Your truth and to carry it forward with purpose and love. Amen.

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