

STIR UP!

A STUDY OF 2 PETER

DAY 1: NOT A MYTH BUT THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

DEVOTIONAL:

Have you ever had someone question your faith? Maybe a coworker, a friend, or even a quiet doubt in your own mind? You are not alone. Peter faced the same challenge. People accused him of spreading made-up stories about Jesus. But Peter did not back down. He did not say, "Just trust me." He pointed to what he had personally seen and heard. He was there on the mountain when Jesus was transfigured. He heard the voice of God with His own ears. His faith was not built on wishful thinking. It was built on real, lived experience. Here is the encouraging truth for you today: your faith is not a leap into the dark. It stands on solid ground. Eyewitnesses saw Jesus. They touched Him. They ate with Him after His resurrection. And many of them gave their lives rather than deny what they had seen. You do not have to be embarrassed about what you believe. You believe something that is historically grounded, carefully preserved, and powerfully true. That is a foundation worth standing on.

BIBLE VERSE:

"For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty." - 2 Peter 1:16

REFLECTION QUESTION:

If someone asked you today why you believe in Jesus, what would you point to as your strongest reason?

SERMON QUOTE:

"Our faith is not founded on a myth. There is a foundation on which our faith rests."

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You that our faith is not built on empty stories but on the truth of who You are. Give us confidence to stand on that foundation, even when others question it. Amen.

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DAY 2: A BOOK LIKE NO OTHER

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Think about this for a moment. Forty different authors. Three different continents. Fifteen hundred years of writing. And yet, one unified message. No human editor coordinated that. No publishing committee planned it. The Bible came together in a way that defies natural explanation. And when the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, scholars found that the texts we have today match ancient manuscripts with stunning accuracy. The Word of God has been preserved across centuries with remarkable care. This matters for your daily life. When you open your Bible, you are not reading a collection of ancient opinions. You are reading a book that God Himself has protected and preserved so that you could hold it in your hands today. That should change how you approach it. Not as a religious obligation, but as a gift. A letter from a Father who wanted to make sure His words reached you. You can trust what you are reading. It has stood the test of time, and it will stand the test of your life too.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." - John 17:17

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does knowing the Bible has been miraculously preserved across years change the way you think about reading it each day?

SERMON QUOTE:

"We have 66 books written by over 40 different authors on three different continents over a period of 1500 years, and yet all of them tell a remarkably unified message."

PRAYER:

Father, thank You for preserving Your Word so that we could know You. Help us to approach Scripture with fresh eyes and a grateful heart. Amen.

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DAY 3: EVERY PROMISE KEPT

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Imagine writing a detailed description of someone you have never met, predicting where they would be born, how they would live, how they would die, and what would happen afterward. Now imagine doing that accurately, over 3,300 times. That is exactly what the Old Testament did with Jesus. Prophecy after prophecy, written centuries before His birth, fulfilled in precise detail. At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah stood with Jesus, representing the Law and the Prophets. Both pointed to Him. Everything in Scripture finds its completion in Christ. This is not coincidence. This is the fingerprint of God on His Word. When life feels uncertain and you are not sure what to believe, remember this: God has a perfect track record. Every promise He made, He kept. Every word He spoke came true. If He fulfilled thousands of prophecies about Jesus, you can trust that He will be faithful to every promise He has made to you as well. His Word is not just historically reliable. It is personally reliable, for your life, right now.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Then beginning with Moses and with all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures." - Luke 24:27

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Is there a promise from God that you have been struggling to trust? How does His track record with prophecy encourage you to hold on?

SERMON QUOTE:

"There are over 3,300 prophecies about the life, death and resurrection of Christ in the Old Testament, all of them fulfilled in minute detail."

PRAYER:

Lord, Your faithfulness is beyond anything we can fully comprehend. Help us to trust Your promises for our lives the same way we trust the fulfilled prophecies of Your Word. Amen.

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DAY 4: LIGHT IN THE DARK PLACES

DEVOTIONAL:

We all have dark places. Seasons of confusion, grief, temptation, or doubt. Moments when we are not sure which way to turn or who we really are underneath it all. Peter describes God's Word as a lamp shining in a dark place. That image is deeply personal. A lamp does not light up the whole world at once. It lights up the next step. It gives you just enough to keep moving forward. But Scripture does more than guide. It also reveals. Hebrews tells us that the Word of God penetrates to the deepest parts of who we are, exposing the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. That can feel uncomfortable. But it is also one of the most loving things God does. He shines His light into the places we have been hiding so that He can bring healing there. Peter himself experienced this. The man who denied Jesus three times was transformed into a bold, fearless preacher of the gospel. The Word of God did not just inform Peter. It changed him. And it can change you too.

BIBLE VERSE:

"And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it." - John 1:5

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Is there an area of your life where you have been avoiding the light of God's Word? What might He be wanting to reveal and heal there?

SERMON QUOTE:

"The Word of God is a light that illuminates darkness in many ways."

PRAYER:

God, give us the courage to let Your Word shine into every corner of our lives. Where there is darkness, bring Your light. Where there is hiding, bring Your healing. Amen.

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DAY 5: IT MATTERS BECAUSE GOD SAID IT

DEVOTIONAL:

Peter was not a polished theologian when Jesus first called Him. He was a fisherman with a temper and a tendency to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. And on the worst night of his life, he denied even knowing Jesus. Three times. But something happened. The resurrection changed everything. Days later, Peter stood up in public and proclaimed the gospel with boldness that could only come from one place: a life transformed by the truth of God. That same Word is available to you today. Not as a rulebook. Not as a religious checklist. But as the living, breathing voice of a God who loves you and wants to equip you for everything He has called you to do. Paul puts it plainly: all Scripture is inspired by God, breathed out by Him, and useful for teaching, correcting, and training you in righteousness. It matters because God said it. It is true because God said it. And it has the power to do in your life exactly what it did in Peter's. Start there. Open it. Read it. Let it speak.

BIBLE VERSE:

"All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What would it look like for you to treat the Bible not as a religious duty but as a daily conversation with a God who is actively shaping your life?

SERMON QUOTE:

"It matters because God said it. It's true because God said it. It means something because God said it. It ought to matter to you because God said it."

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for speaking to us through Your Word. Help us to read it with open hearts, trusting that You are using it to transform us from the inside out. Amen.

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