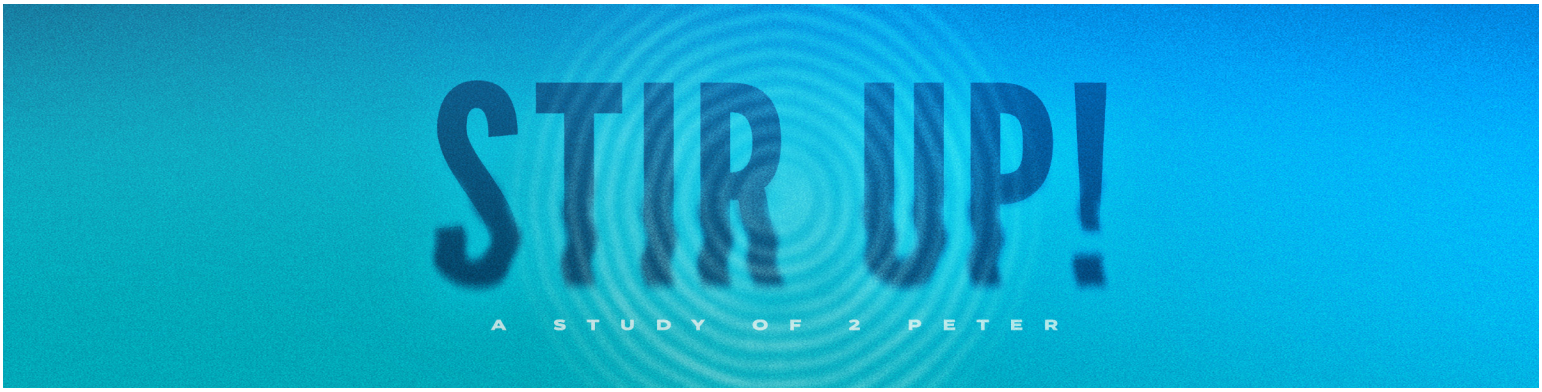


DAY 1: A PROMISE YOU CAN COUNT ON

DEVOTIONAL:

Have you ever been let down by a promise someone made? Maybe it was something small, or maybe it changed everything. Broken promises have a way of making us cautious, even cynical. Over time, we can start to wonder if any promise is truly reliable. Here is the good news. Jesus made a promise, and He has never broken one. Before He left this earth, He looked His disciples in the eyes and told them plainly that He would come back. That promise was not a passing comment. It was a commitment backed by the full authority of the Son of God. Peter wrote to a group of believers who were hearing voices around them say, "Where is He? He said He was coming back, and nothing has changed." Those voices are still around today. But Peter's response was simple and steady. He pointed them back to the Word of God, not to a timeline or a prediction, but to the unchanging truth that God keeps His word. When doubt creeps in, the anchor is not a feeling or an argument. It is Scripture. God's Word has proven itself trustworthy from the very beginning of creation. That same Word holds the promise of Christ's return, and it will not fail. You can build your life on this. Jesus is coming back, and you have His Word on it.

BIBLE VERSE:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also will be." - John 14:3

REFLECTION QUESTION:

When doubt about God's promises creeps into your life, what do you tend to lean on for reassurance, and is that foundation as solid as God's Word?

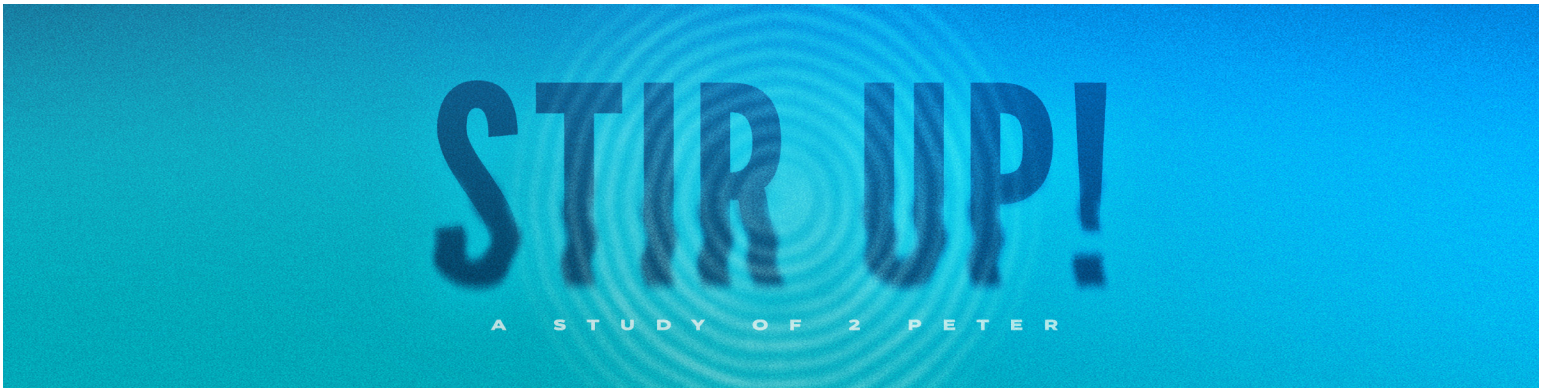
SERMON QUOTE:

"The Bible ends with a promise. Jesus is coming back."

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for a promise that never fails. When doubt tries to shake my confidence, anchor me in the truth of Your Word. Help me to trust You completely. Amen.

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DAY 2: WHEN THE WORLD PUSHES BACK

DEVOTIONAL:

Living with faith in Christ's return is not always easy, especially when the world around you treats that belief as naive or outdated. You may have experienced this firsthand. A comment at work, a conversation with a skeptical friend, or simply the noise of a culture that has little patience for eternity. Peter knew this tension well. He wrote to believers who were surrounded by mockers, people who used the delay of Christ's return as a reason to dismiss it entirely. Their logic was simple: if He has not come back yet, He probably never will. And if He is not coming back, then no one is truly accountable for how they live. But Peter did not tell these believers to argue louder or to panic. He encouraged them. He reminded them that courage in the face of opposition is possible when you are rooted in something greater than the opinions around you. The Word of God does not shift based on cultural pressure. It stands firm regardless of who doubts it. You do not need to have every answer when someone challenges your faith. What you need is a settled confidence in what God has already said. That confidence is not arrogance. It is trust. And trust in God's Word is exactly what Peter called these early believers back to, and what He calls us back to today.

BIBLE VERSE:

"And they said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.'" - Acts 1:11

REFLECTION QUESTION:

When someone challenges your belief in Christ's return, do you find yourself responding from a place of confidence in God's Word or from anxiety about having the right answer?

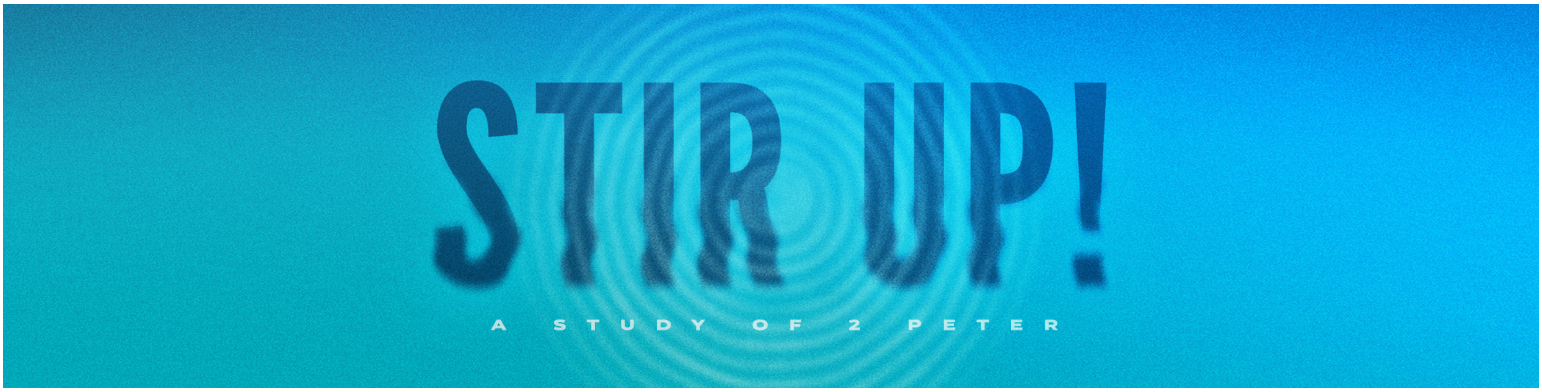
SERMON QUOTE:

"Believers need to remember the Word of God because scoffers will come."

PRAYER:

Father, give me courage to stand firm in Your truth even when the world pushes back. Let my confidence come from Your Word, not from my own ability to defend it. Amen.

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DAY 3: THE DANGER OF FORGETTING

DEVOTIONAL:

Forgetting is something we all do. You forget where you put your keys, a name you should know, or an appointment you meant to keep. Most of the time, forgetting is simply human. But Peter describes a different kind of forgetting. He warns about people who willfully forget what God has said. This is not accidental. It is intentional. They choose not to remember because remembering would require them to change. If God created the world, if He judged it once through a flood, and if He is preserving it now until the day of final judgment, then life is not something you can live entirely on your own terms. That kind of selective memory is a spiritual danger, and it is not limited to those outside the church. Believers can drift too. We can slowly stop reading Scripture, stop praying with intention, and stop anchoring ourselves to what God has promised. Before long, the noise of daily life drowns out the voice of truth. The antidote is deliberate remembrance. Not just knowing the Bible exists, but returning to it consistently, letting it shape how you see the world and how you live in it. Peter's call to remember is not a guilt trip. It is an invitation to stay close to the One whose Word has never failed and never will.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Beloved, this is now the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of a reminder, to remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles." - 2 Peter 3:1-2

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Is there an area of your life where you have been selectively forgetting what God's Word says because remembering it would require something of you?

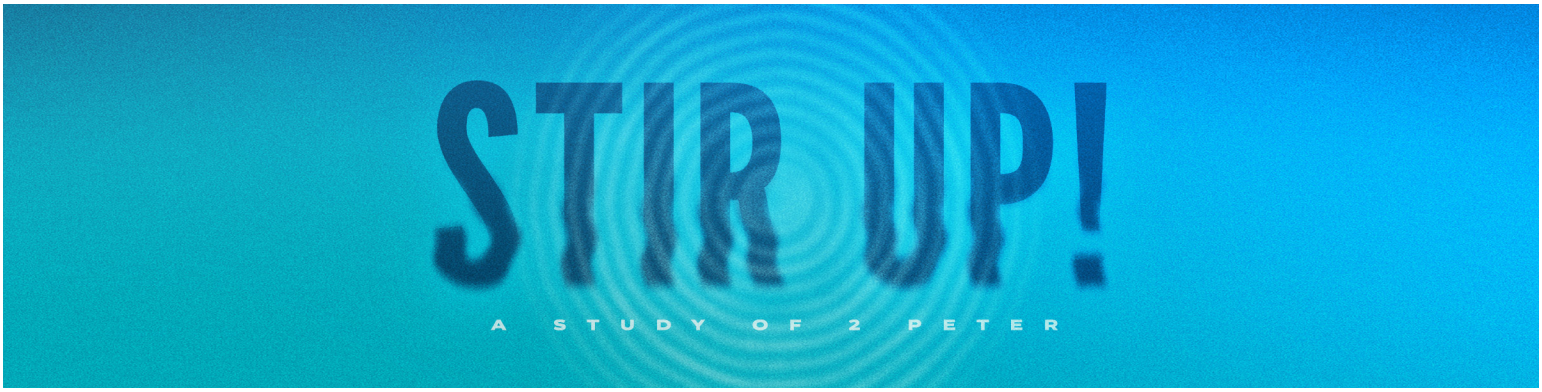
SERMON QUOTE:

"The antidote to spiritual drifting is deliberate remembrance of the Word of God."

PRAYER:

Lord, forgive me for the times I have chosen comfort over truth. Stir up in me a genuine hunger for Your Word and a willingness to let it shape every part of my life. Amen.

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DAY 4: GOD'S PATIENCE IS NOT A BROKEN PROMISE

DEVOTIONAL:

We live in a world that moves fast. We expect answers quickly, results immediately, and promises fulfilled on our schedule. When something takes longer than expected, we start to wonder if it is going to happen at all. Some people apply that same thinking to God. Jesus said He would return. Centuries have passed. So they conclude that either He was wrong or the promise was never real. But this reasoning misunderstands something fundamental about who God is. God does not operate on our timetable. He never has. Peter reminds us that God created the world by His Word, judged it through the flood by His Word, and is currently holding everything together by that same Word. The world continues not because God has forgotten His promise, but because He is patient. He is giving people time to turn to Him. His patience is not weakness. It is mercy. Every day that passes before Christ's return is another day of grace extended to a world that desperately needs it. That includes people you love who have not yet come to faith. So rather than reading the delay as doubt, read it as an opportunity. God is not slow. He is purposeful. And when the appointed time comes, His Word will be fulfilled completely, just as it always has been. Trust His timing. It has never been wrong.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue just as they were from the beginning of creation.'" - 2 Peter 3:3-4

REFLECTION QUESTION:

In what area of your life are you tempted to interpret God's silence or delay as a sign that He is not going to act, and how might His patience actually be a gift in that situation?

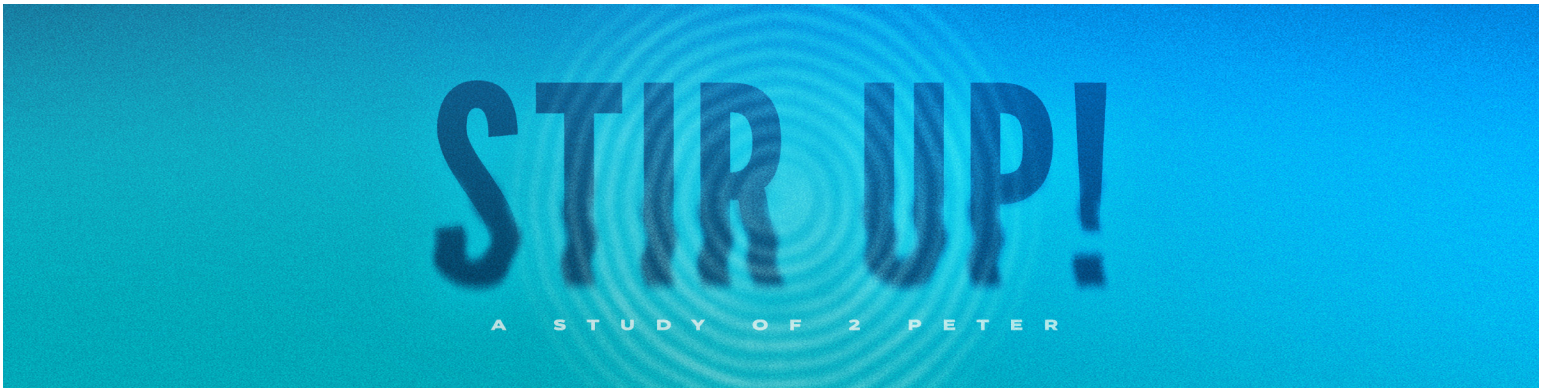
SERMON QUOTE:

"The fact that God does not work on your timetable does not suggest that God's not going to keep His Word. What it suggests is God is patient."

PRAYER:

God, help me to trust Your timing even when I do not understand it. Remind me that Your patience is an act of love, and give me peace as I wait on Your promises. Amen.

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DAY 5: LIVE LIKE HE IS COMING

DEVOTIONAL:

Over these five days, we have been reminded of one central truth. Jesus is coming back. Not as a distant theological idea, but as a living, certain promise from the One who has never broken His word. That promise is meant to change how we live today. Peter did not write to satisfy curiosity about dates or timelines. He wrote to stir up believers, to wake them up to the reality that this life is not the end of the story. Knowing that Jesus is returning should shape our priorities, our relationships, and the way we spend our time. It is easy to get so caught up in the demands of daily life that eternity fades into the background. But the believer who keeps the return of Christ in view lives differently. There is a steadiness, a sense of purpose, and a freedom from the anxiety of trying to control everything. You are not waiting for nothing. You are waiting for Someone. Remember His truth. Remember His work. Remember His promise. These are not just things to believe. They are anchors for the way you live. Let the certainty of His return fuel your faithfulness today, in your home, your workplace, your relationships, and your quiet moments with Him. He is coming. And until that day, you have His Word on it.

BIBLE VERSE:

"Be on the alert then, because you do not know the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

REFLECTION QUESTION:

If you truly believed Jesus could return at any moment, what is one thing you would do differently starting today?

SERMON QUOTE:

"Until that day, you have His Word on it. Peter said, remember the Word."

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for the promise of Your return. Help me to live each day with that hope in view, faithful in the small things and anchored in the truth of Your Word. Come quickly, Lord. Amen.

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