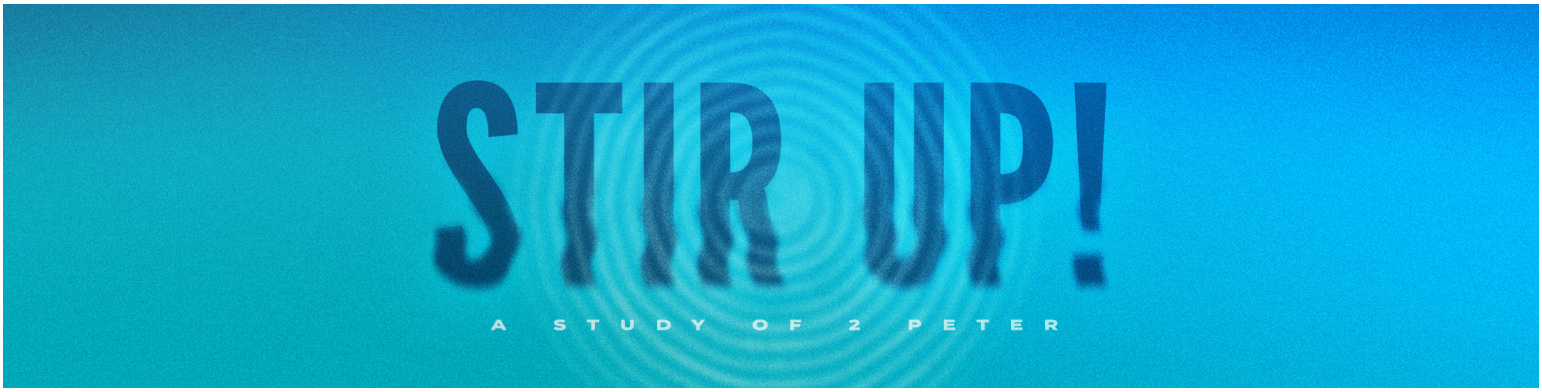


DAY 1: THE GOD WHO WAS NEVER MISSING

DEVOTIONAL:

Long before modern science began searching for the origin of life, people were already wrestling with the same question: where did everything come from? In Athens, the Apostle Paul found an altar dedicated to an "unknown God," a backup plan in case someone had been overlooked. It is a striking image. People were reaching for something they could not quite name, but they knew something was there. Paul did not mock them for it. He stepped into their searching and said, let me tell you who this is. The God who made the world and everything in it is not unknown. He is knowable, personal, and present. That same longing exists today. People look at the complexity of the universe and sense that something greater is behind it all. And they are right. A creation this intricate does not happen by accident. Someone made it, and that Someone has made Himself known. Here is the encouragement: you do not have to search blindly. God is not hiding. He has revealed Himself through creation, through Scripture, and ultimately through Jesus Christ. If you have ever felt like God was distant or hard to find, take heart. He is closer than you think, and He has been reaching toward you all along.

BIBLE VERSE:

"The God who made the world and everything that is in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made by hands." - Acts 17:24

REFLECTION QUESTION:

In what areas of your life have you been searching for answers without fully inviting God into the conversation?

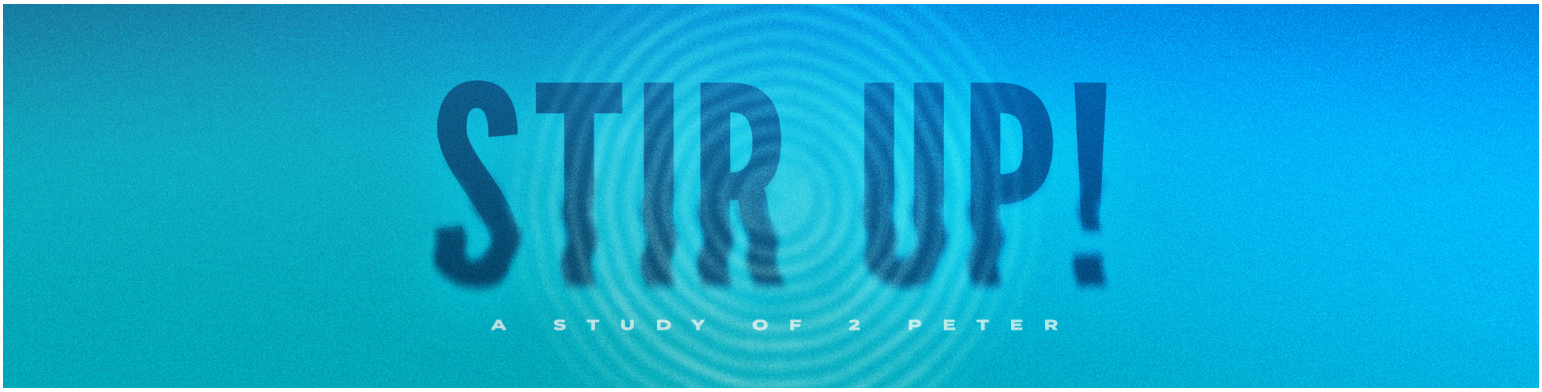
SERMON QUOTE:

"If you don't believe in an all sovereign Creator, you are left believing that nothing created something."

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for not staying hidden. Open my eyes to see You more clearly in the world around me and in Your Word. Amen.

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DAY 2: GOD IS NOT WATCHING A CLOCK

DEVOTIONAL:

Have you ever felt like God was taking too long? Maybe you have been praying about something for months, or even years, and the silence has started to feel like absence. You are not alone in that feeling. The early church felt it too. In 2 Peter 3, scoffers were using the passage of time as an argument against Christ's return. If He was coming, they said, why hasn't He shown up yet? It is the same question people ask today, just with different words. Peter's answer is both simple and stunning. God does not experience time the way we do. A thousand years is like a single day to Him. He is not watching a clock tick down. He is not behind schedule. He exists outside of time entirely, which means He is never early and never late. This truth is not meant to make God feel distant. It is meant to make you feel secure. The God who holds eternity in His hands also holds your situation. He sees the full picture when you can only see today. When waiting feels unbearable, remember that His perspective is infinitely larger than yours. What feels like forever to you barely registers on His scale. That is not indifference. That is sovereignty, and it is working in your favor.

BIBLE VERSE:

"But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day." - 2 Peter 3:8

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How might your perspective on a current struggle change if you truly believed God could see the full picture of your situation?

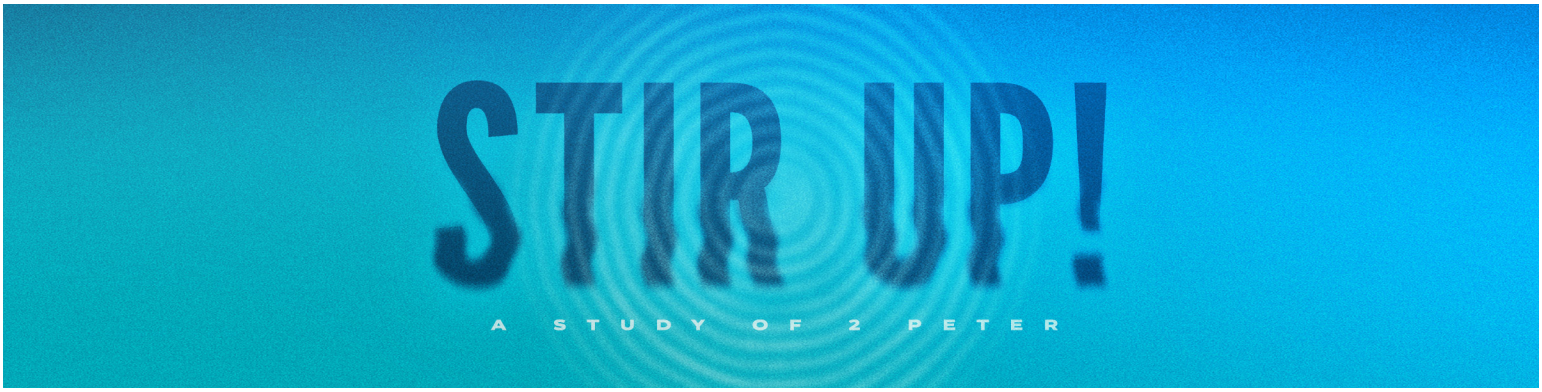
SERMON QUOTE:

"Time is not God's master. God is not controlled by time. God is not bound by time. God is sovereign over time."

PRAYER:

Father, help me trust Your timing even when I cannot understand it. Remind me today that You are never late and never absent. Amen.

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DAY 3: THE WAIT IS NOT WASTED

DEVOTIONAL:

Waiting is hard. It can feel like nothing is happening, like God has moved on or forgotten. But what if the wait itself was the point? In 2 Peter 3, Peter makes a remarkable statement. God's apparent slowness is not a failure to act. It is patience in action. He is holding the door open, giving more people the opportunity to turn to Him before that door closes. Think about your own story for a moment. Was there a season in your life when you were far from God, and yet He did not give up on you? Maybe someone kept praying for you. Maybe a moment of crisis cracked something open. That was not coincidence. That was God, patiently working. He does not want anyone to perish. That desire shapes everything He does, including how He manages time. Every day that passes without judgment is another day someone has to come home. This should do two things in you. First, it should fill you with gratitude. God waited for you. Second, it should stir compassion for the people in your life who are still searching. They are still in the window. The door is still open. Do not waste the wait. Use it to pray, to reach out, and to trust that God is doing something you cannot yet see.

BIBLE VERSE:

"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Who in your life might still be in the window of God's patience, and what is one step you could take to point them toward Him?

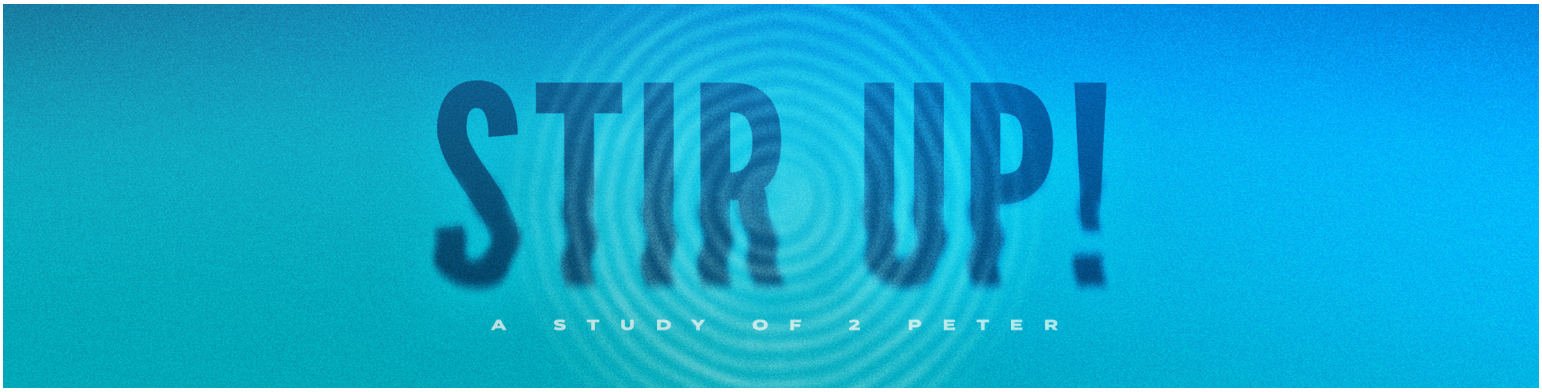
SERMON QUOTE:

"God's not late. And frankly, I remind you, God's not early. God is always right on time."

PRAYER:

God, thank You for being patient with me. Give me a heart that reflects Your patience toward others who are still finding their way to You. Amen.

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DAY 4: READY, NOT RATTLED

DEVOTIONAL:

Nobody knows the day or the hour. That truth has frustrated people for centuries, and it has also been misused by those who try to predict what only God knows. But the uncertainty is not a design flaw. It is a gift. In 2 Peter 3, Peter is clear: the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. Sudden. Unexpected. Certain. The point is not to create fear but to create readiness. You cannot prepare for a thief after he has already arrived. The prophet Habakkuk understood this kind of waiting. He did not demand a timeline from God. He stationed himself, listened, and received a posture instead of a date. Write the vision. Live by faith. Wait, because the appointed time will not be late. That is still the call today. You may not know when Christ is returning, but you know that He is. That certainty is enough to live differently. It is enough to hold loosely to the things of this world. It is enough to keep your eyes up. Do not let the uncertainty rattle you. Let it anchor you. A life lived in readiness is not a life lived in anxiety. It is a life lived with purpose, with clarity, and with hope that is fixed on something that cannot be shaken.

BIBLE VERSE:

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be discovered." - 2 Peter 3:10

REFLECTION QUESTION:

If you knew Christ was returning within the next year, what would you do differently in how you live, love, or prioritize your time?

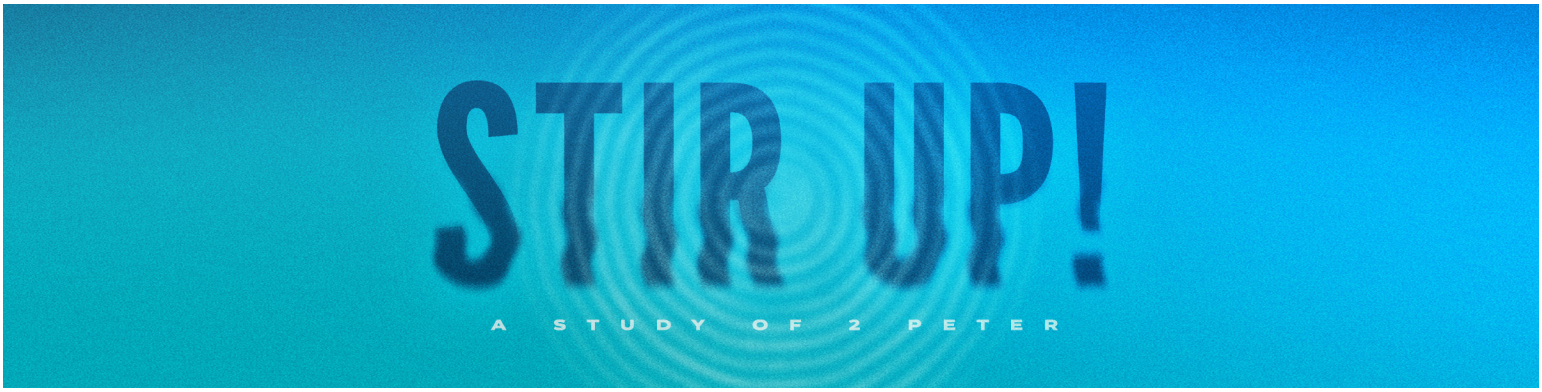
SERMON QUOTE:

"You may know He's coming, but you don't know when."

PRAYER:

Lord, keep me ready and not rattled. Help me live each day with the awareness that You are coming, and let that truth shape everything I do. Amen.

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DAY 5: FAITH THAT HOLDS THE LINE

DEVOTIONAL:

Habakkuk was not a passive man. He brought his complaints to God directly, wrestling with why evil seemed to go unanswered. And God did not silence Him. He responded. But the answer was not a detailed explanation or a fixed date. It was a call to trust. Write the vision. Wait for it. It will certainly come. And then, the line that echoes through the entire Bible: the just will live by faith. That phrase shows up in Habakkuk, in Romans, in Galatians, and in Hebrews. It is not a minor theme. It is the heartbeat of what it means to walk with God. Faith is not the absence of questions. It is the decision to trust God's character even when His timing is unclear. Over these five days, we have seen that God is the sovereign Creator, that He is outside of time, that His patience is an act of grace, and that His return is certain. All of that leads here: the right response is faith. Not passive waiting, but active, daily trust. God has been faithful. He has been patient. He has been working even when you could not see it. That track record is worth trusting. So plant your feet, keep your eyes on Him, and live like you believe what you say you believe. The vision is for an appointed time. It will not be late.

BIBLE VERSE:

"For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hurries toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it delays, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay long." - Habakkuk 2:3

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What is one area of your life where you have been waiting for God to move, and what would it look like to actively trust Him there today rather than just endure the wait?

SERMON QUOTE:

"There will come a day where every wrong is made right."

PRAYER:

Father, grow my faith in the waiting. Help me live each day with confidence in Your promises and trust in Your perfect timing. Amen.

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