

Dying Words (A Series on 2 Peter)

"The Importance of Remembering"

2 Peter 1:12-15

We are always in danger of forgetting the foundations of our faith. Not of forgetting forgetting, but of failing to remember in the _____ when we most need to remember.

"This is the big one, Elizabeth! I'm coming to join ya, honey."

2 Peter 1:13-14

John 21: 18 "Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Even though Peter is close to death, his focus is on Christ, on eternity, and on _____ rather than on himself.

Sensing that God won't bring healing or delivery is not necessarily a _____ of faith.

Acts 12

You don't devalue prayer or prove faithless by believing that God, in his sovereignty, often chooses not to _____ or deliver us from danger.

5. What are some of the essential elements of our faith we need to remember in light of the following passages?

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 4: 17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

1 Corinthians 15: 1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

2 Timothy 2: 8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. ... 11 Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,

we will also live with him;

12 if we endure,

we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,

he will also disown us;

13 if we are faithless,

he remains faithful,

for he cannot disown himself.

14 Keep reminding God's people of these things.

6. What do you need to do to become a better rememberer?

7. What do you hope will be your own feelings when you approach death?

A Tent for a 5-Star Hotel

2 Peter 1:13-14

Peter describes death as a putting aside the _____ of this body. You might conclude from this that he thinks that the afterlife is a bodiless existence.

Peter just doesn't finish the _____. You can't say everything about anything all the time.

The theory is that when you devalue your car, what starts as a _____ ends with needing a new engine. Likewise, when you devalue the material world that God created and will re-create, you can end up with a personal and global breakdown.

The Importance of Remembering

2 Peter 1:9, 12,13,15

When it comes to the personal and community _____ of our faith—practices like reading and reflection (ingesting) Scripture, and gathering for worship and fellowship and prayer together and communion and the teaching of God's Word—which is it for you? What do your actions reveal? Is it, "I know! I don't need to be reminded!" Or is it, "I know I need to be reminded"?

Are you self-aware enough to realize that you're not good at remembering without lots of _____?

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:12-15. What does Peter say about remembering and memory?
3. What are some of the ways Christians can get firmly established in their faith?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. How does Paul expand on the metaphor of a tent and what does he mean?