

TRUTH MATTERS

Remaining Faithful

2 Peter 1:10-21

August 12, 2018

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. ¹³ Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this ^[a]tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*, ¹⁴ knowing that shortly I *must* ^[b]put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. ¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my ^[c]decease.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ And we heard this voice, which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private ^[e]interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but ^[f]holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

Central Truth: As believers, we need to keep coming back to the truths we know. Especially in the face of suffering, we must remember God’s Word is real.

1. The Context (2:1-9)

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39).

2. Peter’s Encouraging Words (2:10-11)

“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” ~ Henry Ford

3. Peter's Persistent Attitude (2:12-15)

4. Peter's Confident Knowledge (2:16-19)

5. Peter's Strong Faith (2:20-21)

Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me,
Mold me, fill me,
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.

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Memory Verse: *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:10-11)*

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your divine protection as you take my family and I through this journey of life. And thank you for the divine Light you are as you lead me home to Heaven one day.

Reading Plan:

Monday:	2 Peter 1
Tuesday:	Luke 9
Wednesday:	2 Peter 2
Thursday:	2 Peter 3
Friday:	Romans 8
Saturday:	Genesis 1
Sunday:	Deuteronomy 32

Song for the Week: *Spirit of the Living God*, Daniel Iverson

Consider:

- Discuss the context of the message as found in 2 Peter 2:1-9.
- Describe ways in which believers can demonstrate diligence in the faith.
- Why is it important to the Lord for Christians to be prepared for their heavenly entrance?
- Why is it necessary for believers to be “stirred up?”
- How important of an event was the Transfiguration of Jesus to Christians overall? Read Luke 9:28-36 and share your ideas regarding the importance of this passage.
- What does the Word of God mean when it says that Scripture has no private interpretation?
- What is your understanding of how God inspired the human authors of God’s Word as they wrote this holy book?

Application:

Conduct a search about how the hymn Spirit of the Living God came about. What do the words of this song say to your heart?

Coming Next Week

Truth Matters—Our Spiritual Armor

Ephesians 6:10-18

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