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2 Peter 1

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Micah 6:8—He has shown you, oh mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. – NIV.

Monday: Reading – 1 Peter; 2 Peter chapter 1

Prayer Focus – Spend today in personal prayer. What are you in need of? What is weighing on your heart? Health concerns? Financial issues? Dealing with sin? Are there family members and friends who are lost? Pray for them by name and ask the Lord to give you more opportunities to act in love and speak with grace to them. Lay everything you are dealing with before the Lord. Put 1 Peter 5:7 into purposeful practice.

Tuesday: Reading – 2 Peter chapter 1

Consider this – 1 Peter

Before we consider Peter's second letter, I want you to consider what your major takeaway from 1st Peter is. Should it be that we expect "fiery trials"? Should we just grin and bear it through the trials? Maybe it's to lead a good life. What, specifically, does a good life look like in today's society? Perhaps it's the fact that you are a special possession of God's and that He cares for you. For me it's that sovereignty of God that is throughout his letter. Specifically, it's 1 Peter 3:17 and 5:10-11. Life can overwhelm us at times, so keeping the fact of God's sovereignty in the forefront of our thinking is vital.

Prayer Focus – Keep it local. Spend today in local prayer. Remember the prayer requests and needs from Sunday (refer to your prayer list if you keep one on Sundays). Lift up the fellowship at NUBF. Pray for your pastors and elders. Pray for the workers at the church and the ministries. Pray for financial blessing so that the reach of the church can increase. Remind the Lord about what you prayed for yesterday.

Wednesday: Reading – 2 Peter chapter 1

Consider this – 2 Peter 1

Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, in their book, *How to Read the Bible Book-by-Book* says this about 2 Peter.

This letter is in four parts ... Part 1 is an exhortation to growth in godliness; Part 2 is about the return of Christ; Part 3 is focused on the persecution of believers, but also the certainty of divine judgement on those who reject God; Part 4 is a counter to false teachers.

As you read this letter with our Pastors, keep these in mind.

Prayer Focus – Pray for our nation. Pray for our leaders. Pray for the victims and survivors of the fires, floods, hurricanes, and other disasters. Pray that in each community the churches can come together to show the grace and love of God through helping the recovery. Remember to pray for your personal needs, and the local needs.

Thursday: Reading – 2 Peter chapter 1

Consider this – 2 Peter 1

As in his first letter, Peter calls himself an “apostle.” If you don’t know what an apostle is, you should take some time to research the term and find out why it is important to understand today. This letter seems to be directed to a general audience of Christian believers. He doesn’t mention believers in specific provinces as he did in his first letter. What does this tell you about how these letters were treated back in the day? Do you think there was just one copy which was passed around, or did they “xerox” the letters so there would be multiple copies for multiple churches?

In verse 2 Peter talks about grace and peace in abundance, or, multiplied. Verse 2 is a good one to look at in different versions. The different wording can give you a more complete understanding of what Peter is saying. If you can, look up the word “abundance” (NIV) “multiplied” (NKJV) in the Greek to get the full meaning.

Prayer Focus – Spend today in prayer for the world. Pray for those in war zones like Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, and any other place you know of. Pray for our missionary partners.

Pray for those in disaster areas. Pray for a united, active, and gospel preaching church all around the world. Remember to pray for your personal needs, the local needs, and our country.

Friday: Reading – 2 Peter chapter 1

Consider this – 2 Peter 1

How is your “grace and peace”? Let’s not just skip over these early verses because they are part of what we call the salutation. They are introductory remarks, but they carry weight. In the first letter, Peter talked a lot about persecution and trials. He acknowledges that the Christian path can be a difficult one because of these things. But here, in his second letter, he doesn’t mention those things right off the bat, he expects that his readers will have “grace and peace in abundance.” How does Peter say we can get this level of grace and peace? Pray that you would be blessed in your knowledge of Jesus and that grace and peace would be abundant in your life.

Prayer Focus – Spend today praying for the soon return of Christ. Pray that while Christ’s coming is still in the future, God will use you to expand His kingdom. Lift up all of the needs from the week and pray for wisdom and readiness.

Saturday: Reading – 2 Peter chapter 1

Consider this – 2 Peter 1

The Henry Nowen society has this to say about our journey as Christians.

Our first and most important spiritual task is to claim God’s unconditional love for ourselves. To remember who we truly are in the memory of God. Whether we feel it or not, whether we comprehend it or not, we can have spiritual knowledge in the heart – a deep assurance that passes understanding – that we are God’s beloved.

Spend time today remembering what Peter says in 1 Peter 5:7.

Prayer Focus – Spend today praying for the Pastors of NUBF and the people who are making things happen on Sunday. Include the teachers, the behind-the-scenes workers, the worship team, the regular attendees, and that there will be new people who come to the service and maybe meet Jesus for the first time.

Sunday: Go to church with the anticipation of hearing from the Lord.

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