

**DAY**

**AND**

**NIGHT**

**DEVOTIONAL**

# Day and Night Devotional

*The Book of 2 Peter*

Each day and night read the given Scripture. Then, in a prayer to God either out loud, in your heart, or in a journal, answer the reflection question. All it takes is a few moments each day in God's Word and HE WILL change your life.

*“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”*

***Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)***



# DAY 1

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-2

**Day:** Why did you need God's justice and righteousness to gain the faith you now have in Jesus? What would it look like for you to think of yourself not just as a leader in God's kingdom, but also as a "slave" in the way Paul referred to himself?

**Night:** As you have prioritized growing in your head and heart knowledge of Jesus, how has He given you more grace and peace?

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# DAY 2

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3

**Day:** Talk to God in prayer now. Ask Him to help you remember that you have His power that will enable you today to live for Him.

**Night:** How has Jesus been calling you to Himself? What marvelous things about Him have drawn you closer?

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## **DAY 3**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 1:4**

**Day:** Pray and ask God now to fill you with His Holy Spirit that gives you power! He gives power to overcome temptation and peer pressure, power to be a light in the world and not be overtaken by the darkness around you.

**Night:** What precious promises that God has given in His Word are you holding onto?

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 4**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 1:5-7**

**Day:** Of the list that Peter gives, which area do you most need the Holy Spirit to do a work in your life to make you look more like Jesus? Ask Him now in prayer.

**Night:** Because you don't earn God's love by being and doing good, why do you need to respond to God's promises?

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## DAY 5

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:8-9

**Day:** As you have grown in Christlikeness and knowledge (*head and heart*) of God, how has God used you more to make an impact for His kingdom? Ask Him as you pray now to use you today to share the good news!

**Night:** Why do you think it's so easy for you to forget the many times God has forgiven you?

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## DAY 6

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:10-11

**Day:** Ask God to remind you of His grace each time you forget Him today. Instead of feeling guilty for not being perfect, let your failings remind you that Jesus died for you on your worst day and that He just wants you to come to Him.

**Night:** These verses make it seem like you need to earn your way into heaven. You don't! What do you think Peter meant when he said, "work hard to prove that you are really among those God has called and chosen?"

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## **DAY 7**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 1:12-15**

**Day:** Take a moment to pray and ask God who you need to remind today that God is still on the throne, that He has a plan for their life, and that He loves them?

**Night:** How hard is it for you to “stand firm in the truth you have been taught?” What questions or doubts do you wrestle with about the Bible?

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 8**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 1:16-18**

**Day:** Ask God for boldness today to talk with others about the rational faith you have—based on evidence, history, science, and experience.

**Night:** Take a few uninterrupted moments to remember all the amazing things God has done in your life, spoken into your life, and worked out for good in your life.

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 9**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 1:19**

**Day:** Ask God to give you a greater love for and confidence in His unchanging and inspired Word: the Bible!

**Night:** Since Peter is talking about the importance of remembering what prophets said in the Old Testament, consider reading all or parts of one of the prophetic books over the next month (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Amos, etc.). Check one of them out now!

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 10**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 1:20-21**

**Day:** Ask the Holy Spirit in prayer to embolden you, convict you, and comfort you today as you go to school, your job, your sport or activity, or spend time at home.

**Night:** How can we confirm that it is the Holy Spirit that is speaking to us or through someone else?

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## **DAY 11**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1**

**Day:** Pray and ask God today to guard your heart against “false teachers.” Ask Him to fill you with the knowledge of His Word and a winsomeness that doesn’t make non-Christians feel judged but loved and attracted to Jesus.

**Night:** What lies that are swirling around in culture have caused you to rethink what you believe?

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 12**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:2-3**

**Day:** Why do you think Peter was being so serious? Ask God to protect you from the devil’s tricks today as you walk in confidence of Jesus’ love for you, and not in fear of condemnation.

**Night:** How have you seen physical desires and money cause people to fall away from God?

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 13**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:4**

**Day:** Pray and ask God to show you the reality that people who do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord will experience hell. Pray and ask God to give you compassion and urgency to share the good news of how they can be saved through Jesus.

**Night:** Peter referred to when God cast the devil and fallen angels (now demons) into hell. Check out more about this here: Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14, Revelation 12, Luke 10:18.

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 14**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:5**

**Day:** Thank God today that He is always merciful and that even though there are consequences for rebellion, God always and forever offers forgiveness and mercy to those who come to Him. Thank God for the rainbow!

**Night:** The story of Noah is not a great choice for nursery wallpaper. Check out the real story in Genesis 6-9.

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 15**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:6-8**

**Day:** Ask God to bring a disgust to your heart at the thought of sin the way it did for Lot. Ask God to give you a hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**Night:** No one is perfect. We all still do wicked things. Because of Jesus, we are seen as pure and clean to God. Thank God for the specific ways He has changed your life and the things He has rescued you from.

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 16**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:9**

**Day:** Take a moment to thank God for absorbing His own wrath on your behalf. Jesus died in your place. For areas you still struggle with sin, ask Him for rescue in those areas. Ask Him to bring to mind someone who could help you with your struggles.

**Night:** Again, amidst God's seriousness about sin, Peter reminded the early church and us that God wants to rescue anyone who wants to be rescued! How does that change the way you see God's wrath?

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## **DAY 17**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:10a**

**Day:** Ask God to curb your distaste for authority and remember that no matter what bad examples you have had with authority, He is a perfect father whose character is perfect and who loves you deeply, even when you are not perfect.

**Night:** Ask God to give you a vision for His perfect design for sexuality. Sex was His idea! Shame is not from God. It is from Satan. Instead, take any convictions you have about how you have misused, or others have misused you sexually, to a trusted friend, counselor, or mentor for help.

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## **DAY 18**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:10b-11**

**Day:** Ask God to give you a stronger belief in the supernatural. There is a very real unseen battle going on for your heart. Jesus is going to win but we need to remember that our battle is not against just our flesh or against others. Our battle is with Satan, but Jesus has fought and won our battle for us, and we simply need to keep our eyes on Him.

**Night:** How has pride hindered you from getting the help you need from others or seeing your need for God's help?

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 19**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:12-13a**

**Day:** Ask God to help you sift through the talking points of influencers in your life today. Run all the opinions, jokes, beliefs, and media you encounter through the sifter of the Bible. Take things out of your life as you fill your mind with truth and begin to expose the counterfeits.

**Night:** In what ways is it hard for you to see people all around you living in direct opposition to God? How is it tempting or disgusting to you?

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## **DAY 20**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 2:13b-14**

**Day:** Talk to Jesus today about purifying your heart and changing you from the inside out. Meditate on His love for you so that the pleasures of sin would become unappealing to you.

**Night:** How has your life led people to God and His ways? How have you been an influencer, leading others in sin? Thank God for the leaders in your life that set an example for who you want to become as a disciple of Jesus.

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## DAY 21

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:15-18

**Day:** As you communicate with God today, thank Him for putting you on the narrow road and keeping your eyes fixed on Him. Write a list of 10 things you are thankful for that you can remember throughout the day.

**Night:** Peter referred to a man named Balaam. Are you interested in who he was? Check out the book of Numbers 22-24 in the Old Testament. Who are some people in your life that tempt you to go back to your old life before you met Jesus? What would it look like for you to both be influenced most by Christian friends, while still being on mission to serve and share the gospel with those peers who don't follow God?

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## DAY 22

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:19-22

**Day:** Praise God for the freedom you have in Christ! Thank Him for the healing and transformation He is doing in you. Don't focus on your flaws, Worship God instead for the fact that your sins are no longer counted against you. You are a new creation because of Jesus' death and resurrection!

**Night:** Talk to God tonight about areas of your life that you keep returning to old thought patterns and old ways of living. Ask Him to replace those old habits with new habits. Reach out to your small group leader or youth pastor tonight about areas that you need help getting unstuck.

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## **DAY 23**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-2**

**Day:** Thank God today for the people in your life who “refresh your memory” and “stimulate your wholesome thinking.” Ask the Holy Spirit who you can do that for today—reminding others of God’s faithfulness.

**Night:** What have been some of the most significant times you can remember reading the Bible, in musical worship, hearing a sermon, or discussions in small group? What did God speak to you in those times? Look back at notes you may have written in your Bible or journal and remember how God has been faithful to speak to you.

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## **DAY 24**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 3:3-4**

**Day:** Ask God to give you a confidence in who you are in Him today even when “scoffers” and “mockers” make fun of you for your faith. Who cares what they think of you! You are a child of God!

**Night:** How have you doubted some of God’s promises? What questions are you struggling with?

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## **DAY 25**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 3:5-7**

**Day:** Take a moment to marvel in God's creation. Think about all you've learned in science classes and thank God for the ways He holds the world together. Remember in prayer that God is holding your life together too. You don't need to control everything.

**Night:** Pray for five people in your life who don't know Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts and embolden you to share the gospel that they need to be saved from their sin through Jesus. Ask God to give you a holy burden for their salvation and to open your mouth when the opportunity comes.

**THINGS I LEARNED:**

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## **DAY 26**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 3:8-9**

**Day:** Thank God for His perfect character. He is endlessly patient. Thank Him that He is good and that He loves the whole world. Thank Him for His love for you and for your unbelieving friends and family. Thank Him that He never changes.

**Night:** What does it mean to repent? What would it look like for you to have a repentant heart while also not fearing punishment or living heavy with guilt all the time?

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## DAY 27

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:10-13

**Day:** Talking with God today, ask Him to help you remember that any day Jesus could return. Pray this prayer, “Lord, if today is the day, find me ready.” Don’t let this truth fill you with fear, but with joy and with an urgency to care more about peoples’ salvation than what they think about you.

**Night:** This letter from Peter is intense and sounds scary when He starts talking about end times. Why should we look forward to the day Jesus returns? Why should a new heaven and new earth that will be filled with God’s righteousness be desirable?

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## DAY 28

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:14-16

**Day:** Make an effort today to love people into the Kingdom—not judging them or arguing with them. Jesus said in John 13:35, “*they will know you are my disciples by the way you love one another.*” Always remember that the way you are presenting the truth is as important as the message. You want the message to be “salt” and “light.” That means it tastes good and is hopeful.

**Night:** Since we know that trying hard to be good doesn’t get us into heaven, what does it look like for a teenager to live pure and blameless? Who does this character transformation? How does it happen?

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## **DAY 29**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 3:17**

**Day:** What Christian friend do you need to hold accountable in love today to live what they believe? Who do you need to ask to hold you accountable?

**Night:** What do you think keeps some people following Jesus after middle school and high school? What makes some walk away from God? What are important things you need to work through and have surrounding you if you are going to follow Jesus for your whole life and not get carried away by the opinions of others that Peter talks about?

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## **DAY 30**

**Scripture: 2 Peter 3:18**

**Day:** Ask Jesus in prayer now to grow you in His grace and in your head and heart knowledge of Him! Spend several minutes in the presence of God right now giving Him glory and praise and let Him minister to you by His Holy Spirit.

**Night:** Bring all your cares and concerns to Jesus tonight and spend time with Him. Consider listening to musical worship if that is a way that you best connect with Him. Thank Him for all He has done in your heart over the last 30 days as you have read Peter's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the early church.

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What are 3 takeaways God spoke to you from 2 Peter that you want to remember?

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