

Series: Until I Breathe My Last: 2 Peter

Text: 2 Peter 1:12-15

HI: Before you forsake the truth, you forget the gospel.

Title: *Remember*

Hook: "Things we forget"

Date: 5.22.22

Purpose: To remind God's people of the gospel truth.

FCF: Sinners are prone to forget. God has graciously met us in our forgetfulness through the biblical witness, to remind us of the gospel and to stir us toward action.

COR: A deathbed is a sacred place, and as this life fades away, we find out what we truly believe.

Christ Trajectory: The gospel is inextricably linked with walking in the truth. A life lived for God is first rooted in the gospel. If we forget what God has done for us in Christ, our search for virtue will end in death.

Apologetic: Are you living a life and propagating a truth that will hold you till death and beyond?

Form: Inductive

Outline:

I. Reminders are for those prone to forget. (12)

A. We forget to live the truth. (12a)

B. We forget we know the truth. (12b)

C. We forget our gospel roots. (12c)

II. Before we forget, we grow indifferent. (13-14)

A. This was Peter's life-long mission. (13)

B. This was Peter's death-row confession. (14)

III. To jog the memory we must battle apathy. (15)

A. We must stay on task. (15a)

B. We must remain on message. (15b)

Main Idea:

Subject: Why did Peter write this letter?

Complement: Because though he was close to death, he wanted to stir them to action by reminding them of the truth of the gospel.

Exegetical Idea: Peter wrote this letter because though he would soon die, he wanted to stir them to live out the truth of the gospel.

Theological Idea: Christians must be reminded of the gospel to live out the truth.

Homiletical Idea: Before you forsake the truth, you forget the gospel.

Introduction:

READ 2 Peter 1:12-15

¹² Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,
¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

(Peter doesn't want this happening to us, so he says...)

RE-READ 2 Peter 1:12

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ILL: Circle with Christian qualities (from last week's sermon)

B. We forget we know the truth. (12b)

C. We forget our gospel roots. (12c)

Paul says, "The word of truth, the gospel of your salvation" (Ephesians 1:13, Colossians 1:5)

1 Peter 5:10 - And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

READ 2 Peter 1:13-14

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"Stir you up" – "Wake you from sleep."

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John 21:18-19: Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

READ 2 Peter 1:15

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Conclusion:

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, Eph. 4:15

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2 Tim. 3:16-4:4)