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A few short years after writing 1 Peter, the apostle Peter writes to the same general audience (2 Pet 3:1) and sounds many of the same themes. Two themes are intensified in 2 Petet as responds to heretical teaching that has arisen – false teachers and eschatology.

Peter could have written a much longer letter addressing each specific error in depth, but his initial words are instead focused on affirming and reaffirming the authority and inspiration of his own writing and that of other writers of Scripture. He writes affectionate reminders of God's truth and urges his readers to trust God's "precious and very great promises" (2 Pet. 1:4).

In the initial section which comprises 2 Peter 1:3-15, there is a consistent exhortation to vigilance when Peter calls his reader to "be dilligent" (2 Pet 1:10) and to "make every effort" (2 Pet 1:5, 15) to ensure they are following the teaching of the apostles so that they would be able to "recall these things" (2 Pet 1:15).

In 2 Peter 1:3-4, we are reminded of the power of God toward his people, the promises of God for his people, and live a life that shows a sufficent response to the gospel. Let's dig in!

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1. 2 PETER 1:3-4. What is something the Lord highlighted to you this morning from the message? Any thoughts or questions?

2. PROVISION & SOURCE. According to verse 1:3, what has God's divine power granted to us? Is anything missing from this provision? How do we access this provision according to the text? What does "the knowledge of him" imply?

3. KNOWLEDGE. By what two attributes did Christ call us to himself? What application does this have for us? How should our lives reflect these two attributes?

4. PROMISES. What What adjectives does Peter use to describe the promises granted to us in verse 1:4? How should our lives reflect the value assessment of these promises?

5. ESCAPE. What is the sufficent response to the power and promises that are granted through the knowledge of God? Is there any "corruption" that you need to escape?

7. PRAY. How can we pray for each other to humbly accept the circumstnaces of life and stand form against our enemy?