

Welcome to our live teaching on 1 Peter. It is such a blessing to go through this book. We get to know Peter and his weaknesses, but we also get to see the power of God in Peter's life. The words that Peter offers in this book come from a very deep place of conviction. Peter is a man who knew failure. Peter is a man who "disappointed God" more than any of us have or will. Peter was notoriously hostile toward authority, quick-tempered and overly zealous, and Peter embodied one of those people you just probably would distance yourself from.

Yet in this book we see Peter, in all his ill-mannered glory, humbly presenting some powerful truths to us in regard to Christ and in regard to life. A few weeks ago, we talked about the introduction to this book. Peter began this book by pointing the suffering Christians scattered abroad, the Diaspora, back to their hope—salvation in Christ. Peter through his compassionate words identified with their suffering.

He knew the ridicule they were facing—the death threats—the murders. He knew what they were going through. Peter had walked this road and knew it well—the one of suffering.

He not only addressed the people's hurts, disappointments and failures, but he placed their sufferings within the story of Christ Himself.

Before I elaborate: Can I just say something real quick about the reality of the Bible? This is first and foremost why I love the Bible. Real men, with real issues wrote it. They didn't try and cover up their mistakes, but rather they and the Holy Spirit penned those mistakes for us to read. Why?

I mean, you know yourself, don't you? Do you publicize your weaknesses and your failings?

Sure you don't. Why would you? Why would Peter? And yet that's exactly what the entire writer's of the Bible seem to do. They did it because the Holy Spirit wanted you and I, and all those throughout history, to see that we're not alone. We're not alone in our struggles, and in our warfare. Peter back in 2:11 says, "do not be surprised" when you encounter various struggles. Right here, Peter is not downing your afflictions or making light of your current heartache. He's not denying it, as a Buddhist would do. He's not calling you to turn your pain to anger like that of Islamic believers. Peter's simply saying, don't be surprised when you encounter trials. You know why? Your Savior did—and we all do. We need to be like Jesus, who welcomed them because He knew that on the other side of His trials was the resurrection—the offering of life and love to the world: the saving of his church, the defeating of darkness, and the coming again of Jesus' kingdom to the earth.

Don't be surprised, beloved. Peter just got done talking about suffering. He just got through discussing the sufferings of Christ, and how many years before Christ's suffering the prophets suffered to bring us the message of Christ's affliction. Peter just got done showing us that Christ's sufferings were planned, and they were planned before hand for a purpose. This same thing is true of your afflictions. They are planned so that life may live in you and in others.

Peter now is going to take us into a different kind of trial—a different kind of waiting—a different kind of strenuous anticipation. The prophets of old struggled and ached for what they spoke about. They anticipated the Messiah. They anticipated the rule of a heavenly King that would alleviate the ache and trial of the earth. They looked

toward a coming King to bring restitution to all their losses and to solidify hope for all their doubts. This is what they were waiting for.

We don't. You and I now have the cross; we have the resurrection to new life, and the salvation of our souls by Jesus' blood. We wait for God's Second Coming. When He'll wipe away every tear, He'll obliterate the world and its sin, and He will restore it back to garden perfection once again. We long for this day.

The pain you feel in your heart over your sickness, your malady your misfortune. The ache you feel for your lost child, your broken marriage, or your tattered relationship. The deep affliction you feel in regard to those that have died, for those that are not saved, or for the dreams you hold that are unfulfilled—they all PALE in comparison to the ache for the Coming King.

Your minor pains are supposed to be there. They are supposed to teach you about what it is to ache for the KING. They are there to remind you of how you need to depend on Jesus. They are there to create anticipation and hope in your soul for His coming Restoration.

Your pains are not hopeless, they are supposed to INSPIRE HOPE. Christ is coming! In vs. 13 Peter begins by saying "prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed."

Be prepared. Christ is Coming! This word for prepare in the Greek invokes in the mind of the reader a picture of war. In that culture, they wore long tunics or loincloths that would go all the way down and cover their ankles. In that culture, the only time a male would reveal his knees was in a time of war when he would hoist his tunic up, to enable him to run fiercely into battle. This was referred to as "girding up your loins." It meant, hoist your tunic, tighten your belt, and get ready to run.

This same image is used of the Father in the Prodigal Son. When he sees his LOST boy come up over the hill, the Father didn't raise his finger to scold his son, but rather he girded up his loins and ran to his boy. This was a sign of fierce passion. In doing so, a Father or a man in that culture would be displaying their disinterest in the thoughts of men. They wouldn't care about the shame of showing their knees, for their passion would outweigh their dignity. It is in this way that Peter is calling us to WAIT for the Lord's Second Coming.

The tunic of these men symbolizes that which is hindering your active work of waiting and expectation of Christ's return. What distractions are making your passion for Jesus wane? What entertainment avenues are consuming your time—time that should be spent in prayer and passionate pursuit of your Creator's heart? Whether it be a possession that occupies your time, or a mission and venture that you let trump Jesus and His message of salvation, you and I need to repent to our Father today. We need to repent for not running as hard for Him as He's running for us.

I believe that subtly within this text, the writer is implying a question. Are you ready? If Jesus were to come right now and steal you away, would your heart grown over the loss of something "better" here on earth—marriage, job, finances, toy, and fame?!??? If something is stealing this joy and privilege of anticipation, we should be violent to cut it out (*More on this later*).

This idea of preparation was mentioned again at the time of Pentecost. Jesus told his disciples to go and "WAIT" for his gift to be given—the Holy Spirit. This word wait

has an action aspect in it. It doesn't mean to just go and lazily sit. Jesus was not implying that these men find their Lazy boys and foam fingers and just relax. Jesus was saying, go, prepare your hearts, anticipate me, and gird up your loins. Get in a place that is free from all distraction and expect my glory to be revealed. Pray in this way, live in this way...

Jesus knew what he was asking. He knew of the distractions that would try and dissuade the disciples, and He knows what ails you and I today. That why he says, prepare with "self-control." The type of self-control I think He's talking about is referred to in 2 Timothy 2:4-6:

"No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules. The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops."

This verse tells us that the Christian life is likened to war, to a triathletically intense competition, and to the balls and brawn work of a farmer. Christianity is not for wusses. It's for men. It's for women. It's for those who fight. Men you fight with your strength. Women you fight with your gentle heart and velvet iron spirit.

THIS IS WAR. YOU'RE IN A WAR. You're BATTLING against PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS that want to destroy your hope, destroy your passion, and distract you from the coming of the King. You need to be self-controlled. If you're not, you'll be ripped away and devoured by countless distractions and lesser loves.

Don't believe me about the battle?!?!? Look at the movie screens today. 80% of what's being presented out of Hollywood is enamored with Vampires, Darkness, Evil, Homosexuality, and Political Unrest etc. You name it. Our music is filled with lyrics about sex, debauchery, and drugs—our artists today make orgies sound like a noble task. Meanwhile we as humans take the moral high ground and pat ourselves on the back.

"We're not as bad as they were 100 years ago," we say to ourselves...

"Remember that Hitler guy? We're nothing like Him."

Before we know it, we're as deceived about our evil secrets and tendencies, as much as we're deceived about the reality of Satan and the war going on in the spiritual realm.

Did you know, we have killed more babies' through abortion than Hitler killed Jews in the Holocaust. We are just like Jezebel in the Bible—offering our children to the God of sex. WHAT'S MORE—WE'RE BLIND TO IT. *WE SAY WE'RE BETTER. We take the moral high ground.*

"We're not like the people in the Bible," we proclaim. Heck, David had hundreds of wives and concubines. I don't struggle with that. But do we? Harems are digitally created in minds and hearts all over the Internet through pornography. 90% of teenagers will be exposed to it before they are 17. We objectify Women and Men—We say we're FEMINIST and women are LIBERATED—Burn your Bras—but just as cultures before beat women into submission, we're still allowing it, only now it's sexual. We tell women to dress and walk a certain way to be sexy. This is not God's design.

And women are a part of it too; you're playing right into the curse of Genesis, where it says "you'll have a desire to rule over the man." In playing into man's control, you try to control Him with your sexuality. You're both at fault. God designed women to be noble in their submission and men to be gentle and kind in their leadership.

On another note we say, "We don't put people in Coliseums to kill them brutally."

Yet people are destroying their lives before us on Reality T.V. and we call it entertainment-The American Coliseum—it entertains us. Satan—is referred to as "God of the air" in Scripture. AIR WAVES: MUSIC, RADIO, T.V., and GOSSIP Magazines. These are all tools that Satan is using to morally bankrupt us.

Satan—is referred to as the God of Deception. We watch Reality T.V. and we make fun of those that are crazier than we are, and we do it in a way to make ourselves feel more righteous. We're deceived.

Satan—he masquerades as light. That means he gives false hope—political saviors and the Hollywood lights rise up all around us. Their false leadership provides false claims to hope. Satan's driving this dark circus guys, and if you don't know Jesus, He's using you. You're on the wrong team. You're fighting for what you think is a good cause, and you're actually fighting to kill yourself.

John 10:10 tells us that Satan seeks to rob you of the abundant life that Jesus wants for you. The Bible calls him a thief, a devourer, and a destroyer. That's what he's doing. His plan is not secret. God is honest and tells you what Satan is up to. Satan is trying to destroy you. The fact that God tells you that, and is honest with you... shouldn't that make you trust God all the more? He's not the one lying to you, Satan is. But when you partner with Satan, you're signing the certificate to your own death. You're not winning, you're losing.

Hopefully now you'll understand why God calls "Salvation" a Helmet. He calls "Truth" a sword, and he calls "Faith" a shield. Hopefully now you'll understand why the Bible calls us to pray, study and memorize scripture, and stay on guard. The Church doesn't tell you to do these things for our health. We say it for YOURS. You're in the battle whether you realize it or not. You can convince yourself that it's chemical and all in your head, and dilute it with medication, or you can own up to it in faith and take Jesus as your guide to fight with you and for you in this.

'Cause I'm telling you, this is what's real now, but this is not TRUE reality. This is not the world that Jesus died to give us. He tells us to be prepared and to set our **"hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed..."**

Acts 2:29-33- He is the Promised King who will sit on the Throne of David—He will reign.

Col 1:13-14 – He will defeat and rescue us from the domain of darkness.

I Cor. 15 – He will give us new bodies', and the sleeping shall rise.

Roman 8- We will rule under his authority in His Kingdom as the "Sons of men"—Creation waits for our rule and stewardship to be restored.

I Thess. 4:16- “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Revelation- He is going to remake the heavens and the earth—1/3 of all the water will dry up, and the stars will fall. You GREEN PEACE, save the earth, AL GORE-a-phobs, need to realize that we’re not going to destroy the earth, GOD IS! He’s going to destroy darkness so He can renew it.

There will be no more frustration for man in the tilling and working of the ground—Genesis. Women, you will no longer desire dominance over your husband, and the best part—no more childbirth and all the pain that it brings.

Fix your hope on this. SET—POSITION—REST—POST—Lay Hold of and Lay Down your hope on this grace. For the Day of the Lord is Coming and it will not delay. Peter once again is describing salvation not only as saving from yesterday and today’s troubles, but it is a final deliverance for you, everyone, and all creation from the torments and pains of the FALL.

But we need to take warning today in response to what the Day of the Lord will be like. I Peter 1:17-21 explains:

“Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.”

These verses tell us to live in reverent fear NOW, because we know that judgment is coming. The main question being asked on judgment day will be “Did you confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and believe in your heart that He died and rose again?” If the answer is no to this, then your fate will assuredly be hell. And the Bible makes it clear, that based on the extent of your rebellion and deceit you will receive variant degrees of torment. Satan is said to get the worst torment because his rebellion is total.

If you pass the Jesus test however, you will come before the judgment seat of God as well. You will assuredly be saved, but it is at this seat that you will be made accountable. You’re going to have to account for all that you did and didn’t do with the knowledge of Jesus that you possessed on earth. This makes me excited and worried for you and me. Because even in hearing this message today, YOU’RE ACCOUNTABLE. You’ve heard the truth, and now you’ll be expected to respond.

In the preceding verses, Peter makes it clear that as believers we will be judged on how we handled our lives (Vs. 17). That’s a big one. That encompasses everything. God is going to look at your entire life as a Christian and lovingly look at how well you and I invested all that He gave us. Vs. 18 talks about how you handle your things—your

possessions. All the things that perished—gold, money, toys, houses, cars etc. are going to be evaluated. Not on their own merit, but in how you invested them. How did you use your possessions? Were you a hoarder, or a kingdom builder and investor?

Vs. 19-21 talks about how you handle your faith in Christ's cross, and how you allow good works and fruits to spring forth from your knowledge of Him? This is just like the parable of the talents. Did you use what you were given to bless the church, or did you hide and hoard things as if they were yours? Did you invest only in the world, or mostly in the Kingdom? God is going to evaluate your life as believers, not on whether you get into heaven or not, for it's only by faith in Jesus that this is secured. But rather, God is going to assign positions, responsibilities, rewards, and crowns to believers in accordance to how they invested their life on earth.

This is a tremendous reality. This is the only reality that makes our justice system make any sense. We as humans bear the image of God and that's why every culture in the world has a form of justice. We realize that people should be held accountable for their actions. Some call it Karma. Some call it reincarnation; Mormons call it their own planet, and so forth. Even Atheists have justice. They believe there is no God, so they live meaninglessly. Therefore, since there's no eternal purpose in anything, then death is simply being buried 6 ft. under and being eaten by worms. We live meaningless, we die meaningless. This is only just—at least in the Atheist mind.

Consequently this is why all of us struggle with unforgiveness. If someone wrongs me, then they OWE me something. If they don't serve time in prison, then I will determine a punishment that's JUST. I will cut them out of my life, sentence them to my circle of enemies', or I simply won't trust them anymore until they earn my favor again. This is unforgiveness. It's our way to deal with our injustices. This is how we'll all deal with them until we receive the reality of Jesus on the cross.

He suffered to pay off everything that anyone OWED to anybody. He settled our debt towards God. Ultimately our sins and hurts are not toward each other, for when we hurt each other the ultimate sin is against God. Therefore, Jesus had to do what was just. Someone had to PAY. But in both His LOVE and JUSTICE He died Himself, so we wouldn't have to. As a sinless person who OWED no one anything, He stood in our place as our representative. It's called Justification. It's called Legal Propitiation; it's called Imputed Righteousness.

Not only did Jesus take our Just Punishment in Love, but He Graciously and Mercifully gifted us Himself and His Kingdom for all eternity. Not only do we not have to pay the penalty, we get to share in His rewards. This is ludicrous. NO man, women or child would have dreamed this up. It's only something that God could have designed.

Father, we rejoice in your gift for us and to us. Amen!!

Now you may have noticed that I skipped an entire set of verses. I did this purposefully. I did this because I believe that until we understand the Second Coming and the Judgments and Kingdom that follow, we will not understand how to live in the NOW. Vs. 14 tells us to; "as obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance..." We'll stop there.

As obedient children, don't conform to the world. What does this mean? Well we need to go back to the "girding up of our loins" in response to our waiting for the King. Part of the Greek word for conform is *syn*, which means together or close in a near way—it implies intimacy. So the idea of conforming alludes to us being close to Jesus.

I personally don't feel you stay close to Jesus unless you fully understand the ramifications of the war you're in or the Second Coming that's soon to arrive.

Think about it? When do you hold up an umbrella? When it's raining! When do we evacuate with urgency? When there's a tornado or a hurricane. When do we take the NEWS seriously? When we see that war has come to our own soil, or that the world's dysfunction is going to soon impact us.

We as humans are a silly bunch. We only react in passion and urgency when there's some threat to our comfort. We are creatures of comfort. So, we need to know we're in a war. This provides us with the mentality we need to wake up and take this thing seriously. We need to know that the Second Coming is real, and Judgment is real. This will help us to wake up and take life seriously!!!

This word *syn* is used in a variety of other words throughout the New Testament as well. And in looking them over, I came to some added conclusions:

Synchematizo: Means to conform to; like clay to a mold. It is used in Romans 12:1-2. We are to focus our attentions on our internal lives and "not conform outwardly to the patterns of this world." This word implies that we're conforming to a world that is unseen. We're not seeking to resemble the world we see. That is only going to make us stressful, anxious, yet well dressed and fashionable people. Though we may look good on the outside, our insides are going to be havoc. God is not interested in what you look like. God wants you to conform to the patterns of the unseen world—the world described in the Bible—the Kingdom. You can't conform to it, or take on its values and practices unless you read it and embrace it.

Systauroo: Implying togetherness. This word speaks of a crucifixion as well. In implying togetherness with Christ, this word seeks to show, that to be close to Jesus we have to crucify, mortify and destroy our fleshly lusts and thirsts. This view of sin is far more intense than most people would think. Take Jesus' crucifixion for example. All Jesus had spoken to the Pharisees and the religious leaders was truth. You know who also knew that it was the truth? The Pharisees. But there is only two ways to respond to truth. Receive it humbly and repent of sin, or allow our sinful rebellion to rise up so deeply within us that it lashes out. The Pharisees did the latter. They hated truth, so much so that they crucified Jesus. This shows us how strong sin's influence is in our lives. This sin possessed these men to the point that they acted completely irrationally to what they knew were truth. Sin is serious business and we have to see it's dangers, and deal with it violently.

Syro: Implies this very fact. It means to draw or drag away. It involves the notion of VIOLENCE. Acts 3—Saul was killing Christians and DRAGGING them away. In this same way we need to contend for victory and fight. You are in a war people and your sin is not going to go down easily. The battles in your life that are seeking to distract you from the Kingdom are not just going to go away if you lounge and avoid them for a few hours. The only way you're going to defeat the enemy is by engaging in battle.

Let me just put it this way. You should be spending your day contending in prayer for those that need salvation. You should spend your moments sharing Jesus with them in word and in deed. You should spend your moments becoming a better man and woman—being a better husband by loving and cherishing your wife—being a better wife by loving and serving your husband. You should be deeply invested in your own consumption of the Bible and education. If you are a parent you should be searching for ways to equip your kids in their spiritual life. This is a full time job. If you’ve got time to “veg.” after all this has been done, then take 30 min., but don’t waste your life away being entertained or bored. You were created for WAR.

Also, you should be accurately dividing the WORD of truth, the Bible. So this is going to take a sacrifice of time to study. And not just a quiet time where you read a three sentence Maya Angelou thought on your bedroom mirror and then pray to God to bless your day...amen?!?! Seriously desire the WORD. Jesus is the WORD. You pray for desire to read the WORD and God will answer that prayer. For in knowing His word, you get to know Him.

But this change has to be deliberate and violent.

Synesis: This word dovetails nicely on the importance of the Word. It means to comprehend and reason out—distinguishing between concepts. II TIMOTHY 2:7: “Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight.” We can’t approach the Bible the same as we do our entertainment. Our entertainment teaches us to shut off, turn off our mind (as if this were possible), and veg... God does not desire this of our conforming to His word. He wants us to be questions askers and thought provoking in our dialogue with His Word. He wants us to deeply meditate and act out the full intentions of every word of Scripture. This is going to take commitment. Jesus doesn’t want half-hearted followers.

The Bible tells us to conform “in our minds.” You can’t conform to Christ if you don’t know what He looks like. You who pray??? You who heal?? You who worship?? Do you study His word?? Otherwise your prayers and your praise are stench in His nostrils because you worship according to your own view of God, not His view of Himself. God doesn’t want emotional Christians He wants reasoned ones. Good reasoning, makes for good emotions.

I Thessalonians 5:21 tells us to test everything we hear. This is how we recognize false teachers. The better we know the WORD of God the better we’ll recognized falsity. If you think about it, this is the PRIMARY way of recognizing Satan’s scheming. Many people in the world are running around finding Satan under every bush, thinking that he’s dominating cultures and cities’ and driving every sin. They live in such fear of Satan and they make him bigger than God. However, the WORD protects against this. If you study what God looks like,

than you'll know a counterfeit when it's presented. In this way the lies of HELL will have no power over you.

We need to be intelligent. There is no place for the dumb and only emotional Christian. Peter and Paul reasoned with the minds of the believers in Acts and before the Sanhedrin. They debated. The church today has grown far too emotional. In Acts, the people who responded asked, "what they should do" now that they knew this truth. John MacArthur tells of his goal in preaching: "Make sure everyone knows clearly the decision they need to make about Jesus." We need to present things clearly and powerfully from God's word so that people will be convinced in their minds to respond. In this way we're clearly conforming to God and His word ourselves, but we're presenting Him accurately and truthfully to others.

I'll tell ya'--I can always tell the real Christians from the false ones when talking about this stuff. The real Christians will respond to God's love in this. They'll sense that God desires to know them, and for us to know Him. They'll take this seriously because they know this will award them the privilege of knowing Him better. Real Christians will see their violent conformity towards Him, not as a ploy to earn His favor, but a loving drive to enjoy Him because we already know we have His favor.

The False ones will do one of two things: they'll shut off and not do anything, or they'll kick into high performance gear and wear themselves out by trying to please God with their hard work. This is foolish. We can't make God love us anymore than the cross!!!

Synegeiro: Synergy. To rise up together (Eph. 2:6). This speaks to how a real Christian has to know their place with Christ before they can adequately conform to His image. This word points to our condition that was affected by Christ on the cross. We died with Him, the Scripture says. We are seated in heavenly places positionally. Jesus has already made us right with God. We don't have to continue to perform to earn His favor we just have to conform. We have to know what He's already made us in Him, and just act like what we already are. He's made us Holy, we're His Children, and we're white as snow and blameless. We have been given His righteousness.

If we don't realize this, then we'll try to keep working to earn God's favor. The secret is, that when we know we have God's unconditional favor and love already, we'll simply respond in gratitude, not performance.

And lastly there's the word *Syntelesia*: Bringing together for an intended purpose. Our intended and united purpose is the mission of God. To be saved and become like Him in our character so that we can share His cross with others. Then people will get saved and become more like Him as well.

This is the meaning of life. Our united purpose together is to righteously and violently conform to Christ. We need to shun our sin and with warlike vigor draw close to Him in order to prepare ourselves for the day that Christ is revealed. This is the mission we're all united in—The Gospel. This is what we want to be close to Jesus in...

I want to end by again revisiting some verses that I intentionally skipped before. I Peter 2:15-16: "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am Holy.'" In light of God's Kingdom, and His New Kingdom that is coming, God desires for you to be Holy in your response to the truths presented in this message. Set Apart—that's what Holy means. God knows when He's coming, and He knows what judgment will be like. So don't become one of those Christian's who are always concerned with God's will—meaning "His next step" for your life. **God's will for your life is not so much about what you do or where you go, but it is about what you become.** God knows all about the future, and He's promised to get you there. He wants you to CONFORM. He wants you to focus on His character and in turn be transformed into His likeness. God saved you in order that you may know Him and be like Him. He'll use whatever methods to accomplish this goal. Including violent decision and warlike attitudes on your part.

READ vs. 22-25 "Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

This is what was preached to you. Live PURE. This means to align with God's word, and live in Expectancy—pure love. If you know that Jesus is coming, you'll love people deeply from the heart, and you'll be urgent to see their soul's conformed and saved through the knowledge of Jesus Christ. This work is imperative and crucial and it's imperative that we join in this work of compassion.

We've come full circle you know. Peter is no longer talking about how we handle our own suffering. Just like that, he's talking about how we should share in others—compassion. Peter's led us to a place where we can see purpose in our own sufferings, and instead of bellyaching we can use our pain as catalysts to reach those around us that are hurting. We can use our experiences and study of truth to engage people in God's saving work in the world. This is the Kingdom. This is how to preparedly wait, and expect God's Coming!!

This is Peter's goal for us. This is Peter's goal for you. It's that you would become like Him, and expect His return, so that you'd be vibrant and motivated to reach the world around you.



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