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I. Reminders are needed because we forget!

12Therefore I will always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are established in the truth you now have.

The Israelites

Duet 6:4-9 “Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.^[a] ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. ⁷Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol^[b] on your forehead.^[c] ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.

The disciples

Jn 15:20 Remember the word I spoke to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

We are forgetters

Matthew 26:26–28 s they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take and eat it; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is my blood of the covenant,^[a] which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Isa 40:8 The grass withers, the flowers fade,
but the word of our God remains forever.”

Matt 5:18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter^[a] or one stroke of a letter will pass away from the law until all things are accomplished.

II. A reminder was needed because it was the right thing to do

13¹³ I think it is right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder,

Because he knew personally how important a reminder was

Lk 22:31-34³¹ “Simon, Simon,^[a] look out. Satan has asked to sift you^[b] like wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you^[c] that your faith may not fail. And you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

33³³ “Lord,” he told him, “I’m ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”

34³⁴ “I tell you, Peter,” he said, “the rooster will not crow today until^[d] you deny three times that you know me.”

Because he was a good shepherd.

III. Reminders are needed because his death was at certain

13-15¹⁴ since I know that I will soon lay aside my tent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has indeed made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will also make every effort so that you are able to recall these things at any time after my departure.

Laying aside meant he was going to change locations

He was sure because Christ had told him

Jn 21:18-19 “Truly I tell you, when you were younger, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. After saying this, he told him, “Follow me.”

Close:

“Someday a loving Hand will be laid upon our shoulder and this brief message will be given: “Come home.”

Billy Graham