

Week 4 | “Make Every Effort..” | 1/19/2020

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Today’s Focus: Looking to Christ’s return as “the morning star”, invites us to keep our daily intimacy time with God

Passage (NIV) : 2 Peter 1:12-21:

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”[a] 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK’S REFLECTION FOR YOU & YOUR ASC SMALL GROUP

1. **(2 Peter 1:12-15):** Take a moment to remember and share a meaningful or important moment in your walk with God. What stands out to you from that story in this season of your life?
2. **(2 Peter 1:12-15):** How might God be using that memory to instruct, comfort, or challenge you today? To give you hope for his presence in your future?
3. **(2 Peter 1:16-18):** Why might Peter, in this passage about the importance of seeing and remembering, be reminding his readers of this particular story of Jesus’ baptism? How might he be pointing them to know that Christ’s return is imminent and to be trusted as part of your future?
4. **(2 Peter 1:16-18):** What does God’s proclamation over Jesus in verse 17 tell you about the character of Christ?
5. **(2 Peter 1:19-21):** What new habits or rhythms, in course of a typical week, could help you be more attentive to the story of Christ and to your part in it? How can you keep your “appointment with God” as Toms called us to on Sunday?

APPLICATION: ONE NEXT STEP THIS WEEK

1. Set a time in your calendar to meet with God each day this week. Don’t compromise it and hold that appointment as you would any other in your life.