

WE STAND FIRM

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

Live For What Lasts

1 Peter 3:8-22 | October 4, 2026

Sometimes we get so used to something being broken that we start treating it like it's normal.

"You have spent enough time in the past..." 1 Peter 4:3

A Process of Repentance

1. Recognize it.

What sin am I letting linger too long?

2. Rethink it.

What have I told myself that has made this brokenness feel normal?

3. Rearrange it.

What needs to change so I don't fall back into the same sinful pattern?

Live With the End in Mind

"The rest of their earthly lives..." — v. 2

"You have spent enough time in the past..." — v. 3

"The end of all things is near." — v. 7

So how should we live?

- We love even when we hurt.
- We make room for one more.
- We all contribute to the fellowship.

We stand firm by living for what lasts.

What do you need Jesus to heal in your life, and will you surrender it to Him?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall Fest: October 11 at 4:00-6:00 PM

WCC Moms: October 21 at 6:00 PM

Missions | What in the World is God Doing? October 24 at 9:30 AM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Think of something in your home or life that has been broken for a long time. How long did it take before you stopped noticing it? What finally made you deal with it, or are you still living with it?

A DEEPER DIVE:

- » Peter calls believers to arm themselves with the attitude of Jesus rather than the weapons the world uses – what does it look like practically to fight spiritual battles with humility and a willingness to suffer rather than with self-assertion or retaliation?
- » What patterns, habits, or mindsets have you normalized that may actually be signs of unaddressed sin or spiritual stagnation?
- » How does the awareness that your remaining time is limited, change the way you think about your daily choices and priorities?
- » Repentance is not as a one-time event but as an ongoing spiritual discipline, using the framework of recognize, rethink, and rearrange – which of these three steps do you find most difficult, and why?
- » Dallas Willard suggests that ongoing repentance clears the way for the Holy Spirit to work while sin clutters it – in what areas of your life might unaddressed sin be blocking the Spirit's movement without you fully realizing it?
- » Peter warns in 1 Peter 4:4 that those who follow Jesus more closely will face surprise and even hostility from those who do not. Have you ever experienced pushback from others when you made a more Christ-honoring decision, and how did you respond?
- » 1 Peter 4:7 calls believers to be alert and of sober mind because the end of all things is near. How does living with an awareness of eternity and Christ's return shape the way you invest your time, relationships, and resources?
- » Peter instructs believers in 1 Peter 4:8-9 to love deeply and practice hospitality eagerly rather than grudgingly. Where might you be practicing a reluctant or conditional version of welcome, and what would it look like to replace that with genuine eagerness?
- » What gifts has God given you that you may be underusing, and what is holding you back from stewarding them faithfully?
- » What is the one thing you have been putting off surrendering to Christ, and what would it cost you to surrender it now?

NEXT STEPS:

Take time this week to write down your answers to these three questions:

- » What sin do I need to recognize, and what is it doing to my life?
- » What have I told myself that has made this feel normal or acceptable?
- » What do I need to rearrange so I do not fall back into the same pattern?