



## THE LETTERS OF 1, 2 PETER

Rising Above Difficulty and  
Deception

### **PART 3: WARNING**

Peter wanted Jesus to have their minds free from distractions like immorality and deception. He wanted their focus on Jesus' return and how they could best utilize the time God had given them.

### **WIN**

To focus on the hope we have in Jesus' return, and to recognize when there are people or forces trying to influence otherwise.

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

### **PRE-VIDEO TABLE DISCUSSION [6:30 PM]**

**QUESTION [A]:** What is the most common barrier you've faced when making your faith the top priority in your life?

- Is that barrier still a clear and present danger for you? Have you been able to take steps to get past it? If so, how?

**QUESTION [B]:** Ask if anyone was able to read through 2 Peter and also if anyone was able to memorize the verses from last week.

### **PRAYER | 6:50 PM**

"Heavenly Father, give me the wisdom to recognize the things in my life that are harmful to me living out my faith. Amen."



**QUESTION [A]:** Has there been a time in your life when you were so enslaved to something you felt you couldn't do without it? To the degree you're comfortable in doing so, talk about what was like to be enslaved.

**QUESTION [B]:** Are you still in that season? What would it take for you not to be enslaved?

**DISCUSSION [4].**

**REFLECT:** Peter closes his second letter by pleading with the readers to Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **(2 Peter 3:18)**.

**QUESTION (A):** Would you say you're growing? What makes you say that?

**QUESTION (B):** Who are some people in your life that can help you grow?

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### **WRAP UP**

Peter wrote his first letter to a large group of Jesus followers, reminding them to live as if Jesus was returning at anytime—and also to stand firm in their faith, even when it's difficult. In his second letter to the same people, Peter reminds them to stay focused in light of Jesus's return, and to not be caught off guard by false teachers of the day. Peter's letters serve as a great reminder to us as well. We don't know when Jesus will return, so let's live with a sense of urgency, knowing God desires everyone to come to repentance **(2 Peter 3:9)**.

### **MEMORIZE**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**2 Peter 3:9**

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life.

**2 Peter 1:3**

People are slaves to whatever has mastered them.

**2 Peter 2:19**

**PRAY | DISMISS [8:00 PM]**