

Exiles 2: 2 Peter 3:1-9

Today's Study: 2 Peter 3:1-9

2 Peter 3:1-2

*This is my second letter to you, dear friends (beloved), and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your **wholesome thinking** and **refresh your memory**. I want you to **remember** what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.*

REMEMBER - because we all have the tendency to DRIFT.

Take a Note:

2 Peter 3:3-4

*Most importantly, I want to **remind you** that in the last days **scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires**. They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created."*

DOUBT is the starting point on the road to DEATH.

Take a Note:

2 Peter 3:5-7

*They **deliberately forget** that **God made** the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood.*

And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.

REMEMBER - the EVIDENCE speaks for itself

Take a Note:

2 Peter 3:8-9

*But you **must not forget** this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, **he is being patient for your sake**. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but **wants everyone to repent**.*

God's timing is a GIFT of GRACE.

Take a Note:

Talk about it:

1. What are a few things you have a hard time remembering? Why do you think those things just don't "stick"?
2. Share a time when you began to doubt something you thought was true.
3. What is some of the evidence of God that helps you?
4. If every day is a "gift of grace" - what do you believe God wants from you as he gives you one more day?

Take a Note: