



Resilient Faith: A Study of 1 Peter

Weekly Work + 90-Day Bible Reading Plan | February 22

Introduction

We want to be a people who have a resilient faith. Throughout this series, our goal is to help us appreciate the unshakable salvation we have in Christ, embrace our treasured identity as God's chosen people, and learn what it means to live holy and hopeful lives - even in the face of trials.

So, let's continue through 1 Peter AND our reading of the New Testament!

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7.

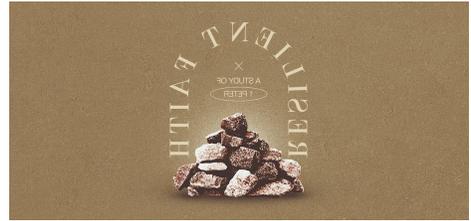
Peter continues to deliver a message to Christians about how to live in the world. This week we look at a passage that touches on the most intimate of human relationships: marriage. But whether you're married or not, this passage provides insights on how to think of ourselves and how to treat others.

In verses 1-2, Peter provides guidance for wives, especially wives of unbelieving husbands, reminding them that the way they live their lives can have a significant impact on the faith journeys of their husbands.

1. What can these verses teach all of us how to interact with those in our lives who are not believers?

In verses 3-6, Peter teaches women to seek spiritual beauty rather than physical beauty.

2. Whether you're a man or a woman, spend some time reflecting on the attention you give to your outward appearance versus the attention you give to your walk with Christ. What pressures do you experience to look a certain way on the outside? Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reflections and capture your noticings below.



Peter contrasts “outward adornment” with “the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit.” Jesus is also described in a similar way in Matthew 11:29 (“gentle and humble in heart”). Peter also instructs wives “not give way to fear.” Peter is advising women who are facing the pressure of conforming to their unbelieving husbands’ pagan religious practices. Peter’s repeated invitation has been for people dealing with ungodly authority figures to put their trust in God.

3. What pressures are you facing that make it difficult for your spirit to be “gentle and quiet”? What fears are you tempted to “give way” to? Where is God inviting you to trust Him?

Peter provides instructions for husbands in verse 7, reminding them that their relationships with their wives impact their relationship with God (specifically, their prayer life). Read Matthew 5:23-24, where Jesus says something similar about *all* our relationships.

4. Is there a relationship in your life that is potentially hindering your prayers because of how you’re treating the other person? What steps do you need to take? (Do you need to ask forgiveness, change your attitude, reconcile, forgive?)



5. This passage is especially addressed to wives and husbands. If you're married, spend some time asking God to show you what He wants you to pay specific attention to as you meditate on this passage.

New Testament Reading Plan

Below is the reading plan for our journey through the New Testament. Each day, set aside a few minutes to read through the text. The goal isn't to solve every riddle or answer every question. The goal is simply to pour God's Words into your mind and heart! After each day's reading, reflect. Use the following questions to help you do so:

- How are you coming to today's reading?
- What stood out to you or resonated with you?
- How does today's reading apply to your life?

After you've finished reading, move to the prayer portion of your weekly devotions to finish your time. Here's the reading for this week:

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 3–4, Psalms 79–81

Day 2: 2 Corinthians 5–7, Psalms 82–83

Day 3: 2 Corinthians 8–10, Psalm 84

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 11–13, Psalm 85

Day 5: Galatians 1–3, Psalms 86–88

Day 6: Galatians 4–6, Psalm 89

Day 7: Ephesians 1–3, Psalm 90

Pray

Based on your time in God's Word today (either in 1 Peter or in the New Testament), write a prayer to the Lord. Share with him your questions, what resonated, where you feel challenged, where you're hoping to grow, where you experienced resistance or difficulty in reading, etc.