



1 Peter Devotional Journal

Welcome to “*Believers in Babylon – Serving our Savior in the Secular City*,” a study of 1st Peter and the life of Peter. Please use this journal to enrich your own spiritual journey from now until Easter. Inside you will find a devotional for each of the next fifty days as well as a weekly memory verse and daily application. Don’t get discouraged if you miss a day or two. Just pick up on the proper date and try to catch up later.

Having a consistent Quiet Time is one of the areas with which most believers struggle. Let me encourage you to do the following three things:

1. Pick a **period**. When can you and God get together for 15-20 minutes of uninterrupted time? The same time every day will result in consistency and will form a habit in your life
2. Pick a **place**. Where can you get together with God without distractions? This should be a fairly quiet place where you can be alone.
3. Pick a **partner**. Who can check up on you and help to keep you going with devotions? We all need someone to keep us accountable.

Why not settle these three matters before going any further.

**My daily appointment with God will be from _____
to _____ at/in _____ and
_____ will be checking up on me to
keep me accountable.**

May God richly bless us as we travel this road together.

Blessings, Pastor Dave Watson, February 12, 2013

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Sunday, Day 1

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 1:1 – 5:14.

As you read through the book of 1 Peter, please circle the words “faith,” “hope,” “love,” “salvation,” “suffering/suffer,” and “grace.” Record below where they are found in 1 Peter.

Faith -

Hope -

Love -

Salvation -

Suffering/Suffer -

Grace -

Today's Quote – “First Peter was written to Christians who were experiencing various forms of persecution, men and women whose stand for Jesus Christ made them aliens and strangers in the midst of a pagan society.” – *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Mark 1:1-20 -

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Monday, Day 2

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 1:1 -25.

As you read chapter 1, fill in the chart below with what you think a good title or short summary would be for each section.

Section	Title/Short summary
1:1-2	
1:3-12	
1:13-21	
1:22-25	

Today's Quote – “The great theme of this epistle of Peter is Christian hope in the time of trial. Although Peter deals with great doctrines and handles weighty subjects, he doesn't write in a cold manner. Peter has been called the apostle of hope while Paul has been called the apostle of faith and John has been called the apostle of love.”

– Dr. J. Vernon McGee

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Tuesday, Day 3

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 2:1-25.

As you read chapter 2, fill in the chart below with what you think a good title or short summary would be for each section.

Section	Title/Short Summary
2:1-3	
2:4-8	
2:9-12	
2:13-17	
2:18-20	
2:21-25	

Today's Quote – “Christians in Muslim and Marxist countries are so used to repression, hostility, and even downright persecution that they almost come to expect it. For them 1 Peter is a tremendous practical help in accepting suffering as allowed by the Lord and as beneficial in producing certain desirable qualities, such as perseverance.”
– Dr. William McDonald

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Mark 5:1-9 -

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Wednesday, Day 4

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 3:1 -22.

As you read chapter 3, fill in the chart below with what you think a good title or short summary would be for each section.

Section	Title/Short Summary
3:1-6	
3:7	
3:8-12	
3:13-17	
3:18-22	

Today's Quote – “In this epistle, Peter is rather effusive in reciting two categories of truth. The first category is positive and includes a long list of blessings bestowed on Christians. As he speaks about the identity of Christians and what it means to know Christ, Peter mentions one privilege and blessing after another. Interwoven into this list of privileges is the catalog of suffering. Christians, though most greatly privileged, should also know that the world will treat them unjustly.” – Dr. John MacArthur

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John 1:35-51-

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Thursday, Day 5

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 4:1-19.

As you read chapter 4, fill in the chart below with what you think a good title or short summary would be for each section.

Section	Title/Short Summary
4:1-2	
4:3-6	
4:7-11	
4:12-15	
4:16-19	

Today's Quote – “Peter is outside of the background of the Book of Acts, early in the period between the close of Acts and John's exile on the Island of Patmos. The author writes to persecuted Christians and the identification of the persecutions involved is crucial to the historical setting of the epistle.If Peter is the author, then the only persecutions that could be in view are those under Nero.”

– *KJV Bible Commentary*

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Mark 3:13-19-

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Friday, Day 6

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 5:1-14.

As you read chapter 5, fill in the chart below with what you think a good title or short summary would be for each section.

Section	Title/Short Summary
5:1	
5:2-5	
5:6-7	
5:8-11	
5:12-14	

Today's Quote – “As many of our Christian brothers and sisters are suffering for their faith in Christ in other parts of the world, it is possible that we, too, will face increased suffering in the days ahead. Therefore, his words of instruction are also appropriate for us today”
– *The Preacher's Commentary*

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Mark 5:35-43 -

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Saturday, Day 7

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 1:1 – 5:14 again.

As you read through the book of 1 Peter, give a title or summary statement for each chapter in the chart below.

Chapter	Title/Summary Statement
One	
Two	
Three	
Four	
Five	

Today's Quote – “Christians were savagely treated in Rome, and this policy was probably reflected throughout the empire. Nothing in the epistle prohibits the hypothesis that Peter may have been anticipating an extension of the persecutions he knew to exist in Rome. Further, the persecutions in 1 Peter are probably not governmental in nature.”

– *King James Version Study Bible*

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Matthew 14:22-33 -

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Sunday, Day 8

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 1:1-2 and answer the following:

1. Who is the author of this letter and what specifically do we learn about him here?

2. Who is he writing this letter to and where are they located?

3. What are they described as?

4. What is their being elect based on?

5. What are they wished?

Today's Quote – “Peter names himself as an **apostle** of Jesus Christ, which means that he is sent by the Lord with a commission. With this statement Peter claims a certain authority; his letter must then be received and recognized by the churches as the Word of God. The name **Peter** is the Greek form of the Aramaic “Cephas” and means “a stone.” The name was given to Peter by the Lord Jesus; compare John 1:42 and Matthew 16:18” -- *KJV Bible Commentary*

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Matthew 16:13-20 -

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Monday, Day 9

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 1:3-5 and answer the following:

1. Who is being praised in these verses and why is he being praised?

2. What have we been begotten to?

3. What is the basis of this hope?

4. How is hope maintained?

Today's Quote – “The reason God provided a glorious salvation for mankind is that He is merciful. Sinners need God's mercy because they are in a pitiful, desperate, wretched condition as sinners... God gave the new birth as part of His provision in salvation. When a sinner comes to Christ and puts His faith in Him, he is born anew into God's family and receives a new nature, **a living hope**. The living hope is eternal life.” – *MacArthur Study Bible*

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Matthew 17:22-27 -

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Tuesday, Day 10

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 1:6-9 and answer the following:

1. Along with joy, what else are the readers experiencing?

2. What is more precious than gold that perishes?

3. How is the joy experienced here described?

4. What is the end product of our faith?

Today's Quote – “On the one hand, they can **rejoice** in the prospect of a kept inheritance for a kept people. On the other hand, they can find joy in the knowledge that the **various trials** are only for a little while, whereas the glory will be forever (see 2 Cor. 4:17).

Commenting on the presence of joy in the midst of grief caused by numerous trials, J. H. Jowett wrote: “I never expected to find a fountain in so unpromising a waste.”

– Dr. William McDonald, *Believers Bible Commentary*

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Mark 9:1-13 -

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Wednesday, Day 11

Today's study - 1 Peter 1:10 -12 and answer the following:

1. Is this salvation something new or was it predicted by the prophets?

2. What did the Spirit predict through them?

3. Who were the prophets serving?

4. What other created beings have an interest in this salvation?

Today's Quote – “The Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify.” This tells us specifically that the prophets of the Old Testament wrote by the Spirit of Christ. This is one of the many statements contained in the Word of God declaring that the Old Testament was inspired of God. These men wrote by the “Spirit of Christ....” The prophets wrote some things which they themselves did not grasp. They searched for the meaning diligently, “searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” – Dr. J. Vernon McGee

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Mark 10:23-31 -

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Thursday, Day 12

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 1:13 -17 and answer the following:

1. Where are we to set our hope?

2. As His obedient children how are we *not to be*?

3. As His obedient children how are we *to be*?

4. Since we call on the Father, how are we to conduct ourselves?

Today's Quote – “The strenuous mental preparation suggested by the three admonitions in verse 13 is needed so that Christians (d) do not conform to (syschēmatizomenoi, also used in Rom. 12:1) the evil desires (1 Peter 1:14) of their past sinful lives (Eph. 2:3), when they were ignorant of God (cf. Eph. 4:18). Rather as obedient children (“children of obedience”) they were to mold their characters to (e) “be holy” in all they did (1 Peter 1:15). Their lifestyle was to reflect not their former ignorance (agnoia), but the holy (hagioi) nature of their heavenly Father who gave them new birth and called them (“called” in 2 Peter 1:3) to be His own.” -- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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Mark 11:15-26 -

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Friday, Day 13

Today's study - – *Read 1 Peter 1:18 -21 and answer the following:*

1. What were we not ransomed with?
2. What were we ransomed with?
3. Why are we believers in God?
4. Where have we placed our faith and hope?

Today's Quote – “Neither silver nor gold, nor any of the corruptible things of this world, can redeem so much as one soul. They are often snares, temptations, and hindrances to man's salvation, but they can by no means purchase or procure it; they are corruptible, and therefore cannot redeem an incorruptible and immortal soul. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only price of man's redemption. The redemption of man is real, not metaphorical. We are bought with a price, and the price is equal to the purchase, for it is the precious blood of Christ; it is the blood of an innocent person, a lamb without blemish and without spot, whom the paschal lamb represented, and of an infinite person, being the Son of God, and therefore it is called the blood of God.”

– Matthew Henry

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Luke 22:1-13

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Saturday, Day 14

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 1:22-25 and answer the following:

1. How are we to love one another?

2. With what have we been born again?

3. How is that word described?

4. What is the nature of the word of the Lord?

Today's Quote – “Peter proceeds to inform us that the quality of loving God sincerely, fervently, and with a pure heart flows from that marvelous and necessary experience of “having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” Earlier in chapter 1, he writes about our inheritance which is incorruptible and undefiledAnd all of that is based upon the Resurrection of Jesus Christ” *Preacher's Commentary*

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Mark 13:1-4 -

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Sunday, Day 15

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 2:1-3 and answer the following:

1. What things are we told to put away?

2. What does it mean to put away these traits?

3. What are we supposed to be longing for?

4. What will a person desiring the spiritual milk of the Word do?

Today's Quote – “Peter wanted his readers to be as eager for the nourishment of the Word as babies are for **milk**. After believers cast out impure desires and motives (v. 1), they then need to feed on wholesome **spiritual** food that produces growth. (**Pure** [*adolon*] is deliberately contrasted with “deceit” [*dolon*] in v. 1. God's Word does not deceive; neither should God's children.) Christians should approach the Word with clean hearts and minds (v. 1) in eager anticipation, with a desire to **grow** spiritually.” – B.K.C.

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

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John 13:1-9 -

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Monday, Day 16

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 2:4-8 and answer the following:

1. How is Jesus described in v.4?

2. How are we described in v.5?

3. Please fill in the chart below.

Who is Jesus?	
To God and believers	To the world and unbelievers

Today's Quote – “Since Peter had become very familiar with the Greek Old Testament and the striking continuity between its prophecies of the Messiah and their fulfillment in Jesus Christ on the one hand, and between the people of God in the Old Testament and believers in his own era on the other hand, he is here taken up completely with the beauty of metaphor and allusion. He is thinking now of God's people as a building and of Jesus Christ as the **living stone**, fulfilling the prophecy of Is. 28:16.” – *KJV Bible Commentary*

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John 13:10-25 -

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Tuesday, Day 17

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 2:9-10 and answer the following:

1. Who are we contrasted with in verse 8?

2. How are we described in verse 9?

3. What are we now to do?

4. How are our lives contrasted now with our lives before?

Today's Quote – “Now keep in mind that Peter is writing to his own people, the *Diaspora*, Jewish Christians who were scattered throughout the Roman Empire and even beyond it. In effect he is saying, “Although right now you certainly do not look like a chosen generation, an elect race, you are. Because you have come to Christ, you are a chosen generation, you are an elect nation, just as the children of Israel were elect. The keys of the kingdom have been given to the church, and we today are to give out the gospel because the church is the chosen instrument.” – Dr. J. Vernon McGee

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John 13:26-37 -

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Wednesday, Day 18

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 2:11-12 and answer the following:

1. What does it mean to abstain from passions of the flesh?

2. What does the warring against the soul feel like to you?

3. What does it mean to have honorable conduct among the lost world?

4. What will be the result of us living correctly in front of the lost?

Today's Quote – “With these words, Peter reminds believers (1:1) that this earth is not our home. We are foreigners here, traveling to our eternal home, heaven. The word translated **abstain** literally means “to hold away from one’s person.” In other words, we must distance ourselves from our own self-indulgent urges. **war:** Life is not a game but a war to be waged, and that war is a matter of eternal life or death (see Rom. 7:23; James 4:1). Yet the war is not necessarily fought on a physical, temporal plane, but on a spiritual one.”- *Nelson Study Bible*

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John 18:1-11-

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Thursday, Day 19

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 2:13-17 and answer the following:

1. To whom and for what reason are we to be subject?

2. What does being subject mean?

3. What is the will of God specifically said to be?

4. What are the five things I am supposed to do according to verses 16 & 17.

Today's Quote – “The motivation for obedience is not avoiding punishment but is for the Lord's sake. To honor God who ordained human government, Christians are to observe man-made laws carefully as long as those laws do not conflict with the clear teaching of Scripture (cf. Acts 4:19). The general purpose of legal authority is to punish ... wrong and to commend ... right. Evidently Christians were being slandered and falsely accused of evil, for Peter stressed that it is God's will (thelēma, a term expressing the result of one's purpose or desire.....” -- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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John 18:12-18 -

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Friday, Day 20

Today's study - *Read 1 Peter 2:18-20 and answer the following:*

1. To whom are servants to be subjected?

2. Who has a similar role to first century servants in today's world?

3. What is described as a gracious thing before God?

4. What does it mean that it is a "gracious thing" or "commendable"?

Today's Quote – "Favor with God is found when an employee, treated unjustly, accepts his poor treatment with faith in God's sovereign care, rather than responding in anger, hostility, discontent, pride, or rebellion (See Matthew 5:11)." – Dr. John MacArthur

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John 18:19-27-

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Saturday, Day 21

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 and answer the following:

1. What does it mean that we are *called* to suffer?
2. Who is our example in this arena of suffering?
3. In what specific ways is he our example?
4. Why, according to v. 24, did He bear our sins?

Today's Quote – “Now, His suffering for the sins of the world is not an example for us—it is our *redemption*. It is something we believe and accept, but we can by no means imitate it. However, in His life down here He did leave us an example. In Nazareth during His first thirty years He suffered ridicule and misunderstanding, as Psalm 69 makes clear. Then, when He moved out in a public ministry, the gospel records tell us how He suffered for righteousness' sake. When you and I suffer for our faith, we remember the example He left for us in that connection.” – Dr. J Vernon McGee

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John 20:1-10 -

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Sunday, Day 22

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 3:1-2 and answer the following:

1. What does the word(s) “likewise” or “in the same way” refer back to (see 2:18)?

2. What is the specific command given?

3. What is a possible outcome of this submission?

4. What does the phrase “without a word” mean when contrasted to verse 2.

Today's Quote – Every wife is to be submissive to her husband, whether he is a believer or not. God has given to the man the place of headship, and it is His will that the woman should acknowledge the authority of the man. The relationship between husband and wife is a picture of that between Christ and the church. The woman should obey her husband just as the church should obey Christ.”
- Dr. William McDonald

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

This Week's Verse to Remember – *1 Peter 3:15-16 - But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

John 21:1-14 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Monday, Day 23

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 3:3-6 and answer the following:

1. According to verse 3, what shouldn't a woman rely on for her beauty?
2. What, according to verse 4, should a woman rely on for her beauty?
3. How is a gentle quiet spirit described?
4. Who else adorned themselves this way according to verse 5.

Today's Quote – “There is a form of beauty which comes from the outward adorning of the body such as the arranging of the hair, wearing jewelry, or putting on fine apparel. Peter asks for Christian women to recognize that there is a beauty which is far more vital and important. But there is a beauty which is much deeper and of a much higher priority. it is the beauty of the inner person which Peter describes as the hidden person of the heart.” *Preacher's Commentary*

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John 21:15-25 -

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Tuesday, Day 24

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 3:7 and answer the following:

1. What do the word(s) "likewise" or "in this manner" refer back to?

2. In what way is a man to live with his wife?

3. In what manner should he treat her?

4. How does God view them together?

Today's Quote – "Submission is the responsibility of a Christian husband as well (Eph. 5:21). Though not submitting to his wife as a leader, a believing husband must submit to the loving duty of being sensitive to the needs, fears, and feelings of his wife. In other words, a Christian husband needs to subordinate his needs to hers, whether she is a Christian or not. Peter specifically notes consideration, chivalry, and companionship." – Dr. John MacArthur

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This Week's Verse to Remember – 1 Peter 3:15-16 - *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the author of 1 Peter, the Apostle Peter.

Acts 1:1-11 -

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Wednesday, Day 25

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 3:8-12 and answer the following:

1. What qualities are we all told to have in verse 8?
2. What are the negative & positive things in verses 9-10?
3. What other commands are added in verse 11?
4. What is the motivation for all of this according to verse 12?

Today's Quote – “The poem sums up the implications of humility for all the aspects of life in general; it is the epitome of the Christian life. The person who wants a truly happy life, enjoying all God's blessings, must first turn away from evil in both word and deed. On the positive side, he must pursue or “run after” peace. This kind of person can be happy because God's eye is on him for protection, God's ear is open to his prayer.” - *KJV Bible Commentary*

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Acts 1:12-26 -

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Thursday, Day 26

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 3:13-14 and answer the following:

1. Who might harm us if we are zealous to do good?
2. What is true of us when we suffer for righteousness?
3. Why is it that we are blessed?
4. What two things are we specifically told not to be in v.14?

Today's Quote – “Though the adversary, through physical suffering or material hardship, would distress those who were eager (*zēlōtai*, lit., “zealots”) to do good, no real harm can come to those who belong to Christ. For even if suffering should occur, Christians are blessed and thus should not be frightened... To be “blessed” in this context does not mean to “feel delighted” but to be “highly privileged.”
– *Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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Acts 2:1-13 -

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Friday, Day 27

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 3:15-17 and answer the following:

1. In contrast to being afraid, what are we told to do?

2. What am I to always be prepared to do?

3. How are my words about Christ to be backed up?

4. Is it possible that suffering might be part of God's will for me?

Today's Quote – “Peter is not encouraging believers to seek out situations in which they will experience suffering. Instead, he is saying that believers should make certain that when they suffer it is the result of having been faithful to God rather than because they have done evil... Suffering may be part of God's perfect and wise plan for a believer.” - *The Nelson Study Bible*

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Acts 2:14-36 -

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Saturday, Day 28

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 3:18-22 and answer the following:

1. With reference to the will of God, what did Christ do for us and thus also provide for us?

2. When and through whom did Christ preach to the spirits who are now in prison ?

3. What part about baptism doesn't save us?

4. What part about baptism does save us?

Today's Quote – “Peter is not at all referring to water baptism here, but rather a figurative immersion into union with Christ as an ark of safety from the judgment of God. The resurrection of Christ demonstrates God's acceptance of Christ's substitutionary death for the sins of those who believe.” - Dr. John MacArthur

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For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Acts 2:37-47 -

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Sunday, Day 29

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 4:1-3 and answer the following:

1. What kind of thinking are we to arm ourselves with?

2. What does suffering in the flesh make us want to do with reference to God's will?

3. What did the Gentiles' past life look like?

4. Do we have to live that way any longer? Why not?

Today's Quote – “Just what does Peter mean by this? First of all, I would say that God will use suffering to keep you from sin. I am confident that many of us have experienced that personally. Suffering will keep us from sin, but Peter is saying more than that here. Peter says we have got *release* from sin. That means that God has made an adequate provision for you and me to live the Christian life.”

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

This Week's Verse to Remember – 1 Peter 4:12-13 - *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Acts 3:1-10 -

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Monday, Day 30

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 4:4-6 and answer the following:

1. What is the response of unbelievers to the change in believers?
2. How do they speak of the believer?
3. What should they be aware of in verse 5?
4. Who was the gospel preached to according to verse 6.

Today's Quote – “The temper and behaviour of true Christians seem very strange to ungodly men. That they should despise that which everyone else is fond of, that they should believe many things which to others seem incredible, that they should delight in what is irksome and tedious, be zealous where they have no visible interest to serve, and depend so much upon hope, is what the ungodly cannot comprehend.”
– Matthew Henry

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Acts 3:11-26 -

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Tuesday, Day 31

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 4:7-9 and answer the following:

1. What is at hand or very close, according to Peter?

2. What is the reason for being sober-minded or clear headed?

3. What are we to have above all else? Why? What does it do?

4. What should we extend to one another as well?

Today's Quote – “The first admonition is to be serious and watchful in your prayers. This was written in a time of persecution and means that the believer's prayer life should be free from the distractions of panic and emotional instability brought on by stress: his fellowship with God should be undisturbed by discordant circumstances.”
-- William McDonald

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Acts 4:1-22 -

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Wednesday, Day 32

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 and answer the following:

1. For what purpose are we supposed to use our spiritual gifts?
2. As we serve one another with our gifts, what are we said to be?
3. How are we to speak?
4. How are we to minister?
5. What is the end goal of all this?

Today's Quote – “Finally, Christians need to serve the Lord in spite of persecution, ministering their gifts as good stewards of God's many-sided (manifold) grace. “Manifold” also means “many-colored, variegated.” God's grace can meet any need or match any “color” that might come to life! God gives us the gifts and the strength to use all things for His glory.” - Dr. Warren Wiersbe

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For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Acts 4:23-37-

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Thursday, Day 33

Today's study - *Read 1 Peter 4:12-13 and answer the following:*

1. What shouldn't we be when fiery trials come?
2. In contrast to being surprised what are we to do?
3. Why should we rejoice?
4. When will we be rewarded for our sharing in Christ's suffering?

Today's Quote – “However, the verse could also be aptly applied to the historical reality of the Neronian persecution. Christians were blamed for the burning of Rome. Some were covered with pitch and used as living torches to light the imperial gardens at night. Peter may have believed that the provincial officials were likely to follow their emperor's example and stake-burn Christians in Asia Minor. Such persecution should not take the Christians by surprise as though something strange were befalling him”- *Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Acts 5:1-21-

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Friday, Day 34

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 4:14-16 and answer the following:

1. How are we described if we are insulted for Christ's sake?
2. Why are we said to be blessed?
3. What are four things we shouldn't suffer for?
4. What should my response be if I suffer for being a Christian?

Today's Quote – If ye be reproached (Gr *oneidizō*) is present tense and literally, “if you are being reproached”; the word denotes heaping insults upon a person. The reproach here is caused by confessing the name. The apodosis of the sentence implies “you are” really fortunate, that is, according to the teachings of Christ (Mt 5:10) and Christianity. Happy are ye. The reason they should consider themselves fortunate is because of the presence of the Spirit which is a sign of the approval, blessing, and protection of God. – KJV Bible Commentary

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For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Acts 5:22-42 -

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Saturday, Day 35

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 4:17-19 and answer the following:

1. What has the time come for?

2. What is the answer to the questions in verse 18?

3. What should those who suffer as Christians do?

4. How is God described in verse 19?

Today's Quote – “Judgment ... house of God. Not condemnation, but the purging, chastening, and purifying of the church by the loving hand of God. It is far better and more important to kingdom work to endure suffering as the Lord purges and strengthens the church, than to endure the eternal sufferings of the unbeliever in the lake of fire. And, if God so strongly and painfully judges His church which He loves, what will be His fury on the ungodly?” – Dr. John MacArthur

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Acts 8:1-13 -

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Sunday, Day 36

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 5:1 and answer the following:

1. Who is Peter addressing in this section?

2. How does Peter describe himself?

3. Why would this description matter to the elders he wrote to?

4. What is Peter anticipating with his fellow elders?

Today's Quote – “By way of authority for delivering such a charge, Peter introduces himself as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the impending glory. Fellow elder—what a far cry from claiming to be “supreme pontiff” of the church! A witness—Peter saw the Shepherd die for the sheep, and the memory of such love constrains him to care for them as a faithful undershepherd.” – William MacDonald

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

This Week's Verse to Remember – 1 Peter 5:5 - Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Acts 8:14-25 -

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Monday, Day 37

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 5:2-4 and answer the following:

1. What is the mandate for the shepherds?

2. What is the method for the shepherds?

3. Please fill in the chart below.

How not to do it	How to do it
a.	
b.	
c.	

4. What is the reward for serving well?

Today's Quote – “Christian leaders are tempted to act like the world and “lord it over” God’s people (Matt. 20:20–28). But leaders are shepherds, and sheep must be *led*, not *driven*. Our service must be willing and humble; we must be eager to help others.” Warren Wiersbe

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Acts 10:1-16 -

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Tuesday, Day 38

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 5:5 and answer the following:

1. What does the phrase “likewise”/“the same manner” refer back to?
2. Who specifically is told to submit to whom?
3. What would it mean to be “clothed in humility?”
4. Why, with reference to God, is humility so important?

Today's Quote – “To be submissive is to obey. Obedience is vital to Christian lifestyle. One of the great problems of our society is the resistance to submission and obedience—even within the church. A major expression of sin is that of rebellion against authority. Christian young people need to learn to obey Christ, and they will be greatly blessed if they learn to be submissive to their Christian elders.”

- Preacher's Commentary

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Acts 10:17-33 -

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Wednesday, Day 39

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 5:6-7 and answer the following:

1. Looking back at the end of v.5, why should we humble ourselves?

2. What is the promise for those who humble themselves?

3. What is a simple expression of this humility in verse 7?

4. Why should I cast all my concern upon Him?

Today's Quote – “The command humble yourselves (*tapeinōthēte*) could be translated “allow yourselves to be humbled.” Those who were suffering persecution for Christ's sake could be encouraged by the fact that the same mighty hand that let them suffer would one day lift (*hypsōsē*, “exalt”) them up (cf. James 4:10). “
- *Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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Acts 10:34-48 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Thursday, Day 40

Today's study - Please read 1 Peter 5:8-9 and answer the following:

1. What three commands are in these verses?
2. Why the need for being on our guard?
3. Why does Peter use the image of our adversary as a lion?
4. How is the devil to be resisted?

Today's Quote – “The devil, the grand accuser of all the brethren; this title is derived from a word which signifies to strike through, or to stab. He would strike malignity into our natures and poison into our souls. If he could have struck these people with passion and murmuring in their sufferings, perhaps he might have drawn them to apostasy and ruin. He is *a roaring lion*, hungry, fierce, strong, and cruel, the fierce and greedy pursuer of souls.” – Matthew Henry

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Acts 11:1-18 -

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Friday, Day 41

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 5:10-11 and answer the following:

1. With reference to suffering, what is the timetable here?
2. How is God described in these verses?
3. What does God himself promise He will do for us?
4. How should we respond to this work in our lives?

Today's Quote – “Like a doctor setting a broken bone, God will mend our broken lives and make us whole. **establish:** God will make our way stable, despite the instability we feel living in a world that inflicts suffering upon us. **strengthen:** God will give us the ability to succeed in all that we do for Him. **settle:** As a consequence of our facing the attacks of our enemy, God will build in us a firm foundation that will make us steadfast and immovable.” – *Nelson Study Bible*

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Acts 12:1-12 -

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Friday, Day 42

Today's study - Read 1 Peter 5:12-14 and answer the following:

1. Who is the secretary who wrote this down and how is he acknowledged?

2. How is the grace of God described here? What does that mean?

3. What are we told to do with reference to that grace? What does that mean?

4. How do we apply verse 14 in today's world?

Today's Quote – “Most scholars suggest that **Babylon** is a symbolic reference to imperial Rome, with which early church tradition associates both Peter and John Mark. It less likely refers to a sister congregation located in Babylon. Mark may have been converted by means of Peter's Jerusalem ministry (see Acts 12:1-16).”

- *The Spirit-Filled Study Bible*

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For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Acts 12:13-25 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Sunday, Day 43

Today's study - *Please re-read 1 Peter 1:1 – 5:14.*

Pick out one or two of your favorite verses from this passage and write them down. Briefly explain why they are important to you.

Today's Quote – “The word “grace” is used in every chapter of 1 Peter: 1:2, 10, 13; 2:19 (“thankworthy”), 20 (“acceptable”); 3:7; 4:10; 5:5, 10, 12. Grace is God’s generous favor to undeserving sinners and needy saints. When we depend on God’s grace, we can endure suffering and turn trials into triumphs. It is grace alone that saves us (Eph. 2:8-10). God’s grace can give us strength in times of trial (2 Cor. 12:1-10). Grace enables us to serve God in spite of difficulties (1 Cor. 15:9-10). Whatever begins with God’s grace will always lead to glory (Ps. 84:11; 1 Peter 5:10).” - Dr. Warren Wiersbe

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – *1 Peter 2:11 - Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Galatians 2:1-10 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Monday, Day 44

Today's study - *Please re-read 1 Peter 1:1 –25.*

Pick out one or two of your favorite verses from this passage and write them down. Briefly explain why they are important to you.

Today's Quote – “Gold is one of man's most prized objects. When it is refined, its impurities are removed by a fiery process. Though extremely durable, gold belongs to the perishing world-order. Faith, which is more valuable than gold because it lasts longer and reaches beyond this temporal order, is purified in the tests of life. Gold, not faith, is presently valued by men. But God will set his stamp of approval on faith that has been tested and show this when Christ is revealed. Then the believer will openly share in the praise, glory, and honor of God.” - *E.B.C.*

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – *1 Peter 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

Galatians 2:11-21 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Tuesday, Day 45

Today's study - *Please re-read 1 Peter 2:1-25.*

Pick out one or two of your favorite verses from this passage and write them down. Briefly explain why they are important to you.

Today's Quote – “My friend, without a hunger for the Word of God you will not grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. You will not develop as a Christian—you will always be in your babyhood. We must remember that a little baby and a full-grown man are both human beings, but they are in different stages of growth and development. The little one needs milk so he can grow up to become a man. Now, how does a Christian grow? He grows by studying the Word of God. There is no growth apart from the Word of God.”
- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – *1 Peter 2:9* - *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

2 Peter 1:1-11 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Wednesday, Day 46

Today's study - *Please re-read 1 Peter 3:1-22.*

Pick out one or two of your favorite verses from this passage and write them down. Briefly explain why they are important to you.

Today's Quote – “Though this is a new precept, it yet depends on what is gone before, for he requires such constancy in the faithful, as boldly to give a reason for their faith to their adversaries. And this is a part of that sanctification which he had just mentioned; for we then really honor God, when neither fear nor shame hinders us from making a profession of our faith. But Peter does not expressly bid us to assert and proclaim what has been given us by the Lord everywhere, and always and among all indiscriminately, for the Lord gives his people the spirit of discretion, so that they may know when and how far and to whom it is expedient to speak.” - John Calvin

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – *1 Peter 3:15-16* - *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

2 Peter 1:12-21 -

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Thursday, Day 47

Today's study - *Please re-read 1 Peter 4:1-19.*

Pick out one or two of your favorite verses from this passage and write them down. Briefly explain why they are important to you.

Today's Quote – “Every Christian who lives a godly life experiences a certain amount of persecution. On the job, in school, in the neighborhood, perhaps even in the family, there are people who resist the truth and oppose the Gospel of Christ. No matter what a believer says or does, these people find fault and criticize. Peter dealt with this kind of “normal persecution” in the previous part of his letter. But in this section, Peter explained about a special kind of persecution—a “fiery trial”—that was about to overtake the entire church. It would not be occasional personal persecution from those around them, but official persecution from those above them.” - Warren Wiersbe

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – *1 Peter 4:12-13* - *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

2 Peter 2:1-11 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Friday, Day 48

Today's study - *Please re-read 1 Peter 5:1-14.*

Pick out one or two of your favorite verses from this passage and write them down. Briefly explain why they are important to you.

Today's Quote – "Clothe yourselves" (egkombosasthe) is a rare word that refers to a slave putting on an apron before serving. So Christians are to imitate their Lord, who girded himself and served (John 13:4-17). The reason for humility is based on a text from Proverbs (3:34; cf. James 4:6) that states God's provision of grace to the submissive and God's opposition to the proud. The verbs are present tenses, with something of the timeless character of a proverb, and stress that these actions are God's constant activity." - *E.B.C.*

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – *1 Peter 5:5* - *Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

2 Peter 2:12-22 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Saturday, Day 49

Today's study - *Please re-read 1 Peter 1:1 – 5:14.*

Please pray through the things you have learned as you read through each chapter.

Today's Quote – “If so, Peter was sending greetings from the church in “Babylon” to the churches in Asia Minor. According to historical evidence, Peter was in Rome during the final years of his life. “Babylon” here might be a disguised reference to Rome, used in order to protect both the Roman church and Peter from the Neronian persecution. (Others suggest, however, that he wrote from the literal city of Babylon on the Euphrates River.) Greetings were also sent from Peter’s son in the faith, Mark. Paul (Col. 4:10) placed John Mark in Rome on an earlier occasion. Consequently most would agree that John Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, was in Rome at the time 1 Peter was written. This strengthens the view that “Babylon” referred to Rome. – *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – *1 Peter 2:11 - Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please read the following verses and note below what you learn about the Apostle Peter – the author of 1st Peter.

2 Peter 3:1-18 -

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.

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Sunday, Day 50

Today's study – Please look back over this devotional journal and highlight three things that you will take forward with you on your spiritual journey.

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- 2.
- 3.

Today's Quote: Many of the Christians in Peter's day were also strangers in a strange land, scattered throughout the Roman world. Several years prior to his death, Peter wrote to a group of these believers living in provinces spread across Asia Minor, in what is now northern Turkey.

The apostle addressed his readers as “strangers in the world” (v. 1), a spiritual reality for people whose true citizenship was in heaven (Phil. 3:20). As such, they were subject to the misunderstanding, threats, insults, persecution, and other abuse that a pagan culture often inflicts on followers of Christ.

Peter wanted his readers to know how to handle persecution from a hostile world. The goal for people who claim to follow Christ is to display “the true grace of God” (1 Peter 5:12) that has transformed their lives. – Today in the Word – Moody Bible Institute

So ...What's it to me? – As a result of what I learned I need to:

Today's Verse to Review – 1 Peter 2:11 - *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

For further study – The Life of Peter – Please look back over this devotional journal and highlight three things you will take with you about the life of Peter the author of 1st Peter.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If possible, write a two or three sentence prayer for today based on what the Lord has said to you through this study.