

Sunday, 05-14-2023

Equipped with Hope
Bible Background: 2 Peter 1
Printed Text: 2 Peter 1:4-14 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Psalm 130

Aim for Change:

- **EXPLORE** biblical ways to lead a more fruitful life.
 1. In what ways do I **EXPLORE** biblical ways to lead a more fruitful life?
 - **FEEL** empowered to live effective and fruitful lives.
 2. Do I **FEEL** empowered to live and bear fruit for Jesus Christ?
 - **DEVELOP** a deeper knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 3. How can I step out of my comfort zone to **DEVELOP** a deeper knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?
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Devotional Reading: Assurance of the Lord's Forgiveness – Psalm 130; 2 Chronicles 6:36-42

- Can a grudge lead to terrible things happening? Does my despair lead to self-pity? Have I learned to confess when crying out to God?
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Focal Verses – Standing on God's Precious Promises – 2 Peter 1:4-14

1. **Promises to Empower (v. 4) – John 14:15-31; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
 - How am I participating in God's divine nature? What are the great and precious promises of God that I do remember? Are they deterring me from sin? Is my sin holding me back from sharing those great and precious promises?
 2. **Spiritual Growth (vv. 5-9) – Galatians 5:22-26; James 2:14-19**
 - Am I diligent in studying/seeking out more of God's word? What are the seven (7) godly attributes Peter says I must add to my faith? Am I growing closer to God or am I stunting my growth? Is my short-sightedness caused by ignorance or comfortability in sin?
 3. **Confidence in Our Calling (vv. 10-11) – Romans 8:24-30; 2 Peter 3:14-18**
 - How diligent/disciplined am I in my relationship with God the Father and my Lord Jesus Christ? What have I been elected/called to do? Do I exhibit Christlike characteristics? Am I confident enough in my relationship with Jesus Christ to make godly decisions without having to go to someone else?
 4. **Remember (vv. 12-14) – Luke 22:54-62; 1 John 2:18-29**
 - Do I tune out/ignore God's messages when I think I've heard it before or have the principle down packed? Do I implement/apply the principles that I'm learning?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday: Full of Goodness and Knowledge – Romans 15:14-21**
 - Is my pride as a Christian selfish or holy? Am I envious of how God is using others?
- **Tuesday: The Beginning of Knowledge – Proverbs 1:2-7**
 - Why is information plentiful, but wisdom is scarce? Am I closed minded to anything new in the Lord? How do I show fear of the Lord to gain knowledge?
- **Wednesday: An Example in Self-Control – Titus 1:5-9**
 - What type of character am I demonstrating? Do I have what it takes to lead God's people? Do I lead by example to convince/exhort gainsayers?
- **Thursday: Enduring to the End – Matthew 24:9-14**
 - How have I truly lived for Jesus if I hadn't really gone through anything?
- **Friday: A Life of Godliness and Dignity – 1 Timothy 2:1-7**
 - Is my lifestyle truly acceptable and pleasing to God? Who's included in my prayers?
- **Saturday: Love for One Another – 1 Peter 3:8-12 – Psalm 34:12-16**
 - Am I treating others in accordance with God's expectations? Have I caused Him to turn His face from me?

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