

2 Peter 1:12-21

Week 2 - Not Just Based On A True Story

? Have you ever spent a long time on something without knowing whether it would work out? How did this make you feel when you were working on it?

2 Peter 1:12-15 (NIV)

¹² So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

? Why does Peter refer to his body as a tent? What significance might that have to his audience?

? What things do you need constant reminders of in your life? Why do you need to be reminded of things you already know?

? What truths of the Gospel are hardest to hold onto for you? Why do you need to be reminded of these truths?

? How do we distinguish the difference between myths and truths?

Peter's Eyewitness Account

2 Peter 1:16-18 (NIV)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

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? How does this evidence remind us of the truth of the Bible?

Peter's Mountain of Evidence

2 Peter 1:19-21 (NIV)

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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There are at least 332 distinct Old Testament predictions regarding the Messiah that Jesus fulfilled perfectly. The combination of this evidence together, from a simple statistical perspective, is absolutely overwhelming!! Professor Peter Stoner has calculated that the probability of any one man fulfilling eight of these prophecies is one in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (10 to the 17th power). That number of silver dollars would cover the state of Texas two feet deep. Stoner says that if you consider 48 of the prophecies, the odds become one in 10 to the 157th power.

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? What is it that leads you to believe the Bible is true? How would your attitude toward your Christian life change if you didn't think the Bible was true?

? What things in your life distract you from biblical truth?

? What things are viewed as true in our culture today that go against the Gospel as you know it? What are some Gospel-centered responses when you encounter those issues?

For Discussion And Accountability

? Do you sometimes feel doubt and uncertainty about your life in Christ? How do you respond in those moments?

? How can you keep reminding yourself of biblical truth and its application to your life?