



July 28

Passage: **1 Peter 1:13-25**

Yesterday we began walking through this amazing letter from Peter to a group of believers who are obviously going through some serious suffering. In our devo yesterday we learned of this amazing hope. Today we get to some of the responsibility we have in this walk with Christ, in the midst of suffering.

READ & DIG. Read 1 Peter 1:13-25

If yesterday was the hopeful part today is definitely the “here’s what you need to do” part. Yesterday was like the encouragement that even though the battle is tough....you will win. Today is like...yeah...God has this but you have some things to do as well. What are those things?

PREPARE YOUR MIND

Easy right? NOT AT ALL! But what does Peter mean by this?

Well, they are in a battle and they will always be in a battle. So Peter’s like “ya’!!! I told you that God has this....you better keep that at the front of your thoughts every step.”

But he gives them some other things to think through.

- Be sober minded (clearly focused – just another way to say prepare your mind)
- Set your hope fully on Christ (don’t give an inch to self, this world or anything else)
- Be Holy (seek purity in all things)

Then Peter gets “coachy” again.

LIVE RIGHT!

This really goes with the BE HOLY part but it’s like Peter reminds them WHY they ought to live in such a way and then HOW they can live in such a way. Oh yeah...the “such a way” is HOLY. Which means pure, like Christ, Godly, seeking to please God in all things. That’s a simply definition of what it means to be Holy. **May be best just to go back and read vv. 17-23 again.**

Do you see what Peter does?

He reminds them....and us....that Christ has won the most important battle....the battle for your soul. So in light of this....why would we do anything other than seek him with our whole lives?

APPLY & GO (What now?)

Our tough and the tough described here in 1st Peter is different. But it’s also the same.

We all face issues every day. These issues tempt us to walk away. They tempt us to do things in our own strength. They tempt us to rely on something other than what Christ gives us.

Today we must be like Joshua....like Paul.....like Jesus. We must determine that we will please God, no matter how hard that battle is because we remember....the battle is already won!

So today, let’s walk out in the same confidence we had the moment Christ saved us.

As Peter ends the chapter we end our day...this word is the good news we’ve already heard.

NOW...we get to go live it rather than simply read it. YOU IN?