

SERIES: 'RECALL THESE THINGS'- -8/25/24 (#1)

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MESSAGE PRELUDE: Pastor Lee interviews one of our Church's teens, Nairi, and solicits her testimony- -her past challenges in life- -her journey toward salvation- -and her unbridled enthusiasm for her (now) faith in Jesus....highlighting the incredible 'before/after' changes.

-NEW SERIES: "RECALL THESE THINGS" focusing in on this second Book of Peter, probably written in prison around 65 AD during Nero's horrific persecution of Christians. (Upon his crucifixion and at his own volition and as an expression of his own humility, Peter is ultimately crucified upside-down.) ((little known fact: his wife was crucified with him!)).

- **Recognizing his short time left, Peter pens this Letter with an aim toward refreshing his followers of all he taught/preached.....so he 'recalled' and reminded them of these things. Before delineating 'these things'...first focus on what Peter next says:**

2 Peter 1: 12-15 - - Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. (13) I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of a reminder. (14) since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. (15) And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

- **So he wants, again, to give them (and us) something – crucial points – to remember....to recall....knowing of his impending death. QUESTION: What is it, in your mind/heart, that is really foundationally important about your faith and your relationship with God, that you want always to recall? How about as relates to your kids...what key principles to teach them?**
- **That's what Peter is talking about as he lays out his list in V: 5-7 which would apply to his Church family.**
- **What are the 5 spiritual Jesus-based principles under which our "Next Generation Team" operates?**
 1. **GOD RULES.....Its all about Him...He is sovereign.**
 2. **WE SIN!We turned away from God....disobedience....separation.**
 3. **GOD PROVIDES....He sent Jesus to justify and redeem us.**
 4. **JESUS GIVES....His righteousness.**
 5. **WE CHOSE.....To turn to Jesus.**
- **As Peter did with his disciples.....we must ourselves recall crucial points and share with our kids....a short window!!**
- **2 Peter 1 is all about spiritual growth and HOW to make that happen.**

2 Peter 1: 1-11— - (1) Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ (2) May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (3) His Divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, (4) by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that, through them, you may become partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (5) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, (6) knowledge with self control, and self control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, (7) and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. (8) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. (9) For whoever lacks these qualities is so near-sighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. (10) Therefore brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities, you will never fall. (11) For in this way there will be provided for your entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- **Re: V-2....Peter's blessing embraces a dimension of 'knowledge' beyond 'the head' but one that extends to our experience and personal relationship with God.**
- **V-3-4Grace and peace are yours BECAUSE of His Divine power....if Jesus is at the center of your life and you accept these gifts.**
- **V-5-6-7 How grow spiritually?.....with His grace, supplement your faith with these things:
FAITH + VIRTUE + KNOWLEDGE + SELF-CONTROL+ STEADFASTNESS +
GODLINESS + BROTHERLY AFFECTION+ LOVE**
- **Re: Virtue , go back to 1 Peter 2:12 ".....live such good lives" (following God's ways)**
- **Re: Knowledge....you have to know it in order to live it!**
- **Re: Self control....through the Holy Spirit and His Divine power.**
- **Re: Steadfastness....its a long race, this life of ours.....need to persevere.**
- **Re: Godliness.... Imitating Jesus as best we can**
- **Re: Brotherly affection....to be engaging, interested in, caring about others.**
- **Re: Love....agape', unconditional love!**

- **TEACH THESE QUALITIES TO YOUR CHILDREN!!!!**

DO THESE THINGS....A GODLY RECIPE FOR LIFE!!!

