



St. Paul Lutheran Church

“Your Refuge from the Storm”

Daily Walk on the Rock

May 12, 2024

Acts 27:13-38

Monday

1 PETER 3

This chapter continues to define what being good is all about. God is the source of all that is good (James 1:17). Our task is to live good lives and do good things. Verses 1-7, which have been the source of much debate, deal with wives and husbands. Peter shares three specific attributes of a Christian woman. Verses 1-2 describe the behavior most pleasing to God. What is it? Verses 3-5 deal with beauty. What beauty should we be seeking? Why does our culture seek outward beauty so much? Do you spend more time on your outward beauty or your inward beauty? Verses 5-7 deal with submission, a word that usually feels negative. But Ephesians 5:21 says, “submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” In that light, a man who honors Christ will be protective, respectful, helpful and loving (7). When submission becomes cruelty, it is a whole different matter. In fact, the prayers of that kind of submission will go unanswered (7). Spend time lifting this text up in prayer.

Tuesday

1 PETER 4

Here Paul’s encouraging message reaches a peak. Suffering can either make us or break us. How can suffering change a person’s life for the better? Have you ever experienced this? What Christian priorities should we have (7-10)? What message does Peter give us about what we say and do? How do we rejoice in suffering (13)? How is that different than just enduring it? What effect has the suffering in your life had on your commitment to Christ? What encourages you or discourages you? Spend some time in prayer.

Wednesday

1 PETER 5

What does Peter warn the church leaders about (2-3)? What does that say to the leaders of our church today? How should Christians deal with stress, tensions and hassles (6-7)? Does 10 bring you hope and encouragement? Why or why not? How do you think our leaders today score on Peter’s leadership test? Is that important to us as a nation? A church? A family? How will you implement Peter’s leadership guidelines in your life? We are all leading someone!

Thursday

2 PETER 1

Previously, Peter wrote to encourage and empower believers in the midst of persecution and suffering. But now he writes to warn them about internal attacks. In 2-11, he gives us seven ways to avoid becoming stagnant and shortsighted. What are they? How does each one fit with the one mentioned before it? Why is this so desirable to

believers (10-11)? Of the seven qualities, which two do you possess in the greatest measure? How can you grow in some of the other qualities? Peter reminds us how important it is that we listen to the message and learn the words of scripture (12-21). What event does Peter refer to in 16-18? Faith must be more than belief in facts; it must have results. There must be a growth in Christian character, and the practice of moral discipline (James 2:14-17). Through these things, we learn to know God better, develop perseverance, do God’s will and love others. This doesn’t come automatically; it’s hard work! How is your work coming along? Where do you need help? Pray.

Friday

2 PETER 2

Here Peter condemns false teachers (see also Matthew 24:11 and Mark 13:22-23). Reflect on how Peter refutes false teachings, denounces false teachers, and assures them of their impending doom. If it is so obvious that judgment awaits these false teachers, why does anyone follow them (2-3, 18-19)? Peter recites God’s track record on dealing with evil (4-9). Who does God protect from judgment (9)? Why? What are the warnings signs against false prophets (3)? What are our false prophets today? Read this chapter again and pray that God gives you clarity and insight to his Word.

Saturday

2 PETER 3

Here Peter returns to gentle, endearing words for the believers. He again brings love and encouragement. What must we first understand (see also 2 Peter 1:20-21)? Peter tells us that God will destroy the earth (10). Why is that so hard for us to believe? What does that tell you about our perception of God? In 10-16, Peter addresses the certainty, timing, and manner of Christ’s coming. How does this show us the importance of living godly lives now? What can you be doing right now to grow in the grace and knowledge of God? Is there something in your life right now that is leading you away from the truth? Read Psalm 86:11-13 as your prayer of the day.

Sunday

PSALM 107

Thankfulness should always be on our lips. God acts in different ways to meet the individual needs of his people and to prove his love for us. It is only fitting that we respond with praise and thanksgiving, worshipful hearts, and reflection. God wants us to tell everyone all that God has done and continues to do. Read this Psalm with a grateful heart, one that’s open to passing the message on to others. God will give you the words and the opportunity.