

Sunday, May 2, 2021

"Built to Last"



"Fight Club"

1 Peter 1:13-16

Complete the sentence, "Holiness is....."

Chapter 1 Peter puts down the foundation of our identity on which we are to build- "chosen, strangers, sanctified." These are his building blocks moving forward. Which do we struggle with and why?

1 Peter 1:13 starts with a "therefore." Because all of what he has already said is true, he now wants us to act. What keeps us from acting on our faith?

Read 1:13 slow. These are all actions words. "Prepare, self-control, set your hope." How can I better prepare my mind? In what ways do I need to be better controlled? In what have I fixed my hope to this year?

Read v.14 again alongside of Romans 12:1,2. To what am I conforming to these days? Am I encouraged or discouraged by what I see in my life? How can that change?

Read 1:15. Holiness is "set apart." It is a fundamental characteristic of God. Do I see holiness in my life as a characteristic, or action? On which aspect do I focus?

We sometimes think that holiness is an end with itself. Peter sees it as an end, but also it serves a purpose- leading us to love each other deeply. How can I see my growth in holiness change my love for another in God's family?

Peter reminds us that everything is temporary and only God's word stands forever. Can you take time this week to ask God in prayer to show you what you have been holding onto that you need to release to Him? Thought? Attitude? Can I pray that God helps me love someone more deeply as I grow in my pursuit of holiness?
