

Hey Pete!

Ask me anything..



Devotional Study

How do I follow *Jesus*
when it's *hard*?

Introduction

Welcome to this 9-week devotional journey through *1 & 2 Peter*.

This guide is designed to be simple, intentional, and grace-filled.

You'll find just three devotionals each week—a rhythm that allows you space to reflect, pray, and truly absorb what God is speaking to you. The pace is gentle on purpose: if you miss a day, you won't feel behind. Instead, you can pick up right where you left off and continue walking with Jesus. Each devotional includes Scripture, a brief reflection, a few questions to consider, a prayer to help you respond, and space to record your notes. Whether you're new to the Bible or seasoned in faith, our hope is that God will use this time to deepen your trust in Him and grow your love for His Word.

Let's begin *together*—one step, one truth, one week at a time.

WEEK 1

DEVOTIONAL 1

Chosen and Scattered

Scripture:

“To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces...”

— 1 Peter 1:1

Thought:

Peter is writing to people who feel displaced and disconnected—exiles in a foreign land. Yet he reminds them of a powerful truth: they are chosen by God.

You may feel out of place at times—misunderstood, overlooked, or far from home—but God’s choosing hand is on your life. Your identity isn’t defined by your location or circumstances but by His grace.

Reflection:

- In what ways do you feel scattered or out of place in this season?
- How does knowing you are chosen by God bring peace to those places?

Prayer:

Father, thank you that even when I feel scattered, I am seen and chosen by You. Help me walk in that identity today. Amen.

WEEK 1

DEVOTIONAL 2

A Living Hope

Scripture:

“In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

— 1 Peter 1:3

Thought:

Our hope isn't based on feelings or circumstances. It's anchored in the resurrection of Jesus. That means it's alive—unshakable, lasting, and powerful.

When everything else is uncertain, this hope reminds us that God is still writing our story, and our inheritance in Him is secure.

Reflection:

- What has been stealing your hope lately?
- How can you anchor yourself again in the truth of Jesus' resurrection?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for the living hope I have because of You. Help me hold tight to that hope in every season. Amen.

WEEK 1

DEVOTIONAL 3

Faith Refined by Fire

Scripture:

"These [trials] have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith... may result in praise, glory and honor..." – 1 Peter 1:7

Thought:

God doesn't waste pain. Trials test and refine our faith, just as fire purifies gold. What feels hard today may be the very thing shaping your character and preparing you for a greater purpose.

Even in sorrow, joy is possible because of the unseen, but deeply known, presence of Jesus.

Reflection:

- What trial are you walking through right now?
- How might God be using it to grow your faith?

Prayer:

Lord, I don't always understand the trials, but I trust You are refining me. Strengthen my faith, and help me find joy in Your presence even in the fire. Amen.

WEEK 2

DEVOTIONAL 4

Live in Reverent Awe

Scripture:

“Live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.” — 1 Peter 1:17

Thought:

Peter reminds believers that this world is not our permanent home. As we live like foreigners here, we are called to walk in reverence before God—not out of fear of punishment, but in awe of His holiness and love.

Our lives should reflect a deep respect for the One who redeemed us at the highest cost: the precious blood of Christ.

Reflection:

- What does it look like to live your life in reverent fear today?
- How does remembering your eternal home impact the way you live now?

Prayer:

God, help me live each day in awe of who You are. May reverence shape my words, choices, and relationships. Amen.

WEEK 2

DEVOTIONAL 5

Live in Reverent Awe

Scripture:

“...you were redeemed... with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”
— 1 Peter 1:18-19

Thought:

Our redemption didn't come through earthly wealth or temporary things. It came through the spotless Lamb of God. The blood of Jesus isn't just a symbol—it's the powerful, costly means by which we are made new.

Your worth is determined by what was paid for you. And in Christ, you are priceless.

Reflection:

- Do you live each day as someone who has been bought at a great price?
- How might remembering Christ's sacrifice reshape your identity?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for paying the ultimate price for me. Let that truth shape the way I see myself and others. Amen.

WEEK 2

DEVOTIONAL 6

Born Through the Word

Scripture:

“For you have been born again... through the living and enduring word of God.”

— 1 Peter 1:23

Thought:

Unlike human life that fades like grass, the Word of God endures forever. And it is by this Word that we are born again. God’s Word doesn’t just inform us; it transforms us. It is alive and active, shaping who we are and how we live.

When we build our lives on His Word, we stand on a foundation that never fades.

Reflection:

- How rooted are you in God’s Word right now?
- What step can you take to grow deeper in it this week?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your living Word. Plant it deeply in my heart, and let it bear fruit in my life. Amen.

WEEK 3

DEVOTIONAL 7

Crave the Pure Milk

Scripture:

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”
— 1 Peter 2:2

Thought:

Just as babies naturally long for milk to grow, we are called to crave the pure nourishment of God’s Word. Growth in faith doesn’t happen by accident—it begins with desire. A heart that longs for more of God will be filled and transformed.

Reflection:

- What are you feeding your soul with daily?
- How can you make more room for the “pure milk” of the Word?

Prayer:

Lord, awaken a deeper hunger in me for Your Word. Help me grow strong in faith and rooted in truth. Amen.

WEEK 3

DEVOTIONAL 8

Built into His House

Scripture:

“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...”

— 1 Peter 2:5

Thought:

God isn't just saving individuals—He's building a people. Each of us is a “living stone,” uniquely placed in the spiritual house God is constructing. You matter. You belong. And together, we reflect His glory to the world.

Reflection:

- How are you contributing to God's spiritual house?
- Where do you sense God calling you to grow in community or service?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You that I am part of Your church, Your spiritual house. Show me how to serve, grow, and support others in love. Amen.

WEEK 3

DEVOTIONAL 9

Called Out of Darkness

Scripture:

"...you are a chosen people... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

— 1 Peter 2:9

Thought:

We were once lost, but now we belong. God has called us out of darkness, not just for our own freedom, but so we can proclaim His goodness. Your story is a testimony. Your life is meant to shine.

Reflection:

- In what ways has God brought you from darkness into light?
- How can you use your life today to declare His praises?

Prayer:

God, thank You for calling me into Your light. Help me live in a way that reflects Your glory and goodness. Amen.

WEEK 4

DEVOTIONAL 10

Living as Strangers in the World

Scripture:

“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.”

— 1 Peter 2:11

Thought:

Peter reminds us that as followers of Christ, we are not at home in this world. We’re called to live differently—to resist sinful desires and pursue lives of holiness. This isn’t about perfection but about surrender, knowing that God’s Spirit is at work within us.

Reflection:

- Where do you feel the tension between God’s way and the world’s way?
- What step can you take today to live as a citizen of heaven?

Prayer:

Father, help me live as a faithful exile, resisting what pulls me from You and leaning into the life You’ve called me to. Amen.

WEEK 4

DEVOTIONAL 11

Silence with Goodness

Scripture:

“For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.”

— 1 Peter 2:15

Thought:

Sometimes, the most powerful response isn’t a clever argument but a consistent life of goodness. Peter urges believers to let their actions speak, especially in a hostile world. The way you live can testify to God’s grace more loudly than words ever could.

Reflection:

- Is there a situation where God is calling you to respond with goodness over defensiveness?
- What might it look like to live in such a way that silences criticism?

Prayer:

Lord, help me respond to criticism or misunderstanding not with anger, but with goodness. May my life reflect You more than my words. Amen.

WEEK 4

DEVOTIONAL 12

Following in His Steps

Scripture:

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”

— 1 Peter 2:21

Thought:

Jesus didn't just die for our sins—He also showed us how to live. He endured suffering without retaliation and entrusted Himself to the Father. As His followers, we are called to walk the same path of humility, love, and trust.

Reflection:

- In what ways are you being called to follow in Christ's steps today?
- What area of your life needs more of His example and less of your instinct?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for leading the way. Help me to follow Your example in both joy and suffering, trusting the Father as You did. Amen.

WEEK 5

DEVOTIONAL 13

Beauty from the Inside Out

Scripture:

“Your beauty should not come from outward adornment... Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit...”

— 1 Peter 3:3–4

Thought:

In a world that focuses on appearance, Peter calls us to value what lasts: inner beauty. A heart that is peaceful, humble, and anchored in Christ is more radiant than anything we wear. God sees and cherishes that kind of beauty.

Reflection:

- Where are you tempted to find your worth in outward things?
- How can you cultivate the inner beauty God treasures?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to focus on becoming beautiful in Your eyes. Teach me to value the quiet strength of a spirit that trusts You deeply. Amen.

WEEK 5

DEVOTIONAL 14

Unity in Our Relationships

Scripture:

“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.”

— 1 Peter 3:8

Thought:

Peter urges believers to pursue unity—not just in belief, but in heart and attitude. Compassion, humility, and love should define our relationships. Unity doesn’t mean we always agree, but it means we choose grace, understanding, and kindness.

Reflection:

- How can you foster more unity in your family, friendships, or church?
- Which of these traits (compassion, humility, sympathy) do you most need to grow in?

Prayer:

Jesus, make me an instrument of unity. Help me listen well, love deeply, and live humbly. Use me to bring peace where there is division. Amen.

WEEK 5

DEVOTIONAL 15

Repay with Blessing

Scripture:

“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing...”
— 1 Peter 3:9

Thought:

It’s natural to want to defend ourselves or strike back when we’re hurt. But Peter calls us to rise above that instinct and respond with blessing. It’s not weakness—it’s strength fueled by grace. This is how we mirror Christ and make room for His justice.

Reflection:

- Who is difficult for you to bless right now?
- How can you choose grace in a specific relationship this week?

Prayer:

Father, when I’m tempted to retaliate, give me the strength to bless instead. Help me trust You with justice and reflect Your mercy in all I do. Amen.

WEEK 6

DEVOTIONAL 16

Suffering for Good

Scripture:

“Even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

— 1 Peter 3:14

Thought:

Doing the right thing doesn't always lead to comfort, but it always leads to God's blessing. Peter reminds us not to fear opposition when we're standing for truth. God sees, honors, and strengthens those who suffer for doing good.

Reflection:

- Is there a place in your life where standing for what's right is costing you something?
- How can you shift your perspective from fear to faith?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to be faithful even when it's hard. Give me courage to suffer for good, knowing You are with me and will bless my obedience. Amen.

WEEK 6

DEVOTIONAL 17

Arm Yourself with Christ's Attitude

Scripture:

"Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude..."

— 1 Peter 4:1

Thought:

Peter tells us to arm ourselves with the mindset of Christ, especially in the face of suffering. This means we approach hardship not with defeat, but with purpose. When we live with eternity in view, we can endure with grace and clarity.

Reflection:

- What does it look like to adopt Christ's attitude toward suffering and sacrifice?
- Where do you need to change your mindset today?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me take on Your mindset—one of purpose, surrender, and hope. Let me not waste my suffering, but use it to glorify You. Amen.

WEEK 6

DEVOTIONAL 18

Love Deeply, Serve Faithfully

Scripture:

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins... Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...”

— 1 Peter 4:8, 10

Thought:

In times of pressure and trial, love must remain central. Peter urges believers to love deeply and serve well, not out of obligation, but out of grace. Your gifts aren't just for you—they're meant to strengthen others and bring glory to God.

Reflection:

- How are you showing deep love to those around you?
- What gifts can you offer this week to serve someone else?

Prayer:

God, help me love like You love—fully, deeply, and without holding back. Please show me how to use what you've given me to serve and encourage others. Amen.

WEEK 7

DEVOTIONAL 19

Shepherd with Humility

Scripture:

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them... not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”

— 1 Peter 5:2–3

Thought:

Leadership in the kingdom of God isn’t about control—it’s about care. Peter challenges leaders to serve with humility, integrity, and example. Whether you lead in your home, church, or workplace, you’re called to reflect the heart of the Good Shepherd.

Reflection:

- Where has God entrusted you with influence or care over others?
- How can you lead with more humility and compassion?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to lead like You—gently, faithfully, and with love. Let my example draw others closer to You. Amen.

WEEK 7

DEVOTIONAL 20

Clothed in Humility

Scripture:

“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’”

— 1 Peter 5:5

Thought:

Humility isn't weakness—it's strength under surrender. Peter urges us to put it on like clothing. Humility allows us to live in God's favor, to treat others with grace, and to rest in His power instead of our own.

Reflection:

- In what relationships is God inviting you to put on humility?
- How does pride hold you back from receiving God's grace?

Prayer:

Father, clothe me in humility. Help me to trust You more than myself and love others above my ego. Amen.

WEEK 7

DEVOTIONAL 21

Cast and Stand

Scripture:

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you... Resist him, standing firm in the faith...”
— 1 Peter 5:7, 9

Thought:

Peter gives us both comfort and command: cast your cares and stand your ground. God cares for you deeply, and He also empowers you to resist the enemy with steadfast faith. You don't stand alone, and you don't have to carry your burdens alone.

Reflection:

- What burdens do you need to release into God's care today?
- Where is God calling you to stand firm in faith?

Prayer:

God, I give You my anxieties. Strengthen me to resist the lies of the enemy and stand firm in Your truth and love. Amen.

WEEK 8

DEVOTIONAL 22

Everything We Need

Scripture:

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him...”

— 2 Peter 1:3

Thought:

You are not lacking. Through knowing Jesus, God has already given you everything you need to live a godly, purposeful life. You may feel weak or uncertain, but His power is your provision. You're equipped by grace.

Reflection:

- Where do you feel like you're not enough?
- How does knowing God has equipped you change that perspective?

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for giving me everything I need. Help me walk in confidence, not in my strength, but in Yours. Amen.

WEEK 8

DEVOTIONAL 23

Growing in Christlike Character

Scripture:

“Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge...”
— 2 Peter 1:5

Thought:

Growth in Christ doesn't happen by accident. Peter calls us to intentionally build on our faith—layering it with goodness, wisdom, discipline, love, and more. Spiritual maturity is a journey, and each step brings us closer to the heart of God.

Reflection:

- What area of spiritual growth do you sense God is highlighting for you right now?
- What's one step you can take to grow in that area this week?

Prayer:

Father, help me grow more like Jesus each day. Shape my character, and give me grace to keep pressing forward in faith. Amen.

WEEK 8

DEVOTIONAL 24

Remember What You've Received

Scripture:

"So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them..."

— 2 Peter 1:12

Thought:

Sometimes we need to hear again what we already know. Peter understood the power of a reminder. In seasons of distraction or difficulty, we must recall the truth of the gospel, the promises of God, and our identity in Christ.

Reflection:

- What truth do you need to be reminded of today?
- How can you keep God's promises front and center in your life?

Prayer:

Lord, remind me of what I so easily forget. Let your truth anchor my heart and direct my steps today. Amen.

WEEK 9

DEVOTIONAL 25

Watch for False Teachers

Scripture:

“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you...”

— 2 Peter 2:1

Thought:

Peter warns us to stay alert to deception. False teaching doesn't always look dangerous—it often sounds appealing. That's why we need discernment grounded in God's Word. Truth keeps us from drifting.

Reflection:

- Are you filtering what you hear through Scripture?
- How can you guard your heart and mind against subtle lies?

Prayer:

God, help me recognize truth from error. Root me in Your Word so I'm not easily swayed. Give me discernment to follow only Your voice. Amen.

WEEK 9

DEVOTIONAL 26

God Knows How to Rescue

Scripture:

“...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.”

— 2 Peter 2:9

Thought:

When trials come, it's easy to feel abandoned. But Peter reminds us that God hasn't lost control—He knows how to rescue His people. He's done it before, and He will do it again. His timing is perfect.

Reflection:

- What trial are you trusting God to rescue you from?
- How can you rest in His power today?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You that You see my trials and know how to deliver me. Help me trust in Your timing and rest in Your strength. Amen.

WEEK 9

DEVOTIONAL 27

Remember Their End

Scripture:

“These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm...”

— 2 Peter 2:17

Thought:

False leaders may look impressive, but they are empty—offering no real life. Peter calls them “springs without water.” Their words are loud, but their lives are fruitless. We are called to pursue substance, not style.

Reflection:

- What are you feeding your soul with—substance or noise?
- How can you follow leaders whose lives align with truth?

Prayer:

God, lead me to voices that nourish my soul with truth. Protect me from influence that pulls me away from You. Amen.

WEEK 9

DEVOTIONAL 28

God's Patience is Purposeful

Scripture:

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish..."

— 2 Peter 3:9

Thought:

God's delay is not a denial. His waiting is mercy for us and others. Peter encourages us to see time through God's eyes: every moment He waits is another chance for someone to turn to Him.

Reflection:

- How can you embrace God's timing in your life with more trust?
- Who in your life might be experiencing God's patient pursuit?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for being patient with me. Help me wait well and pray for those who still need to experience Your grace. Amen.

WEEK 9

DEVOTIONAL 29

Grow in Grace and Knowledge

Scripture:

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

— 2 Peter 3:18

Thought:

The Christian life is one of continual growth. Peter ends his letter with this call: Don't stop learning, don't stop deepening your walk with Christ. Grace and knowledge work together to mature us in faith.

Reflection:

- What area of grace do you need to grow in right now?
- How are you pursuing deeper knowledge of Jesus daily?

Prayer:

Jesus, I want to grow in Your grace and truth. Teach me, shape me, and lead me deeper into Your heart. Amen.

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