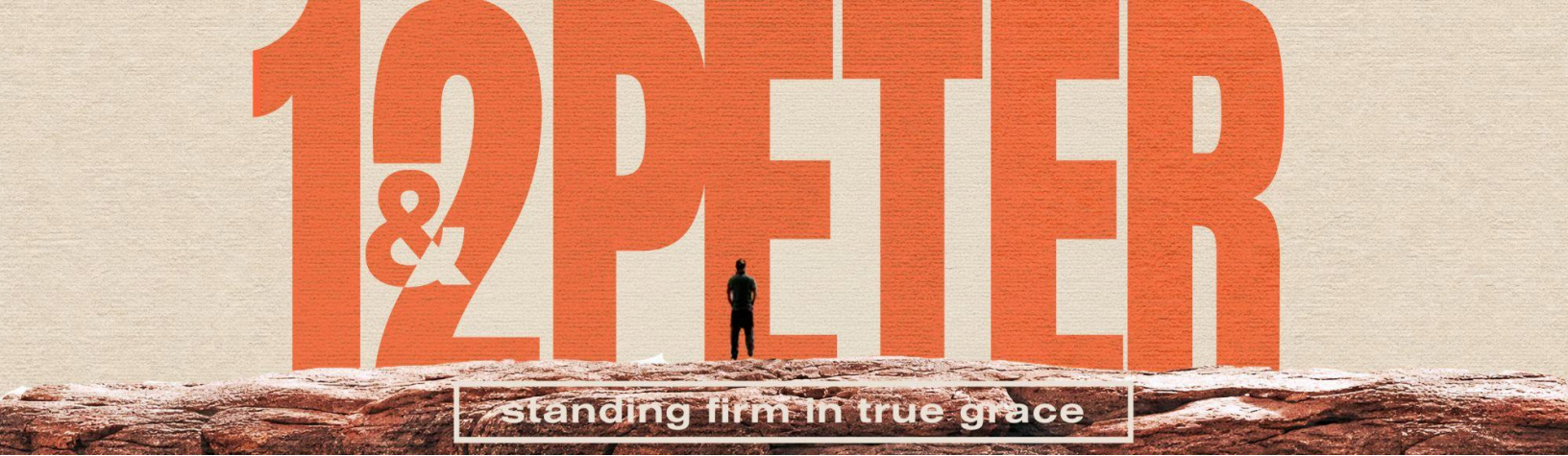


12 & PETER



standing firm in true grace

The Cure for a Discouraged Heart

1 Peter 2:9-12 | Bob Wade

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12.

GROW IN FAITH

1. Who is Peter writing to in this passage? Why is he writing to them? How would you describe his message?
2. In 1 Peter 2:9, Peter shares who we are in Christ. Describe a Christ follower, according to what Peter tells these dispersed Believers. What part of verse 9 challenges you?

CONNECT IN COMMUNITY

3. In verse 10, Pastor Bob highlighted how God's mercy brings us directly into His family. According to verse 10, if you were asked to share what it means to be in God's family what would you tell people?
4. How does the fact that you have been chosen by God change the way we live our lives, seek success, and define achievement?

LIVE ON MISSION

5. Pastor Bob used the term, "live a life of distinction". What did he mean by that? How does this contrast how the average person lives their life?
6. Peter says that sin wages "war" in a Christian. What does that mean?
7. Peter tells these Believers to "live honorable lives", even though they were living in a situation where they were being abused, looked down on, and lived far away from family and friends. Can you relate to God's call to live a holy life, despite what everyone around you is doing? How do you deal with future heavenly success when there is real bias against those who live out their faith?
8. How has the challenge of this passage changed your thinking? Challenged your goals? Changed you thinking about your witness for Christ?