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Series: Fully Equipped: Pursuing Christian Maturity (2 Peter)

Sermon Title: The Ministry of Reminder

Main Scripture: 2 Peter 1:12-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CHURCH BODY HIGHLIGHTS

1. [Past Newsletters](#)

Intro: Threshold Amnesia

- **Icebreaker:** Matthew Ott opened with the concept of "Threshold Amnesia"—the phenomenon of walking into a room and immediately forgetting why you went in there.
- **Discussion:** Share a funny "brain fog" moment you've had recently. Why do you think spiritual forgetfulness is just as common as mental forgetfulness? What "rooms" (circumstances, area/s of unbelief, idols, etc.) in life tend to cause you forget God's promises the fastest?

I. We Forget, So God Reminds (Verse 12a)

- **Read** 2 Peter 1:12
- **The Parent Illustration:** Matthew compared Peter's reminders to a parent repeating instructions to a child, noting, *"When I am loving my kids, I am reminding them."*
- **Discuss:** Do you tend to view repetitive sermons or Bible teachings as "boring" or as "safety"? How does changing your perspective to see repetition as *love* change how you listen to God's Word?

II. Knowing the Truth Is Not the Same as Living the Truth (Verse 12b)

- **Read:** 2 Peter 1:12 (again, focusing on "established in the truth").
- **The Gap:** Matthew pointed out that we can know the "Golden Rule" without actually living it.
- **Discuss:** Where is the biggest gap between your *knowledge* and your *action* right now? (e.g., You *know* God is sovereign, but you are *living* in anxiety; you *know* you are forgiven, but you *live* in shame).

III. Reminder Is Meant to Stir Us to Action (Verse 13)

- **Read** 2 Peter 1:13
- **The Armor:** Matthew reminded us that the Christian life is a spiritual battle. Peter "stirs us up" because without constant reminders, we are unequipped to wield the Sword of the Spirit.
- **Discuss:** Matthew listed the Armor of God (Eph 6). Which piece of armor do you most often "forget" to put on when you leave the house?
 - *Belt of Truth* (fighting lies)
 - *Shoes of Peace* (calm in chaos)
 - *Shield of Faith* (deflecting doubt)

IV. Time Is Short, So Faith Must Be Intentional (Verse 14)

- **Read** 2 Peter 1:14
- **The Context:** Peter knows his death ("putting off of my body") is coming soon. Living with the awareness that our time is limited forces us to focus on what matters.
- **Question:** If you knew you had limited time left to influence your family or friends, what is the *one* spiritual truth you would want to be sure they understood?
- **Deep Dive. Read Psalm 90:12 (or all the Psalm).**
- Moses prays, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."
- **Question:** How does realizing your time is short actually produce *wisdom*? Conversely, how does living like you will live forever produce foolishness?

V. Reminder Is a Legacy That Must Outlive Us (Verse 15)

- **Read** 2 Peter 1:15
- **The Training Model:** Matthew explained that we must make every effort to leave a legacy that points to Jesus, not ourselves. He used a 4-step training model:
 1. I do, you watch.
 2. I do, you help.
 3. You do, I help.
 4. You do, I watch.
- **Application:** Who is in your "downline"? Who is watching you live out your faith? Are you currently in step 1, 2, 3, or 4 with them?

Prayer Focus

- **Confess** our tendency toward "Spiritual Amnesia"—forgetting God's goodness when we walk into the "room" of trial.
- **Thank** God for the "Ministry of Reminder"—for Scripture, pastors, and small group members who stir us up.
- **Ask** for the grace to leave a legacy that points "Only to Jesus."