

“1 Peter: Fuel the Fire-Suffering from a Lack of Nearness”

1 Peter 3:8-22

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INTRO: Man Drowning

God's Blessing

- What is it?
1 Pet 2:2b-3 *you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*
- How do we get it?
1 Pet 3:10-12a *Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.*

Josh 1:8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*
- Does everyone get it?
Psalms 34:16 *The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.*

Suffering From Temptation

- Easily Swayed
- Missing out

Jam 4:1-5 *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?*
- We have the wrong glasses on
- We're living without a good conscience

1 Pet 3:18 *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

1 Pet 3:21 *Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

Convinced the Fire is Out

- We feel like we're fighting temptation on our own, with our own power
- We don't feel the "feeling" of the Holy Spirit...so he must not be there
- We feel like we've used up/abused our limit of the Holy Spirit

LIES we tell ourselves!

Rom 8:9 *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

2 Cor 12:9-10 *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Heb 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

1 Thess 5:19 *Do not quench [Stifle/Suppress/Extinguish] the Spirit.*

Response:

- Everyone has choices [**Not living on Mission (v.18)**]
- If you're in Christ, the Holy Spirit hasn't gone anywhere...you have [**Wedge (v.21)**]
- Relationship

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Heb 10:22 *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Jam 4:1-10 *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*