

Ready or Not? | 2 Peter 3

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Discuss *[adapt as needed]*:

1. For many of us, the times that we give in to temptation are usually not when we decide to intentionally defy God, but when we're tired and simply "forget" that He is present.

When are you most likely to live as though God isn't watching, or isn't there?

What tends to be going on in you at those moments?

2. Read 2 Peter 3:1-13, Peter answers the scoffers by reminding them of what God has already done: creation and the flood. The sermon suggested that many of us may not be scoffers in what we say, but sometimes are in the way we live.

Where in your own life do you find yourself "functionally scoffing", living as if nothing will ever change and no one will hold you to account? What has helped you, in the past, to recover a sense that God is near and at work?

3. Peter reframes what seems like God's slowness (or silence) as His patience: He is *"not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance"* (v9).

How does the perspective of God actively making room all to turn to Him more fully impact the way you respond when God seems slow to respond to your prayers?

4. Peter's call is to "*be diligent to be found by Him*" (v14) and to "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord*" (v18). In an example shared in the sermon, a non-believing atheist (Brian Guan) committed to 30 days of prayer, Scripture reading, gratitude, acts of kindness, and Christian community.

Which one of these practices could God be inviting you to grow in, regardless whether you feel Him in it? Share with someone in the group, then pray for one another, asking that each person would be ready and diligent to be found by Him.

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