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STUDIES IN THE EPISTLE OF 1 PETER

"Patterns to Practice for Suffering Saints"

"But the God of all grace who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ after you have suffered a little while shall Himself make you complete, shall establish you, shall make you strong, shall ground you as on a foundation."

Key Verse 5:10

PATTERN NUMBER ONE - Don't Get Shook, God Has the Controls 1:1-12

Key verses 1:3,4,5

Notes

- v. 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia.
- v. 2 According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in setting apart of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be yours in ever greater measure.
- v. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- v. 4 Unto an inheritance imperishable and undefiled and unfading which has been reserved in heaven for you,
- v. 5 You who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.
- v. 6 In this you are rejoicing, though now for a little while if it must be (if there is need for it), you have been distressed in the midst of various kinds of testings.
- v. 7 In order that the genuineness of your faith which is more precious than gold which is perishing, though it is being tested by fire, may be found for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- v. 8 Whom having not seen, you are loving, in whom now, not seeing, yet believing, you are rejoicing with inexpressible and glorified joy,
- v. 9 Obtaining as an outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- v.10 Concerning which salvation prophets searched and inquired carefully, those who prophesied concerning the grace intended for you.
- v.11 Searching what time or what kind of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them, was making clear when he was testifying beforehand concerning the sufferings of Christ and the glories along with them.
- v.12 To whom it was revealed that not for themselves but for you they were ministering these things, which now have been reported to you through those who have proclaimed the good news to you by the Holy Spirit who was sent from heaven, which things angels are eagerly desiring to gain a clear glance (to look into).

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-12 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. What has God the Father done for us according to verse 3?

3. What does the future hold for us who know Christ according to verse 4?
4. How are we protected in verse 5?
5. Why are we being tested in verses 6 and 7?
6. Who is being spoken about in verse 8?
7. What does Peter tell us in verse 9 will be the result of our faith?
8. Have you ever personally received Jesus Christ by faith? If your answer is yes, describe when and how it happened.
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER TWO - Get Tough and Start Growing 1:13-2:3

Key verses 1:13 and 2:2

Notes

- v.13 Wherefore when you have girded the loins of your mind, be well-balanced, set your hope fully upon the grace that is being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- v.14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.
- v.15 But according to the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.
- v.16 Because it has been written: "You shall be holy for I am holy."
- v.17 If you are calling upon as Father, the one who is judging impartially according to each individual's work, live in fear the time of your stay here in a strange land.
- v.18 Knowing that not with perishable things as silver or gold were you ransomed from your futile ways of life inherited from your forefathers.
- v.19 But with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- v.20 Who indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifested at the end of the times for your sake.
- v.21 Who through Him are believers in God, the one who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory so that your faith and hope might be in God.
- v.22 Having purified your souls by means of your obedience to the truth unto genuine (unhypocritical) love of the brethren, love one another from the heart earnestly.
- v.23 Having been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable through the living and abiding Word of God.
- v.24 For all flesh is as grass and all its glory as the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower falls.

- v.25 But the Word of the Lord is abiding forever. And this is the word of good news which was preached unto you.
- 2v. 1 Wherefore having put away all malice and all deceit and pretenses and envies and all slanderings.
- v. 2 Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk in order that by it, you may grow up in salvation.
- v. 3 For you tasted that the Lord is loving (kind; benevolent).

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 1:13-2:3 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. What two things does Peter ask us to do in verse 13?
3. What does Peter ask us to do in verse 15? And why in verse 16?
4. How are we supposed to live in verse 17?
5. What makes it possible for us to have a relationship to God according to verse 19?
6. What does Peter ask us to do in verse 22?
7. What are we asked to put away in verse 1 of Chapter 2?
8. Why does Peter want us to drink the milk of the Word in verse 2 of Chapter 2?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER THREE - You are Part of the Establishment 2:4-10

Key verse 2:5

- v. 4 Toward whom we are drawing near, a living stone, having been it is true, rejected by men but with God, elect, precious.
- v. 5 And you also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Notes

- v. 6 Because of this it is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, one chosen out, a precious cornerstone. And the one who is believing on him shall by no means be disappointed."
- v. 7 To you therefore who are believing, is the preciousness but to those who are unbelievers, the stone which the builders rejected, this (stone) became a head cornerstone.
- v. 8 And a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock which arouses opposition for they are stumbling at the word, being an unbeliever to which indeed they were appointed.
- v. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people that have become (God's own) possession, in order that you might proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- v.10 Who at one time were not a people, but now are God's people; who once had not found mercy, but now have found mercy.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 2:4-10 and put into your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. How is the Lord Jesus described in verse 4?
3. How are we described in verse 5?
4. What does Peter say about those who believe on the Lord Jesus in verse 6?
5. Who is the stone and rock in verse 8 and what two things does he cause according to this verse?
6. How is the Christian described in verse 9?
7. What is the Christian's responsibility according to verse 9?
8. What two things have happened since we came to know Christ according to verse 10?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

I Peter 2:11-17 SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY

Key Verse 2:13

We are happy when we are in the bounds of submission to God. This leads to freedom, blessing, fruit. He has a plan for authority and we must stay in the bounds.

Verse 11

Beloved (love of Jesus Christ is flowing)
"I am begging you..." not commanding

"aliens and exiles" - Christians

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living in away from heaven
a strange eternal home
land

"desires of the flesh" - still have old mind and old desires, old sin nature but now have new mind which is energized by the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit takes the word and applies it to our mind and then fruit is produced

Christian life is a battle between old nature and new.

Gal 5:16-17

Rom 7:15-25

James 4

Paul outlines manifestations of old nature in Gal 5:19-21. Old mind is thinking as you go through the day, makes wrong conclusions and influences you.

Why should we keep away from the desires of the flesh?

Verse 12

How can we live good lives in front of non believers, answer is by girding up your minds and do not live by old nature (I Peter 1:13-14) then fruit will be produced as a result of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Gal 5:22-23

Live a beautiful life in order that non believers will see that there is a change in Christians lives.

"day of visitation" - 1. their day i.e. when they come to know Christ
2. Day of Judgment - universal day of glorification

Verse 13 *Key - SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY

Old nature does not want to do this Isaih 53:8
We are discovering that this is our way of life, no point in rebelling,
Jesus Christ died to rid us of our judgment of rebelling against
God, not have the responsibility of being submissive to all authority.

1. realize it in our mind
2. what is involved in being submissive and suffering
3. marriage relationship

These 3 areas will be discussed in I Peter

Romans 13 - civil obedience

"be subject" arose tense - settle it once and for all that this is
the direction that we will go and then decisions are made on this basis.

"I will be submissive to authority" and leave out ramifications.

Why be submissive?

1. "for the Lord's sake" - good enough reason

What did He do for you?

Verse 15

2. be submissive because it is the will of God

Verse 16

It is as we submit that we experience real freedom, we have no rights,
freedom also provides opportunity to be lazy and undisciplined.

Verse 17

4 fold summary -

Only as we take the position as bondsman can we do this.

Phil 2:5-8 "He emptied Himself" willingly became a bondsman

Prodigal Son - 1. Father give me so that I can go
2. Father make me

Acts 5

convictions must stand rather than bucking the system.

**When we submit to the authority then we place the responsibility of
the outcome in the hands of our authority over us, can express freedom
before God.

When we do not submit to authority then we are placing the responsibility
in our own hands before God. We are taking the responsibility.

Conviction is the only situation for departure from submission.

PATTERN NUMBER FOUR - Submit to Authority 2:11-17

Key verse 2:13

Notes

- v.11 Beloved, I am begging you as aliens and exiles to keep away from the desires of the flesh which are waging war against your soul.
- v.12 Having your manner of life among the Gentiles beautiful in its goodness in order that in case they are speaking against you as those who are doing evil as a result of your good deeds which they are watching, they may glorify God on the day of visitation.
- v.13 Be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether to a king as one who is supreme.
- v.14 Or to governors as those sent by Him to punish those who are doing evil and to give praise to those who are doing good.
- v.15 For so is the will of God, that by doing good you might put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.
- v.16 As free and not as those who are using their freedom as a covering for evil but as bondslaves of God.
- v.17 Honor all men, be loving the brotherhood, be fearing God, be honoring the king.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 2:11-17 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. What does Peter ask us to do according to verse 11?
3. What kind of life does he want us to have according to verse 12?
4. Why is it important for us to have this quality of life in verse 12?
5. What are we asked to do in verse 13?
6. Who is it that sends the governors and what is the governor's responsibility in verse 14?
7. What is the will of God in verse 15?
8. What four things are we asked to do in verse 17?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

I Peter 2:18-25 FOLLOW THE COACH

Key Verse 2:21

Verse 18

Be submissive to authority, do you want freedom? then follow God's pattern for submission even if to someone you feel does not deserve it!!!

Verse 19

3rd reason to submit "it is approved"

You are being refined in the process of your suffering.

God wants a cheerful submissive child.

II Timothy 2:15 - "Make every effort to be a person who is approved of God who needs not to be ashamed.

Romans 14 - let God handle the situation, let him set the record straight even though you have been used by someone.

SUBMIT THE SITUATION!!!!!!

Verse 20

Why?

1. submit for the Lord's sake (2:13)
2. submit because it is the will of God (2:15)
3. submit because it is approved (2:19)
4. submit because it is commendable to Him (2:20)

EVEN IF IT INVOLVED SUFFERING!!!!!!

Key verse 21 Follow Your Coach

You have been called to this.

"called" 1:15 called to be holy
2:9 called out of darkness
2:21 called to suffer

God did not call us to be comfortable but to be conformed to His image.

John 15 - God is pruning us. If we want to grow, to be more spiritual, to bear fruit then pruning(suffering) is necessary.

Phil 1:29 - believe and suffer

Hebrews 5:8 - learned obedience (submission) by the things which He suffered

Psalms 119:66-67 -

Verse 22

Submit to the point of suffering:

1. He did not deserve to suffer
2. There was nothing false in His mouth, never had to justify Himself

Verse 23

3. He did not revile in return, Isaih 52
4. He did not threaten then saying wait til I get down from this cross

Verse 25

5. He bore our sins

Isaih 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray

How far does submission have to go?

Answer: all the way to the cross

Christ's prayer "let this cup pass from me... let Thy will be done."

Christ's wishes and desires were to let the cup pass but submission was in His life and let Thy will be done.

CONVICTION is the only point for departure from submission and you had better be sure. Must be true conviction against doing something and not just a rationalization to keep from doing something, shirking responsibility.

PATTERN NUMBER FIVE - Follow the Coach 2:18-25

Key verse 2:21

Notes

- v.18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are kind and gentle, but also to those who are harsh (unjust).
- v.19 For this is approved, if through a spiritual awareness of God, he is enduring pain while suffering unjustly.
- v.20 For what credit is it, if when you are sinning and if you are enduring being beaten? But if when you are doing good and suffering for it and this you are enduring, this is commendable in the sight of God.
- v.21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you a model to imitate in order that you might follow in His footprints.
- v.22 He committed no sin, nothing false was found in His mouth.
- v.23 When He was being reviled, He was reviling not in return, and who while suffering, was not threatening, but was committing Himself to the one who is judging righteously.
- v.24 Who Himself carried our sins to the cross in His body, in order that we having died to sins, might live to righteousness, by His wound you have been healed.
- v.25 For you were as sheep going astray but now have been turned back to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 2:18-25 and put in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. Describe the two kinds of masters in verse 18 and what the servant's attitude is supposed to be.
3. What does it mean to suffer unjustly in verse 19?
4. What is commendable in the sight of God in verse 20?
5. Who is our model to imitate in verse 21?
6. What five things are said about Jesus in verses 22, 23, and 24?
7. How are we described in verse 25?
8. Who is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls in verse 25?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER SIX - When One Plus One Equals One 3:1-7

Key verses 3:1 and 7

Notes

- v. 1 In like manner, wives be putting yourselves in subjection to your own husbands in order that even though certain ones are disbelieving the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives.
- v. 2 Having observed your pure manner of life with a reverential fear.
- v. 3 Let your adornment not be the outward adorning with braiding the hair and wearing gold ornaments or putting on clothing.
- v. 4 But let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very costly.
- v. 5 For thus formerly also the Holy women, the ones who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, putting themselves in subjection to their own husbands.
- v. 6 As Sarah used to obey Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you become if you are doing good and not fearing any terror.
- v. 7 Husbands, in like manner, be living with your wives according to knowledge, showing honor unto the woman as the weaker vessel (sex) as to those who are also joint heirs of the grace of life in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 3:1-7 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. Why are the wives to put themselves in subjection to their husbands in verse 1?
3. How is the disbelieving husband to be won to the Lord according to verse 1?
4. According to verses 3 and 4, which is the most important, outward beauty or inner beauty?
5. How does God feel about this inner beauty?
6. What Old Testament illustration does Peter use to support what he is teaching?
7. What two things does Peter point out as the husband's responsibility according to verse 7?
8. For what purpose should the husband be doing these two things in verse 7?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?

10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER SEVEN - Life Can Be Beautiful 3:8-12

Key verse 3:10

Notes

- v. 8 Finally, all of you be united in spirit, sympathetic, loving the brethren, tender-hearted, humble-minded.
- v. 9 Not giving back evil for evil or verbal abuse for verbal abuse, but on the other hand, be blessing, because to this you have been called in order that you might inherit a blessing.
- v.10 For he who is desiring to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.
- v.11 But let him turn away from evil and let him do good, let him seek peace and pursue it.
- v.12 Because the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open unto their petitions. But the face of the Lord is against those who are practicing evil.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 3:8-12 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. Whereas Peter was speaking to husbands and wives in the last section, to whom is he speaking in this section?
3. What five things does he ask us to do in verse 8?
4. What do you think Peter means when he asks us to be tender-hearted?
5. What does he mean by verbal abuse in verse 9?
6. What are we supposed to do in verse 10 if we would be those who love life and want to see good days?
7. What two things does Peter ask for in verse 11?
8. What promise is given in verse 12 for the righteous?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?

10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER EIGHT - The Right Game Plan 3:13-22

Key verses 3:15,16

Notes

- v.13 And who is he that will do you harm if you become zealous of the good?
- v.14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them nor be troubled.
- v.15 But set apart Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being those who are prepared to make a defense to everyone who is asking you for a reason concerning the hope that is in you, but doing this with gentleness and reverence.
- v.16 Keeping a clear conscience, so that in case you are being spoken against, they may be put to shame those who are insulting (reviling) your good behavior in Christ.
- v.17 For it is better to be suffering when doing good if it should be the will of God than when doing wrong.
- v.18 Because Christ also died once for all for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.
- v.19 In which also having proceeded he preached to the spirits in prison.
- v.20 Who formerly did not obey when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is eight souls were brought safely through by means of water.
- v.21 Baptism which also corresponds to this is now saving you, not a removing of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- v.22 Who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, with angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 3:13-22 and state in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. What promise are we given in verse 14?
3. What are we asked to do in verse 15?
4. How are we to do this according to verse 15?
5. What are we asked to do in verse 16?
6. State the principle Peter gives in verse 17.

7. Why did Christ die for us according to verse 18?
8. Where is Jesus now according to verse 22, and what 3 groups are subject to Him?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER NINE - What You Plant is What You Pick 4:1-11

Key verse 4:2

Notes

- v. 1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same insight because the one who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.
- v. 2 So as to no longer live the remaining time in the flesh by the desires of men, but by the will of God.
- v. 3 For adequate has been the time that is now past to have accomplished what the Gentiles (pagans; unsaved) desire to do, living in sexual excesses, in desires, in drunkenness, in carousings, in drinking parties and in unlawful idolatries.
- v. 4 In which they are surprised (thinking it strange) that you are not running with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.
- v. 5 Who shall give account to the One who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
- v. 6 For to this end was the gospel preached even to the dead, in order that they might be judged according to men in the flesh but live according to God in the spirit.
- v. 7 But the end of all things has come near, therefore, be of sound mind (keep your head) and exercise self-restraint to help you pray.
- v. 8 Above all things keeping love constant for one another, because love is covering a multitude of sins.
- v. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
- v. 10 As each has received a gift, be exercising it for one another as good administrators of God's varied grace.
- v. 11 If anyone is speaking, as utterances of God (let them be); if anyone is serving (let him serve) as out of the strength which God is supplying in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in whom there is glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1-11 and state in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. How are we asked to live according to verse 2?

3. What is the two-fold response of the non-Christian to our purity of life in verse 4?
4. To whom do they finally give account according to verse 5?
5. What are we asked to do in verse 7 in view of the fact that the end of all things is come near?
6. Why is love so important in verse 8?
7. What does it mean to be hospitable to one another in verse 9?
8. What are we asked to do in verse 10?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER TEN - Keep a Good Attitude 4:12-19

Key verse 4:16

Notes

- v.12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which is coming upon you as though something strange were happening to you.
- v.13 But inasmuch as you are sharing the sufferings of Christ, be rejoicing, in order that also at the revelation of His glory, you might shout for joy.
- v.14 If you are being reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God is resting upon you.
- v.15 For let not one of you be suffering as a murderer or a thief or a wrong-doer or as a meddler in other men's matters.
- v.16 But if one is suffering as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name.
- v.17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God. And if it begins with us first, what shall be the end of those who are not obeying the gospel of God?
- v.18 And if he who is righteous is with difficulty being saved, where will the ungodly and sinner appear?
- v.19 Therefore, also let those who are suffering according to the will of God, be entrusting their souls to a faithful creator, while doing good.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 and state in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.

2. What is the purpose for the fiery ordeal in verse 12?
3. What should be our attitude in the midst of these sufferings according to verse 13?
4. Why are we blessed in verse 14?
5. What does Peter mean by the words, "meddler in other men's matters"?
6. What should be our attitude if we are suffering as a Christian according to verse 16?
7. Where is judgment beginning according to verse 17?
8. What two things does Peter ask of those who are suffering according to the will of God in verse 19?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER ELEVEN - There are Laws for Leadership 5:1-4

Key verses 5:2,3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">v. 1 Elders, therefore, who are among you I am exhorting, I who am a fellow-elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ who also am a partaker of the glory which is about to be revealed.v. 2 Tend (shepherd) the flock of God which is among you not by compulsion but willingly according to God, not in fondness for dishonest gain but feely.v. 3 Nor as lording it over (domineering) the portions of the flock assigned to you, but being examples to the flock.v. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears you shall receive the unfading crown of glory. | |
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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1-4 and state in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.

2. What do you think Peter means by the word "elders" in verse 1?
3. What three things does Peter say about himself in verse 1?
4. What are the elders supposed to do in verse 2?
5. What does Peter mean by the statement, "lording it over the portions of the flock assigned to you" in verse 3?
6. What is the best way to lead according to verse 3?
7. Who is the Chief Shepherd in verse 4?
8. What is the reward in verse 4 for being a good leader?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERN NUMBER TWELVE - The Way Up is Down 5:5-14

Key verses 5:5,6

- v. 5 Likewise, younger ones, be in subjection to the elders: Moreover all of you in your associations with each other, clothe yourselves with humility, because God is opposing the proud but is giving grace to the humble.
- v. 6 Permit yourselves, therefore, to be humbled under the mighty hand of God, in order that in due time he may exalt you.
- v. 7 Throwing all your anxieties upon Him because it is a care to Him about you.
- v. 8 Be self-possessed, be watchful. Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion (in fierce hunger) is walking about, seeking someone to devour (swallow up).
- v. 9 Withstand (resist) him firm (steadfast) in your faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being laid upon your brotherhood who are in the world.
- v.10 But the God of all Grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, shall Himself make you complete, shall establish you, shall make you strong, shall ground you as on a foundation.
- v.11 To Him be the power (dominion for ever and ever). Amen.
- v.12 Through Silvanus, a faithful brother, as I am thinking of him, briefly I have written to you, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God, in which (grace) take your stand.
- v.13 The church in Babylon, chosen out with you, sends greetings and Mark my son.
- v.14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ.

Notes

1. Read 1 Peter 5:5-14 and state in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. What reason does Peter give for clothing ourselves with humility?
3. What is the purpose for permitting ourselves to be humbled under the mighty hand of God in verse 6?
4. What are you supposed to do with your anxieties in verse 7?
5. Describe in your own words the picture of Satan in verse 8 and what he is trying to do.
6. What promises are given to us in verse 10?
7. How do you think Silvanus got the title: "Faithful Brother" in verse 12?
8. Put in your own words what grace means.
9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. LESSONS LEARNED:

PATTERNS TO PRACTICE FROM PETER'S PLAY BOOK

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Dear Camper:

You have come to camp for fun, excitement, adventure and lots of new experiences. The program is planned with this in mind. I hope that when you go home, you'll be able to say that this is the best camp you have ever attended. During your stay in camp, one of the experiences which I am hoping you will enjoy, will be your personal Bible study. This summer we are studying the Book of First Peter. I also hope that as you study this book, the message of the Book will go home with you.

To help you in the understanding of this Book, I am providing a set of questions to be filled out each day before your Bible study period. I am also furnishing a copy of the verses that are involved with each set of questions so that you will be able to just work out the answers right on the sheets which have been provided.

If you have any problems or difficulties in working out the answers, please contact your counselor and he or she will be delighted to assist you.

Striving for excellence in Christian camping,

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PATTERNS TO PRACTICE FROM PETER'S PLAY BOOK

But the God of all grace who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while shall Himself make you complete, shall establish you, shall make you strong, shall ground you as on a foundation.
Key Verse 5:10

Pattern Number One - Don't Get Shook, God Has the Controls 1:1-12

- v. 1 Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia.
- v. 2 According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in setting apart of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be yours in ever greater measure.
- v. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- v. 4 Unto an inheritance imperishable and undefiled and unfading which has been reserved in heaven for you.
- v. 5 You who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- v. 6 In this you are rejoicing, though now for a little while, if it must be (if there is need for it) You have been distressed in the midst of various kinds of testings.
- v. 7 In order that the genuineness of your faith which is more precious than gold which is perishing though it is being tested by fire may be found for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- v. 8 Whom having not seen, you are loving in whom now not seeing, yet believing, you are rejoicing with inexpressible and glorified joy.
- v. 9 Obtaining as an outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.
- v. 10 Concerning which salvation prophets searched and inquired carefully those who prophesied concerning the grace intended for you.
- v. 11 Searching what time or what kind of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was making clear when he was testifying beforehand concerning the sufferings of Christ and the glories along with them.
- v. 12 To whom it was revealed that not for themselves but for you they were ministering these things, which now have been reported to you through those who have proclaimed the good news to you by the Holy Spirit who was sent from heaven which things angels are eagerly desiring to gain a clear glance (to look into).

Key verses for Pattern Number One, verses 3, 4, and 5.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-12 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. What has God the Father done for us according to verse 3?
3. What does the future hold for us who know Christ according to verse 4?
4. How are we protected in verse 5?
5. Why are we being tested in verses 6 and 7?
6. Who is being spoken about in verse 8?
7. What does Peter tell us in verse 9 will be the result of our faith?
8. Have you ever personally received Jesus Christ by faith? If your answer is yes, describe when and how this happened?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Two - Get Tough and Start Growing 1:13-2:3

Key verses 1:13 and 2:2

- v. 13 Wherefore when you have girded the loins of your mind, be well-balanced, set your hope fully upon the grace that is being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- v. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.
- v. 15 But according to the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.
- v. 16 Because it has been written: you shall be holy for I am holy.
- v. 17 If you are calling upon as Father the one who is judging impartially according to each individual's work, live in fear the time of your stay here in a strange land.

v. 18 Knowing that not with perishable things as silver or gold were you ransomed from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers.

v. 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish and without spot.

v. 20 Who indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifested at the end of the times for your sake.

v. 21 Who through Him are believers in God, the one who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory so that your faith and hope might be in God.

v. 22 Having purified your souls by means of your obedience to the truth unto genuine (unhypocritical) love of the brethren, love one another from the heart earnestly.

v. 23 Having been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable through the living and abiding Word of God.

v. 24 For all flesh is as grass and all its glory as the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower falls.

v. 25 But the word of the Lord is abiding forever. And this is the word of good news which was preached unto you.

2: 1 Wherefore having put away all malice and all deceit and pretenses and envies and all slanderings

v. 2 Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk in order that by it, you may grow up in salvation.

v. 3 For you tasted that the Lord is loving (kind; benevolent).

1. Read 1 Peter 1:13 to 2:3 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. What two things does Peter ask us to do in verse 13?
3. What does Peter ask us to do in verse 15? And why in verse 16?
4. How are we supposed to live in verse 17?
5. What makes it possible for us to have a relationship to God according to verse 19?
6. What does Peter ask us to do in verse 22?
7. What are we asked to put away in verse 1 of chapter two?
8. Why does Peter want us to drink the milk of the Word in verse 2 of Chapter 2.
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Three - You are Part of the Establishment 2:4-10

Key verse 2:5

- v. 4 Toward whom we are drawing near, a living stone, having been it is true, rejected by men but with God elect, precious.
- v. 5 And you also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- v. 6 Because of this it is contained in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, one chosen out, a precious cornerstone. And the one who is believing on him shall by no means be disappointed."
- v. 7 To you therefore who are believing, is the preciousness but to those who are unbelievers, the stone which the builders rejected, this (stone) became a head cornerstone.
- v. 8 And a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock which arouses opposition for they are stumbling at the word being an unbeliever to which indeed they were appointed.
- v. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people that have become (God's own) possession, in order that you might proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light
- v. 10 Who at one time were not a people but now are God's people; who once had not found mercy, but now have found mercy.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:4-10 and put into your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. How is the Lord Jesus described in verse 4?
3. How are we described in verse 5?
4. What does Peter say about those who believe on the Lord Jesus in verse 6?
5. Who is the stone and rock in verse 8 and what two things does he cause, according to this verse?
6. How is the Christian described in verse 9?
7. What is the Christian's responsibility according to verse 9?
8. What two things have happened since we came to know Christ, according to verse 10?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Four - Submit to Authority 2:11 to 17

Key verse 2:13

v. 11 Beloved, I am begging you as aliens and exiles to keep away from the desires of the flesh which are waging war against your soul.

v. 12 Having your manner of life among the Gentiles beautiful in its goodness in order that in case they are speaking against you as those who are doing evil as a result of your good deeds which they are watching, they may glorify God on the day of visitation.

v. 13 Be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether to a king as one who is supreme

v. 14 Or to governors as those sent by Him to punish those who are doing evil and to give praise to those who are doing good.

v. 15 For so is the will of God, that by doing good you might put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

v. 16 As free and not as those who are using their freedom as a covering for evil but as bondslaves of God.

v. 17 Honor all men, be loving the brotherhood, be fearing God, be honoring the king.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:11 - 17 and put in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. What does Peter ask us to do according to verse 11?
3. What kind of life does he want us to have according to verse 12?
4. Why is it important for us to have this quality of life? verse 12.
5. What are we asked to do in verse 13?
6. Who is it that sends the governors and what is the governors responsibility in verse 14?
7. What is the will of God in verse 15?
8. What four things are we asked to do in verse 17?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you.
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Five - Follow the Coach 2:18 - 25

Key verse 2:21

v. 18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are kind and gentle, but also to those who are harsh (unjust).

v. 19 For this is approved, if through a spiritual awareness of God, he is enduring pain while suffering unjustly.

v. 20 For what credit is it, if when you are sinning and if you are enduring being beaten? But if when you are doing good and suffering for it and this you are enduring, this is commendable in the sight of God.

- v. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you a model to imitate in order that you might follow in His footprints.
 v. 22 He committed no sin, nothing false was found in His mouth.
 v. 23 When He was being reviled, He was not reviling in return, and who while suffering was not threatening; But was committing Himself to the one who is judging righteously.
 v. 24 Who Himself carried our sins to the cross in His body, in order that we having died to sins, might live to righteousness by His wound you have been healed.
 v. 25 For you were as sheep going astray but now have been turned back to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:18 - 25 and put in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. Describe the two kind of masters in verse 18 and what the servants attitude is supposed to be?
3. What does it mean to suffer unjustly in verse 19?
4. What is commendable in the sight of God in verse 20?
5. Who is our model to imitate in verse 21?
6. What five things are said about Jesus in verse 22, 23 and 24?
7. How are we described in verse 25?
8. Who is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls in verse 25?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Six - When One Plus One Equals One 3:1 - 7

Key verses - 3:1 and 7

- v. 1 In like manner, wives be putting yourselves in subjection to your own husbands, in order that even though certain ones are disbelieving the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives.
 v. 2 Having observed your pure manner of life with a reverential fear.
 v. 3 Let your adornment not be the outward adorning with braiding the hair and wearing of gold ornaments or putting on clothing.
 v. 4 But let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very costly.
 v. 5 For thus formerly also the holy women, the ones who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, putting themselves in subjection to their own husbands:
 v. 6 As Sarah used to obey Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you became if you are doing good and not fearing any terror.
 v. 7 Husbands, in like manner, be living with your wives according to knowledge, showing honor unto the woman as the weaker vessel (sex) as to those who are also joint-heirs of the grace of life in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

1. Read 1 Peter 3:1 - 7 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. Why are the wives to put themselves in subjection to their husbands in verse 1?
3. How is the disbelieving husband to be won to the Lord according to verse 1?
4. According to verse 3 and 4, which is the most important, outward beauty or inner beauty?
5. How does God feel about this inner beauty?
6. What Old Testament illustration does Peter use to support what he is teaching?
7. What two things does Peter point out as the husbands responsibility according to verse 7?
8. For what purpose should the husband be doing these two things in verse 7?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Seven - Life Can Be Beautiful 3:8 - 12

Key verse 3:10

- v. 8 Finally, all of you be united in spirit, sympathetic, loving the brethren, tender hearted, humble-minded
- v. 9 Not giving back evil for evil or verbal abuse for verbal abuse; But on the other hand, be blessing, because to this you have been called in order that you might inherit a blessing.
- v. 10 For He who is desiring to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceitfully.
- v. 11 But let him turn away from evil and let him do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.
- v. 12 Because the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open unto their petitions. But the face of the Lord is against those who are practicing evil.

1. Read 1 Peter 3:8-10 and put in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. Whereas Peter was speaking to husbands and wives in the last section, to whom is he speaking in this section?
3. What five things does he ask us to do in verse 8?
4. What do you think Peter means when he asks us to be tender-hearted?
5. What does he mean by verbal abuse in verse 9?
6. What are we supposed to do in verse 10, if we would be those who love life and want to see good days?

7. What two things does Peter ask for in verse 11?
8. What promise is given in verse 12 for the righteous?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Eight - The Right Game Plan 3:13-22

Key verses 3:15,16

- v. 13 And who is he that will do you harm if you become zealous of the good?
- v. 14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them nor be troubled.
- v. 15 But set apart Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being those who are prepared to make a defense to everyone who is asking you for a reason concerning the hope that is in you, but doing this with gentleness and reverence.
- v. 16 Keeping a clear conscience, so that in case you are being spoken against, they may be put to shame those who are insulting (reviling) your good behavior in Christ.
- v. 17 For it is better to be suffering when doing good if it should be the will of God than when doing wrong.
- v. 18 Because Christ also died once for all for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.
- v. 19 In which also having proceeded he preached to the spirits in prison.
- v. 20 Who formerly did not obey when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is eight souls, were brought safely through by means of water.
- v. 21 Baptism which also corresponds to this is now saving you not a removing of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- v. 22 Who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, with angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

1. Read 1 Peter 3:13-22 and state in your own words what Peter is saying in this section.
2. What promise are we given in verse 14?
3. What are we asked to do in verse 15?
4. How are we to do this, according to verse 15?
5. What are we asked to do in verse 16?
6. State the principle Peter gives in verse 17?
7. Why did Christ die for us according to verse 18?

8. Where is Jesus now, according to verse 22 and what three groups are subject to Him?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Nine - What You Plant is What You Pick 4:1-11

Key verse 4:2

V. 1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same insight because the one who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.
 v. 2 So as to no longer live the remaining time in the flesh by the desires of men, but by the will of God.
 v. 3 For adequate has been the time that is now past to have accomplished what the Gentiles (pagans; unsaved) desire to do, living in sexual excesses, in desires, in drunkenness, in carousings, in drinking parties and in unlawful idolatries.
 v. 4 In which they are surprised (thinking it strange) that you are not running with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.
 v. 5 Who shall give account to the One who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
 v. 6 For to this end was the gospel preached even to the dead, in order that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.
 v. 7 But the end of all things has come near, therefore, be of sound mind (keep your head) and exercise self-restraint to help you pray.
 v. 8 Above all things keeping love constant for one another, because love is covering a multitude of sins.
 v. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
 v. 10 As each has received a gift, be exercising it for one another as good administrators of God's varied grace.
 v. 11 If anyone is speaking, as utterances of God (let them be); If anyone is serving (let him serve) as out of the strength which God is supplying in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in whom there is the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1 - 11 and state in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. How are we asked to live according to verse 2?
3. What is the two-fold response of the non-Christian to our purity of life in verse 4?
4. To whom do they finally give account according to verse 5?
5. What are we asked to do in verse 7 in view of the fact that the end of all things is come near?
6. Why is love so important in verse 8?
7. What does it mean to be hospitable to one another in verse 9?
8. What are we asked to do in verse 10?

9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Ten - Keep a Good Attitude 4:12-19

Key verse 4:16

- v. 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which is coming upon you to test you as though something strange were happening to you.
- v. 13 But inasmuch as you are sharing the sufferings of Christ, be rejoicing, in order that also at the revelation of His glory, you might shout for joy.
- v. 14 If you are being reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God is resting upon you.
- v. 15 For let not one of you be suffering as a murderer or a thief or a wrong doer or as a meddler in other men's matters.
- v. 16 But if one is suffering as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him be glorifying God in this name.
- v. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God. And if it begins with us first, what shall be the end of those who are not obeying the gospel of God?
- v. 18 And if he who is righteous is with difficulty being saved, where will the ungodly and sinner appear?
- v. 19 Therefore, also let those who are suffering according to the will of God, be entrusting their souls to a faithful Creator; while doing good.

1. Read 1 Peter 4:12 - 19 and state in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. What is the purpose for the fiery ordeal in verse 12?
3. What should be our attitude in the midst of these sufferings according to verse 13?
4. Why are we blessed in verse 14?
5. What does Peter mean by the words, meddler in other men's matters in verse 15?
6. What should our attitude be if we are suffering as a Christian according to verse 16?
7. Where is judgment beginning according to verse 17?
8. What two things does Peter ask of those who are suffering according to the will of God in verse 19?
9. Which verse in this study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Eleven - There are Laws for Leadership 5:1-4

Key Verses 5:2 and 3

v. 1 Elders, therefore, who are among you I am exhorting, I who am a fellow-elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ who also am a partaker of the glory which is about to be revealed.

v. 2 Tend (Shepherd) the flock of God which is among you not by compulsion but willingly according to God, not in fondness for dishonest gain but freely.

v. 3 Nor as lording it over (domineering) the portions of the flock assigned to you, but being examples to the flock.

v. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you shall receive the unfading crown of glory.

1. Read Chapters 5:1-4 and state in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. What do you think Peter means by the word elders in verse 1?
3. What three things does Peter say about himself in verse 1?
4. What are the elders supposed to do in verse 2?
5. What does Peter mean by the statement, lording it over the portions of the flock assigned to you in verse 3?
6. What is the best way to lead according to verse 3?
7. Who is the chief Shepherd in verse 4?
8. What is the reward in verse 4 for being a good leader?
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

Pattern Number Twelve - The Way Up is Down 5:5-14

Key Verses 5:5,6,

v. 5 Likewise, younger ones, be in subjection to the elders: Moreover all of you, in your relations with each other, clothe yourselves with humility, because God is opposing the proud but is giving grace to the humble.

v. 6 Permit yourselves, therefore, to be humbled under the mighty hand of God, in order that in due time he may exalt you.

v. 7 Throwing all your anxieties upon Him, because it is a care to Him about you.

v. 8 Be self-possessed, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil as a roaring lion (in fierce hunger) is walking about seeking someone to devour (swallow-up).

v. 9 Withstand (resist) him, firm (steadfast) in your faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being laid upon your brotherhood who are in the world.

v. 10 But the God of all Grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, shall Himself make you complete, shall establish you, shall make you strong, shall ground you as on a foundation.

- v. 11 To Him be the power (dominion) forever and ever. Amen.
 v. 12 Through Silvanus, a faithful brother, as I am thinking of him, briefly I have written to you, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. In which (grace) take your stand.
 v. 13 The church in Babylon, chosen out with you, sends greetings and Mark my son.
 v. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ.

1. Read Chapter 5:5-14 and state in your own words what Peter is trying to say in this section.
2. What reason does Peter give for clothing ourselves with humility?
3. What is the purpose for permitting ourselves to be humbled under the mighty hand of God? (verse 6).
4. What are you supposed to do with your anxieties in verse 7?
5. Describe in your own words the picture of satan in verse 8 and what he is trying to do?
6. What promises are given to us in verse 10?
7. How do you think Silvanus got the title, faithful brother in verse 12?
8. Put in your own words what grace means.
9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?
10. What lesson have you learned from this study.

FIRST PETER
PATTERNS TO PRACTICE FROM PETER'S PLAY BOOK
 Lecture Notes

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL

1. The Bible Study for this coming summer will be in the book of First Peter.
2. I am praying that as you begin reading and studying this book, it will become a vital part of your life.
3. I am praying that you will be asking yourself the question as you study, "Am I personally practicing the Patterns from Peter's Play Book in my own life." If there is a negative answer at this point it would be well to realize that your effectiveness for the summer is only going to be measured by your willingness to apply this truth to your life.
4. You are expected in your study time to make your own study of this epistle by reading First Peter in as many translations as possible and also answering the inductive questions for yourself so that you can be helpful to your campers when the time comes.
5. During the one week camps, you will teach as many lessons as you can or you may have the freedom to pick out particular lessons that you feel would be most helpful to your campers. During the two week camps, you will teach the entire series.
6. Since we are a counselor centered camp, I think it goes without saying, that your responsibility is a great one in getting across the message of First Peter in an effective way. If your campers get a blessing and the message of the book goes home with them, it will only be because you have been faithful in asking the Lord to teach you the lessons from this book and then to guide you in passing it on to others.
7. Peter challenges us to be holy even as our Heavenly Father is holy, and the only thing that is going to keep you from being at the peak of your performance will be sin in your life. I trust that if you have come to camp with some problems in your life, during this leadership training week, you will deal with these matters and get it straightened out before a camper ever comes on the grounds.
8. Each camper as he comes to camp will receive a copy of the translation of First Peter and the questions dealing with the study for each day. Some time during the camp schedule before the Bible Study hour in the afternoon, it will be your responsibility to see that these questions are filled out by the campers. It is also your responsibility to help them in any way possible to get their questions answered and to create an atmosphere whereby they can talk to you about any problems they are having.
9. The cabin devotions each night should be a summary of what has been learned during the day. This way the camper will go to bed at night impressed with a new truth which he has gained from the Word of God.
10. Paul, in writing to Timothy in II Timothy 2: shares with Timothy the burden that would like to convey to you at this time. "Son, be strong with the strength Christ Jesus gives you. For you must teach others the things which you and many witnesses have heard me speak about. Teach these great truths to trustworthy men who will in turn, pass them on to others. Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ just as I do, and as Christ's soldier, do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs, for then you cannot satisfy the One who enlisted you in His army. Follow the Lord's rules for doing His work just as an athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize. Work hard like a farmer who gets paid well if he raises a large crop."

11. Some areas to work on:

- Read through the book of First Peter as many times as you can, bearing in mind the divisions of the book that I have given to you.
- Guard yourself against becoming stale by continued fresh study and prayer over the passage which you are going to teach.
- Remember that if the truth is going to be a blessing to your campers, it has first to become a blessing and a reality in your own life. If this is true, then there is a pretty good chance that it will also prove to be valuable to the camper.
- Work through the set of inductive questions just as if you were a camper, so that you will be prepared to answer any questions that they might have during their stay in camp.
- Please do not get discouraged, but face each problem as it comes and recognize the fact that the task ahead of us is not greater than the power behind us!

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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER:

- Peter is writing to a group of persecuted Christians scattered abroad in several locations that we will notice in our study of the first verse.
- It would be well in preparation for the study of First Peter if we could take time to read several passages that tell us a little bit about Peter. He is one of the most colorful people in the Scriptures. International Standard Bible Encyclopedia points out that Peter was a leader, he was always listed first, a common spokesman for the group. He was hopeful, bold, confident, courageous, frank, impulsive, energetic, vigorous, strong, loving and faithful. He was liable to change and inconsistency, due to his enthusiastic outlook.
- Luke 5:1-8 record the account of Peter and Jesus when the people pressed Jesus so that He got in to Simon's boat, and then the Lord asked him to put out into the deep and let down the nets.
- We have the healing of Peter's wife's mother at Capernaum recorded in Matthew 8:14,15.
- In Matthew 10:2 his call to apostolic office.
- Mark 4:35-41 records the account of the storm on the sea.
- Matthew 14:28-33 gives the account of Peter walking on the water.
- Matthew 16:13-16 records Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- At the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John 6:68,69. Several were leaving
- Peter, James and John are on the mount of transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-8.
- Whereas Peter makes a profound confession in Matthew 16:13, you find his rebuke in Matthew 16:23.
- John 13:1-11 record the foot-washing incident in the Upper Room.
- Matthew 26:36-46, Peter, James and John once again are with the Lord Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, and they sleep during His time of agonizing prayer and then you have the account of Peter cutting off Malchus's ear also.
- Matthew 26:58 records the fact that he followed at a distance. Person's meeting
- Mark 14:66-72 record his denial of the Lord three times. I Cor. 15: meeting
- In John 20:1-10 we have the account of Peter going to the tomb on the morning of the resurrection.
- In John 21: reading from verse 1, we have the account of Peter swimming ashore and making his three-fold confession before the resurrected Christ.
- It is good to see Peter in action in the book of Acts after the Lord has ascended back to heaven.

are you going doc? Peter said: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life And we have believed & have come to know that you are the Holy one of God."

① Sanguine - holier - enthusiastic - exerted - eager!

② Be sure Your brain is in gear...

③ Given to Extremes

Had A real struggle w/ law & Grace 15.

Paul & Peter - Gal. 2:

President

Executive Committee

James & John

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Matthew & James Alphaeus

- 19. Acts, chapter 2, 3, 4 and 12 will be most helpful along this line.
- 20. Paul, in writing to the Galatian church in Galatians 2:11-16 gives an account of his confrontation with Peter on a particular occasion.
- 21. Dr. W. B. Riley calls our attention to the following comparisons. Christ had called him a stone, he in turn speaks of his fellow-saints as living stones, 2:5. Christ had reproved him for drawing his sword and striking the high priest's servant, and he reminds his readers, "If when you do well and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is acceptable with God." 2:20. To the little maids question he had answered with confusion and denial, and in the memory of it, he urges upon his brethren to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 3:15. Suddenly overtaken by temptation himself, he urges, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you." 4:12. And having been the subject of Satan's successful attacks, he pleads, "be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour." 5:8. Having once been a man of boasting, only to be humbled by his own conduct, he urges upon his brethren to "be clothed with humility." 5:5. Our Lord had three times said to him, "Feed my sheep". Consequently he writes in 5:1,2 "the elders which are among you, I exhort, who am also an elder. Feed the flock of God."
- * * * This epistle was written out of the sad experiences through which the apostle had passed, yet there is a note of triumph and of joy.
- 22. These Asian believers were facing the imminent possibility of severe persecution and Peter reminds them of all that they have in Christ and He is able to take them through this situation victoriously. → 2 → II Cor. 2:14 IF there weren't such Tough Times there wouldn't be such a triumph.
- 23. The Book was written from Rome in about A.D. 63.
- 24. Ross, in his commentary on First Peter points out "the fire which had been so cruelly kindled at Rome was beginning to spread throughout the provinces and frail men and women bearing the Christian name, were in need of all the strength and counsel which an apostle could bestow."
- * * * 25. Allen Stibbs points out that, through it all runs like a silver thread, the theme of sufferings and the glory from the time when Peter recoiled from the idea near Caesarea Philippi as inconceivably repulsive to the time when he called on his brethren to rejoice at their share in Christ's sufferings, that they might rejoice at his manifested glory.
- 26. Barclay points out that the letter is written out of the love of a Pastor's heart to help people who were going through it, and on whom worse things were still to come. The keynote is steady encouragement to endurance in conduct and innocence in character. It has been said that the distinctive characteristic of First Peter is warning.
- 27. E. J. Goodspeed wrote, First Peter is one of the most moving pieces of persecution literature. To this day, First Peter is one of the easiest letters in the New Testament to read, for it has never lost its winsome appeal to the human heart.
- 28. Peter, in comforting the suffering saints often makes reference to the hope of the Christian and that is the Lord's coming. You will note these references in chapter 1:5,7 and 13. Chapter 2:12; 4:13 and 17; 5:1 and 4.

29. The outlines on the book of First Peter are numerous, yet the big idea of First Peter is a God of grace providing grace for salvation and for submission and for suffering.
30. The key verse for the epistle is chapter 5:10 "But the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, (SALVATION) after you have suffered a little while (SUFFERING) shall Himself make you complete, shall establish you, shall make you strong, shall ground you as on a foundation. (SUBMISSION)."
31. The subject of salvation is seen in this section beginning with chapter 1:1 through chapter 2:12. The subject of submission is seen in the section beginning at chapter 2:13 and going through chapter 3:12 and the subject of suffering is seen in the section beginning with chapter 3:13 through 5:14.

OUTLINE OF THE STUDY: PATTERNS TO PRACTICE FROM PETER'S PLAY BOOK

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| 1. Pattern Number One: Don't Get Shook, God Has the Controls | 1:1 - 1:12 |
| 2. Pattern Number Two: Get Tough and Start Growing | 1:13- 2:3 |
| 3. Pattern Number Three: You are Part of the Establishment | 2:4 - 2:10 |
| 4. Pattern Number Four: Submit to Authority | 2:11- 2:17 |
| 5. Pattern Number Five: Follow the Coach | 2:18- 2:25 |
| 6. Pattern Number Six: When One Plus One Equals One | 3:1 - 3:7 |
| 7. Pattern Number Seven: Life Can Be Beautiful | 3:8 - 3:12 |
| 8. Pattern Number Eight: The Right Game Plan | 3:13- 3:22 |
| 9. Pattern Number Nine: What You Plant is What You Pick | 4:1 - 4:11 |
| 10. Pattern Number Ten: Keep A Good Attitude | 4:12- 4:19 |
| 11. Pattern Number Eleven: There Are Laws For Leadership | 5:1 - 5:4 |
| 12. Pattern Number Twelve: The Way Up is Down | 5:5 - 5:14 |

CONCLUSION:

Paul in writing to Timothy shares with him in chapter three of the second Epistle, the whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone."

My prayer for you as a leader is that you will begin practicing these patterns that Peter gives us and that the living Christ will be seen in you this summer, in all of His glory.

Peter went through it all was eventually crucified upside down. A martyr for Jesus. Salvation - Submission And Suffering were his lot!

2 Tim.
3:16, 17