Introduction
In the passage we are going to look at today, Peter shares some important reminders that we have heard before but need to hear again.
Truth bears repeating.

I. Remind. Verse 12
I will remind you of these things, because we are forgetful.
I will say it again, because I care about you.
If we don’t have a constant reminder from God’s Word, we drift. We lose our first love. And over time, people can walk away from the faith.
We need reminders of what is essential, what is eternal and what is truth.
“Such is the forgetfulness of the human heart that one of the prime functions of a Christian minister must be to keep the basic facts of Christian truth and conduct before the minds of his congregation.” Michael Green

II. Refresh. Verses 13-14
We need to be refreshed because life is short.
Don’t waste your life. Make the most of the time you have.
Peter knows that his time on earth will soon come to an end.
Several scholars think this is Peter’s final testament.
Last words can be very significant.
The Apostle John, “Love one another.”
Paul to Timothy, “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say
what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.” II Timothy 4:1-5

If you knew that you had one year to live, what would you want to say to your family and friends?

III. Remember. Verse 15

“I will make every effort.”

Where did that desire come from?

Go back to the Last Supper where Jesus said to Peter, “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:31-32

Peter would fall, but the Lord was true to his word and his faith did not fail.

Peter’s concern is to keep us from falling and to see that we are established (strengthened) in our faith.

I want you to remember these things after I am gone. What are these things?

Go back to verses 1-11.

- We are saved by grace through faith.
- We have been given everything we need for life and godliness.
- We have been given his great and precious promises.
- Our faith, if it is genuine, must grow.
- So make every effort to add to your faith these virtues.
- Be fruitful. Make your calling and election sure.
- Set your hope on what is to come.

Stand Firm!

Conclusion

“Christians who keep themselves from falling – Christians who have a faith that flourishes – Christians who will finish well – will be those who dig a little deeper as well as those who find ways to resist the winds in their spiritual efforts to go a little higher.” David R. Helm

Remind – Refresh – Remember!