

SET APART

- Is there anyone else like me that is bad at remembering things?
 - o For me what I do is I put something right beside the door I am walking out of in order to remember it.
 - o The crazy thing however is half the time I still walk out without it
 - o This drives Bree absolutely crazy. She will ask me where do I need to put this, so you don't forget this?
 - She has tried under my keys, beside my backpack, on top of or in my backpack (but then it's remembering to pull it out, nightstand, counter, hang it on the doorknob, put it in the garage.
 - And even though it is set aside. I still forget it.
- 1 Peter 3:15
 - o As we read this passage and talk tonight, I want you to be thinking on this question; Have you truly set apart Christ in your life.
 - o Read
 - o Typically, when we read this verse, we normally jump right to the middle part of always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that is within you.
 - The thing is the "hope" is referring to what is stated earlier in the verse. The hope that is in you is only truly hope if he is set apart.
- I want to focus in on the phrase of "Set apart Christ as Lord"
 - o When we look at this phrase "Set apart" it is translated 4 different ways in 4 different versions
 - NIV-1984 – Set apart
 - NIV- 2011- Revere
 - ESV- Honor
 - NASB – Sanctify
 - o Each of these words bring us something a little bit different in order to give us a fuller picture of what Peter is trying to communicate to us
 - When we set apart something, we separate it from everything else
 - We revere something we put it in a space of its own - by itself
 - When we Honor it, we raise it up to a special place a place of distinction
 - When we sanctify something, we make it holy
 - o So, when we put all of these words, we begin to get a clearer picture of what Peter is saying.
 - So, we are supposed to separate him in our hearts and hold him up in our hearts in a place that nothing else occupies
- But what oppositions do we face of placing him in that position
 - o 13-14
 - o Fear
 - Fear is what would hold us back from doing it.
 - What happens if I would suffer?
 - 2 Timothy 3:12 "whoever wants to live a Godly life will be persecuted"
 - What if I Faced Physical suffering?
 - People start to actually persecute you. Take away your rights, physically harm you

- What if I faced mental suffering?
 - Your stupid, people attack your logic, your brain call you stupid and dumb for believing a book that old. And you take on mental suffering.
 - What if I faced emotional suffering?
 - Friends leave you
 - Degrading remarks
 - Attacks on your Character
 - Nobody wants to face these things, but it says even if you suffer, “you will be blessed”
 - Then he quotes Isaiah 8:12 “Do not fear what they fear (or not fear their threats), do not be frightened”
 - We fear
 - We fear suffering, we fear people, we fear what if it's wrong, we fear what if it's not all that it's cracked up to be, we fear not going along with others, we fear is it true, we fear losing control
- We overcome the fear when Christ is set apart in our lives
 - Because when something is set apart in our lives, our eyes become focused Jesus and not everything around us does not have a hold on us does not make us fear because our eyes are fixated-on Jesus.
 - In Matthew 14 we see Jesus walk on water and he calls Peter to him.
 - But what happens? Peter sees the wind and the waves; he takes his eyes off Jesus and sees everything around him, and fear overcomes him.
 - He set aside Jesus, not apart, not honored not revered, but he set him aside and saw the things around him and feared
 - Jesus said to him you of little faith, why did you doubt?
 - This is so true of us today
 - Jesus calls us to live a certain lifestyle today, calls us to have a certain worldview and we start moving that way and we see God moving and were walking on the water and it is so cool but then...
 - School comes up, and we fear because we must make the grade, we must conform to a system and there is no room for God in schools, so we then set him aside
 - Sports how can I compete and still love I must get mad to perform well
 - Friends- well I don't know what they think I want them to like me, so I'll set him aside. I know where he is if I need him, but I'm scared that they won't like me and if they do not like me, I will not have anyone to hang with. The fear of not having anyone overtakes me.
 - Politics- well I must align with a party because they are the savior of the nation and I must be vocal about that. What if we were as vocal about Jesus as we were in politics? For some of you, your life would change immensely.
 - Let me tell you something. Jesus is not about a party or a candidate he is about himself.
 - Why
 - Because he should be in a place of honor Following Jesus is not a democracy it is a Monarchy.
- So is Jesus Set apart in your life and not just set aside

- Differences
 - Set aside
 - We put him beside the garage door, or in our backpack so he is there when I need him and grab him when I need him, but the reality is that means we are setting him down somewhere, we are using him as we see fit and the reality is, he will be forgotten at times
 - Set Apart, sanctify, make holy, honor, revere
 - Means he is distinct, he is held up, always with you, your eyes are fixated on him,
 - When we do this, we will see ourselves having an answer for the hope that is within us.
 - And we are going to flush this out more in life groups this week; what does it look like to set Him apart.
 - How
 - With our words
 - If Jesus were standing here how would I respond how would I introduce him to people
 - Actions
 - How would we go about doing things with Jesus?
 - Attitudes
 - How would Jesus respond
- The reality is some of us have set him aside and we have not set him apart
- Do you need to make that right with him?

Read Isaiah 8:11-14a