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- 3. Can you identify other gospels that daily threaten the gospel?**

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Summarize Peter's hope for these reminders. What would result from heeding these reminders?

- Established in the truth
- Not following their own path (tyranny of the urgent – danger of own agenda)
- Grow here (flourish) not restless because of unmet expectations
- V. 13 stir up —vv.5-7 these qualities yours and increasing
- V. 8 useful and fruitful from secure and growing understanding of identity in Christ
- Keep looking toward heaven
- No deviation from source of life, purpose

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“The nearer our journey’s end be, the faster should we run, according to our strength, in serving Christ, and doing good to souls: for when death is near the best will think the great part of their business undone.”

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- III. Maintain gospel-driven life for the rest of your life. v. 15**

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What is implied/included in being able to “call these things to mind”?

- That those who hear, care to listen
- Recognize need because see more of the depths of our depravity, see the sufficiency of the gospel, desire it, and then seek to live it
- Intention — think/meditate on practical implications
- Remembering will give us what we must know to faithfully live and please God
- Like Heb. 13 —look for godly examples and imitate their faith so WE are godly example

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What does it take to stir people?

- You have to be excited about it yourself; fully invested
- Add something valuable that they hadn't considered
- Ring of truth
- True love for others
- Willingness to be rejected because it is more valuable than affirmation
- Create/expose fear — show course of action
- Stirred implies something already been given to you/taught
- I Sam. 23:16 strengthened him in the Lord

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- Create need- deprave & unable to shed that identity
- In front of our mind/lived ourselves
- Titus 2:10 adorn gospel in every respect
- There is always more than what you /they seeing – i.e. move forward with hope
- Purpose – why live
- See God's greatness in hopeful way
- Resurrection from dead
- Rule over angels
- Clarifying definition – vision & purpose of gospel
- Changed lives/heroes of faith

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you shall not be afraid of them; you shall well remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:

Deuteronomy 7:18

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For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

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Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you,** unless you believed in vain. **3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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What would show that we are not “remembering” the gospel as you live your daily life?

- When nothing adorning the gospel (Hassidic Jews)
- When frustrating with present circumstances so no longer an opportunity for gospel identity/growth
- When hope in other solutions i.e. If only... (just ____)
- Want to control (some clear path apart from trust in God)
- When lack of dependence auto-pilot

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- 1. Live condemned**
- 2. Live naturally**
- 3. Live independently**

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