

Feeding Your Soul

P a r a g r a p h S t u d y

2 Peter
3:1-2
GQ

Observation What Do I See?

- 1 Mark up the paragraph below with colors and symbols about what you notice.

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

Ideas for mark-up

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Repeated Words/ Ideas/Subjects
- Commands (e.g., put aside, pray without ceasing, etc.)
- Lists (e.g., characteristics, sins, promises, etc.)
- Connecting words (e.g., for, yet, therefore, nor/or, but, so, and)
- Actions/Verbs
- Comparisons (e.g., like or as)
- Contrasts (e.g., light or dark)
- Warnings or Promises

- 2 Write what you learned about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit.

- 3 What did you learn about what you marked up? Write any questions you have about this text.

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

4 Compare translations highlighting any major differences in word choices.

NASB	ESV	NIV
<p>This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.</p>	<p>This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,</p>	<p>Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. ² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.</p>

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

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1. What does Peter want to accomplish in his second letter to his flock (verse 1)? How does he hope to achieve this according to verse 1?
2. Define stir (NIV stimulate [Strong's #1326]) used also by Peter in 1:13.
3. Define sincere (KJV pure; NIV wholesome [Strong's #1506]) used only here and in Phil. 1:10.
4. How is Peter's word choice in describing the believer's minds as sincere in stark contrast to the description of the false teachers from Chapter 2?
5. Why does Peter want to stir up their minds (verse 2)? Why would that be a help and an encouragement to the believers?

Application What Does It Mean for Me?

12 Based on the principles you discovered in this passage, in what ways can you express love to God and to your neighbor? What truths must you personalize?

E x a m p l e s Are there any positive examples to follow or negative ones to avoid?

P r o m i s e s Are there any promises on which to meditate?

I d e n t i t y Are there any verses that remind me of who I am in Christ?

C o m m a n d s Are there any commands to follow?

S i n s t o A v o i d Are there any sins to avoid?

<i>Examples</i>	
<i>Promises</i>	
<i>Identity</i>	
<i>Commands</i>	
<i>Sins to Avoid</i>	

Implementation

What Steps Do I
Need to Take?

- 13 Write at least one step you will take in order to apply what you have learned.

Consultation

What Truths Did Others Find in
This Passage?

- 14 Write down anything you learned from a commentary you read or sermon you enjoyed.