

REPETITION

-Ryan Parsons-

One of our fellow learners reminded us on Wednesday evening during our Bible class how important repetition is. Moreover, it was highlighted how significant a strategy it is when God uses it. Without it, we would quickly forget, for humanity is a forgetful bunch. So many things aren't worth remembering. However, we never want to forget God, his eternal plan, Jesus, and the Gospel. Therefore, the Lord repeats himself a gazillion times. Isn't that awesome?

Interestingly, Peter talks about this same principle. In the early days of being a disciple of Jesus, if given a skull density assessment, Peter would have been graded as very high (hard-headed). As a result, throughout his time with Jesus, it is clear that the Lord had to repeat himself frequently because of Peter's forgetfulness and stubbornness. We can certainly relate, can't we?

Thankfully the repetition sank in. Peter was transformed and faithfully preached the Gospel as an apostle. Isn't it exciting then, considering his youth, that in his older years as a wise old elder, he said this:

2 Peter 1:10-13

*10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you **practice** these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*12 Therefore I intend always to **remind** you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to **stir you up by way of reminder**,*

2 Peter 3:1

*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**,*

Peter used repetition to encourage Christians to maintain their grasp on the things that matter. Likewise, he encouraged them to practice, which is an active and participatory form of repetition. With it, he intended to "stir up" their souls so they wouldn't forget the good news about Jesus.

Isn't the repetition we receive from God a wonderful and beautiful thing?

For those of you who were in class, I apologize that we are repeating and developing that conversation...but not really. Repetition is beautiful and helpful in our faith journey.

Don't forget!