

**"COME BACK TO ME AND I WILL HEAL
YOUR WAYWARD HEARTS."**

So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. – 2 Peter 2:9 NLT/NIV

"My wayward children," says the Lord, "come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts." – Jeremiah 3:22 NLT

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THE CHALLENGE

GET _____

1. Identify where you need to make a clean break, turning around and getting out of whatever you've got yourself into.
2. Turn towards the Lord, trusting that he will receive you and heal you, as he has promised.
3. Experience the rescue, security, and salvation he has promised.

Turn your backs on your rebellious living so that sin won't drag you down. Clean house. No more rebellions, please. Get a new heart! Get a new spirit! Why would you choose to die, Israel? I take no pleasure in anyone's death. Decree of God, the Master.
"Make a clean break! Live!" – Ezekiel 18:30b-32 MSG

TALK IT OVER

Answer these questions with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

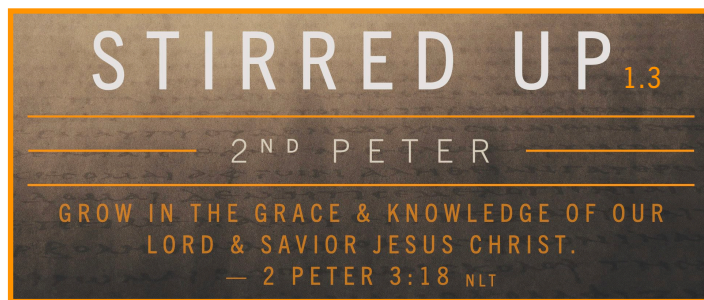
1. Describe a time in your life when you wanted or needed rescue.
2. The two issues specifically mentioned in this passage in 2 Peter are sexual ethics and authority. What are some of the ways the Scriptural perspective can prevent pain and sorrow when it comes to these issues?
3. Is there someplace in your life where you need to make a clean break?

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mess I'm in?"**

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**TODAY'S MESSAGE
RESCUE**

TODAY: RESCUE • 2 PETER 2:4-10A

THE BOTTOM LINE

**THERE'S NO GETTING _____ WITH IT,
BUT THERE IS GETTING _____ OF IT.**

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and I will heal your wayward hearts."
– Jeremiah 3:22 NLT

THE STORY SO FAR: 2 PETER

PETER THE APOSTLE, AUTHOR OF THE LETTER

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock')...
– Matthew 16:18a NLT

A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"... Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep. – John 21:17 NIV

Therefore, I urge elders among you, as your fellow elder...
shepherd the flock of God among you...
– 1 Peter 5:1a, 2a NASB

Shepherds care for, lead, and protect their flock. 🐑

THE PROBLEM HE'S DEALING WITH:
CORRUPTION FROM _____ WITHIN

...there will be false teachers among you...Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. – 2 Peter 2:1,2 NLT

Therefore, I will always remind you about these things–
– 2 Peter 1:12 NLT

“My wayward children,” says the Lord, “come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts.” – Jeremiah 3:22 NLT

Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. – 2 Peter 3:18a NLT

THE CORE APPLICATION HE'S MAKING:

These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature...So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, – 2 Peter 1:4-5 NLT/MSG

THE KEY TRUTH HE'S EMPHASIZING:
THERE IS _____

THAT'S THE TESTIMONY OF _____

But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment.
– Matthew 12:36 NASB

Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. – 2 Peter 1:19 NLT

To those who have obtained a faith of equal privilege with ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.”
– 2 Peter 1:2b HCSB

IT'S PERFECTLY IN LINE WITH GOD'S

So God knows how to rescue the godly from evil trials. And he knows how to hold the feet of the wicked to the fire until Judgment Day. – 2 Peter 2:9 MSG

This is the point of the section of the letter we're looking at today. 🌀

**THERE'S NO GETTING AWAY WITH IT,
BUT THERE IS GETTING OUT OF IT**

EXAMPLE #1: THE _____ WHO REBELLED

For God did not spare even the angels who sinned.
– 2 Peter 2:4a NLT

And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them...God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. – Jude 1:6 NLT

He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgment. – 2 Peter 2:4 NLT

EXAMPLE #2: THE ANCIENT WORLD IN THE TIME OF _____

And God did not spare the ancient world—except for Noah and the seven others in his family. Noah warned the world of God's righteous judgment. So God protected Noah when he destroyed the world of ungodly people with a vast flood.
– 2 Peter 2:5 NLT

EXAMPLE #3: THE CITIES OF THE PLAIN IN THE TIME OF _____

Later, God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and turned them into heaps of ashes. – 2 Peter 2:6 NLT

...those who follow their own twisted sexual desire, and who despise authority. – 2 Peter 2:10 NLT

“The cries of the victims in Sodom and Gomorrah are deafening...” – Genesis 18:20a MSG

The implications of Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,” include that there is a plan, a design, and an ideal for the universe and especially for humanity, made in God's image. Following that plan makes life better, and makes us better at life, including and perhaps especially when it comes our sexual ethic. Recognizing that there is a design brings focus and clarity to the issue. The ideal is not always achieved or maintained, but that doesn't mean we toss out the ideal, and neither do we condemn those who don't align with it. But those who follow Jesus do have the responsibility to align ourselves with Jesus' teaching, including on this issue.

But God also rescued Lot... – 2 Peter 2:7a NLT

The destruction of the cities of the plain, described in Genesis 18-19, sounds fanciful, but the recently released findings of scientists at Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project provide a plausible scientific explanation for the phenomenons described. This doesn't rule out God's hand in these events, but rather could explain “So that's how He did it!” See the fascinating findings at <https://www.timesofisrael.com/meteor-destroyed-ancient-city-likely-inspired-bible-tale-of-sodom-study-finds/>