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2 Peter 1:8-11

***Peter's Last Words to the Churches:  
Dependable Authority – Part 1  
An Authoritative Reminder***

**Peter's Reminder                      12**

So I will always remind you of these things

Even though you know them

and are firmly established  
*(Luke 22:32)*

in the truth you now have.  
*(Jude 3)*

**Peter's Reasoning**

**13-14**

I think it is right to refresh your memory  
*(Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24; John 6:18)*

As long as I live in the tent of this body

*(Hebrews 11:8-10; 1 Cor. 15:50-54;  
2 Cor. 5:1-2, 4; 1 Cor. 6:19; Romans 8:11)*

as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me  
*(John 13:36; 21:18-19)*

**Peter's Response**

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I will make every effort  
*(2 Peter 1:5, 8-10)*

to see that after my departure  
(*Luke 9:31*)

you will always be able to remember these things

What about you?

- Remember these things...
  
- We have a limited amount of time left ...  
(*Ephesians 5:16*)

- We need not fear death...  
(2 Cor. 5:8; Hebrews 2:14-15)
  
- We need not fret about others, just follow Jesus...  
(John 21:22)

### **Questions for Discussion and Contemplation**

1. What is one vivid memory you have about your childhood? Why do you think you remember it?
2. Why do you think we need so many reminders about spiritual things? Why is it so easy to “forget”?
3. How would you describe “the truth” or “your faith” to someone who asked you what you believe?
4. Why is holding on to the truth so important? Does it really matter? What is at stake if Christians give up the belief in absolute truth?
5. Why would Peter (and Paul) compare our physical bodies to a tent? In what ways are they like a tent? What does this figure of speech mean?
6. Why do you think Peter chose the word *departure* instead of *death*? What difference might it make?
7. Peter wrote a letter (2 Peter). What can we do to ensure that others (children, grandchildren, etc.) remember spiritual things?