

# Better *Together*

2023

YOU WERE NOT MADE TO  
WALK THIS JOURNEY ALONE.





your full potential lies within  
the community you live



57 Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. 58 But Peter **followed him at a distance**, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

**MATTHEW 26:20**



69 Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

70 But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

71 Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

**MATTHEW 26:69-72**




73 After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

74 Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**MATTHEW 26:73-75**





**Distance:** to avoid becoming  
familiar or involved; remain  
cool or aloof



Distance Brings

Accusation

Guilt & Shame

Believing of Lies

Community Brings

Approval

position

Correct thinking



A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a dramatic sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange and red near the horizon to a dark, teal-blue at the top. The mountains are silhouetted against the lighter part of the sky, with some peaks catching the low light of the setting or rising sun. The overall mood is serene yet powerful.

Dont get caught at a  
distance!





3 reasons we **must** have  
real community



# 1. Lense Adjustments

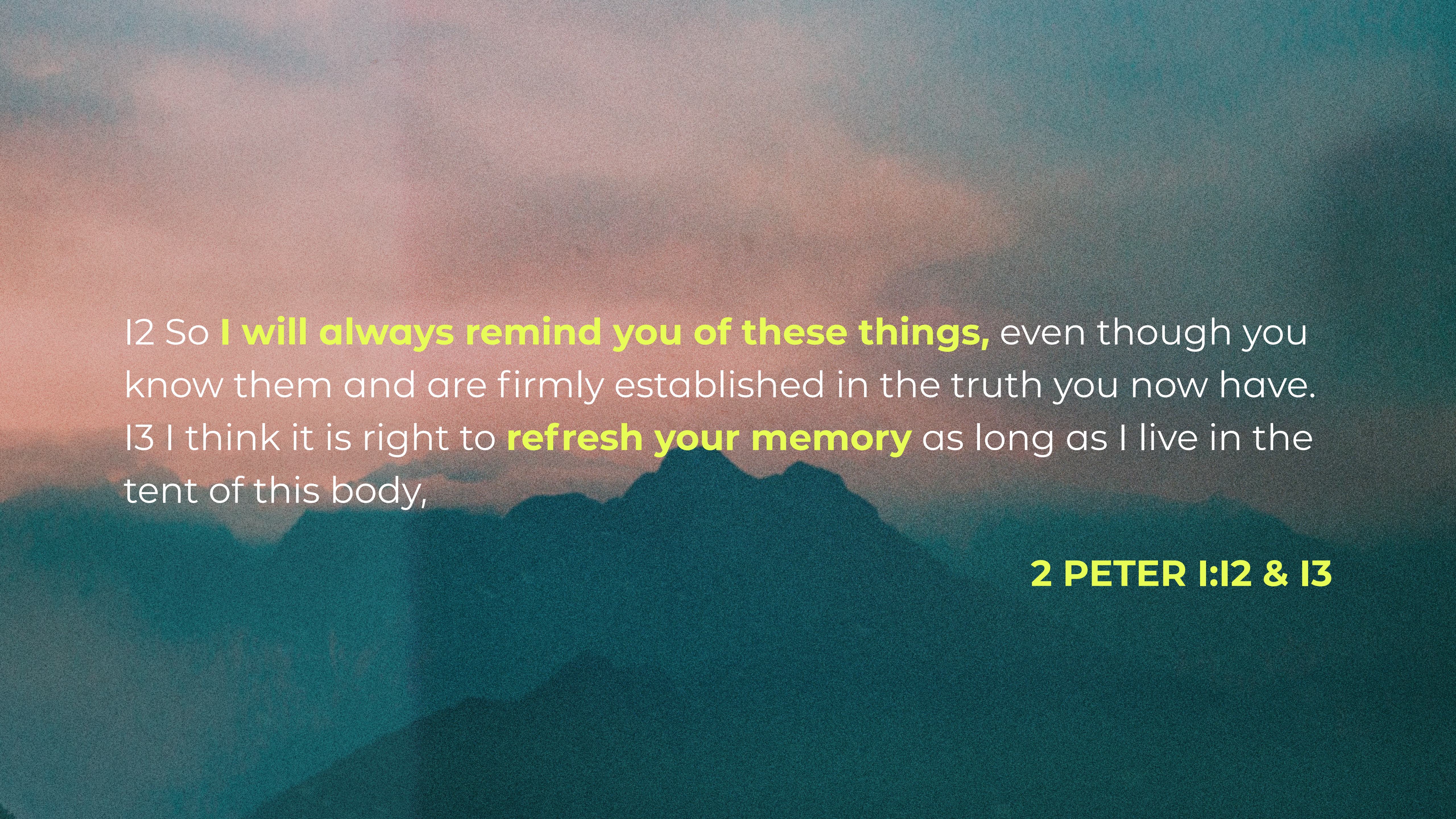


3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 PETER 1:3-8**





12 So **I will always remind you of these things**, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.  
13 I think it is right to **refresh your memory** as long as I live in the tent of this body,

**2 PETER 1:12 & 13**



## 2. Attitude Adjustments



51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.

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# 3. Truth Adjustments