

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How can we tell if something is true or not?
- Why do you think Jesus has not yet returned?
- What should we do while we wait for Jesus' return?



While We Wait

2 Peter 3:1-13

MAIN POINT: PETER WROTE THAT JESUS WILL RETURN SOON, SO WE SHOULD OBEY HIM AND TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.

Peter was a leader in the Christian church, and he was a prisoner in Rome when he wrote a letter to other believers.

Peter warned the believers against false teachers who tempted them to sin. He did not want these false teachers to lead the believers away from Jesus. He told the believers to turn to the Scriptures to know how to live, and he gave them instructions for living the way Jesus wanted them to live.

Peter also wrote about the day Jesus will return. Peter told the believers to be ready. Peter wrote to remind his dear friends of what the prophets said and what the Lord commanded. "First, people are going to come and make fun of you. They will say things like, 'If Jesus is really coming back like He promised, where is He?'"

"God is not being slow to keep His promise. He is being patient; He does not want anyone to die without knowing Jesus. He wants everyone to turn from their sin and trust in Him!"

Peter wrote, "The Day of the Lord will come when we do not expect it—like a thief in the night. Until then, you should live a holy life by the Holy Spirit's power. Jesus will come again and make the new heavens and a new earth."

Christ Connection: Some people thought the believers were foolish for thinking Jesus is coming again. Peter explained that God is patient, and He wants everyone to trust in Jesus. At just the right time, Jesus will come again, and we look forward to the day when He creates the new heavens and a new earth.

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While You Wait

Think about the kinds of things you wait for. Then, for each letter, list something you can do while you wait.

A	
B	
C	
D	
F	
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What's Left?

Cross out the things that won't be found in the new heavens and the new earth. Then arrange the remaining words to fill in the blanks:

G _____ **is** _____ . **A** _____ **T**
_____ **R** _____ , _____
W _____ **C** _____ **A** _____ .