

Looking for the Light

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Read:

1 Peter 1:23-25 New International Version (NIV)

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

Reflect:

It is so easy to become so focused on the short-term. I often find myself struggling to think forward more than a week, which unfortunately leads to some rather tight deadlines and unnecessary stress. Some would say that is just a lack of responsibility, that I should focus on calendaring and planning ahead. I admit that's probably true, but this passage from Peter 1 helps me to put all of that stress and work into perspective. My human triumphs and follies and my personal joys and sorrows matter to me now, but they will all fade in time. However, spreading God's love with the people around me matters much more and for much longer because, as Peter says, "the word of the Lord endures forever." This is not to downplay personal victory; we should celebrate each other's happiness and feel proud of what we have done on Earth, because our actions can be beautiful. However, we must remember that this beauty is temporary. Our Earthly works will someday be forgotten. But we can create an eternal beauty in God. God's word, God's commandment to love each other and to love our God, will last far longer than any building of man. This passage proves that heavenly works are timeless; Peter's writings from two millennia ago have outlasted countless empires and will outlast countless more. Kings have risen and fallen, nations have crumbled to dust and been born again. Yet the word of God spoke to Peter, and through Peter it will speak for ten thousand years more.

Ask:

We will likely never write something so long-lasting as the Bible. This does not mean that our works do not matter. What people, places, or things have passed God's love

to you through time or space? How can you pass that love along to someone else?

Pray:

Lord, let your light nurture us into beautiful bloom. Help us not only to create beautiful things on Earth, but help us to act as beacons of your light, spreading it through our words and actions to all we see and touch.

Amen.

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