

Don't Wait to Do What
Matters Most

2 Peter 3

10.26.25

 Family Devotional Reading:**Scripture: 2 Peter 3**

In 2 Peter 3, the apostle Peter reminds believers not to mistake God's patience for inaction. Some people thought Jesus was taking too long to return and started living as if His promises didn't matter. But Peter explained that God's timing is different from ours—He's patient because He wants everyone to have a chance to know Him. This truth challenges us not to procrastinate in what matters most. We often hurry to meet work or school deadlines but delay when it comes to showing love to our neighbors or sharing our faith. Peter calls us to live with purpose, looking forward to Jesus' return by living godly lives today.

God invites us to use every moment to reflect His love—building friendships, caring for others, and helping people see Jesus through our everyday kindness. His patience gives us time to join His mission and make an eternal difference in the lives of those around us.

Key Thought:

God's patience gives us time to love others and share Jesus—so don't wait to do what matters most.

 FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS**YOUNG KIDS (AGES 4–7):**

- Why do you think Jesus wants us to be kind to our neighbors?
- Can you think of one nice thing we could do for someone who lives near us this week?

OLDER KIDS (AGES 8–12):

- Why do you think people sometimes wait to talk about Jesus with others?
- What's one way you can show Jesus' love to a friend or neighbor right now?

TEENS & ADULTS:

- What makes it easy to delay spiritual things like prayer, service, or sharing your faith?
- Who in your neighborhood could you start building a friendship with this month? How could our family do that together?

 SHORT FAMILY ACTIVITY:**“NEIGHBOR PRAYER WALK”**

Supplies: *None (optional: a small notepad or phone to jot down names).*

1. Take a short walk around your neighborhood together.
2. As you pass each home, quietly pray for the people who live there—ask God to bless them and help them know His love.
3. If you know their names, mention them in prayer. If not, simply pray, “God, help this family feel Your peace and presence.”
4. When you return home, choose one household to intentionally connect with this week (a note, small gift, or friendly greeting).

Optional Extension:

Draw a simple neighborhood map together and write down the names of people you know. Use it as a visual reminder to pray regularly and look for opportunities to build relationships.

CLOSING PRAYER:

“God, thank You for being patient and giving us time to grow and share Your love. Help our family not to wait when You call us to act. Show us how to care for our neighbors, speak about Jesus with kindness, and live in a way that points others to You. Amen.”