

## THE NEED FOR STABILITY

*2 Peter 3:17-18*

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### 1. OUR GREAT NEED IS STABILITY.

*“You already know these things, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing.”* (2 Peter 3:17, NLT)

*“But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.”*  
(2 Peter 3:8, NLT)

*“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.”* (2 Peter 3:9, NLT)

### 2. GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

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“God intends that all Christians should grow. Parents of newborns find great joy in them, but imagine the distress they would feel if the months and years went by and their baby still remained a baby, smiling and kicking in its crib, but never growing. We should not allow ourselves to forget that God must know comparable distress when we, his born-again children, fail to grow in grace. The general idea of growth covers change, development, enlarging, gaining strength and showing energy, advancing, deepening, ripening, and maturing.” - *J. I. Packer, Growing in Grace, pg 147*

### **3. TO CHRIST BELONGS THE GLORY!**

*“All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18, NLT)*