

Be On Guard: False Teaching and Its Consequences

We will always experience pressure to compromise our faith in Jesus Christ. The apostle Peter urged the early Christians to remain vigilant against deceptive influences and trust that God would ultimately hold false teachers accountable for their deceit. In our world today, we continue to deal with false teachers who distort the truth of the gospel and seek to lead believers astray. Together, we'll study how Peter's ardent defense of the gospel helps us stay rooted in God's truth, learn discernment through the Holy Spirit, and live lives that fully align with the teachings of Christ.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Do you think it's easy or difficult to recognize false teaching? Why or why not?
- Why do you think false prophets and teachers are successful in their deception?



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READ [2 Peter 2](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- At the end of segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney discuss [2 Peter 2:4-10](#) and affirm that God will not let falsehood stand. God's truth will have the last word. What does this mean for us when we encounter false teaching today?
- What is the foundation of the gospel? Are there any teachings today that you would categorize as false because they destroy that foundation?
- How do you think people get off course from the truth?
- Who came to your mind as Scott and Darrell described the heartbreak of family members, friends, or loved ones who have soured on the gospel of Jesus, the Church, or the life of faith? Do you have the opportunity "to be a light and encouragement to them"? Are you praying for them?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Hebrews 13:7-9](#), [John 14:5-14](#), [Genesis 6](#), [Genesis 19:1-19](#), [Numbers 22:21-35](#), [Romans 6:15-23](#), [Matthew 23:25-28](#), [Proverbs 26](#)

CONCLUSION

At the end of the episode, Darrell and Scott said the bottom line of [2 Peter 2](#) is “Be on our guard” by leaning into Jesus and praying for discernment. What does this look like in your daily life?

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