SEPTEMBER 8/9 | STAYING POWER | BRAD BRINSON

STAYING POWER

1 Peter 1:1-2 "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ..." An apostle was a '_____ Jesus is His name, but the word Christ is a _____ John 1:29 & 40-42; Luke 5:1-11 At Caesarea Philippi... Matthew 16:13-23 After the cross and resurrection... John 21:3-7 "Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia..." "To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion..." Exodus 19:4-6; Ephesians 2:1-5 If you recall, after Israel was chosen as God's 'elect', they 'sojourned'. In the Greek Old Testament, the word 'sojourn' is this same word Peter uses here that is translated as: '_____' Peter's writing to remind Christ followers that their lives here are _____ "...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood..." Fxodus 24:7-8 "... May grace and peace be multiplied to you."

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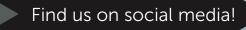
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ALL CHURCH

Alpha: Alpha is the perfect place to invite those who are open to exploring the Christian faith. Seek God on who you are supposed to invite & take action. The course begins September 12, 6:30P in The Shed @ the Knoxville Campus. Sign up at **2RC.tv/Alpha** or at **Get Connected**.

PRAYER

Family Night @ The Well: Join us for an interactive prayer & worship experience for you & your family to meet with God in a deeper way on September 12 at 6:30P @ the Knoxville Campus.

IMPACT

Eaton Mentor Training: Change a child's life in only 1 hour a week. Become a mentor at Eaton Elementary School by attending the training & lunch on September 16 @ 12:30P in the Fireside Room @ the Knoxville Campus. For more info, contact **KidsHope@2RC.tv**.

WOMEN

Sow To Reap: Join us September 21 from 6:30-8:30P in the Student Center @ the Knoxville Campus as we gather to connect through a simple meal, devotion & conversation about following God & giving Him away. Cost is only \$10. Register at **2RC.tv/WomensEvent**.

CARE

Grief Share: Life can be hard. Care Ministries are here to help you through life's difficulties. In addition to Cancer Care & Divorce Care groups @ the Knoxville Campus, there will be a Grief Share group starting @ the Roane County Campus on September 10 at 6:30P. Learn more about these & other Care Ministries at **2RC.tv/Care**.

STUDENTS

Fall Camp: Middle School Fall Camp will be September 21-23, and High School Fall Camp will be September 28-30. Only \$99 for first time attendees! Register at **2RC.tv/FallCamp**.

PRAYER REQUESTS	☐ I PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST TODAY!	MID-WEEK TIMES
		RC Students (6-12 Grade) Wednesday 6:30-8:00P 2RC.tv/RCStudents
		The Well (Prayer & Worship @ Knoxville Campus Wednesday 6:30-8:30P River Room 2RC.tv/WELL

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Putting The Bible Into Practice:

Compare 1 Peter 1:1 & 2:11; Hebrews 11:13-15 & Philippians 3:20. What does it mean that Christians are exiles or sojourners? How do you struggle with living as if earth is your permanent residence? How are your values & actions oriented around a heavenly home?

Read Matthew 16:13-23. How can you relate to Peter in moments of spiritual clarity or in trying to force Jesus to fulfill your plan? Is there any place you are out of alignment with Jesus?

Reflect on Romans 8:28-30; Acts 17:26-17 & 1 Peter 1:2. How has/does, an understanding of God's foreknowledge & leadership give you hope in the midst of hardship? In what area is the Spirit seeking to sanctify you currently? Why is obedience to Jesus the end goal?

Challenge:

Seek first the Kingdom of God. Live for eternity! Invest in what lasts forever – people!

