

Dear Discouraged - Part 2

"Dare to be Different"

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SHARPEN THE POINT
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For further study of today's message

Review: No matter what happens to you, remember God's amazing grace !

I Peter 1:13 – 2:3 (NIV)

TODAY'S BIG IDEA:
When tempted with discouragement,

Dare to be different! vs. 1:13-17

"Holy" means to be set apart.

Daring to be different is a DISCIPLINE.

Discipline.....Drifter

Why? vs. 1:18-19

Because God paid a price **for you!**

Dare to be different by being...

- 1) Disciplined with your **LOVE**. vs. 1:22
- 2) Disciplined with your **MOUTH**. vs. 2:1
- 3) Disciplined with your **DESIRE** for God's Word. vs. 2:2

How Do I Do This? vs. 1:13

Think with the end in mind!

***When I am discouraged ,
do I CHOOSE to be "set off" or "set apart?"***

ENTRY POINT: 1 Peter tells us that God's way can seem difficult. Yet, we are called to trust and obey God in all things with an eye to the joy and wholeness that lies ahead.

Begin your study by reading the story of David and Goliath. I Samuel 17:1-58

When have you felt you were facing a giant of a problem with only five smooth stones and a slingshot? How did you respond?

Describe a time when God used a problem to inspect or correct you?

How does your trust in God affect your decisions about how to face challenges? How does this witness to others that you are, **by choice**, *set apart*?

Describe a time when God used a problem to protect you.
"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20

What "giants" still need to be defeated in your life?

*"What, then, shall we say in response to this?
If God is **for us**, who can be against us?"*
Romans 8:31