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On Guard

How will you remain on guard ago against false teaching? How will you be able to stand against evil that is in the world? Where will all your strength and stability come from? How will you bring glory to my name? Those are all very good questions. To stand guard against false teaching I must first know the truth. **Where will you find the truth?** The truth is in your word. You will show me the truth when I meet with you in your word. You are the way, the truth and the life. **Yes, I am.** You will guide me into all the truth. You will guard me by the truth. You will keep me in the truth. **Yes, I will.**

Knowing the truth will never be enough. I must choose to remain in the truth. I must keep on coming to you. You will help me to know the truth and put it into practice. **Yes, I will.** As I grow in knowing you and keep on putting the truth into practice I will be strengthened to stand against evil in the world. As I draw near to you, you will draw near to me. You will make me able to resist the devil and all his evil. He will flee from me. **Yes, he will.** You will guard and keep me in the secure position that I have in you. **Yes, I will.**

Knowing you and living in the truth will cause me to bring glory to your name. I will live the life that you have given me to live. I will do what you ask of me. I will fulfill the plans that you have had for my life. I will do the good works that you have prepared for me to do for you. You will use me as your instrument. I will be a tool in your hands. I will shine brightly for you in the world. **Yes, you will.**

As best I can tell, being on guard against false teaching and evil will require four things. **What's that?** First, being on guard will require that I know the truth that is found in you. Second, being on guard will require that I live in a close and intimate relationship with you. Third, being on guard will require that I resist evil with all the strength that you will give to me. Finally, as I allow you to use me for your kingdom and glory, I will be strengthened even more to live my life for you. **Yes, you will.**

Lord, I want to know you. I want to love you. I want to follow you. Help me to grow in knowing, loving and following you. Keep me on guard against false teachers. Help me to stand against evil in the world. May my life glorify you in all that I think, say and do. Amen

So That *Not Be Carried Away*

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

NIV 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Not Carried Away*

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

ESV 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Not Be Carried Away*

I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. Be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

NLT 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Led Away*

You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

NKJV 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Not Carried Away*

You therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, beware that you are not carried away with the error of the lawless and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

NRSV 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Lose Your Footing*

But you, friends, are well-warned. Be on guard lest you lose your footing and get swept off your feet by these lawless and loose-talking teachers. Grow in grace and understanding of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ. Glory to the Master, now and forever! Yes!

MSG 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Be Carried Away*

Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind]. But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!

AMP 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Not Be Carried Away*

I am warning you ahead of time, dear brothers, so that you can watch out and not be carried away by the mistakes of these wicked men, lest you yourselves become mixed up too. But grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be all glory and splendid honor, both now and forevermore. Good-bye. Peter

TLB 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Not Carried Away*

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

NASB 2 Peter 3:17-18

So That *Lead You Away*

Dear friends, since you already know about this, be careful. Do not let those evil people lead you away by the wrong they do. Be careful so you will not fall from your strong faith. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory be to him now and forever! Amen.

NCV 2 Peter 3:17-18

Not Be Carried Away

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

So That – 2 Peter 3:17-18

In Context: Read 2 Peter 3

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I want to know you. I want to love you. I want to follow you. Help me to grow in knowing, loving and following you. Keep me on guard against false teachers. Help me to stand against evil in the world. May my life glorify you in all that I think, say and do. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you on guard so that false teachers do not sweep you off your feet?

How are you growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

How will knowing, loving and following Jesus Christ keep you from being carried away by evil?

How will meeting with God in His word help you to be on guard against false teaching?

When has God's word helped you to identify false teaching?

When has God's word strengthened you to stand against evil that is in the world?

How is your life bringing honor and glory to God in all you think, say and do?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Keep growing in knowing, loving and following Jesus Christ so you will be on guard against false teaching and evil.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that living in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ will keep you on guard against evil in the world.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are on guard against false teaching and evil in the world.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be on guard against false teaching and evil so that you are swept off your feet.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will be on guard against false teaching and evil so that I will not be swept off my feet.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what false teaching and evil do I need to be on guard against so I am not swept off my feet?
