

Notices: Cafe: Line Dancing: Walking Group: usual times
Mon. 3 Aug. Meeting of the Kirk Session at 7.30pm

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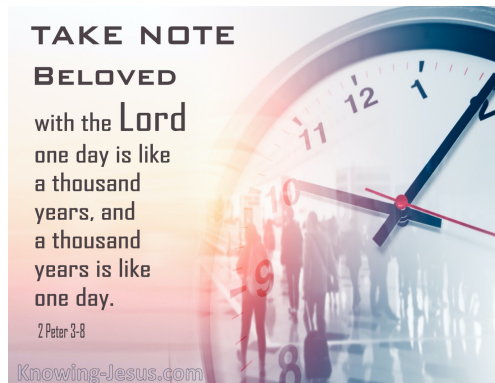
Hollywood does a good job of making time travel seem extraordinary commonplace. Whether riding in a DeLorean or a stepping through a wardrobe, people have been able to travel in time – for better or for worse.

In 2 Peter 3:8, Peter is spilling the cosmic secret to altering the space continuum. Rather he's giving a glimpse of the infinite and eternal God. Because He always has existed and always will exist, time itself means very little to Him. Because you are on this earth for only a limited amount of time, however, every minute counts. You live your life by the clock - there is a time when you arise in the morning, times when you eat, work, play, exercise, do your devotions, go to church, go to bed...

So you might wonder, what is it all for, anyway, this daily routine which recycles every 24 hours? Why can't Jesus return as he promised and take you to be with Him in heaven, ending this boring existence?

The answer is in verse 9: He is being patient, allowing others the opportunity to repent and come to know Him, just as you know Him.

So when you wake up and the cycle begins again, rejoice. Pray for those whom you might influence today for Christ. Think of those who will come to salvation this very day. After all, that is the only reason the cycle continues
From Quiet Reflections of Hope



Sun. Ask the Lord, to make you an example of His love to everyone you encounter as you go out and about during the week.

Mon. Ask the King of Kings to grant that the hearts and minds of all who go out as leaders, may be filled with the love of His laws and that which is righteous and life-giving. May they be worthy stewards of the Lord's good and perfect gifts.

Tues. Praise God for the impact of Christianity on developing the foundations of our society: such as education, hospitals and healthcare, the legal system, government, national ceremonies and 'British values' like fairness, duty and care for others.

Wed. Give thanks for men and women who down the centuries have served God with conviction, courage and compassion

Thu. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: Given Britain's history of abolishing slavery, motivate us still to stand against this evil. Ask the Lord to strengthen Christian and other organisations working in this field.

Fri. Over 90% of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's population is Christian. Pray for courage and perseverance of all believers that they may feel encouraged to spread the message of peace and share the Good News of Jesus Christ to their peers who have not yet found faith.

Sat. Immense need in Lebanon: Over the last 13 years, conflict has forced many thousands of people from their homes. Additionally, more than a million refugees from Palestine and Syria living in Lebanon are facing hunger. Conflict and the economic crisis are causing rising unemployment and increased food prices. Amid this immense need, pray for this situation.

Sun. 26 July Matthew 13:53-58 Jesus rejected

Mon. 27 July Matthew 14:1-12 Herod keeps his oath

Tues. 28 July Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus' generosity

Wed. 29 July Matthew 14:22-36 Peter starts to frown

Thu. 30 July Matthew 15:1-20 Clean and unclean

Fri. 31 July Matthew 15:21-39 The reputation of Canaanite women

Sat. 1 Aug. Matthew 16:1-20 Questioning and affirming the authority of Christ