

Waiting and responding

2 Peter 3:14-16

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 9th February 2025

1. Be ready for God's coming (v14-15a)

2 Peter 3v14

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

2 Peter 3v13

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3v15

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2 Peter 3v9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2. Hold fast to God's Word (v15b-16)

2 Timothy 3v16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

2 Peter 3v16

He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

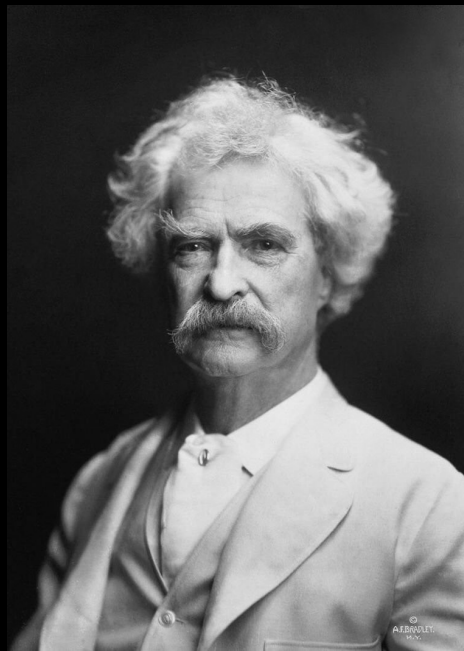
“When we deal with Bible problems, it is important for us to be aware of these limitations and read humbly. When we are faced with a problem, it is okay to say, ‘I don’t know how this can be resolved.’ Scientists do that all the time when they encounter a phenomenon that seems to run counter to a theory they believe. When the evidence for a theory is otherwise substantial, the scientist rightly assumes that the phenomenon can somehow be reconciled to the theory, even if they don’t know how that will happen.”

John Frame

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“It isn't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.”



Mark Twain

“The most Bible-shaped people I know have been men and women who opened their homes and their lives to me. They spent time with me. Loved me when I was at my least lovable. Some of them, having no education to speak of, spoke with a wisdom that left me slack-jawed.”

“During periods of depression, when I was seemingly unreachable, they sat patiently with me, they put their arms around me. They never lost patience, they never lost hope. They called me to throw off the sin that so easily entangles, but they weren’t shocked or self-righteous about any darkness that they saw in me because they acknowledged it in themselves.”

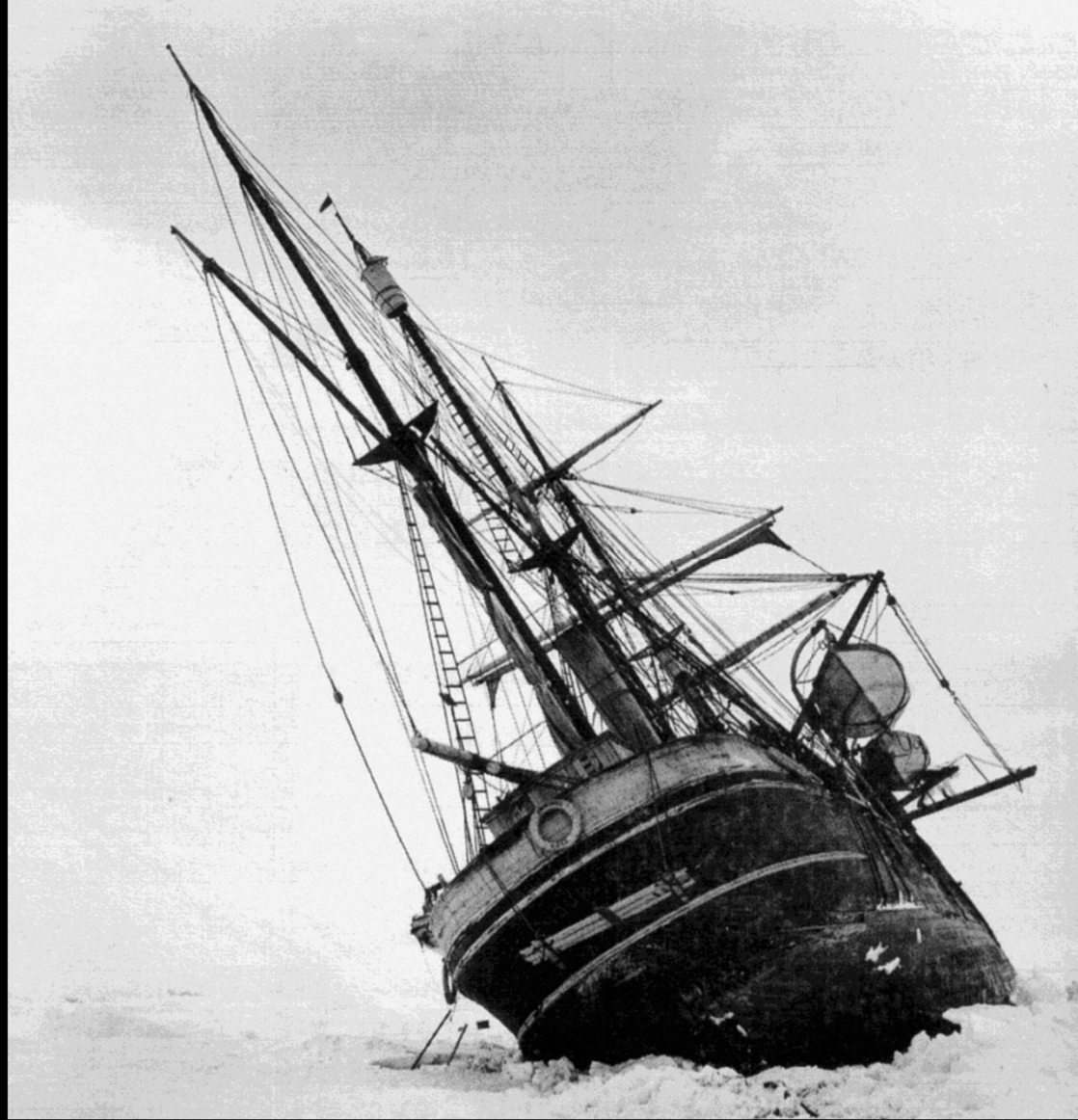
“I’ve only ever seen love like that in two places. I’ve seen it in Jesus. And I’ve seen it in the most Bible-shaped people I know.”

Barry Cooper



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for Your glory









“Wake up, get ready, the captain may come today!”