



Standing firm
in the true grace of God

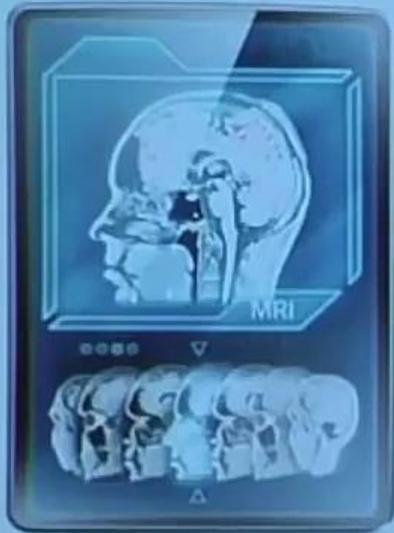
STUDIES IN
1 PETER

WPCB Evening Service Series
...starting March 2019

**“You shall be holy,
for I am holy”**

Readings:

1 Peter 1:13-2:12



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neurobiologically
impossible to think deeply
about things that you
don't care about.”

(Immordino-Yang, 2015)



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