

“Add to Your Faith”

Maturing to Perfection in Your Walk With the Lord

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Last Week: Conclusion - Hearing God From the Bible

2 Peter 1:1-9

*Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge *(experiential) of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.*

- It's important that you understand these things were written when there was NO Bible as you know it.
- They're not writing what they learned from a book
- They're writing from their experience of walking with Him and the revelation of the Holy Spirit **(all scripture is given by inspiration of God....)*, and the wisdom and fortitude to write these things down

Faith

- **Romans 12:3** - *“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith”*
- You have an extremely high quality of faith
- You're not 'trying' to have faith, you already have it
- You have more than enough faith to fulfill the plan of God for your life

- Your greatest challenge right now is an opportunity to exercise your faith
- *“Lord, I believe, help me with my unbelief”*
- Life is full of great challenges **(Welcome to the Kingdom life!)*
- Great challenges produces great faith
- If your faith is going to grow, you must exercise it
- **Hebrews 11:1** - *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”*
- **Hebrews 11:6** - *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”*
- **James 1:2-3** - *“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience”*
- The Father loves to test our faith
- Not so He can find out where we’re at; it’s so WE can find that out!
- He’ll test us in a thing until we can consistently pass it like Jesus
- Opinion: If you pass the test and get tested in the same thing again, it might be because He knows you’re prone to falling back into your default position!
- You won’t know how powerful your faith is until it’s tested
- Sometimes exercising your faith is to ‘do’ something; other times it might require you to ‘do’ nothing. **(after you’ve done all, stand)*
- Here you learning to just trust the Lord; You’ll have lots of times like this!
- **James 1:4** - *“But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”*
- Perfect - Fully developed, mature, complete, not lacking in character or faith
- We’re being conformed into the image of Jesus; faith is one of the key elements that He desires to perfect in us
- It’s very likely the thing you’re dealing with right now is God testing your faith
- Growing you up in an area(s) where you’re not like Jesus yet
- You have been appointed by the Father to have great faith
- The seeds of it are resident in you now
- Look at your situation - - Ask, *“How do I exercise my faith in this?”*
- Listen and act accordingly!

Virtue

- Excellence, moral courage, divine quality
- Displaying godly thinking, attitude and conduct
- Moral excellence
- Walking out your convictions; fleshing out the Kingdom life
- Maturing into your true identity as a son/daughter

Knowledge

- Understanding, insight
- Committed to spiritual growth
- Not just about receiving information
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Self-control

- Learning to adapt to the Holy Spirit's guidance
- Not yielding to the pressure of the flesh
- One of the great challenges in life

Perseverance

- The resolve to stick with it
- Not a quitter
- Committed to the call of God on your life
- Dependent on the Holy Spirit to guide you into your destiny

Godliness

Brotherly kindness

Family

Love

Agape