

Summer Series Part 1 | Pastor Josh 07.07.2019
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Memory Verse: 2 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV)

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. “

Pastor Josh asked us today: Are you planning for the future of your faith while remembering the past? Are you growing in your faith? Reread 2 Peter 1:1-15, and then ask yourselves these questions again.

2 Peter 1:1-15 (NIV)

¹Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: ²Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. ¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹²So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.”

- Are you planning for the future of your faith while remembering the past?
- What didn't work last time and/or the times before—that you changed to try again?
- Are you growing in your faith?
- What are you doing to grow in your faith and spiritual walk?

Give examples of what the 7 virtues look like in real life situations.

- Goodness—Moral excellence. Striving to be Christ-like.
- Knowledge — Correct Interpretation/True Understanding
- Self control— Abstaining from sin.
- Perseverance — Never giving up/ Never giving in.
- Godliness—Reverence for God. Recognizing God in everything.
- Mutual affection —Brotherly Love. Mutual sacrifice for each other.
- Love —Selfless Love. Love by choice.

Why is it important to uphold these virtues in our lives? (Hint: 2 Peter 1:10-11)

Which virtues are you already exhibiting?

- What are you doing in your life that shows you uphold these virtues?

Which virtues do you need to work on?

- What should you be doing, that you are not?

What else can you do to ensure growth in your spiritual life?

What will you start doing this week to help your family and those around you grow and see the Love of God?