

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of January 7, 2024**  
**Week #2 of 2 Peter 1: "You CAN Have it All"**



**ELIJAH AND THE FALSE PROPHETS: WHO IS THE REAL GOD?**

Pastor Doug taught on the story of Elijah confronting the false prophets in Israel (the Northern kingdom). Reread the story in 1 Kings 18:1-40. How would you describe Elijah's faith?

**LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD IN 2 PETER**

We are walking through a passage in 2 Peter 1. This teaches us essentials we need to live a life of reverent devotion to God that results in our transformation to be like Jesus Christ in our character and actions. This is an amazing promise!

Read 2 Peter 1:1- 11 and consider the following questions:

What is promised in verses 3-4? (a) How is God, the one who makes the promise, described?  
(b) What are the results of believing and following His promises?

According to verses 5 and 10, what is our part of becoming like Jesus Christ?  
What are the results in 10-11?

Beginning in verse 5, Peter lists seven "qualities" (v. 8) to "supplement" or "add" to FAITH. For this week, we will begin with a short survey of FAITH as the starting place of our life in Christ. Read through the following passages and **record what you learn about "faith."**

**About FAITH:** We will define (describe) faith as "Confidence (assurance) and trust in God that moves us to obedient action." Faith is built upon the revealed character, works, and ways of God.:

What Jesus said about "faith"

Matthew 6:30

Matthew 8:5-13

Matthew 8:23-27

Matthew 15:21-28

Matthew 16:8

Mark 6:6

Luke 12:28

What do we learn about FAITH from other places in the New Testament?

Hebrews 11:1-3

James 2:17-24

What do we learn about people who live by FAITH in Jesus?

Proverbs 3:5

John 14:21

Finally, what do we learn about how we grow in FAITH in God/Jesus?

Acts 20:21

John 14:6; Romans 3:22

Hebrews 12:1-2

Colossians 2:7

1 Peter 1:7, 8

2 Timothy 3:15-16

### **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

Obviously, living by faith is both essential and extensive. Let's discuss a few aspects relevant to our time in 2 Peter 1.

How is Peter viewing the starting place of "faith" in 1:3-8? How does this connect with the rest of the passage?

According to what we read this week, how is faith expressed in our lives? How might we finish this statement: "Real faith leads to \_\_\_\_\_."

What are the evidences of a growing faith-relationship with God? What helps you grow in faith?

### **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

The idea of faith is used in many ways in our culture. God makes it clear that those who trust in Him will act on what God has revealed. What is God asking you to act on this week?

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- Our church family has been overwhelmed by loss of loved ones, hit by anxiety, and challenged by change. Please pray for our loved ones.
- Please pray for our team of people who are partnering to help kids, students, and young adults learn to live by faith in God's community.
- Please pray for the Pavoni family who just returned to Portugal, and for our other global partners in challenging times including the Anaya family.