Do You Have the Meat? *2 Peter 1:3–11*

Key Scriptures:

Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 139:13-16	Philippians 3:10-11
2 Corinthians 7:1	2 Corinthians 3:18	1 Thessalonians 3:12
2 Peter 2:20	Psalm 15	2 Timothy 4:18

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We've spent a few Sundays talking about the faith journey of a Christian, starting with grace (God's Riches At Christ's Expense), and leading to transformation, where the end result of our faith is the display of the fruits of the Spirit. Today we talk about the long process of spiritual growth that gets us to this place.

Peter describes these benchmarks to keep our faith in check:

1. We receive the _____ of _____.

2 Peter 1:3–4 NIV

His 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. Through 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.



2. We endure the _____ of _____.

2 Peter 1:8–9 NIV

For 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. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

3. We confirm the _____ of ____ _____.

2 Peter 1:10–11 NIV

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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HALLENGE: *Make a list of the seven characteristics in 2 Peter 1:5-7 and describe **your** progress. What are you doing well, and where would you like to improve? Under each characteristic, write the word "UPDATE:", and then **keep this assessment handy** and revisit it in the spring. When you get to the spring, under the "update" section, mark your progress. Where did you meet your goals, and what are new ones you want to work at for next fall? Keep this process going so you can actually mark and monitor your spiritual growth. Take this assignment seriously!*