

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Faith IRL
Message: There is No “Set it and Forget it”
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Think about your life today. Include all areas like your inner thought life, daily habits, relationships, work, school, money, food, physical activity...everything.

As you read the passage we studied today, keep all areas of your life in mind and ask God to show you what He would like for you to concentrate on in growing your faith in Him. Remember, faith is like muscle – it grows and strengthens as we exercise it. Faith relies on God’s resources as we supply our effort.

Don’t let yourself get overwhelmed by taking on too much at once. Pick one or two things and focus on them. For example:

Is there an area in your life where you have abandoned **self-control** like temper, spending, eating, net surfing etc...? If so, what is one thing you could do to wrestle back some control?

Is there a relationship where you know you are not showing **brotherly kindness**? Do you need to forgive someone or ask their forgiveness? Is there a need at church that you could volunteer to serve but have avoided?

God wants us to experience the full, new life He offers but it will only happen as we make every effort to join with Him and pursue the things He calls us to. Pick one or two things and then go after them deliberately this week.

¹² Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Philippians 2:12–13 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NLT)

make every effort – make every effort

supplement – generous and sacrificial cooperation with God

moral excellence – imitating Jesus in every area of my life

knowledge – learning and applying the truth

self-control – controlling my passions, not being controlled by them

patient endurance – hanging in there through tough times

godliness – deliberately honoring God at all times and in all situations

brotherly affection – doing everything I can to build unity in Jesus’ church

love for everyone – sacrificially pursuing the best for others, as God has for me

⁸ The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. ¹⁰ So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

¹¹ Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:8–11 (NLT)