

TAKE HOME SHEET



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If you were grading your faith on a 10-point scale (1 being weak and 10 strong), what grade would you give it?

Why did you give yourself that number?

What are some things that have caused your faith to grow or decline?

The followers of Christ in Thessalonica built a reputation for having a strong and genuine faith. This is how their faith grew...

Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NLT)

Believing means acting on what you know to be true. With that in mind, how can you increase your understanding of The Bible so that you can apply it and grow your faith?

A great way to grow in your understanding of the Bible and how it applies to your life is to follow **New Hope's Bible Reading Plan** - newhope.org/brp.

Along with reading the Bible you can sign up for **weekly insight posts** that go along with the reading (newhope.org/blog).

Bible Study/Prayer Night is where we discuss the reading and how it applies to our lives today, followed by praying in light of what we are learning (youtube.com/c/NHCLorton).

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

ESV – English Standard Version
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Faith (def): trust or confidence in someone or something

Jesus teaches us that faith in Him is rooted in truth.

God has given us two key resources to grow and develop our faith:

The Bible

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
John 17:17 (ESV)

¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*
¹⁷ *God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)

and the Church

²¹ *Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him,* ²² *throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.*
²³ *Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.* ²⁴ *Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.*
²⁵ *So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.*
Ephesians 4:21–25 (NLT)

Experience is a good teacher but not necessarily the best one.

By learning from and with others in the light of the truth, our faith will grow strong.

Some examples:

Laziness and diligence – Proverbs 24:30-34;
Proverbs 6:6-8

Deceit and honesty – Acts 5:1-11

Forgiveness, healing,
and purpose – James 5:16-19