

TO FINISH WELL, KEEP ON GROWING

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

We all experience setbacks and disappointments in different areas of life, such as exams, jobs, businesses, or relationships with our families. When failure happens, it's easy to feel discouraged and lose hope. We might even start believing the lies that tell us we're defined by our failures and that success is out of reach. But if we want to finish well, we must reject these lies and commit ourselves to a journey of continuous growth and improvement.

In his letter, Peter offers us valuable wisdom and encouragement. In 2 Peter 3:17-18, he urges us to stay vigilant and keep growing in our faith. To overcome these challenges, we need to be intentional about our growth and take active steps to nurture our faith.

Peter's encounter with Jesus in Luke 5:1-18 shows us the transformative power of growth. Peter, an experienced fisherman, had spent all night fishing without success. But when Jesus told him to try again, despite his doubts, Peter obeyed. The result was an astonishing catch of fish that amazed him. This encounter deeply impacted Peter and made him realize the greatness of Jesus. It was a turning point that led Peter to leave everything behind and follow Him, embarking on a journey of faith characterized by growth and transformation.

GROW FROM YOUR FAILURES

Peter experienced both remarkable successes and significant failures during his time with Jesus. He walked on water, recognized Jesus as the Christ, and witnessed incredible events like the Transfiguration. However, he also faced rebuke from Jesus and infamously denied knowing Him three times. But Peter didn't let his failures define him. He understood that failure is not the end. In Christ, there is always hope for redemption and growth. By acknowledging our weaknesses and relying on God's strength, we can overcome our failures and continue to grow.

GROW IN HUMILITY

Peter struggled with pride throughout his journey with Jesus. He often overestimated his own strength and underestimated his weaknesses. For instance, when Jesus predicted that all the disciples would abandon Him, Peter confidently declared that he would never do so. Yet, when put to the test, Peter denied Jesus just as He had said. This humbling experience taught Peter the importance of humility and the dangers of pride. Similarly, we should be aware of any signs of pride within ourselves and continually seek God's help to cultivate a humble heart.

GROW BY GOD'S GRACE

Growth in our lives is a result of God's grace. Jesus has the power to redeem even the most challenging and chaotic seasons of our lives. In 1 Corinthians 15:10, Paul emphasizes that it is by God's grace that we can grow, thrive, and serve Him. This grace enables us to learn from our failures, grow in humility, and persevere in our journey of faith. Just as Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, offering them peace, He extends the same peace and restoration to us. He desires to perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish us (1 Peter 5:10) as we continue to grow in His grace.

As we strive to finish well by continually growing, let's remember Peter's example. Just like Simon encountered Jesus and witnessed a miracle at the Sea of Galilee, we too can have meaningful encounters with Christ in our own lives. Through these encounters, we can experience His transformative power and be inspired to pursue growth. By relying on God's grace, humbly learning from our failures, and trusting in His guidance, we can live lives that honor and glorify Him. May our ultimate goal be to hear our Master's commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant," as we strive to finish well in our journey of faith (Matthew 25:21).

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 PETER 3:17-18

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

What lessons did you learn from a failure?
What symptoms in your life show your struggle with pride?
How can you grow in grace in this season of your life?



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
B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

Finding Your Tribe: Embracing the Support and Encouragement of a Small Group

with Ian Perez

July 14, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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
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United: A NXTGEN Series on 1 Corinthians

Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

G/F North Wing, CCF Center

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- Book 1: One by One, Session 4
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- Book 3: The Holy Spirit, Session 4
July 2, Sunday, 3:00 PM, Room 2A

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July 12, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

- Book 1: One by One, Session 4
- Book 3: The Holy Spirit, Session 4

GLC Level 2 — Face to Face

Book 5: Starting Point for

Small Groups, Session 3

July 2, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

GLC Level 2 — Zoom Cycle 1

Book 5: Starting Point for

Small Groups, Session 4

July 13, Thursday, 7:30 PM

GLC Level 3 Lead — Zoom Cycle 1

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July 13, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13