Knowing and Growing

Ted Ohrn, July 30, 2023

Hear from Jesus

(Study and prayer)

Look back

(How is it going?)

What's my next step?

Obey

(Follow and Fish)

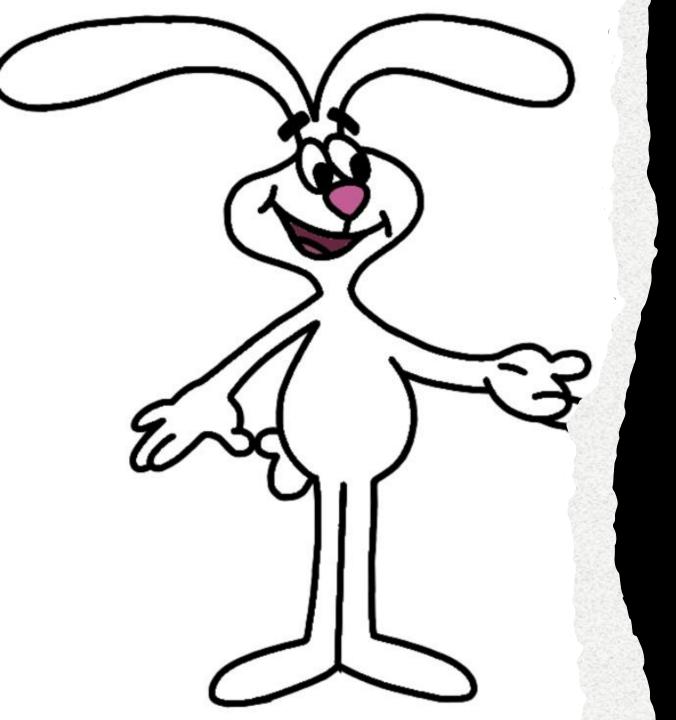


Key Scriptures for today:

• 2 Pet 1:3-9

• Gal 5:16-25

| 2 Pet 1 | Gal 5 | Defined |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Faith | | Faith is placing trust, committing to following |
| Goodness | Goodness | Virtue and holiness in action |
| Knowledge | | Learning about the Lord we follow |
| Self-control | Self-control | The ability to say NO to our baser desires and lusts |
| Perseverance | Faithfulness | Believing God is who he says he is and continuing in that belief no matter what |
| Godliness (heavenly wisdom) | Joy, peace, patience | Living a fruitful, obedient life |
| Brotherly kindness | Kindness | Tender, benevolent, and useful to others |
| Love | Love | Self-sacrificial, outward looking care for others |



Silly Galatians, works of the flesh are for fools.

Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?



Prov 2: 3-5

Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding.

Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.

Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD, and you will gain knowledge of God.



Growing in Knowing

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- 2. After you hear don't put off obedience
- 3. Be willing to suffer

Don't neglect sitting at Jesus' feet

Luke 10:38-42 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."



Hear and Obey

James 1:25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

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Php 3:10-11

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Rom 8:17

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

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