**How Can I Keep Going?**

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Sermon Notes

**2 Peter 1:1-11**

**1** Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

**2** Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

**Confirming One’s Calling and Election**

**3** 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. **4** 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.

**5** For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; **6** and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; **7** and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. **8** 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. **9** But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

**10** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, **11** and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Theme & Goal:** We can keep **G**because **J** keeps going!

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

**1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**T** : divine participation while maintaining human-divine distinction.

**The Transfiguration - 2 Peter 1:16-18**

**16** For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **18** We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

As the **H                 S**  works in you, **W                  O**  your salvation!

Repeated Words:

* **F                 .**
* **K                 .**
* **G** (excellence)

The word, **K** in verse 2, 3, 8 means "knowledge gained through first-hand **R** ".

Now in the context of 2 Peter, the promises are what Jesus has done on the cross, but, even **M                 ,** it is the promise of Jesus **C** back.

**2 Peter 3:**

**8** But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. **9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

**John Calvin**

“[Peter] refers to the boundless goodness of God which they had already experienced, so that they may place a greater reliance on Him in the future… God has fully unfolded the vast resources of His power”

Peter takes these common virtues but changes them in the light of Christ by adding two specifically Christian virtues, **F** & **L                 .**

**Douglas Harink**

“Thus we must say that it is the sheer attractive and compelling beauty, glory, and authority of Christ’s own being and life  that comes to us, calls us, draws us irresistibly to him, and elicits from us a corresponding life of godliness and excellence”

“Thus the goal of taking up these virtues is to bring about greater effectiveness and fruitfulness in the knowledge of Jesus Christ (1:8) - that is, deeper

**P** in the life of God”

“Christ is thus the **O** , the **P** , and **G** of the Christian life. Now we learn that of all that evokes from us a vigorous effort of our own toward a life of virtue, not that we might secure or add to what Christ has already given us, but that, living from his promise, power and gifts, we might become ever more deeply engaged in our knowledge of him, our contemplation of his glorious divine reality, and our participation in the divine life.”

If we do not see these virtues ever slowly but surely **I** in our lives, the cause is that we have forgotten what God has done and his precious promises. We have forgotten our **B** – that we have been cleansed from our sins.

**Romans 15:5-6**

**5** May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, **6** so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.