

Zoar Baptist Church — Sunday, October 26, 2025
Sermon Series: **Unbreakable Faith in a Broken World**
Sermon Title: *When You Don't See a Way Forward*
Main Scripture Passage: 2 Peter 1:5-15 ESV
Main Point: God works for you, in you, with you, and through you.

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures & Points

When You Don't See a Way Forward

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2 Peter 1:5-15 ESV

Eight Qualities of an Effective Faith

1. Trust God
2. Choose Good
3. Gain Knowledge
4. Practice Self-Control
5. Build Stamina
6. Reflect Jesus
7. Care Deeply
8. Love

Eight Hinderances of an Effective Faith

1. **Doubt** in Trusting God
2. **Temptation** to not Choose Good
3. **Deception** from Gaining Knowledge
4. **Impulsiveness** instead of Practicing Self-Control
5. **Quitting** and never Build Stamina
6. **Conformity** instead of Reflecting Jesus
7. **Apathy** instead of Caring Deeply
8. **Selfishness** instead of Loving

Remember who God is and what He has done for you.

Practice with a Promise
You will never fall.

The Kingdom of God will not disappoint.

Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

Peter's Purpose for writing:

1. Remind
2. Stir Up
3. Inculcate

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Your Foundation is Jesus.

John 21:18-19 ESV

Lead People To Become Fully Devoted
Followers Of Jesus.

To Know Jesus & Make Jesus Known

Start talking. Find a conversation starter to get you talking.

- Share a story when you were lost, stuck, or stranded.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get you thinking.

- Read **2 Peter 1:9**. In what area do you believe Christians struggle the most with spiritual blindness in our culture?
- Read **2 Peter 1:12-15**. Why is it important to be reminded, be stirred up, and have the ability to recall these things we are asked to practice at any time?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share which of the 8 qualities listed in **2 Peter 1:5-7** you find the most difficult to practice? Share why you believe it is a struggle.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for working with us to develop our faith and for allowing us to participate in Your great work of reconciliation. Help us to practice the things You tell us to do. Give us the strength and wisdom to follow You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Make a decision to strengthen one of the 8 qualities of an effective faith while fighting against what hinders you.
 - Choose a sin to **Defeat**.
 - Choose a **Discipline** to add.
 - Choose a **Discipleship** partner for accountability and encouragement.
 - Watch your faith grow stronger.