The God Who Can Be Known







2 PETER

1:1-11



1. Everyone can and *should* experience spiritual growth.

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a slave and an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those who have received <u>a faith equal to ours</u> through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

- 2 Peter 1:2 "be multiplied"
- 2 Peter 1:5 "supplement (add to) your faith with"
- 2 Peter 1:8 "For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure"

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It is a vivid metaphor drawn from that Athenian drama festivals, in which a rich individual, called a choregos, since he paid the expense fo the chorus, joined with the poet and the state in putting on the plays. Thus the word came to mean generous and costly co-operation. The Christian must engage in this sort of co-operation with God in the production of a Christian life which is credited to Him.

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God has given us **EVERYTHING** we need to grow and we should do everything we can to nurture the work of His Spirit in us!



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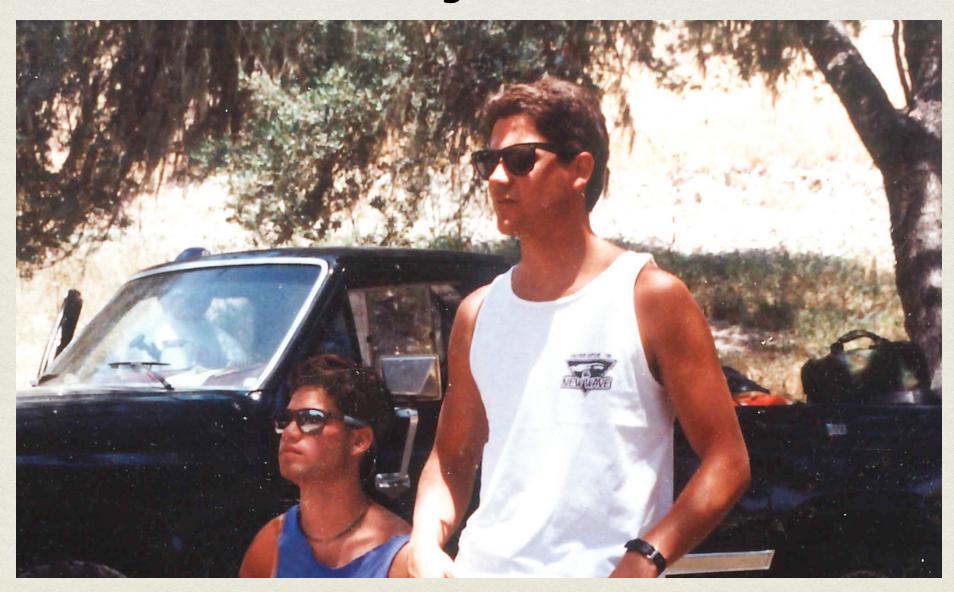
Most people want a magic bullet. When they hear Christianity helps you grow and changes your life, people say, "That's for me." We have a couple of problems. One is, we live in a very impatient culture. Look at how impatient you are with your phone when it takes 10 seconds instead of the normal 5 seconds to download the thing you want. "What's going on here?" We are really impatient. -Tim Kel

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13 I think it's right that I keep stirring up your memory, as long as I'm alive. 14 After all, our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I am about to depart from this life. 15 <u>I'm</u> eager for you always to remember these things after my death. -2 Peter 1:12-15

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The humble person believes God knows more about life than they do.

Exodus 4:13-20 & Deuteronomy 34