



# GUARANTEED: YOU WILL NOT FAIL

HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED... 2 PETER 1:3

Week 1 of 9

ILL: MCBRIDE / problem with commitments / THE TOWER / VALENTINES DAY

*We have to work intentionally to bring the*

*commitments of the past into the **present**.*

*a journey of strengthened commitment / catch... mostly about God's commitment to us!*

ILL: John and Sandy... prenuptial / with God, no prenup! / what are you bringing to it?

*Your commitment to God is **guaranteed***

*because his commitment to you is **bigger!***

*This is all over in the Bible...*

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.*

John 10:27-29

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39

The single most important truth in the Bible on being a successful follower of Jesus.

God is committed to giving us **everything** we **need** for us to become like **Jesus**.

## 2 PETER 1:1-11 (P. 842)

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS (vv. 1-2)

- Our **faith** comes from the righteousness of **Jesus**.
- Jesus is both **God** and **Savior**.

### #1. WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED

FOR **life** AND **godliness** (vv. 3-4).

LIFE ... GODLINESS ... BOTH! // ILL: we see these at odds "right now money is winning"

Let's diagram!

KNOWLEDGE: thoroughly, no one knows the Son except the Father (epignosis)  
KNOWLEDGE OF HIS CALL // OF HIS GLORY AND GOODNESS  
HIS PROMISES TO US THAT WE BECOME LIKE JESUS!

Our becoming like Jesus comes about...

- From God's own **power** ...
- Through the knowledge of **Jesus** ...
- Into our lives as **godly holiness**.

DO YOU HAVE GOD'S POWER IN YOUR LIFE?

God is committed to giving us everything we need for us to become like Jesus.

TRANSITION: But that doesn't mean we can sit back and just wait for the magic

### #2. GODLY CHARACTER IS

OUR **responsibility** (vv. 5-9).

:: faith > goodness > knowledge > self-control > perseverance > godliness > brotherly kindness > love

:: believe > internalize > learn > live > keep living > live completely > still be kind > love

THESE ARE NOT MILESTONES! / YEAST-FILLED RECIPE FOR LIFE!

- Godly progress is your personal **assurance** policy (v. 10).
- Godly progress is your **insurance** against ineffectiveness.
- If you lack these traits, it doesn't mean you've failed; it just means you've **forgotten!**

A COMMITMENT TO CHRIST? YOU CAN'T LOSE IT BUT YOU CAN FORGET IT.

### CONCLUSION (vv 10-11)

You can be confident in your commitment to Christ.

- God has **called** you.
- You have **responded**.
- God's promises are **guaranteed**.

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