

DIGGING DEEPER



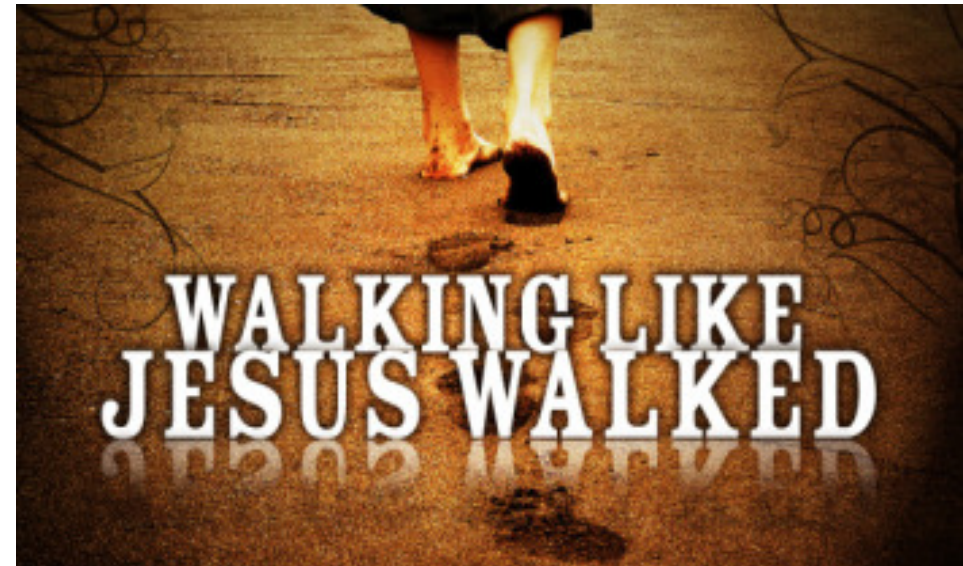
Walking in Truth

1. What did you learn from our study of “Steps to Spiritual Maturity” based on 2 Peter 1:5-11 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Describe your growth in Christ since you first became a Christian. What are some of the greatest hindrances impeding your Christian maturity in the past and now?
3. The Holy Spirit does things “decently and in order”. Since He inspired Peter as he penned this passage what is the significance of the order of steps to your faith? At which level of maturity in Christ do you see yourself? Would others agree with your self-assessment?
4. What is required for you to change, by God’s grace, in order to grow to the next level of maturity? How can others in your small group or at FBC help you?
5. What effect does the congregation of Faith Bible Church have on the community if we all were growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ? What hinders us?

For Long-Handled Shovels

- Why do you suppose God didn’t make us sinless and perfect when He first saved us?
- What benefits are there for you to experience by growing in Christ and walking by faith in Him?

Steps to Spiritual Maturity



II Peter 1:5-11

“Making & maturing disciples of Jesus Christ to the glory of God”

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2 Peter 1:5–11

⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be* neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I. THE MOTIVATION FOR GROWTH (2)

1. _____

2. _____

II. THE MEANS OF GROWTH (3-4)

1. Divine _____

2. Divine _____

3. Divine _____

III. THE MANNER OF GROWTH (5a,10)

IV. THE METHOD OF GROWTH (5b-7)

“Add to your faith . . .”

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IV. THE MALADY OF IMPAIRED GROWTH (8-11)

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