

GROWING IN FAITH
#SermonFaith
Growing God's Way - Part 1
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2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.(NIV)

How To Have Real Faith

1. HAVE FAITH IN GOD'S PERSON (VS 1-2)

2 Peter 1:1-2 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. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:21 For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's righteousness into us! (LB)

Titus 3:5 God saved us because of his mercy, and not because of any good things that we have done. God washed us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He gave us a new birth and a fresh beginning. (CEV)

John 1:16-17 Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. ¹⁷ God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (TEV)

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. (NLT)

John 14:27 I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. (LB)

2. HAVE FAITH IN GOD'S POWER (VS 3)

2 Peter 1:3 God's divine power has given us everything we need for life and for

godliness. This **power** was given to us **through knowledge of the one who called us** by his own glory and integrity. (GW)

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the Kingdom of God is **not just a lot of talk**; it is **living by God's power**. (NLT)

John 15:5 Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For **apart from me you can do nothing**. (NLT)

2 Timothy 1:8c ...We can only keep on going, after all, **by the power of God**. (MSG)

Ephesians 3:20 With **God's power working in us**, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine. (NCV)

3. HAVE FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES (VS 4)

2 Peter 1:4 God made **great and marvelous promises**, so that **his nature** would become part of us. Then we could **escape our evil desires** and the **corrupt influences** of this world. (CEV)

Romans 5:12 Adam sinned, and that **sin brought death into the world**. Now everyone has sinned, and so everyone must die. (CEV)

1 John 3:9 Those who are children of God do not continue to sin, for **God's very nature is in them**; and because God is their Father, they cannot continue to sin. (TEV)

John 5:24 **I tell you for certain** that everyone who hears my message and **has faith** in the one who sent me **has eternal life** and **will never be condemned**. They have already **passed from death to life**. (CEV)