## STAND FIRM In Hope and Faith

2 Peter 1:5-9

Biblical faith is confidence and trust in God, His Word, His plan and His promises.

## FAITH CAUSES SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

1. Faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to grow

spiritually. 5

• 2 Peter 1:1-4

When a person chokes or drowns and stops breathing, there is nothing he can do. If he ever breathes again it will be because someone else starts him breathing. A person who is spiritually dead cannot even make a decision of faith unless God first breathes into him the breath of spiritual life. ~John MacArthur

> We did not win the game of life; we won the game of eternal life.

2. Faith drives us to \_\_\_\_\_

pursue spiritual growth. 5

• Philippians 2:12-13 1:1-4

> Working out our salvation is not working for our salvation.

3. Faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ show us

How to grow spiritually. 5-7

a. Virtue.

Virtue is doing the right thing when no one is looking and regardless of the outcome.

- b. Knowledge
  - c. Self-Control.

• 1 Corinthians 6:12, 1 Corinthians 9:27, Hebrews 12:1

> Self-control is not letting anything be master of me.

Peter is saying ... "Begin to control yourself. Say no to ungodly passions. Grow up. Get on your feet; pick up your faith; do what is right; increase in your knowledge of God; for your own salvation's sake, begin to control yourself." ~David Helm

## d. Perseverance

> Perseverance is remaining faithful over a long time, even when we fail and no matter the outcome.

- e. Godliness. Romans 8:29
- > Godliness is living a life that is like God.
- f. Brotherly kindness.
- g. Love.
- > Am I choosing what is best for me or for others?
- 4. Faith \_\_\_\_\_\_ us why we need to grow spiritually. 5-7

What do step has God shown you that you need

to take to \_\_\_\_\_\_ spiritually?

