2 Peter 1:5-15

Review: we have Obtained His Divine Power and Partake of His Divine Nature
through the Knowledge of Jesus and the Application of His Promises

How do we get what we have? (Believe? Declare?)

5-7 **Diligence** (haste) - 8 Character Traits

- Confident Faith
- Moral Excellence
- Knowledge (of Jesus)
- Self Control (Mastery Pr 25:28)
- Patient Endurance
- Devotion to God (bondservant Rom 12:1)
- Brotherly Love (phileo)
- God's Love (agape)

Peter (Jn 21) gone fishing, took the plunge
(Jn 21:15-19) - agapeo/phileo, agapeo/phileo, phileo/phileo
Calling: 3 times for 3 denials - feed/shepherd sheep
pride ("more than these" Mt 26:31-34)
competition (Jn 21: 20-22 favorite?) 2 Cor 10:12
Follow Me - Martyrdom
affirmed, reminded of call, identified issues, promised more

Progression:
Belief to Action: (Jam 2:14-25 action demonstrates belief, 1 Jn 2:3-4)
"fruit of repentance" vs membership (Mt 3:7-11) - baptism of fire
Understanding to Application: learning and doing
Consistency to Devotion: relationship, not just religious duty
Affection to Passion: increasing revelation of His love (Eph 3:17-19)

8 if "these" <u>Increasing</u> (not arrived Phil 3:13-14) not "useless", unfruitful
in the Knowledge of Jesus (Jn 15:5-6) - guaranteed purpose (in Him, not <u>for</u> Him)

9 <u>Lack</u> "these" - won't see clearly (understand life)
- forget what you obtained in Him, who you are (Jam 1:22-25)

10 so be **More Diligent** to establish your Calling as a Chosen Son/Daughter
More Diligence in these = Less Stumbling in life

11 "these" = Supplied Path to Abundantly Experience His Kingdom (Divine Power/Nature)

12-15 so we need Constant Reminding, Stirring to Diligence
(Heb 10:24-25) biblically encouraging community
impending death - final exhortation

word last week: increasing diligence and increasing internal conflict
1 Pe 4:17 & Heb 4:16 (affirmed, called, *issues*, promise)