

# His Goodness Through Faith is Our Grace in the Wilderness

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## TRUTH UPON TRUTH

For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy) and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence). 2 Peter 1:5

For whoever lacks these qualities is blind, [spiritually] shortsighted, seeing only what is near to him, and has become oblivious to the fact that he was cleansed from his old sins. 2 Peter 1:9

# Make Every Effort

(Greek = Bringing in all zeal or effort - diligence)

## to Add to your Faith Goodness

\*\*\*\* The quality of being morally good or virtuous \*\*\*\*

**Fruit of the Holy Spirit** - Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

## Receive and Believe God's Goodness

**John 1:16, Psa 103** - No selfish or evil intent, pure, righteous, kind, gentle, patient, no tricks up His sleeves - this goodness added to our faith guards our heart and brings comfort and hope.

Stand in the middle of “no answers” and give Him thanks for all of His goodness. It's a choice not a feeling.

Leave reasoning to gain a place of trust.

Anchor yourself to a superior revelation.

All things really do work together for good.

Trust implies I do not understand.

# Goodness Through Faith is a Gateway to Encounter His Divine Nature

Sometimes it takes every effort in our being to make the right and good decision - to forgive daily, to give when it isn't deserved, to walk in grace. **Be a voice in the wilderness crying out prepare the way for the Lord by acts of goodness** - John 1:23

“be eager to be found by Him at his coming with out spot or blemish and at peace in serene confidence, from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts.” 2 Peter 3:14

HIS GOODNESS BRINGS US TO  
INTIMACY - HOLINESS

“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on **the grace** to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do” 1 Peter 1:13-15 / 1 Peter 3: 8 – 12

He sets us apart from the world and calls us His Own- John 1:12-14

# If We Suffer for Doing What is Right and Good, We are Blessed

“Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:13-17

“For just as we share abundantly in the  
**SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST**, so also our  
**COMFORT ABOUND**s through Christ “  
2 Cor 1:5



**BREAK OUT  
SESSION**

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## Connecting God's Ability and Provision with Our Current Situation

**1. Look at the Faith Statement you wrote in the first session.**

**What specific acts of goodness need to be added to your statement of faith?**

Example:

I will promote an atmosphere of God's presence at home helping me to be more patient by \_\_\_\_\_

I will say one specific and encouraging word to my husband daily.

I will choose to forgive and pray for \_\_\_\_\_ every time I remember the hurt they inflicted on my family or me.

**2. Do you see the goodness of God in this struggle? If so How?**

**3. Share a story about the goodness of God through a recent move, deployment or TDY.**