

Intro to Standing Firm 2 Peter 1:1-4

That ours is the _____ as that given the original apostles who walked with Jesus should encourage us when we are called upon to “stand firm in the faith.”

Discussion 1. What does it mean to you personally that you have been given the same faith as the Apostle Peter? How does that encourage you when you are being tested in that faith?

Grace and peace are surely available to followers of Jesus but only through genuine experiential knowledge of both God the Father and Jesus the Son. The more closely we _____, the more grace and peace are available to us.

Discussion 2. To you, what are some differences between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing him through experience? In a practical sense, how do we come to know Him through experience?

God’s calling on us as Christ followers is both by and to His _____ and His _____. What an encouragement to help us stand strong in our faith.

Discussion 3. If God has indeed called you to His glory, how does that help you stand strong in your faith in the midst of an unbelieving culture?

Perhaps our strongest encouragement to stand strong in our faith is the ongoing work of the _____ within us as indisputable evidence of our salvation, both in this world and the next.

Discussion 4. If the indwelling Spirit is the evidence of our salvation, what kinds of things are evidence of the Spirit living in us? How do we know?