



**Week Five | Sunday, May 31**

**“Faith and Excellence”**

**2 Peter 1:5**

**Share a major moment in your life and how God has used this moment to produce spiritual change/growth in you.**

**Many people struggle with whether or not they are experiencing real Spirit led change/growth in their lives.**

- **Why is that?**
- **To what extent does “spiritual change equalling perfection” get in the way of real spiritual change in my life? How should someone deal with that?**
- **To what extent is “faith” and an ongoing “relationship with Jesus” key to spiritual growth?**
  - **NOTE: John 15 teaches us that “fruit” comes from being connected to the vine. The metaphor tells us that when we are in relationship with Jesus, who he is and what he has done and is doing in our life, we experience growth. This is a promise.**

**Moral excellence is increasingly choosing to live out the moral will of God in my life or as Paul puts it being “conformed into the image of his Son” (Romans 8:29). God uses trials to shape us into this image (James 1:2-4).**

- **How can we practically support one another when our faith is being tested by life’s circumstances? What are some things that are not helpful?**

**How do you practice the presence of God in your daily life?**

- **NOTE: We are not looking for super spiritual answers here. For someone it might be “saying grace before my meal.” The issue for all of us is how do we put ourselves in a position to be “conscious” of God at work in us.**