

Victory Connect Lesson
A Family in Progress
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Key Passage: 2Pe 1:5-6 KJV - And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

Introduction: This passage reveals that our Christian walk is one of continuous progress, not perfection. The Bible tells the story of one imperfect *family in progress* after another. We are not perfect, we are progressing. God never stops pursuing His family.

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Gen 4:8 KJV - And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and...Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

2. Noah was imperfect and had an imperfect family.

Gen 9:21 KJV - And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

3. The devil attacked God's word then and now.

Gen 3:1, 4 KJV - Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field ... And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die:"

Traits of a Family in Progress:

1. Desire to keep becoming who God made them to be.

Phl 3:13 NLT - No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

2. Desire to make disciples which requires discipline.

Heb 12:8 NIV - If you are not disciplined--and everyone undergoes discipline--then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

3. Moving towards a God-glorifying vision for the family.

Pro 29:18 CSB - Without revelation people run wild, but one who follows divine instruction will be happy.

4. Quick to repent when wrong, quick to forgive others.

1Pe 4:8 NASB20 - Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever struggled trying to be "perfect?"
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