

# Sermon Outline

## Fortifying against Trying Times (1) – Go for Growth

*2 Peter 1:1-11*

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### I. Context

- A. Author: The Apostle Peter who was facing imminent martyrdom verses 1 & 14
- B. Recipients: Christians in Asia Minor cf 1 Peter 1. 1 and 2 Peter 3.1
- C. Purpose: To fortify the church against the twisted version of the Christian faith that was in circulation.
- D. The Church was facing imminent imperial persecution from without and emerging false teachings within her pale in AD 67. It was trying times for the church.
- E. The ways to fortify the Church against trying times is to go for growth and dig deep into the Word.

### II. The Means of Spiritual Growth vs 3-4

- A. The Power of God
- B. The Great and Very Precious Promises of God

### III. The Areas of Spiritual Growth vs 5-7

- A. Faith
- B. Virtue
- C. Knowledge
- D. Self-control

E. Steadfastness

F. Godliness

G. Brotherly affection

H. Love

#### IV. The Results of Spiritual Growth vs 8-11

A. Would not be Spiritually Near-sighted and Blind

B. Assurance of Salvation

C. “A Rich Welcome into the Eternal Kingdom” (NIV)

#### V. What shall we say to this things (Applications)

A. Appropriate and personalise the power and precious and very great promises of God

B. Stir up and remind one another to love and good works cf vs 12-15, Heb 10.24-25

C. Do not Retard but Go for Growth in Trying Times

D. A Call to Discipleship 101 cf Matt 16.24