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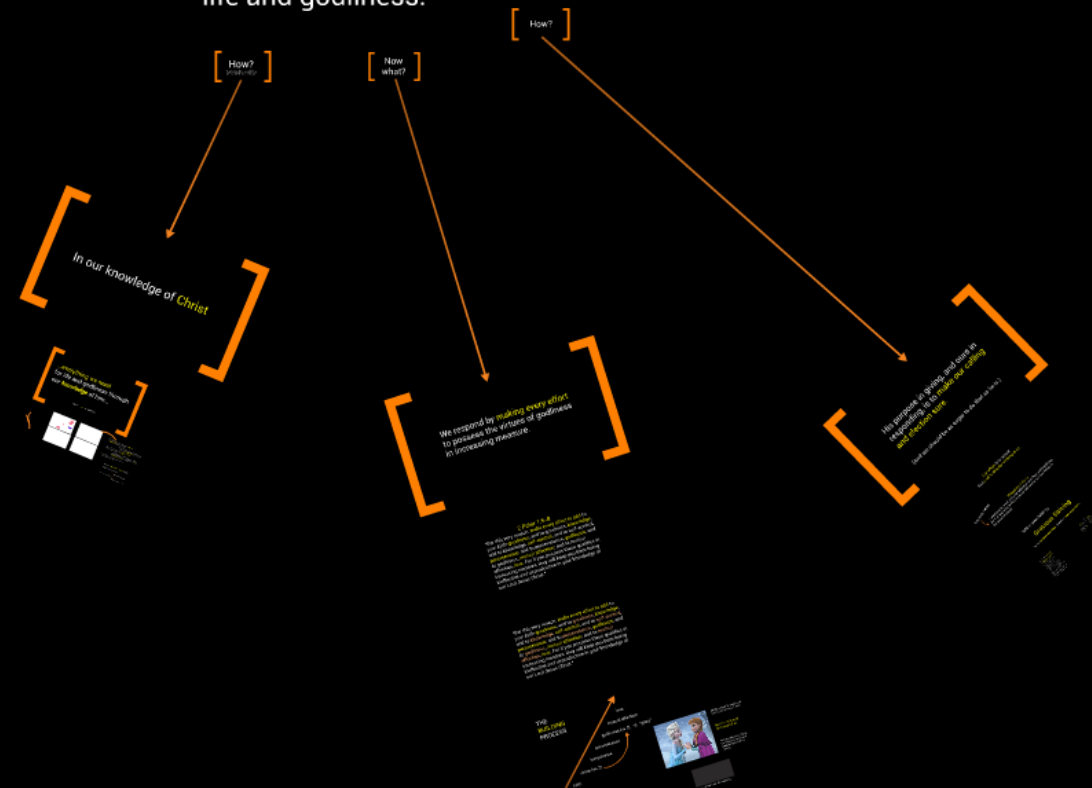
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Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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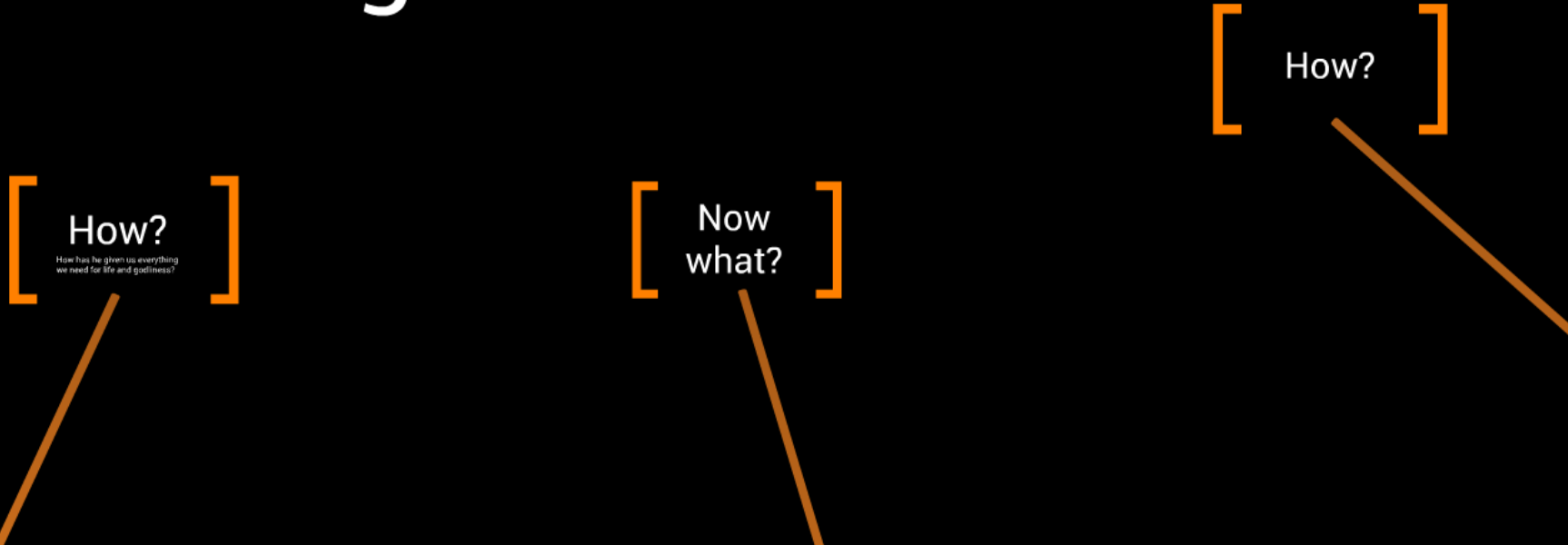
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power vs knowledge?

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2 Peter 1:3 "...everything we need for a godly life through our **knowledge of him** who called us..."

2 Peter 1:5 "...make every effort to **add to your faith** goodness; and to goodness, **knowledge**..."

2 Peter 2:8 "...if you possess these qualities...they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive **in your knowledge of our Lord** Jesus Christ

+ "nearsightedness, blindness (vs 9), remind (vs 12), refresh memory (vs 13)

What the **knowledge of Christ** reveals:

God's glory and virtue/goodness



How God gives his power



His "precious promises"



How we "make every effort"



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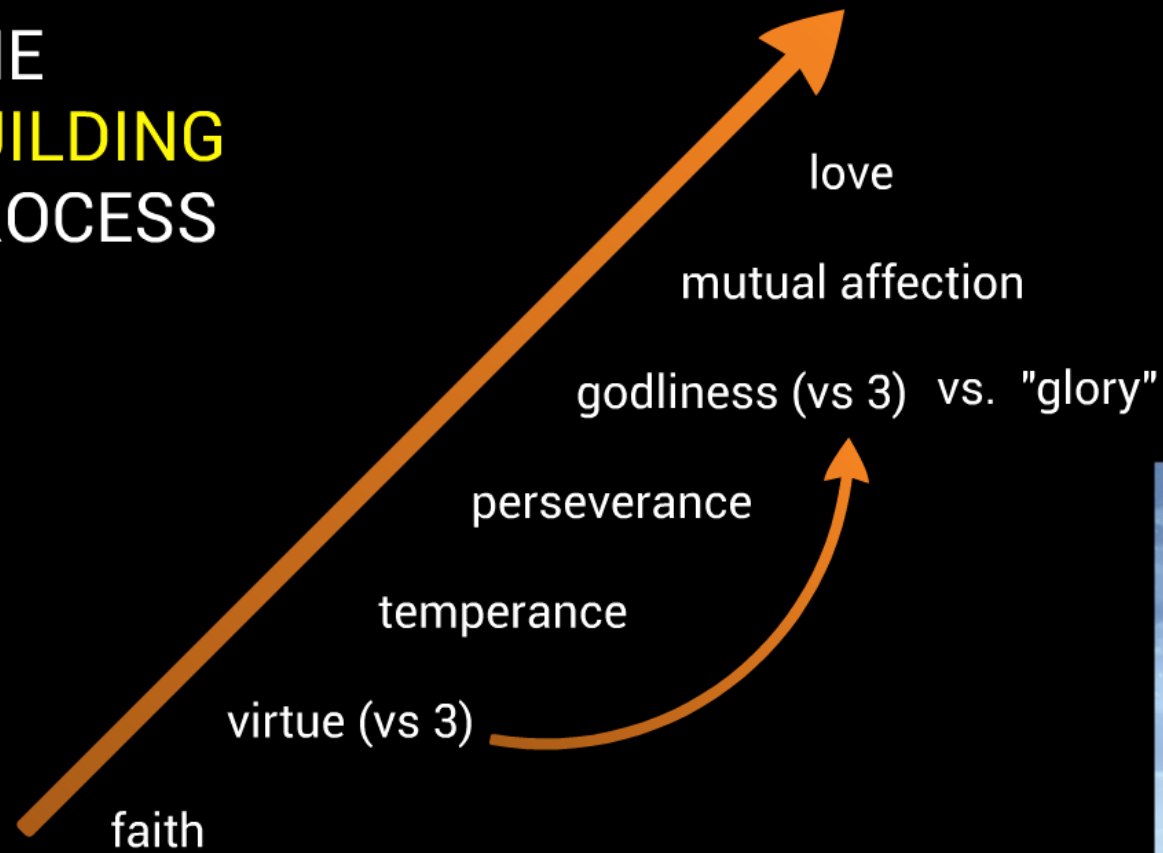
We respond by **making every effort**
to possess the virtues of godliness
in increasing measure.

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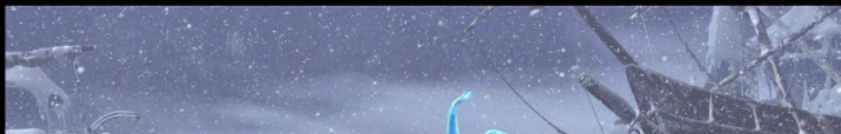
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All the virtues find and hold
their identity in each other...

**But this is true of
love most of all.**

Perhaps because she is
the most powerful and
most broad of all the
virtues.





Good news for the unloving.



How?





His purpose in giving, and ours in responding, is to **make our calling and election sure.**


(And we should be as eager to do that as he is.)

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memory verse)

Philippians 2:12-13



"...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,
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"add to your faith" by

Gracious Striving

He has *given us everything*...therefore, *make every effort*...

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- "multiplied" grace and peace (vs 2)
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- Sharing in the divine nature (vs 4)

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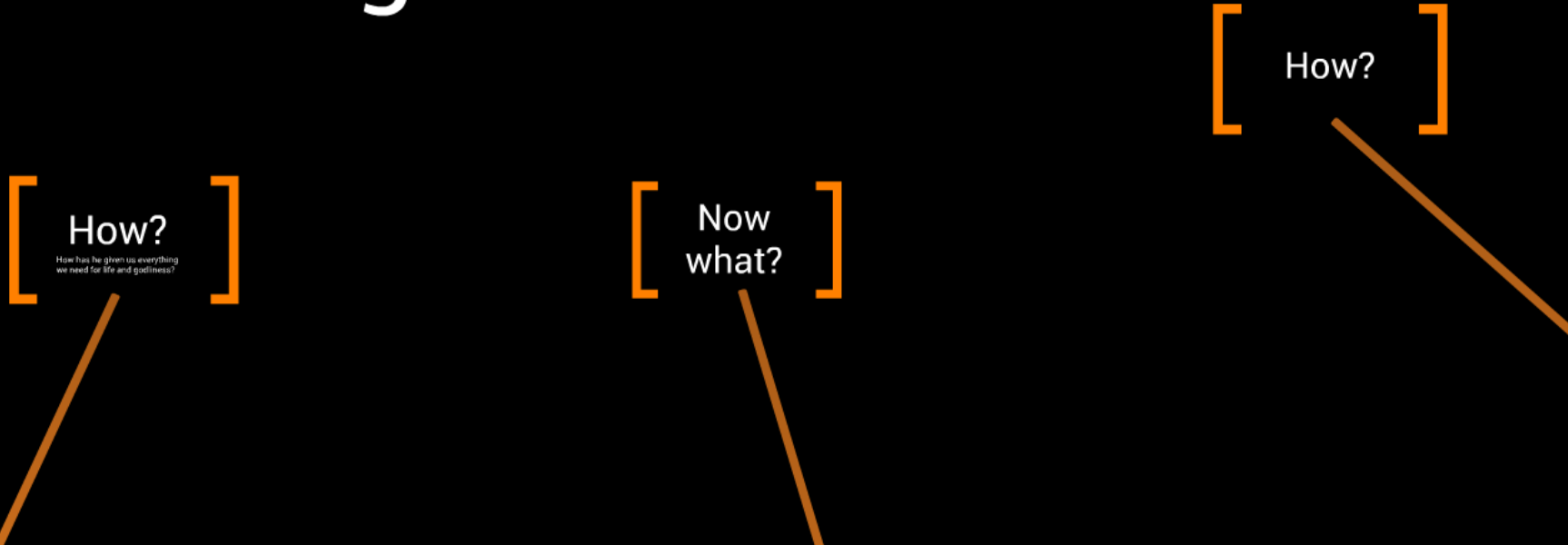
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- A "rich welcome" into the eternal kingdom of the Savior (vs 11)

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