

## 2 PETER 1:3 - 7 // *this week's memory verse*

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



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For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.



# THE NEXT GOOD THING

*pursuing gospel resilience*



HOW DO YOU  
FEEL IN A  
TAILSPIN?





# REVIEW:

1. Primacy of the heart
2. Foundation of the gospel
3. Choose *devotion* when you can't pick your *emotion*

#4: What do you DO when life is in a tailspin?



# 3 TAILSPIN TEMPTATIONS:

1. Paralysis—**Freeze** when you must move
2. Destructiveness—**Flight** to wrong thing
3. Hubris—**Fight** the wrong fight



**Alternative: Obedient Stewardship**

**DOING THE NEXT GOOD THING**



**1. DO SOMETHING RATHER  
THAN NOTHING**



**Matthew 25:24 – 28** "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'** His master replied, **'You wicked, lazy servant!** So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'"



# THE DEMANDING GOD IS FULL OF COMPASSION

1 Kings 19  
Failure and Gloom







## 2. DO WHAT'S NEXT

*What duty is your immediate "next"?*



FACE THE NEXT GOOD THING

VS.

FLIGHT TO THE LAST DESTRUCTIVE THING

Instinct: after *paralysis* comes *escape*



# FOCUSING ON WHAT'S NEXT

Focus on the present moment

Focus on your duty and identity

Not on "what is going to happen to you"

Not on Time or Sight ("way through")

**Time**

Luke 12:42 – 47

**Sight**

Numbers 13 – 14





# 3. DO SOMETHING GOOD

*If you don't know the right thing, you  
can find a good thing.*



# ONLY GOD'S JUDGMENT COUNTS

When determining the next good thing in confusing times: your criteria for what is good has to be clear.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-4

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.



NEXT RIGHT THING  
VS.  
NEXT GOOD THING

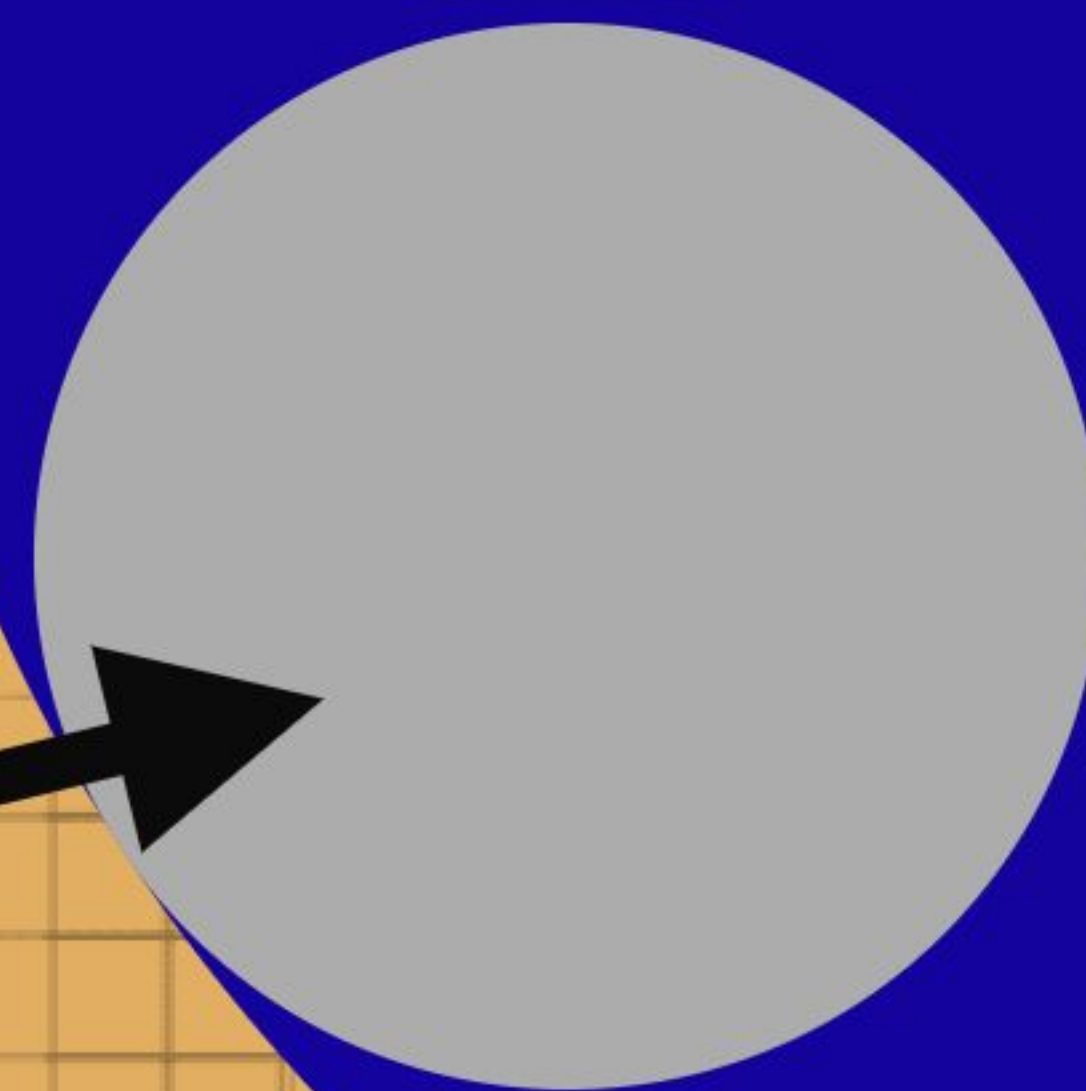
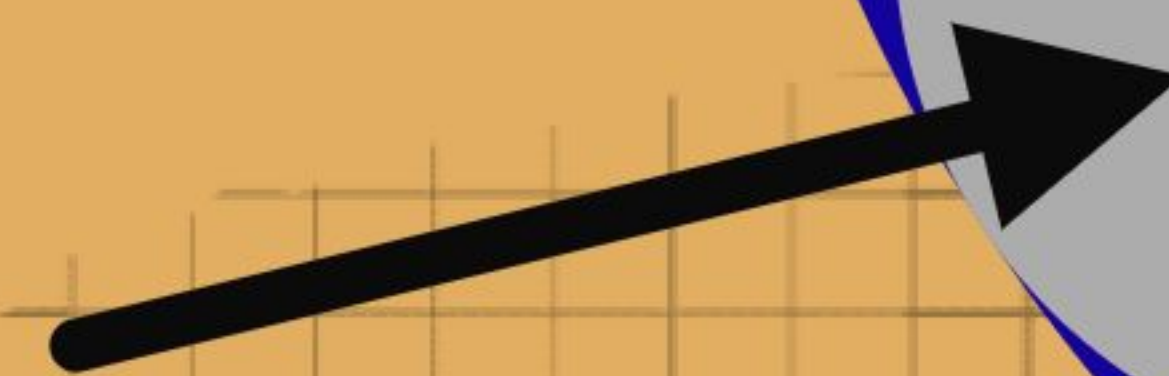




# 2 "WILLS" OF GOD

God doesn't  
have 2 wills, just  
2 main levels of  
disclosure

God's  
Revealed  
Will



God's Will







**4 AREAS TO DO THE NEXT GOOD THING:**



# **1. FLOURISHING:**

## **OBEY THE CREATION MANDATE**

**Genesis 1:26 – 28**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule...So God created man in his own image...God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over..."



## **2. SALT AND LIGHT**

# **FOLLOW THE REDEMPTION COMMISSION**

**Matthew 5:13 – 16, 28:19 – 21**



# 3. BUILD INSTITUTIONS

Build, plant, marry, bear, multiply, seek, pray...  
- Jeremiah 29:5 – 7

**The health of economic and cultural institutions will define our health and determine our capacity to flourish.**



# 4. EMBRACE REPETITIONS OF DUTY AND RITUALS OF DEVOTION

If we are longing to escape the things that are the vehicles for good in our loves, we cannot do the next good thing consistently.



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