



NEVER FORSAKEN: PART 5

NEVER FORSAKEN IN OUR PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

1 PETER 1:14

We Make Effort – He Is Able to Help

Hebrews 12:14

¹⁴ **Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy;** without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 2:11, 14-15, 18

¹⁴ **Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity** so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. - - - ¹⁸ **Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.**

God understands human effort; he has experienced it, and he is able to help and bless our efforts.

We Pursue Righteousness – He Remains Faithful

2 Timothy 2:22-23

²² Flee the evil desires of youth and **pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace**, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. You then, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**

2 Timothy 2:1, 11-13

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¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² If we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we disown him, he will also disown us;

¹³ **if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.**

*We must flee evil desires and look for strength God's grace.
He will never forsake those who cling to Christ.*

We Give Obedience – He Gives Resurrection Hope

1 Peter 1:14-16

¹⁴ **As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.** ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:21

²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so **your faith and hope are in God.**

We obey God and resist conformity to the world through our hope in resurrection power.

We Seek Sanctification – He Gives His Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

⁷ For **God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.** ⁸ Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, **the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.**

Romans 8:11-14

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, **he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.** ¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For **those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.**

We do not reject, grieve, or quench the Holy Spirit. We live as God's children by the Spirit.