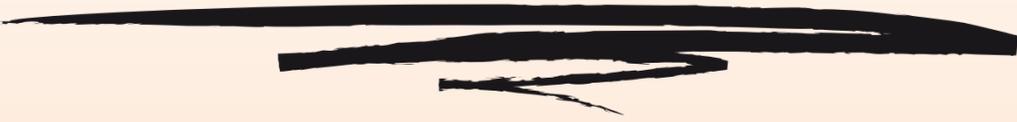




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2 Peter 1:5-9



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GODLINESS **6**

MUTUAL
AFFECTION **7**

8
LOVE

FAITH **1**

GOODNESS **2**

KNOWLEDGE **3**

4 SELF
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2 Peter 1: 5-9 (NLT)

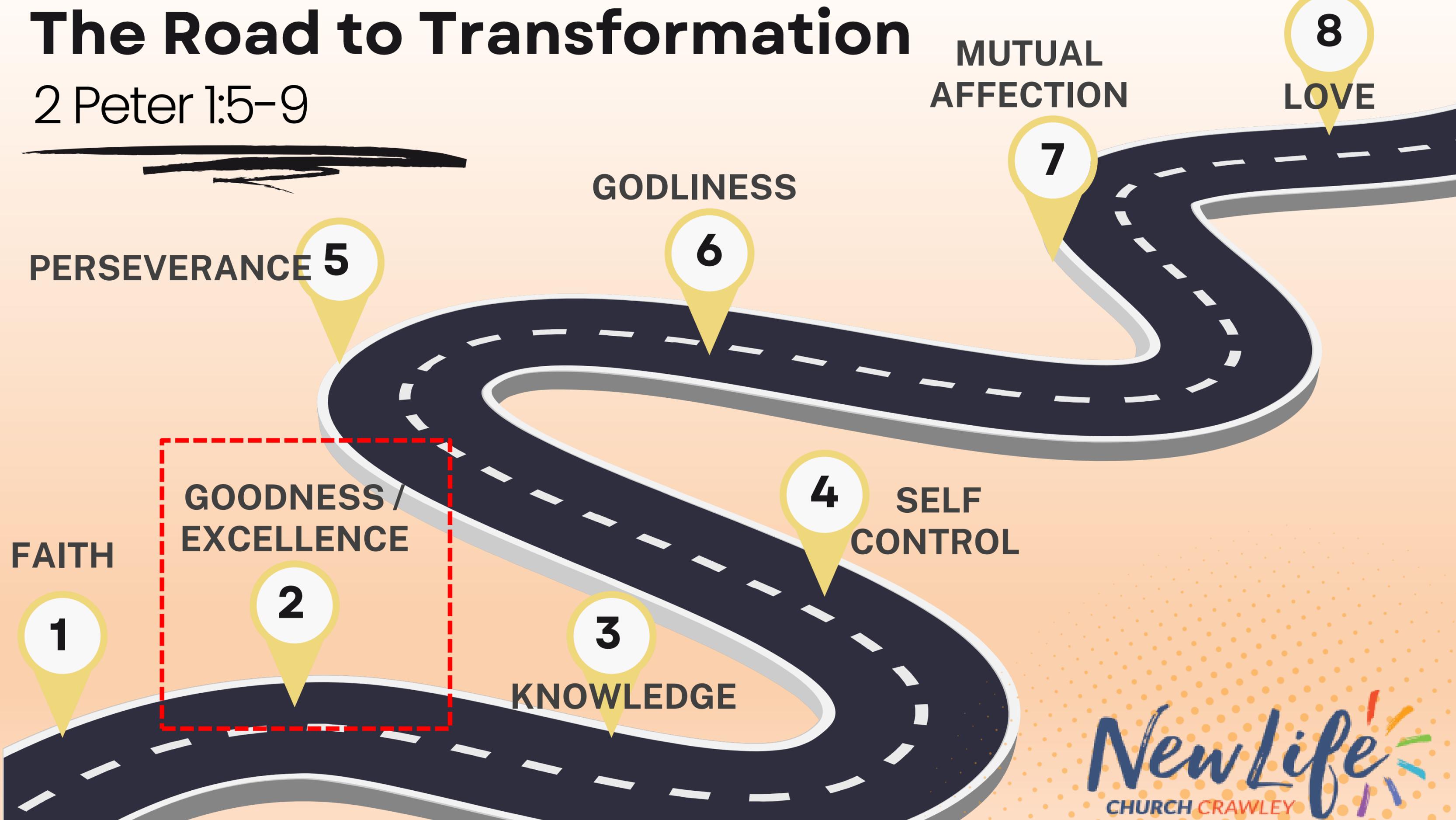
3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvellous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral **excellence**, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

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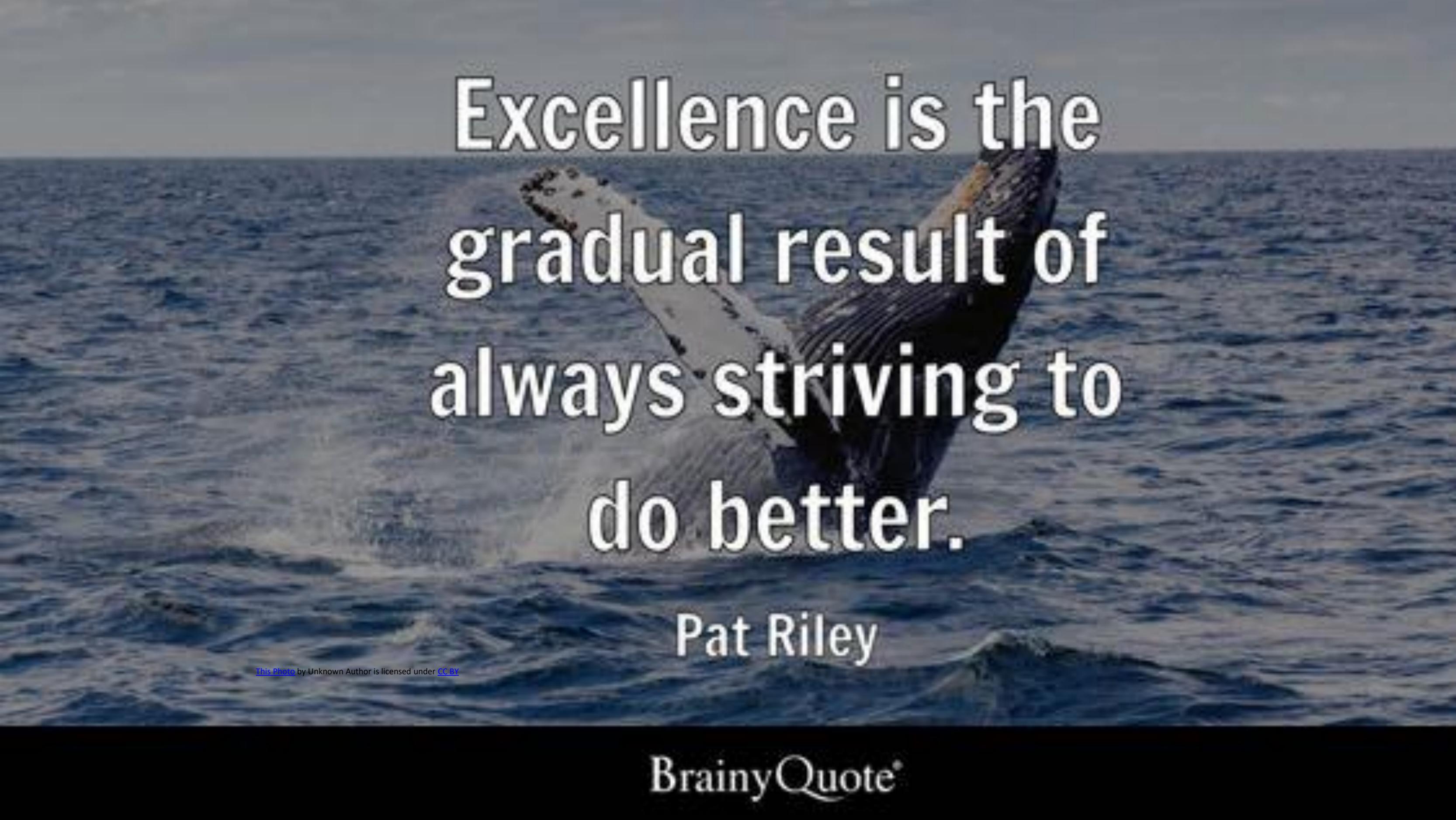
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A photograph of a whale breaching the ocean surface, creating a large splash of water. The whale's head and back are visible above the water, and its tail is partially submerged. The ocean is a deep blue color, and the sky is a light, hazy blue.

Excellence is the
gradual result of
always striving to
do better.

Pat Riley

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Use your skills to honour God

- Exodus 36: 1 - God had gifted the craftsman here with the wisdom and ability to build the sanctuary and construct and furnish the tabernacle.
- Proverbs 12: 14 - Hard work brings reward
- 1 Corinthians 15: 58 - Our work for God is never wasted

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Use your skills to honour God

- Ephesians 6: 5-9 - all work should be done as though we are working for God
- Proverbs 25: 13 - workers should be trustworthy
- James 1: 22 - Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.

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To add excellence, we must live a righteous life

'Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins.'

Hebrews 10:26 (NLT)

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'I have discovered this principle of life – that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.'

Romans 7:21-25 (NLT)

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7 Habits of highly effective people - Stephen R Covey

1. Be Proactive - Take responsibility for your life and actions, and focus on what you can control rather than what you can't
2. Begin With the End in Mind - Define your goals and purpose in life, and use them as a guide to make decisions and prioritise your actions.
3. Put First Things First - Prioritise your time and energy on the essential things in your life, and learn to say "no" to less important things.
4. Think Win-Win - Seek mutual benefit in all interactions and relationships, and look for solutions that benefit all parties involved.

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5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood - Listen empathetically and seek to understand others' perspectives before expressing your own.
6. Synergize - Work collaboratively with others to achieve goals and create outcomes more significant than any individual could achieve alone.
7. Sharpen the Saw - Take time to renew and improve yourself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually for continued success.





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A call to spiritual growth

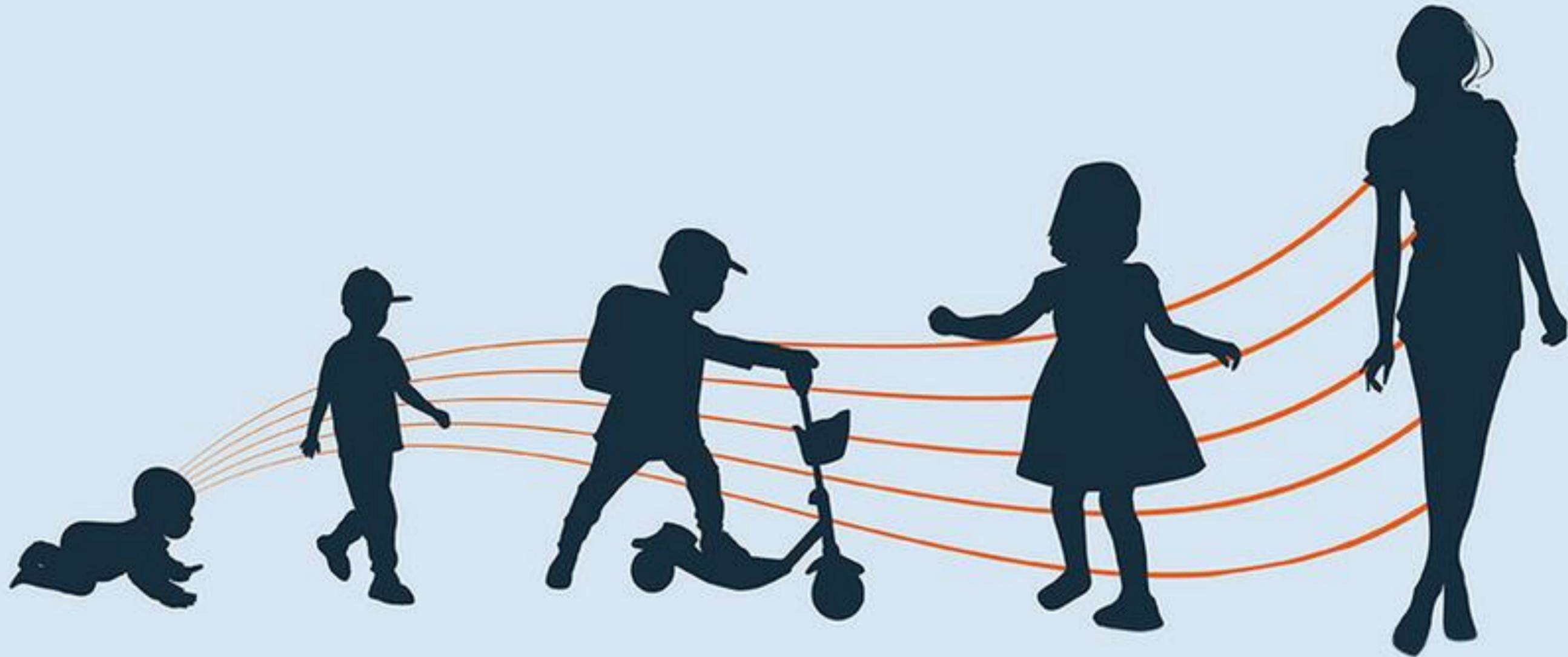
'There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen.

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.'

Hebrews 5:11-14 (NLT)

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Hebrews 5: 14 (NLT)

- Are you ready for solid food?
- Are you ready to recognise the difference between right and wrong?

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A call to spiritual growth

'Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.'

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Conclusion

In order to achieve add excellence, we need to be:

- F - Faithful - In attending church, seeking God, praying, reading the word
- A - Available - be conscious of the things competing for our attention, and give our attention to the right things
- T - Teachable - have the humility to be coached. You will have correction along your journey. Your mindset should allow you to accept correction as direction and not rejection.

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Conclusion

- What countermanding tasks are preventing us from functioning in excellence in our spiritual lives?
- Are you willing to train yourself to operate in spiritual excellence?
- Where are you in your spiritual growth: Infancy, teenager, adolescence, adulthood? What stage are you at?
- We can help you on your journey.