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His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises...

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...so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge...

—2 Peter 1:3-5 ESV

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⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. —2 Peter 1:8-9 ESV

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“Wisdom is knowing what to do next,
skill is knowing how to do it,
and virtue is doing it.”

—David Starr

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Virtue Means:

Authenticating Character

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³Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

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⁵For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands... —1 Peter 3:3-5 ESV

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Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. —1 Peter 3:7 ESV

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Honor:

Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

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²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²²The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

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²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

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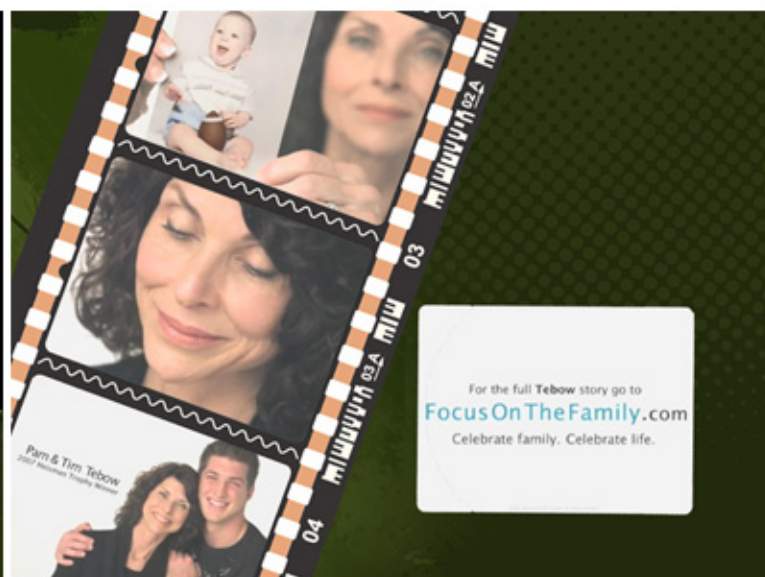
²⁵So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

—Acts 11:21-26 ESV

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Virtue Means:
Advancing Courage

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Virtue Means:
Abiding Commitment

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Luke 19:1-10

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⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

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⁹And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

—Luke 19:7-10 ESV

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“We disinfect people rather than disciple them. We define holiness by what Christians avoid rather than by being committed to the mission of God.” —David Platt

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15 COUNTRIES,
31 CITIES,
32,000 PHOTOS,
ONE STARE.

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Is there anything about you that calls for a “double take” of your faith?

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