*Title of series:* "The Second Letter of Peter" – Part 2 "Courage to Swim upstream"

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#### A. Review

#### • 2 Peter 1:2-4

- 1. We are studying the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Peter.
- 2. Verse 2
- 3. Verse 3
- 4. Verse 4
- B. Let's teach on the ending of verses 3 and 4.
  - 1. 2 Peter 1:3

### 2. 2 Peter 1:4

- C. Be courageous enough to swim upstream.
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  - 2 Peter 1:5-7
- D. We need to be useful and fruitful.
  - 2 Peter 1:8
    - ➢ John 15:8 (8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples.)

John 15:16 (16You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.)

E. Suppose I don't put forth the continual effort to swim against the current?

# • 2 Peter 1:9

F. Does God give any precious and magnificent promises so that by them we can become partakers of His divine nature in these areas?

# • 2 Peter 1: 8, 10-11

- 1. You will be useful and fruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (verse 8)
- 2. You will make certain about His calling and choosing you.
- 3. You will never stumble.
- 4. You will have the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ abundantly supplied to you.

#### G. COMMUNION