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**2. Get to know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***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 Jesus.* 2 Pet. 1:3 (NLT)**

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***My dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith.***

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***You know that we never tried to influence you by saying nice things about you... Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God’s Good News with you, but even our own lives. You had become so dear to us!***

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