

# Purpose Driven Life

## Day 22 and 23



# We are Created to become like Christ

- The purpose of our life is to be like Christ
- We are made in the Image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26)
- Our Image has been distorted and Corrupted by sin, That is why Christ Came to restore our Image
- God wants us to grow spiritually and become more like Him.
- We are Called to be Godly and to have His "SUPERNATURAL" characteristics



# How We Grow

- **Active Cooperation:** Christlikeness is produced by imitation AND by "habitation"—allowing Christ to live through us and in us.

*Be holy, for I am holy* – **Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16**

*Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.* -1 Corinthians 11:1

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* – Galatians 2:20

# What God uses for our growth

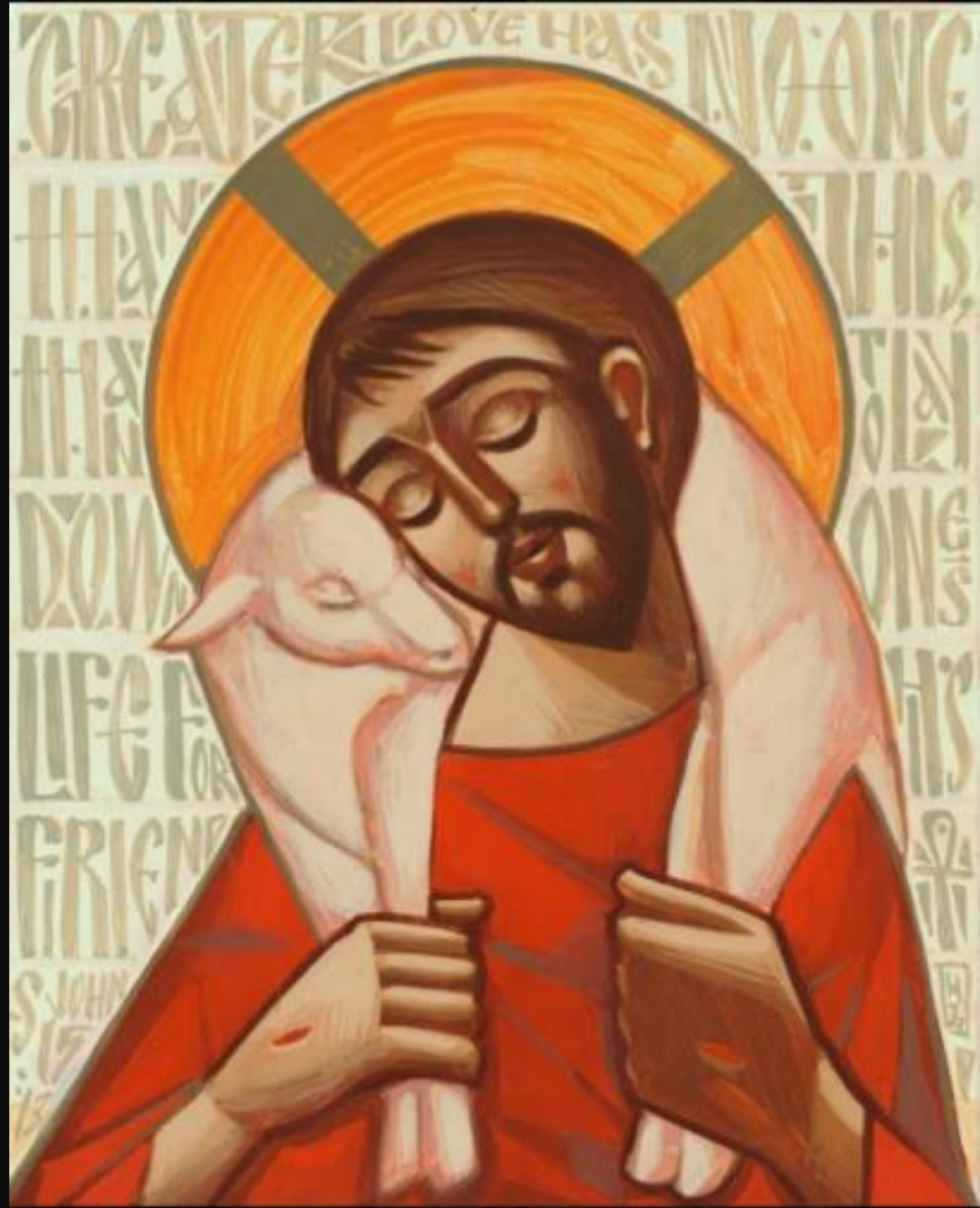
- God Uses his word people and Circumstances to mold us
  - His Word provides the truth we need to know
  - His people give us the support we need to grow
  - The circumstances he allows us to be in give us the environment to practice Christlikeness
- We Can not always control our circumstances but we can control how we react to them
- Becoming Like Christ is a long and slow process of growth (Sanctification)

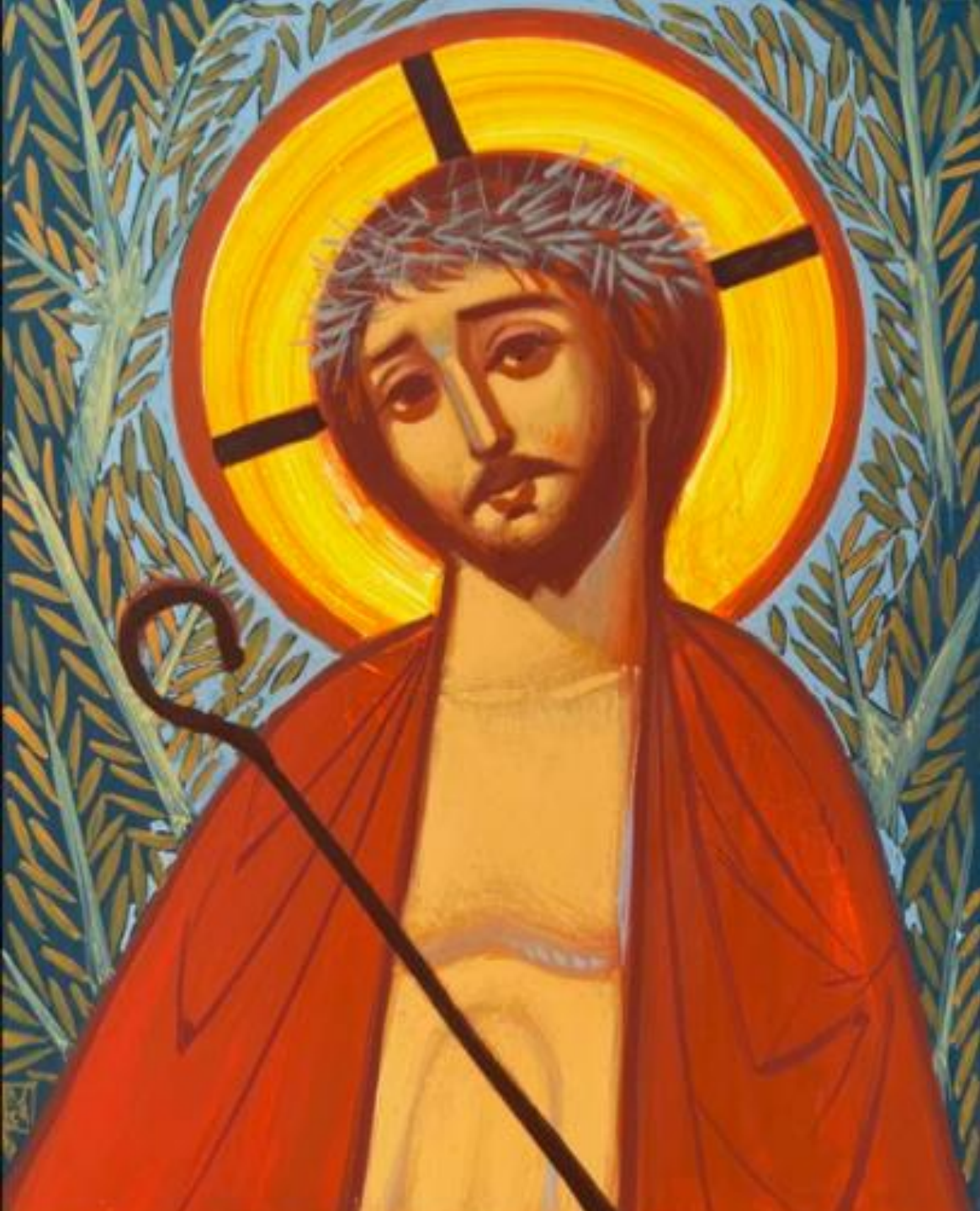


# How We Grow

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- We must work in co-operation with the Holy Spirit
  - The holy spirit often nudges us with a "gentle whisper" (1king 19:12)
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# What Gets In our way

- Thinking our purpose in life is comfort (This Comfort we will truly receive in heaven)
- Following only our culture and the world around us
- Thinking that everything is for us and that God is like a genie who's goal is to give us an easy and comfortable life.

(All things were Created through Him and for Him Colossians 1:16)

# We Need to Commit to Christ

- We Need to **Intend** to Grow
- We must make a commitment to grow
- We must want to grow, decide to grow, make an effort to grow, and persist in growing
- What we commit to shapes our life, either for the good or for the worse
- The author says "We become whatever we commit to"
- "Since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living!" 2 Peter 3:11





## Our Three Responsibilities of Becoming like Christ

- We must let go of our old ways of acting (Joseph let go of his old ways when he stopped bragging Infront of his brothers, feeling that he was better)
- We must change our ways of thinking and start to think like God
- (Joseph learned how to forgive his brothers, and let go of their wrong against him when they threw him In the well)
- Develop new Godly habits
- (He developed a new Godly habit and was now able to multiply the fruits of Egypt)

# How to change our thoughts

- And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds - Romans 12:2
- We must start thinking Christlike thoughts:
  - We must think of others just as Christ does
  - We must see them through Christs eyes





## Spiritual Maturity

- Spiritual maturity is not just our Knowledge but also the development of our Character
- Thinking of others is the heart of Christlikeness and the best evidence of spiritual growth.

There May Be Times In Your Life  
Where You Feel Like The  
Ordinary House Cat,



But There's A Lion From The Tribe  
Of Judah, That The Holy Spirit Is  
Changing Your Reflection Into From  
Glory To Glory!



# Chapter 24

## *Transformed by Truth*

## ■ The Power of Scripture

- Fill our lives with his word
- When God speaks,  
everything changes
- Ex. Creation



## Small Reading

“The Bible is far more than a doctrinal guidebook. God's Word generates life, creates faith, produces change, frightens the Devil, causes miracles, heals hurts, builds character, transforms circumstances, imparts joy, overcomes adversity, defeats temptation, infuses hope, releases power, cleanses our minds, brings things into being, and guarantees our future forever!”



# 1. Abiding in God's Word

Three main points

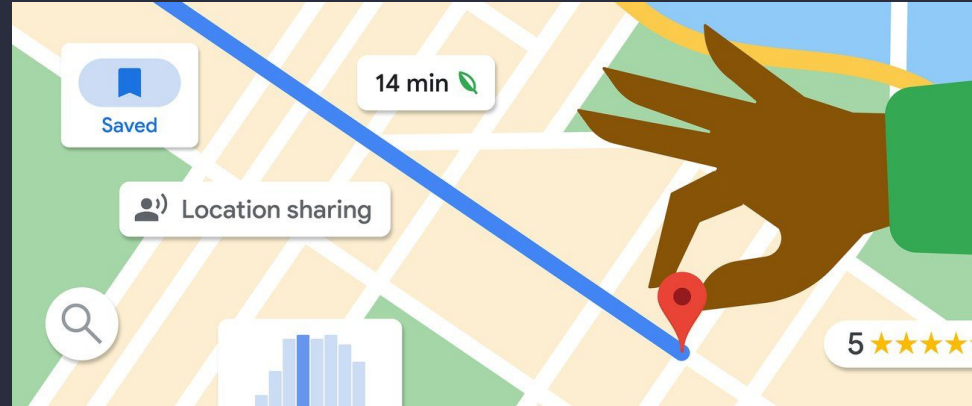
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1c) Apply its Principles

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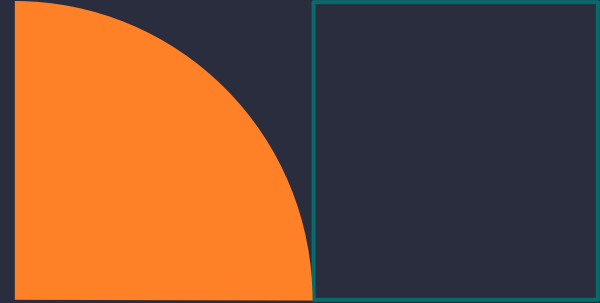
- The bible must be your "compass"
- Don't let culture (everyone is doing it), tradition, reason, emotion guide you
- Accept it's dominion





## 1b) Assimilate its Truth

- You must not only believe in the Bible but fill your mind with
  - 2a) Receive it
  - 2a) Read it
  - 2b) Research it
  - 2b) Remember it
  - 2b) Reflect on it



## Receive it & Read it

- “Anytime you feel you are not learning anything from a sermon or a Bible teacher, you should check your attitude, especially for pride, because God can speak through even the most boring teacher when you are humble and receptive.”
- Spend time



## Research / studying it, Remember it, Reflect on it

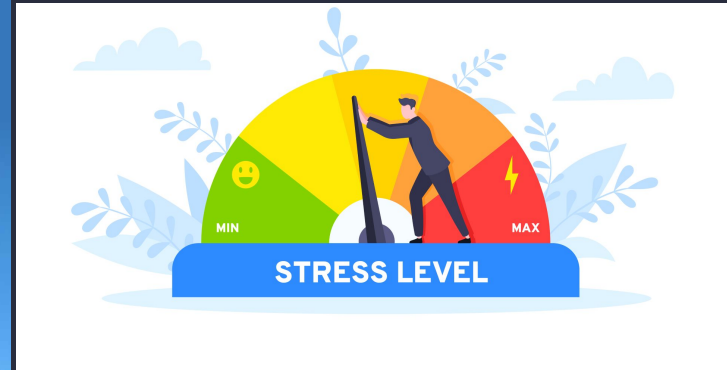
- The difference between reading and studying the Bible in:
- Asking questions
- Writing down your insights.
- Use sticky notes



# Research / studying it, Remember it, Reflect on it

- If God's Word is important, you will take the time to remember it.

(Review, Review, Review)



## 1c) Apply its Principles

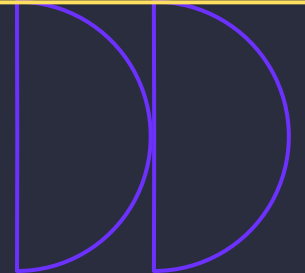
Everything I mentioned is useless if we fail to put them into practice. We must become "doers of the word."

- It's the hardest step, because it reveals our motives, points to our mistakes and asks us to change
- Have a specific goal



# Chapter 25

## *Transformed by Trouble*



## ▀ A purpose for everything

- We deal with problems everyday
- He uses our circumstances to make us like him





## A purpose for everything

- “Your most profound and intimate experiences of worship will likely be in your darkest days-when your heart is broken, when you feel abandoned, when you're out of options, when the pain is great and you turn to God alone. It is during suffering that we learn to pray our most authentic, heartfelt, honest-to-God prayers. When we're in pain, we don't have the energy for superficial prayers.”

## Building Christlike Character

- “You'll never know that God is all you need until God is all you've got”
- Every problem → character-building opportunity
- “Since God intends to make you like Jesus, he will take you through the same experiences Jesus went through. That includes loneliness, temptation, stress, criticism, rejection, and many other problems.”

## Respond to problems as Christ would

- Remember God's plan is Good
- Focus on God more than on your problems, because it will help you discipline your feelings
- Refuse to give up

GIVE  
thanks

TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

**Any  
questions?  
Ask away!**



**Thank you**

The Purpose Driven Life  
(Days 26 & 27)

# Growing Through Temptation

*“Happy is the man who doesn’t give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get as his reward the crown of life that God has promised those who love him.”*

**James 1:12**

# Temptation in the desire - James 1:13-15

*“Let no one say when he is tempted “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, **nor does He Himself tempt anyone.** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”*

# Intro to Growing Through Temptation

God allows temptation, to build Christ like character in us

For example:

- Love is developed when we are tempted to hate
- Patience is developed when we are tempted to get angry
- Faith is developed when we are tempted to doubt
- Self-control is developed when we are tempted to give in

*We will discover that temptation is a choice,*

*This choice can lead to Satan making us fall, but it's also God giving us a chance*

*\*see definition of Allow vs Approve*

# How Temptation Works

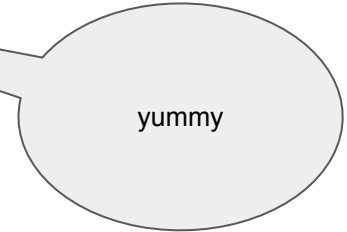
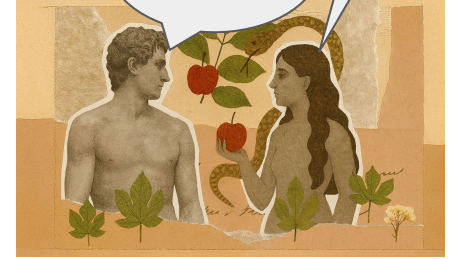
1. *Desire* - Something inside us wants it
2. *Doubt* - “Is it really wrong?”
3. *Deception* - “It’s not that bad”
4. *Disobedience* - We give in

This is exactly what happened with:

- Adam and Eve

... but Jesus conquered it in the wilderness using scripture

*This shows us that temptation starts in the desire....*



# Defeating Temptation

*“God is faithful... He will also provide a way out”*

**(1 Corinthians 10:13)**

# 4 Ways to Defeat Temptation

1. Refocus your mind \*
2. Reveal it to a spiritual person; Father of Confession
3. Resist Devil using scripture; Jesus overcame temptation with it \*
4. Recognize your weakness; stay humble & depend on God

\* General exp.

*"It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'."*

*"Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"*

*"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*



# Applying What We Learned

**We face temptation daily...**

- At School, w/ friends, Online, In our thoughts....

**BUT..... God gives us:**

- Prayer, Scripture, Confession, Spiritual Guidance and the Holy Spirit

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*The devil uses our desires to tempt us. It is beneficial to see where temptation comes from, to realise our falling desires to put them before God and be able to overcome them.*

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*Temptation gives me a chance to see what is my weak desire.*

# Key Takeaway

Every temptation is a choice

We can fall into it,

OR we can choose God

And every time we choose God,

We become more like Him.

**IT TAKES TIME,  
BUT WHY?  
CHAPTER 28**



# THE JOURNEY OF GROWTH WITH CHRIST



## 1. WE LEARN SLOWLY

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- We often need repeated lessons.
- We fall back into old habits (Sins).
- We should struggle not to fall into sin.
- God teaches us through repetition and repentance.
- Growth happens even when we struggle.



## 2. WE ARE AFRAID TO HUMBLY FACE THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

- Growth requires honesty with ourselves
- We don't always want to see our weaknesses
- God reveals areas we need to change
- Humility helps us grow





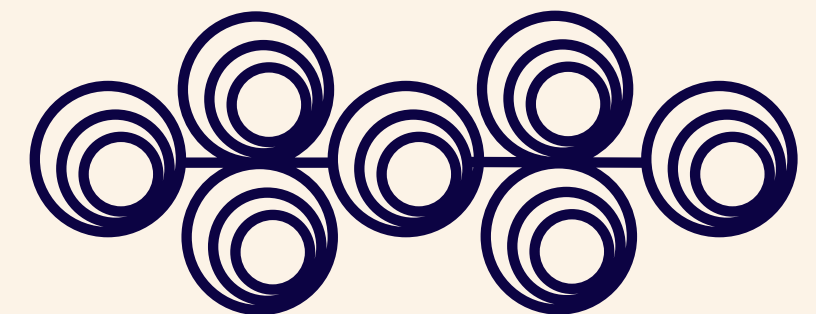
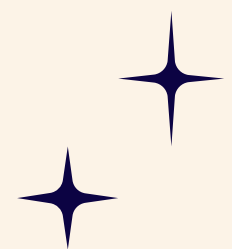
### 3. GROWTH CAN BE HARD/ PAINFUL

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- Growth can feel uncomfortable
- It may bring fear or struggle
- Change pushes us out of our comfort zone
- God uses difficulty to shape us



# 4. OLD HABITS TAKE TIME TO CHANGE

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- Habits are built over time
- Change means replacing, not just stopping
- Growth starts from the inside
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2
- God changes us step by step



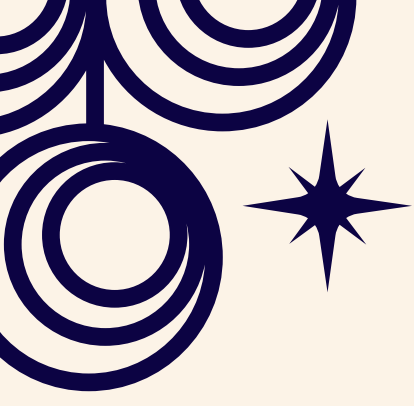
# DON'T BE IN A HURRY



## 5. BELIEVE GOD IS WORKING IN YOU

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- God is always working in your life, even when you don't see it
- Small changes show His work
- Growth is happening quietly
- “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1



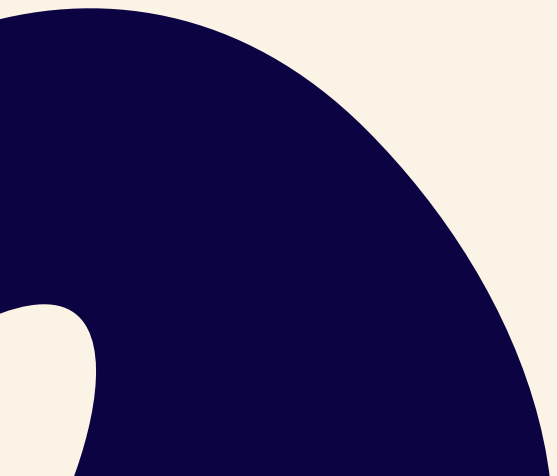
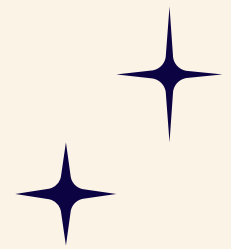
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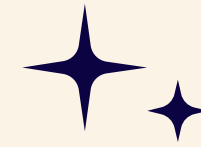
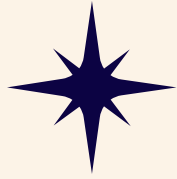
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- Reflect on what God teaches you
- Remember lessons from difficult times
- Use past growth to keep moving forward





# 7. DON'T GET DISCOURAGED (FINAL)

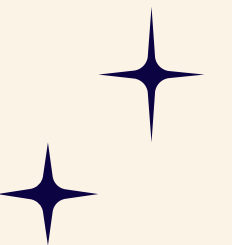
- Progress matters, not perfection
  - Galatians 6:9 “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” God is patient with you
  - Keep going even when it feels slow
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## THE MAIN IDEAS

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1. We learn slowly
2. We are afraid to humbly face the truth about ourselves
3. Growth is often painful and scary
4. Habits take time to develop
5. Believe God Is Working in You
6. Keep track of lessons
7. Don't get discouraged



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*Thank you*

**ANY QUESTIONS?**