

GOD'S GROWTH PLAN



EPHESIANS
4:11-16

SERMON SERIES: God's Growth Plan

SERMON TITLE: Responding In Faith

KEY TEXTS: Ephesians 4:11-16 ESV, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT, 1 Peter 1:5 NKJV, Ephesians 3:2 NKJV

Big Idea: God has a growth plan for our lives. He wants us to step into what He created us to do. He saved us to grow and live a life of service in the fullness of Christ. This series will investigate God's intention and plan for our spiritual growth, as well as how this growth occurs, what the components for growth are, and what this growth looks like.

If we do not grow in our Christian walk, we will be unable to receive what has been given to us as co-heirs with Christ. God desires for us to achieve unity in the contents of our faith, acceptance, and possession of a complete, correct, and full comprehension of the revealed Christ and being filled with his essence. We should feast on God's deeper truths and strive for self-control, uprightness, and Godliness.

In this third sermon of the series, Pastor Walker shows us how our spiritual growth correlates with our faith in God.

Ephesians 4:11-16 ESV

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

God Bless You!

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A. Start Talking

Which talent or skill would you like to improve or develop this year?

B. Start Thinking

1. Read **Galatians 3:2-6 ESV**. What tends to be a struggle for you when it comes to trusting God in your personal growth?
2. Read **Romans 4:16a NKJV** and **Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV**. Have you given up or settled in certain areas of your life that are related to your growth? What steps will you take to trust God to do what He said He will do in your life?
3. Which family traditions or dysfunctions have you left, or do you need to leave behind to grow with God toward maturity? Read **1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV** and **2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV**

C. Start praying

Pray for the realization that you need help from God to grow and trust Him through the process.

D. Start Doing

1. Trust in God because He can bring growth to your life.
2. Do not go to your past experiences and family traditions, but go to God.
3. Stop sinning and live by the word of God.
4. Trust God enough to open up to people in your Connection Groups.

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