



## Week 3

From Child to  
Young Adult:  
Own Your Faith

### The Opening Question

What was the hardest adjustment you had to make when you moved out of your home for the first time (i.e. went off to college or got your own place, etc.)?

### Watch the Video Clip

### Key Teaching Points

Because of Christ, I am not now what I used to be, and I am not now what I will be.

#### RECAP

- Growth Phase 1: Death to Life // COME ALIVE
- Growth Phase 2: Infant to Child // EAT, DO THE BASICS, & LET THE RIGHT PEOPLE CARE FOR YOU
- Growth Phase 3: Child to Young Adult // OWN YOUR FAITH

Many people are stuck spiritually because they are hanging onto someone else's faith while having no faith of their own.

**NEXT STEPS:** Seek God alone. And do the Word.

### Scripture

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." (John 4:39-42, NIV)

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." (Mark 8:29, NIV)

But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. (Luke 5:16, NLT)

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. (James 1:22-25, NLT)

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## Discussion Questions

What did you find helpful about today's teaching?

What did you find confusing or disagreeable about today's teaching?

Let's be real with each other today. In what way would you say you are still a spiritual child?

Have you ever asked hard questions about Christianity and faith? If so, pick one that sticks out the most and share it with the group. How did you come to terms with that question? Did you find an answer, or did you come to peace with not knowing the answer.

Have you ever spent time in your life "borrowing" the faith of someone else rather than having your own faith? What was that like?

Do you feel like you own your own faith in Christ right now? How did you get there?

The next steps that Bill gave are things that only you can do yourself. Describe a time in your life where you had to get through something with just you and God. How did that experience help you grow?

How do you seek God alone?

In what ways do you find yourself hearing the Word but not actually doing it?

In what ways does the enemy the Devil throw up barriers for us between hearing God's word and actually doing it?

If this group could pray for just one thing for you right now that would help you grow spiritually, what would that be?

## Pray

As you close in prayer together, name those requests the group shared before the Lord. Pray for God to help every person in this circle to become everything He has in store. Ask for God's forgiveness and thank Him for his mercy for all the times we've chosen to not do His word and not spent time with Him. Ask God to help us seek Him when we have hard questions and to hear and accept His answers. Ask God to help us be okay with not having all the answers and to just trust Him. Finally, ask God to help this group be the kind of group that will lovingly challenge on another to take whatever step each person needs to take to GROW UP in Him, by His strength and power.