

02/15/26 Message

Part of What Does God Want

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Message: God Wants Growth

Series: What Does God Want

Background

Ask yourself, what does God want from me?

- This year
- Today
- Right Now

When we ask ourselves that, we're seeking the heart and will of God. And when we ask with intention we're asking with the intention we will change to be and do what God wants. And when we ask with that intention, God will answer your question. He will reveal things to you that you'd never know, maybe things you've never even thought of before. What does God want from you this year, today, right now?

—Pastor Chad

This series stems from a verse found in the OT:

Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV)

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Upon This Rock

Matthew 16:18

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

2 Peter 3:17-18 (TLB)

17 I am warning you ahead of time, dear brothers, so that you can watch out and not be carried away by the mistakes of these wicked men, lest you yourselves become mixed up too.

18 But grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be all glory and splendid honor, both now and forevermore. Good-bye.

2 Peter 3:18 (NLT)

...you must grow in the grace and knowledge of... Jesus...

God Wants You to Grow

- Growth requires INCREASE
 - Fruit is evidence of growth

Read **Genesis 1:18**

Read **John 15:8**

John 3:30 (ESV)

He must INCREASE but I must decrease.

- Growth requires INTENTION

1 Timothy 4:15 (NLT)

Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress.

Spiritual growth requires intention in:

- Reading the Bible
- Talking to God
- Obeying God's direction
- Accountability

You can't expect strong faith with weak habits!

—Unknown

- Growth requires DEFEAT

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

You want a litmus test for spiritual maturity, here it is! Are you your worst enemy? Do you control your life, or does Jesus? When God looks at you, does he see the crusty, brown, withered plant with no signs of life or does He see a healthy, growing follower of Jesus? It's not okay to live your life as a spiritual baby, drifting along, fighting more with yourself than you do anyone or anything else. It's time to turn your life completely over to Jesus so He can shape and mold and transform you into a spiritual babe who becomes a spiritual infant who becomes a spiritual child who becomes a spiritual young adult who becomes a spiritual parent. The goal is, long before time for you to meet Jesus face to face, you have made the transition from focusing inward on yourself, to loving and serving others more than you love and serve yourself, to loving and serving like Jesus! God wants you to grow! For those who haven't started, today is a great day to start. For those who have started, but there's no evidence of growth in your life, let today be the day you refocus, reprioritize, and rededicate your life as a follower of Jesus, ready to grow daily as you grow closer to Him! Let today be the day!

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