

## **Spiritual Growth:**

**The lifelong process of being transformed into the image of Christ, which is ultimately expressed through self-giving love.**

*"God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus. I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God."*

*Philippians 1:9-11*

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."*

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**



**We grow into people of sacrificial love not by trying harder to love, but by becoming convinced that we are loved.**

*"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."*

*Ephesians 3:17-19*

*"The greatest need of the human soul is to be loved by God, not in a vague or abstract way, but with concrete, costly, personal affection."*

*John Piper*

**Shame/Sin**

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**A Distorted Image of God**

*"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."*

*Romans 5:10*

*"Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?"*

*Romans 8:32*

**Shame/Sin**  
**A Distorted Image of God**  
**Noise & Distraction**

**Come back to the gospel**

*"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."*

*Zephaniah 3:17*

**Come out of hiding**

**Come into God's presence**