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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO  
WITH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

## IT'S TIME TO GROW UP

### I. God's Purposes For My Life

- ❖ Purpose #1 – God wants me to love Him back.  
Worship – “*Worship is a lifestyle.*”
- ❖ Purpose #2 – We need a spiritual family.  
Membership – “*You can't do life alone.*”
- ❖ Purpose #3 – God wants me to grow up.  
Discipleship – “*Growing people change.*”
  - Not just grow older...
  - Not just become a wiser version of ourselves...
  - God wants us to grow up to be more and more like Jesus in our thoughts, words, actions, and character. Jesus is our Big Brother (Romans 8:29) and Example (John 13:15).

“Then we will no longer be immature like children.... Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and **more like Christ**...”.Ephesians 4:14-15 (NLT)

### II. How Do I Grow Up To Be More Like Jesus?

#### 1) God has a part and I have a part.

“And I am certain that **God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**” Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is **your true and proper worship.**” Romans 12:1 (NIV)

#### 2) God uses hard times to teach us to trust Him.

“We can **rejoice**, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us **develop endurance.**” Romans 5:3 (NLT)

#### 3) God uses temptations to teach us to obey Him.

“Then Jesus was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.” Matthew 4:1 (NLT)

“Get out of here, Satan,’ Jesus told him.’ The Scriptures say, “Worship only the Lord God. **Obey only Him.**”” Matthew 4:10 (TLB)

#### 4) God uses hurts to teach us to forgive others.

“Jesus said, ‘Father, **forgive** them, for they don't know what they are doing.’” Luke 23:34 (NLT)

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving each other**, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

“*Faith in God offers no insurance against tragedy but in every case, suffering offers us an opportunity to display God's work.*” “*Where Is God When It Hurts,*” Philip Yancey