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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*