

EPHESIANS

Beware!

Main Scripture: Ephesians 4:14

God is calling us to grow up

(Heb 5:12-14, 6:1)

mature

(Eph 4:11-13)

so that we can experience more of His kingdom

and not be picked off by those who come to deceive.

(Eph 4:14; Mat 24:3-4, 10, 24; 2 Thes 2:1, 3)

Next Steps

In order to grow,

1. What do I need to start (thinking, doing, saying, being, ...)?
2. What do I need to stop (thinking, doing, saying, being, ...)?

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Ephesians 4:14

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

God is calling us to grow up in our faith:

- Grow! The first part of our verse says, “we will no longer be infants” (or babies). What do you think that means? It does not mean getting older on your next birthday!
- God is talking about growing in your faith and relationship with Him.

God also calls us to mature in our faith:

- Maturity comes down to two main things: beliefs and behaviours.
- Having belief in Jesus is the foundation. Our belief guides us in how we behave.

We can experience the kingdom of heaven:

- Just like Pastor Al’s story, what are some things that make you afraid? Are there things that you have missed out on because of that fear?
- As you grow older and mature, you might find that those things no longer scare you.
- By growing up in your faith, you get to experience the kingdom of heaven! You don’t want to miss out on that!
- Ask yourself, how can I grow more in my faith?

Maturity makes you strong!

- By growing and maturing in your faith, you can stay strong against things that will want to distract you from loving Jesus!

Some questions to discuss as a family:

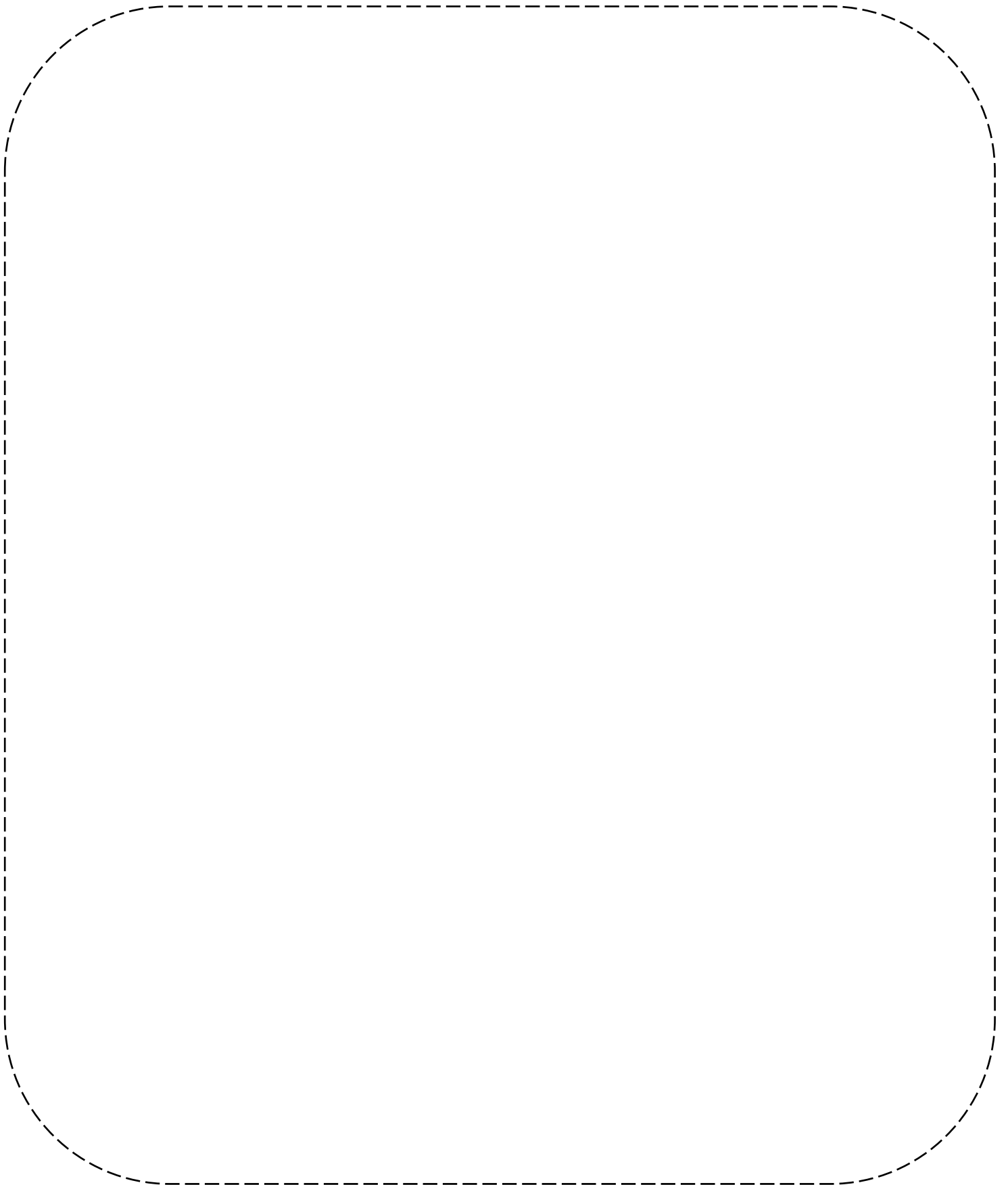
What is faith in God?

What are some ways that I can be growing as someone who has faith in God?

Why do we need to have faith in God?

How do we as a family show our faith?

Draw a picture of what you learned today.



Family Challenge

Your family challenge this week is to focus on growing in your faith with Jesus!
Here are a few steps to help you do that this week:

1. Pray to your heavenly Father and ask Him to help your faith in Christ grow.
2. As a family, learn all you can about the Saviour!
3. Follow Jesus' example and His teachings.

"Then we will no longer be little
children,

tossed by the waves and blown
around by every wind of
teaching,

by human cunning with
cleverness in the techniques of
deceit."

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Faith as a seed

Now its time to get our hands dirty!

Supplies:

- Seeds, dirt, a cup, water

Plant your own faith seeds and watch them GROW:

1. Find some seeds to plant as a family.
2. Gather some dirt and put it into a plant pot or a cup.
3. Plant the seeds into the dirt.
4. Water your plant every day and pray that God would grow your faith.

Please note that the fastest growing flower seeds are:

Morning Glory, Sweet Peas, Nasturtium, Marigolds, Poppies, Sunflowers, Foxgloves, Wallflowers and Wildflowers.

The fastest growing vegetables are:

Salad Bowl Lettuce, Mustard Seeds, Beans, Carrots, Radishes, Lettuce, Spinach and Sugar Peas.



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The Small Group Sermon Study

Ephesians 4:14



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?

2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What do we learn about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit) and His desires for us?

 - b. What does this tell us about our responsibility to live out Paul's instruction to the church?

 - c. In what ways has our small group helped you to grow up? To mature? To experience more of God and His kingdom?

 - d. What can our small group do to help protect each of us from those who may want to deceive us?

3. What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage raise for you?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage or key theme stir up in you?

5. In what areas of your life do you sense the Holy Spirit is pleased with your maturing process? In what ways is He prompting you to continue growing in maturity?

6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).