

HEBREWS

5:11-14

WALKING TORAH ROAD

11Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.
12For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.
14But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.



DIGGING IN

Read Hebrews 5:11-14

DISCUSS

- O Why should we want to grow in our relationships with Christ?
- O How do we change as we get to know God?
- O How can we sabotage our spiritual maturity?
- O What does your relationship with Jesus look like today?
- O Are you happy with your relationship with Jesus? Why or why not?
- O Some of us have often wanted to try harder in our faith and made little progress. What kind of resolutions or commitments have you made in the past to grow in your relationship with Jesus?
- O Do you feel like those resolutions were successful? Explain your answer.
- O The passage assumes that all Christians should be growing into maturity. What do you think it means to be a mature Christian?
- O How do you think spiritual maturity relates to being a "teacher," as we see in verse 12?
- O While God calls all of us to grow into maturity, growth doesn't always come easily. What makes spiritual growth difficult?
- O Why do you think it is easy to become complacent in our relationships with Jesus?
- O Being a Christian is not about fulfilling a spiritual checklist to keep God happy with us. God has already justified us in Jesus; we do not have to prove ourselves to God. Growing into maturity is not a matter of earning God's favor; rather, it is working to build a relationship with the one who already loves you. **How do you build a relationship with another person?**
- O How does building a friendship with someone look different from earning their approval?
- O What sorts of practices could help you build your relationship with Jesus?
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