

# Growing Up in the Lord

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." MLK jr.

## Paul and Silas in Berea

Act 17:10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Act 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

(Zec 4:10) For who has despised the day of small things?

## Growth in Parables (takes time)

### The Parable of the Seed Growing

Mar 4:26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground,

Mar 4:27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

Mar 4:28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

Mar 4:29 But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

### The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mar 4:30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it?

Mar 4:31 It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth;

Mar 4:32 but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

## Foundation (Roots)

(Isa 28:16) Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; **Whoever believes will not act hastily.**

## Build Your House on the Rock

Luk 6:48 He is like a man building a house, who **dug deep** and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

Luk 6:49 **But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.**

1Co 3:10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

1Co 3:11 **For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

1Co 3:12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**

1Co 3:13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

1Co 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.

Eph 2:20 having been built on **the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,**

Heb 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us **go on to perfection,** not laying again **the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,**

Heb 6:2 **of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.**

Heb 6:3 And this we will do if God permits.

#### Tabernacle of Moses

Enter through the Door (Eastern Gate – Jesus)

Outer Court

Brazen Altar (Rom 12 sacrifice)

Brazen Laver (Ex 30)

Holy Place

Table of Shewbread

Golden Lampstand

Altar of Incense

Heb 6:4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

Heb 6:6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

Heb 10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

## David Hears of Saul's Death

2Sa 1:1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag,

2Sa 1:2 on the third day, behold, it happened that a man came from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. So it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.

2Sa 1:3 And David said to him, "Where have you come from?" So he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel."

2Sa 1:4 Then David said to him, "How did the matter go? Please tell me." And he answered, "The people have fled from the battle, many of the people are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

2Sa 1:5 So David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?"

2Sa 1:6 Then the young man who told him said, "As I happened by chance *to be* on Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning on his spear; and indeed the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

2Sa 1:7 Now when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I answered, 'Here I am.'

2Sa 1:8 And he said to me, 'Who *are* you?' So I answered him, 'I *am* an Amalekite.'

2Sa 1:9 He said to me again, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still *remains* in me.'

2Sa 1:10 **So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that *was* on his head and the bracelet that *was* on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord.**

2Sa 1:11 Therefore David took hold of his own clothes and tore them, and *so did* all the men who *were* with him.

2Sa 1:12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

2Sa 1:13 Then David said to the young man who told him, "Where *are* you from?" And he answered, "**I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite.**"

2Sa 1:14 So David said to him, "How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"

2Sa 1:15 Then David called one of the young men and said, "Go near, *and* execute him!" And he struck him so that he died.

2Sa 1:16 So David said to him, "Your blood *is* on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD's anointed.' "

### David Hears of Absalom's Death

2Sa 18:19 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me run now and take the news to the king, how the LORD has avenged him of his enemies."

2Sa 18:20 And Joab said to him, "You shall not take the news this day, for you shall take the news another day. But today you shall take no news, because the king's son is dead."

2Sa 18:21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed himself to Joab and ran.

2Sa 18:22 And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, "But whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite." So Joab said, "Why will you run, my son, since you have no news ready?"

2Sa 18:23 "But whatever happens," *he said*, "let me run." So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain, and outran the Cushite.

2Sa 18:24 Now David was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall, lifted his eyes and looked, and there was a man, running alone.

2Sa 18:25 Then the watchman cried out and told the king. And the king said, "If he *is* alone, *there is* news in his mouth." And he came rapidly and drew near.

2Sa 18:26 Then the watchman saw *another* man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "There is *another* man, running alone!" And the king said, "He also brings news."

2Sa 18:27 So the watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He *is* a good man, and comes with good news."

2Sa 18:28 So Ahimaaz called out and said to the king, "All is well!" Then he bowed down with his face to the earth before the king, and said, "Blessed *be* the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king!"

2Sa 18:29 The king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant and *me* your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what *it was about*."

2Sa 18:30 And the king said, "Turn aside *and* stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

### David's Grief

2Sa 18:31 Just then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "There is good news, my lord the king! For the LORD has avenged you this day of all those who rose against you."

2Sa 18:32 And the king said to the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" So the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like *that* young man!"

2Sa 18:33 Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: "O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"

There must be balance as the body grows and matures together... balanced diet along with exercise...

Luk 2:52 And Jesus increased **in wisdom and stature**, and in favor with God and men.

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And **the Lord added** to the church daily those who were being saved.

Act 5:14 And **believers were increasingly added to the Lord**, multitudes of both men and women,

Act 11:21 **And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.**

Act 11:22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

Act 11:23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

Act 11:24 **For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.**

- Kindergarten
- Elementary School
- High School
- College
- Post – Graduate
- Job / Career
- Study of the Word of God

Self-Discipline (Digging Deep) brings freedom.

- Catholic Church
- Health and Exercise

There must be a healthy balance between the Study of the Word and learning to use gifts of the Spirit for the Kingdom of God.