



GROWING UP!

Message Notes for Dec. 27, 2020

What experiences of 2020 stand out to you...what did you learn?

41 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. 43 After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 **And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.**

What does this summary of Jesus' growing up have significance for us?

1. Growth happens when I have godly _____!

What habits did Jesus and his family have? Why were they important?

What habits helped you grow in faith in 2020? What habits would help you grow more in 2021?

2. Growth happens when I have a godly _____!

What was Jesus' primary focus? Why was it important?

What was Jesus' secondary focus? Why was it important?

Evaluate 2020. Where has your focus been? What adjustments would help to keep your focus on your Father in 2021?

- *Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

3. Growth happens when I have a godly _____!

Why was Jesus' curiosity a blessing to him? To others?

What aspect of your faith are you curious about to explore in 2021?

Godly _____, a godly _____, and a godly _____, help me grow!

a. Growth happens _____ – WISDOM

- *Colossians 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and **asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.***

b. Growth happens _____ – STATURE

- *1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. **Therefore honor God with your body.***

c. Growth happens _____ – FAVOR WITH GOD

d. Growth happens _____ – FAVOR with MEN

- *Proverbs 3:3-4 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. **Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.***