

Week four day 1

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE WORD, PHOTOTROPISM?

It is when flowers, such as sunflowers, lean and grow toward the sun. In the same way, as we lean and look to Jesus, our light source, we will also grow in our faith.

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 PETER 1:5-8

Heart



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Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

Help me to look to You to be my light.

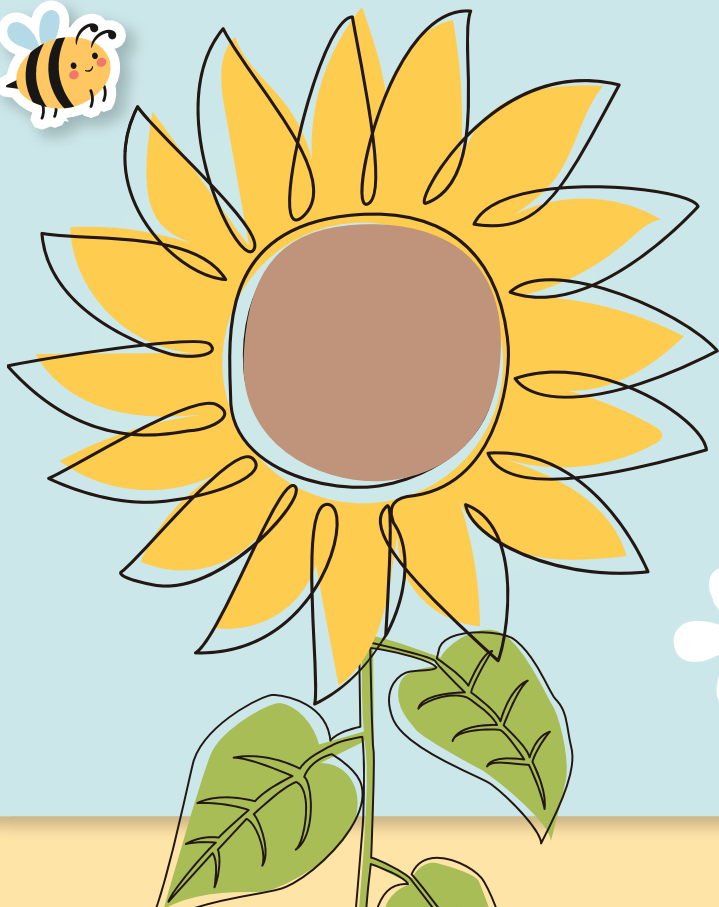
In Jesus' name, amen.

2 Peter 5:1-8 says that if we have the qualities listed in this verse and grow in them, it will help us:

A NOT GROW AND NOT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

B GROW IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS AND BE EFFECTIVE

In the sunflower below, write the qualities from 2 Peter 1:5-8 that we can add to our faith to grow.



Week four day 2

GROWING IN FAITH ISN'T SOMETHING WE DO BY OURSELVES. In Ephesians 4, we are told that

God wants believers to be unified and to grow together so we won't be swayed back and forth with different teachings.

"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. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ."

EPHESIANS 4:14-15

Heart



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Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

Help me to be unified with other believers,
to speak the truth in love, and to not be
swayed by wrong teachings.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Ephesians 4:14 says when someone isn't swayed
by wrong teaching, they will no longer be
_____, tossed _____ and
_____ by the waves, and _____
here and there.

SOMEONE WHO IS MATURE IN THEIR FAITH STANDS STRONG ON HER
BELIEFS AND CAN DISCERN RIGHT FROM WRONG TEACHINGS.
YOU CAN GROW IN THIS OVER TIME AS YOU SEEK GOD.

Circle all the ways someone growing in their faith would respond
after hearing a false teaching:

- A. SHE COMPARES WHAT THE PERSON SAYS TO THE BIBLE TO SEE IF IT
LINES UP WITH GOD'S TRUTH.
- B. SHE BELIEVES EVERYTHING THE PERSON SAYS, EVEN IF IT IS
AGAINST WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.
- C. SHE ASKS PEOPLE OF FAITH WHO SHE TRUSTS IF THE TEACHING IS
CORRECT OR NOT.
- D. SHE ASKS UNBELIEVERS IF THE TEACHING IS CORRECT.
- E. EVEN THOUGH SHE DISAGREES, SHE IS KIND, LISTENS, AND THEN
SHARES HER THOUGHTS.

How does Ephesians 4:15 say we will grow and mature?

Speaking the _____ in _____.

Which response is an example of speaking the truth in love to
someone who shares beliefs that are not in the Bible?

- A. YELLING AT HER, "WHAT ARE YOU THINKING! YOU ARE SOOOOO WRONG!"
- B. PLUGGING YOUR EARS AND SAYING AGAIN AND AGAIN, "I'M NOT LISTENING.
I'M NOT LISTENING."
- C. TELLING HER, THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS. AND THEN SHARING
HOW GOD HAS WORKED IN YOUR LIFE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU DO.

Week four day 3

ANOTHER WAY TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH IS TO LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS' INTERESTS AND TO BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS. It's human nature to only think about what you want and desire. But, in the kingdom of God, the Lord calls us to something better and greater—to consider others' interests too. In the Scriptures, there's a call to go even further—to make your attitude the same as Christ Jesus.

"Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-6

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Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

I pray I would reflect the humility of Jesus and consider others and not just myself.

In Jesus' name, amen.

When was a time someone considered what you needed or wanted?



Describe a time you did not look out for someone else's interests?



Share about a time you felt invisible—like someone didn't consider you?

When is a time you considered someone else's wants or needs?



Week four day 4

HAVE YOU BEEN AROUND SOMEONE WHO COMPLAINS ALL THE TIME? Or maybe that is you?

It becomes a drag and brings the mood down. One of the ways to be strengthened as a follower of Christ is to notice the good gifts that God has given you and to overflow with thankfulness.

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Heart



treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.
Strengthen me in the faith and help me
to overflow in thankfulness.
In Jesus' name, amen.

Colossians 2:6–7 says that after you have believed in
Christ Jesus as our Savior,

you should _____ to live your life in Him—
not of the world, but in Him. Rooted and
_____ up in Him, _____
in the faith as you were taught.

What do you think it means to be strengthened in the faith?

The last part of the verse says another way to be strengthened in Him is
to overflow with _____.

Let's do that now! Overflow with thankfulness by writing things you're
thankful for in the picture below.



Week four day 5

ONE OF THE WOMEN IN THE BIBLE WHO GREW GREATLY IN HER FAITH WAS MARY MAGDALENE.

She had been plagued with evil spirits and diseases that hurt her body and mind. But, Jesus, in His great mercy, healed her. From then on, she became a devoted follower of Jesus. She also supported His ministry with her own money. After Jesus died, she was heartbroken. But when she saw Jesus after He had risen, she was overjoyed!

“Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’”

JOHN 20:18

Heart



treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

Thank You that Mary Magdalene followed You. Just as she grew in You and saw You,
I want to also.

In Jesus' name, amen.

TRUE OR FALSE: After Mary Magdalene believed, she stayed at home and did nothing to support Jesus.

One of the great things about Mary Magdalene is that after she believed in Jesus and was healed, she continued following Him and growing in Him.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS? _____ If you aren't sure yet, share your thoughts with the Lord, and He will show Himself to you. If you believe, what are some ways you have shown your belief through action, like Mary did?

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John 20:18 is a powerful verse:

Mary said, "I have _____ the Lord!"

What are some ways you have seen the Lord work in your life? Maybe the Lord has reminded you of a verse, or something has come up again and again you should do, or maybe it's in the way someone has loved you? Share below.



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