

# sermon notes

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February 8th 2023 | “It's Time to Grow Up” | **James 1:2-8**

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1) We grow up by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1:2-4)

2) We grow up by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1:5)

3) We grow up by \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:6-8)

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read James 1:2-8. What is the overarching theme of this passage of scripture? What does James teach on the topic of growing up? Why should Christians "count it all joy" when they encounter various trials? What are some of the ways we grow up in Christ, according to this passage from James?

How does the testing of our faith produce spiritual maturity? What does James say we should do when we are lacking wisdom? What are some ways Christians can receive wisdom from God? Why is patience and wisdom hallmarks of a maturing Christian? What does it mean to be double-minded? How does a growing Christian overcome doubt, when facing difficult trials?

### GET PERSONAL

Read 1 Peter 1:6,7. What does both James and Peter say about how our faith is tested? Think back on some of the trials you've faced during your walk with Christ. How did God use them to mature you? What did you learn from God during a trial? Read Proverbs 1:20–23. How have you seen God provide wisdom, when you needed it? Read 2 Corinthians 10:5. How does this passage relate to overcoming doubts? How does a Christian defeat doubts and pray in faith?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Think about a problem you are facing today. In what ways do you believe God is using it to produce patience within you? What steps should you take, based on this message, to ensure you are trusting God in the midst of a trial?

In which areas of your life do you need wisdom today? Think about the ways we receive wisdom, based on our message. Have you asked God for wisdom? Sought wisdom from his word? Asked for wise counsel from godly mentors? What has the Holy Spirit shown you, regarding a current trial?

What doubts have you been wrestling with recently? What truth from God's word confronts and nullifies those lying doubts? Think back on the last time God answered a prayer. How did he do it? What stops you from believing he'll do it again?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage on maturity by Paul. What additional truth is God showing you about how we grow up in Christ? In what ways can you share your gifts to help the rest of the Body of Christ grow in faith? In what ways has God been leading you to serve, share, and speak the truth in love?