

# GROWUP

*your path to  
spiritual maturity*

**“PRAYER -  
IN CONVERSATION WITH GOD”  
OCTOBER 11, 2020**





# THE WORD OF GOD



# THE GIFT OF PRAYER





“What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him?”

*Deuteronomy 4:7*

# THE CHALLENGE OF PRAYER





# PRAYER AS CONVERSATION



“For my thoughts are not  
your thoughts, neither are  
your ways my ways,”  
declares the LORD.” ...

*Isaiah 55:8-11*



“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ...

*Isaiah 55:8-11*



As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and  
flourish, ...

*Isaiah 55:8-11*

so that it yields seed for the  
sower and bread for the  
eater, so is my word that  
goes out from my mouth: It  
will not return to me  
empty...

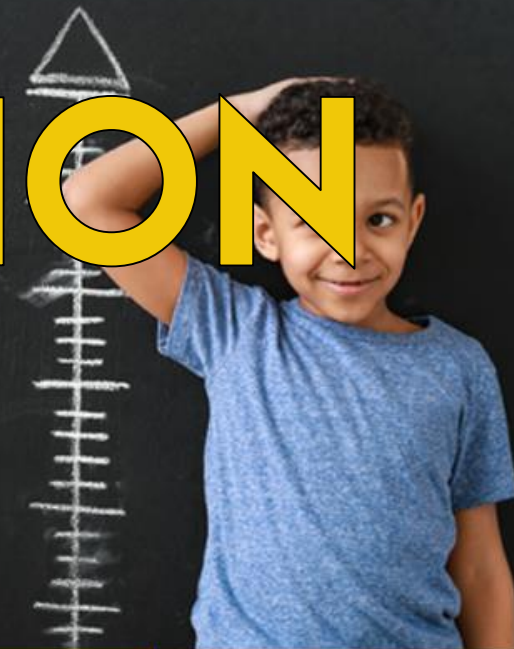
*Isaiah 55:8-11*



but will accomplish what I  
desire and achieve the  
purpose for which I sent it.”

*Isaiah 55:8-11*

# READING THE BIBLE FOR LIFE TRANSFORMATION





**IT MUST BE READ  
SLOWLY AND  
THOUGHTFULLY**



**IT MUST BE READ  
UNDER THE  
ILLUMINATION OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT**





“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us...

*1 Corinthians 2:12-14*

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words...

*1 Corinthians 2:12-14*



The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to them, ...

*1 Corinthians 2:12-14*

and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

*1 Corinthians 2:12-14*



**MEDITATE ON  
EACH VERSE OR  
THE PASSAGE**



“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

*Joshua 1:8*



**TALK TO GOD  
ABOUT WHAT HE  
IS SAYING TO YOU  
AND YOUR  
CONCERNS**



# RESPOND IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD





# AN EXAMPLE FROM PSALM 23



**The LORD is my shepherd, I  
shall not be in want.**



He makes me lie down in  
green pastures, he leads me  
beside quiet waters,

He restores my soul. He  
guides me in paths of  
righteousness for his name's  
sake.



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