

# Grow

WILDFIRE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM



## What to go through for this stage...

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- 1) In this stage we want to look at how we can not only sustain our relationship with God, but instead thrive in our relationship with God. How do we get out of this faith of cement or procrastination, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we never want to be in a 'wilderness state,' whereby we forget the great salvation and work God has done in their lives. We never want to be in a position where we are slowly and painfully regressing in our relationship with God, nor do we want long seasons where we distance ourselves from God.
- 2) Too often we are content with the sad reality of people coming and going, saying i once was this, my relationship was once like that, or i am just going through a dry patch, or i will get back on track soon.
- 3) We want an all out relationship for God, whereby literally everyday you are completely relentless and radical in your pursuit for Christ, God is limitless and immeasurable, so although God can never be fully known, God can be sufficiently known! We also will never reach the life of Jesus in his perfection, so we should always have the mentality that there is both more to learn and more to grow in! Whilst being content that Jesus is the perfection and grace we live in.
- 4) Philippians 3, 10 'I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.'

- 5) Hebrews 12, 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.'
- 6) John 15, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.' We need to be constantly in God, getting to know him, his promises, the way we are meant to live!'

#### **READ GOD'S WORD:**

- THE COMMAND/ Joshua 1, 'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.' Our success and intimacy with God is contingent on OUR effort and faithfulness to obey the commandment to read God's word.
- 2) <u>THE DESIRE/</u> We should pant for God's word the same way deers pant for water, it should be this ongoing thirst, this comes from doing everything that we have talked about everyday, non-stop (PSALM 42).
- 3) THE WHY/ 2 Timothy 3, 'All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.'

4) THE HOW/ Psalm 119:130, 'Learning your words gives wisdom and understanding for the foolish.'

Memorising God's word is what makes the difference, so you have God's word constantly being soaked over you! So you have verses that you can recollect like Jesus did against Satan.

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5) THE RESULT/ Psalm 1, 'Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. Psalm 119, 'Those who love your instruction have great peace and do not stumble.'

#### \*CONCLUSION READ GOD'S WORD\*

#### PRAY:

There are so many frameworks given for us to pray! But Jesus our king literally tells us how to pray... Matthew 6: 9-13, 'This is how you should pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.'

If you break this down our prayers should be comprised of ACTS:

A= Adoration, pray to God worshipping who God is, what God has done and what God will continue to do.

C= Confession, come and stand before God innocent, the psalmist David wrote, 'if i had not confessed my sin God would not have heard me.' We need to stand before God innocently when we pray, bringing our guilt, shame and sin before the throne room of God.

T= Thanksgiving, 1 Thessalonians 5, 'Rejoice always, 17pray without ceasing, 18give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.' We are called to offer up our gratitude at the incomprehensible and never ceasing goodness and kindness of God, our gratitude should be as unceasing as the unceasing generosity of God.

S= Supplication, we should offer up our requests to God, Luke 18: 1-8, this parable illustrates that our father in heaven is a loving father who desires to give the desires of his children's heart (Psalm 37.) So constantly pray, constantly ask, 'whoever says and does not doubt in his heart will have whatever he says.'

/ Make sure that we forgive people and have no anger within us when we approach God, 'When you stand and pray, don't hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your father in heaven may forgive your sins.'

/2 Corithians 10, 'For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.' Utilise the awesome gift and power of prayer, this is our weapon of choice when facing the enemy who prowls around like a roaring lion (1 Peter 5)

## WAY MORE COULD BE SAID ON PRAYER- LOOK OUT FOR ANOTHER BLOG ON THIS

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READ GOD'S WORD AND PRAY! THIS IS THE RHYTHM OF A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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NOW EVERYTHING HAS BEEN LOOKED AT IN DETAIL, LET YOUR MENTEE LEAD YOU IN A SESSION, WHEREBY THEY WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE 'GROW STAGE.'

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