

Title: Growing pains
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One Family

Ephesians 2:19-20 (NKJV) ¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

A growing building

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV) ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

We are His

Household (family)

Building – (temple)

Dwelling place (home)



We are His

1 John 2:12-13 ¹² I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

The household of faith

1 John 2:14¹⁴ I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Who are the children?

They rejoice in their salvation

Delight in their Father

What children need to grow

1 Peter 2:8 (NKJV)⁸ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,² as new-born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

What children need

A family to grow in

Drinking from the Word

Feeding on His Grace

Corporate Opportunities to grow

Small Group

Sunday Services

Bible School

Encounter Series

Marriage Enrichment

Evergreen Parenting Course

Mothers' groups

Danger of getting stuck here

Self-focussed

Too dependent on others

No responsibility

Who are the young men?

Have testimonies of overcoming

Are strong

Have planted the Word in their hearts

What young men need to grow

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives unto the death.

What young men need to grow

Faith in the Blood of Christ

Sharing their testimony

Breaking free from fear and comfort

Fathers

Corporate Opportunities to grow

Intercession

Liberty (freedom from bondages)

Missions (Small Group, Nomzamo, Strand, Malawi, Europe)

Serving in ministries (kids church, band, youth, Prochorus, Kibwe kids, business forum)

Danger of getting stuck here

Insensitive and impatient with “children” and “fathers”

Can be unteachable

Rejection

Who are the Fathers?

They know the heart and ways of the Father

They reproduce (have a passion for souls)

They nurture and provide (have a passion for discipleship)

What fathers need to grow

Philippians 2:19-23 ¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. ²⁰ For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. ²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. ²³ Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

What fathers need to grow

Leadership (Inspire)

Impartation (Teach)

Mentorship (Model)

Release (Trust)

Corporate opportunities

Marriage Mentorship

Zone Coaching/District Leading

Pioneering a ministry

Planting churches

Philippians 3:10 [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly],

Our Standard

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

His Promise

Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."