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The Gospel

Embracing Maturity

Philippians 4:12-23

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Paul's Letter To The Church At Philippi

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The Maturing Church

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)

The Big Picture

- _____ For You Is _____

We were not created to live lives of quiet desperation or to just pass the time as we shamle through our eighty years on earth. God created us for a divine purpose, to play a role in his unfolding story. We are children of the King, and we were made for more. ... There is no such thing as an ordinary follower of Christ with an ordinary life; every one of us was made for more. (Richard Stearns, *Unfinished*)

Focusing On Growth

- _____ Is The _____ Of _____

The presence of the Holy Spirit can always be recognized by the way He moves us toward what Jesus would be and do. ... What brings about our transformation into Christ-likeness is our direct, personal interaction with Christ through the Spirit. The Spirit makes Christ present to us and draws us toward his likeness. (Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*)

One Key Area Of Transformation:

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We must put him first in our lives and not simply try to fit him around our goals and priorities. The call of Jesus is not to merely fit him into our agendas; it is to *replace* our agendas with his. ... And his agenda is nothing short of a revolution that will change the world and rescue his children. (Richard Stearns, *Unfinished*)