

A PLACE FOR YOU

SERMON SERIES

CELEBRATING THE RICHNESS OF COMMUNITY



A close-up photograph of a hand watering a small green plant. Water is dripping from the fingers of the hand, which is positioned on the left side of the frame. The plant, with several green leaves, is on the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text 'A PLACE TO GROW' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font at the bottom center.

A PLACE TO GROW

2 PETER 3:18; 2 PETER 1:3-11



WHY CAN'T YOU ACT YOUR AGE?

**But grow in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him
be glory both now and forever! Amen.**
(2 Peter 3:18)

We grow by relying on what God has given us, and then taking steps to grow.

BIG IDEA

**His divine power has given us
everything we need for a godly life
through our knowledge of him who
called us by his own glory and goodness.**

2 Peter 1:3

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Peter 1:4

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

2 Peter 1:5-7

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:8

**But whoever does not have them is
nearsighted and blind, forgetting that
they have been cleansed from their past
sins.**

2 Peter 1:9

**Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
[a] make every effort to confirm your
calling and election. For if you do these
things, you will never stumble, ¹¹ and
you will receive a rich welcome into the
eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.**

2 Peter 1:10-11

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH



- It is not a matter of AGE
- It is not a matter of APPEARANCE
- It is not a matter of ACHEIVEMENT

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH



- It is a matter of
- **CHARACTER**

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH?



“Spiritual growth is the journey of growing in faith to know more about God and become the person that He created you to be.”

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH



“Spiritual growth is a lifelong journey of transformation empowered by God’s grace, sustained through our daily surrender to the Holy Spirit, nurtured in Christ-centered community, and aimed at becoming more like Jesus for the glory of God.”

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WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH



“We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His [God’s] will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:9-10).

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WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH



: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

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WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH



“²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? I Corinthians 3:2-3 (NIV)

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GOD HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO GROW

2 Peter 1:3-4

God gives us everything we need to grow in every part of our lives. We don't have to earn it. It's available to all of us. We don't need to rely on our power; we need to rely on God's power, because it will give you everything that you need.



**Once you have become aware
that the main business that you
are here for is to know God,
most of life's problems fall into
place of their own accord. (J.I.
Packer, Knowing God)'**

J.I. PACKER



You don't grow by trying to grow. You grow by getting to know God.





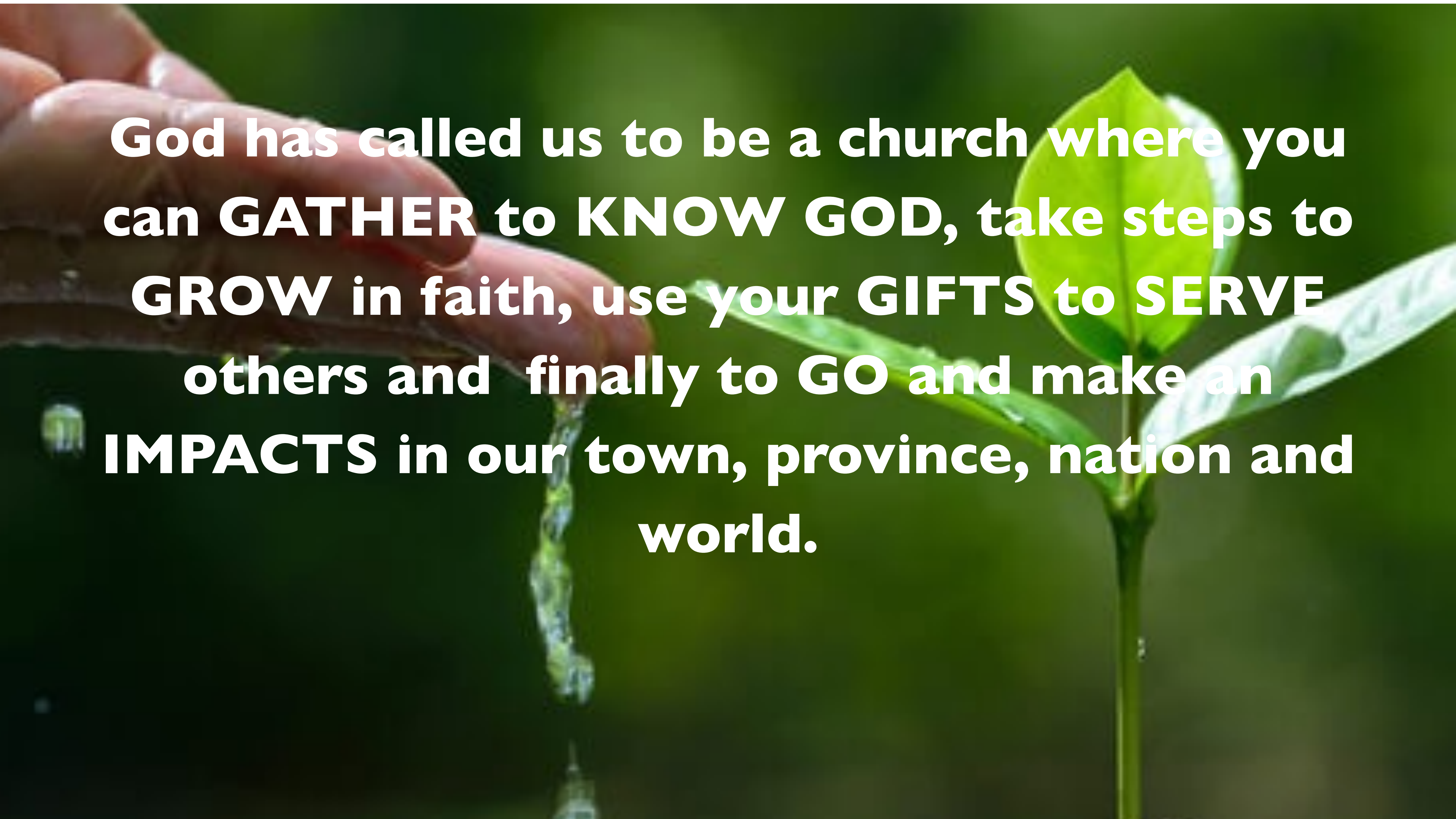
WE CAN TAKE SMALL STEPS TO GROW

2 Peter 1:5-11

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a green plant stem. Water is dripping from the bottom of the stem, creating a series of droplets. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP OF
GROWTH?**

**BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS?
WATER BAPTISM?
TITHING?
MEMBERSHIP?
SMALL GROUPS?
SERVE?**

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small green seedling. The seedling has a thin stem and several bright green leaves. Water is dripping from the roots of the seedling, creating a small waterfall effect. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**God has called us to be a church where you
can **GATHER** to **KNOW GOD**, take steps to
GROW in faith, use your **GIFTS** to **SERVE**
others and finally to **GO** and make an
IMPACTS in our town, province, nation and
world.**