



HEALTHY THINGS GROW

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We began our lives as infants—unknowing, needy, curious, daring, resilient, growing.

As if to underscore that this was “by design,” when God sent His Son, He did not arrive as a mature man, but as an infant—unknowing, needy, curious, daring, resilient, growing.

“Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” (Luke 2:52)

All of this also defines our own relationship with Christ; not only did our human experience begin in infancy, but our life in the Spirit also begins with a “new birth.” Not accidental.

Whether you are a child or a young adult or a mature adult when you are born of the Spirit, we all begin the same way—unknowing, needy, curious, daring, resilient, growing.

While, as an adult, you may have better access to intellectual understanding of what you read in the Scriptures, your experience level will still begin at Ground Zero.

And even a child may grasp the necessary truths to begin the journey, for God has made it accessible to us all.

This means there is MUCH that we do not know, even if we understand the words.

This means we ALL need help to learn and develop faith and obedience.

This means that curiosity can be your FRIEND, if it leads you to explore the unfamiliar things of God.

This means that a certain amount of daring is REQUIRED to risk yourself on faith.

This means that your resilience (your readiness to get back up and start again) will be TESTED repeatedly.