

# Measuring Maturity

## The Good News About Growing...

1. It doesn't matter where I find myself in the journey, God will work with me right where I am!
2. We all grow at a different pace.
3. God is gracious with me - I need to be gracious too!

## **How well do I know God's Story?**

Creation - <sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... <sup>31</sup>God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. - Genesis 1:1 & 31

Fall - <sup>7</sup>they realized they were naked; and they hid from the LORD... - Gen.3:7&8

Redemption - Christ redeemed us - Gal. 3:13; 2Cor. 5:18 (Gen. 3:15)

Restoration - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth - Rev. 21-21

## **Do I embrace stretching experiences?**

A. Times of pain or uncertainty - Abraham, Job, Joseph, Moses, David... - James 1:2-4

B. The other side of the lake - Feeding of 5,000, Walking on water, calm the storm & pigs and chains.

## **Do I value authentic relationships?**

A. It's God's Design - It is not good for man to be alone... - Gen. 2:18

B. They Sharpen, Bring Accountability & Encouragement - David & Jonathan, Paul & Timothy.

C. They Reaching Others - Ambassadors - 2Cor. 5:20

## Fuel for the Fire (Discover Questions).

1. Thinking back on my own life, what other key ingredients has God used to mature my faith?
2. What's my gut reaction when life gets uncomfortable or I am faced with uncertainty?
3. How has knowing "God's Story" help me understand my place in the world today?
4. How can I grow to be a more consistent and authentic friend to people God has put in my life?

## Notes:

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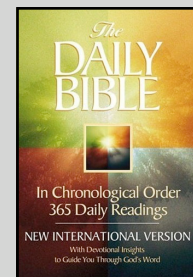
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