

Foundations Truth #3

The third foundational truth is about how to mature in your faith. The Bible says that it's not about how "spiritual" you look or act, but whether you love people enough to help them.

- What's the "win"? How do I really advance? How do I become "great"?
- **Mark 9:33** After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?"
34 But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. **35** He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

Foundations Truth #3: We grow (mature, become great) by helping others.

- NOT by focusing on self

(TRANS: That means at least 3 things, getting real practical)

We grow by serving people.

- **Galatians 5:13** For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.
- **John 13: 12** After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? **13** You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. **14** And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. **15** I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.
- Kingdom upside-down; not how the world looks at advancement

We grow by giving to God's work.

- **2 Cor 8:7** Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.
- **Matthew 6:19** "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **21** Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

The greatest way to grow is by mentoring others.

- **Matt 28:18** Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations..."
- "Disciple" = mentor, help to pursue God
- Fishermen! That's how they really grew and mature; same for us

These 3 Foundational truths serve as a framework for the rest of our pursuit:

- We start by trusting Jesus, live to honor God, grow by helping others