



# Just Grow Up!

James - A Manual for Maturity

## Trusting God's Track Record

June 17 & 18, 2023

What experiences in my life have made it hard to trust that God is good and wants the best for me? \_\_\_\_\_

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### James 1:17 (NET)

All generous giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or the slightest hint of change.

### James says God is:

- Generous
- Consistent

When I see God's track record, it changes how I think and what I do.

### How I Think Changes When I:

**1** Admit I don't know what I'm doing.

### Psalm 77:2-3 (TPT)

When I was in deep distress, in my day of trouble, I reached out for you with hands stretched out to heaven. Over and over I kept looking for you, God, but your comforting grace was nowhere to be found.

**2** Anchor my hope in what God has done.

### Psalm 77:10-11 (NET)

Then I said, "I am sickened by the thought that the Most High might become inactive. I will remember the works of the LORD. Yes, I will remember the amazing things you did long ago."

## What I Do Changes When I:

**1**

**Tell God's story as my story.**

**Psalm 78:1-4 (NLT)**

O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.

**Deuteronomy 6:20-21 (NLT)**

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**2**

**Trust God's patience when I fail.**

**Psalm 78:37-39 (ESV)**

Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not faithful to his covenant. Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath. He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again.

**3**

**Look for the people God sends to help me.**

**Psalm 78:70, 72 (ESV)**

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