

“Obedience and Growing” by Kirk Hunt

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 2:51–52 KJV

Jesus the Messiah. He washed dishes. He swept floors. He assisted in the workshop.

Growing up does not always involve dramatic, one-of-a-kind actions. Usually, growing requires mundane, repetitive tasks. Most of growth comes from the unhip, unglamorous stuff of everyday life.

Jesus left the Temple in Jerusalem with his parents. They went home to the backwater of Nazareth. Jesus’ record in Scripture goes silent for the next 18 years.

Joseph spent 13 years in Egypt. Moses spent 40 years shepherding. They were obedient as they grow to the condition where God would use them.

You are not there on accident. God has a plan and purpose for you. You will do great things when you have grown up enough.

It was part of the plan that Jesus was subject to parents and others in His life. Just as human as you or I, He made himself obedient, so He could grow. If He can do it, so can you.

It may not be hip. It may not be glamorous. It is needful. Obey and grow.

Think: My growth comes through my obedience.

Pray: “Lord, help me to be obedient to Your path for my growth.”

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