

A Mature Mindset – Part 7 The Process Towards Progress

Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. **2 Corinthians 13:11(NLT)**

Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. **1 Thessalonians 3:10(NLT)**

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. **Galatians 6:1(NIV)**

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. **2 Corinthians 13:11(NIV)**

• A Mature Mindset Willingly Submits to God's Process.

A. God's Process involves Daily Renewal.

Then Jesus gave them this illustration: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't even match the old garment. "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine must be stored in new wineskins. But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. 'The old is just fine,' they say." **Luke 5:36-39 (NLT)**

I love you, Lord; you are my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies. **Psalms 18:1-3(NLT)**

B. God's Process involves Complete Honesty.

God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before him. When I cleaned up my act, he gave me a fresh start. Indeed, I've kept alert to God's ways; I haven't taken God for granted. Every day I review the ways he works, I try not to

miss a trick. I feel put back together, and I'm watching my step. God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to his eyes.

2 Samuel 22:21-25 (MSG)

There was a famine during David's reign that lasted for three years, so David asked the Lord about it. And the Lord said, "The famine has come because Saul and his family are guilty of murdering the Gibeonites."

2 Samuel 21:1(NLT)

*But he gave them Saul's two sons Armoni and Mephibosheth, whose mother was Rizpah daughter of Aiah. He also gave them the five sons of Saul's daughter Merab, the wife of Adriel son of Barzillai from Meholah. The men of Gibeon executed them on the mountain before the Lord. **So all seven of them died together at the beginning of the barley harvest.*** **2 Samuel 21:8-14 (NLT)**

*Then Rizpah daughter of Aiah, the mother of two of the men, spread burlap on a rock and **stayed there the entire harvest season.** She prevented the scavenger birds from tearing at their bodies during the day and stopped wild animals from eating them at night. When David learned what Rizpah, Saul's concubine, had done, he went to the people of Jabesh-gilead and retrieved the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan. (When the Philistines had killed Saul and Jonathan on Mount Gilboa, the people of Jabesh-gilead stole their bodies from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hung them.) So David obtained the bones of Saul and Jonathan, as well as the bones of the men the Gibeonites had executed. Then the king ordered that they bury the bones in the tomb of Kish, Saul's father, at the town of Zela in the land of Benjamin. **After that, God ended the famine in the land.*** **2 Samuel 21:10-14 (NLT)**

Honesty About Wounded Pieces of My Life: Brokenness vs Woundedness:

- Brokenness focuses on God – Woundedness focuses on Me.
- Brokenness focuses on God's healing - Woundedness focuses on my pain.
- Brokenness focuses on my responsibility - Woundedness focuses on my rights.
- Brokenness focuses on my potential - Woundedness focuses on my failure.
- Brokenness focuses on the future – Woundedness focuses on the past.
- Brokenness focuses on dependence – Woundedness focuses on self-reliance.

What Do I Need To Surrender?

Ask yourself the following: **Matthew 6:24-34**

What **worries** do I need to surrender to God?

"Give your worries to the Lord, and He will take care of you. Psalm 55:22(NCV)

What **wrongs** do I need to surrender to God?

*"But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. **He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done.**"*

1 John 1:9(NCV)

- What **wounds** do I need to surrender to God?

*"God heals the brokenhearted and **bandages their wounds.**"*

Psalms 147:3(NCV)

If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

- What **wishes** do I need to surrender to God?

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed"

Proverbs 16:3(NIV)

*And [I know that] you [who believe] are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and that you have not grown weary [of being faithful to the truth]. **But I have this [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me]. So remember the heights from which you have fallen, and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God's will] and do the works you did at first[when you first knew Me];** Revelation 2:3-5(AMP)*

