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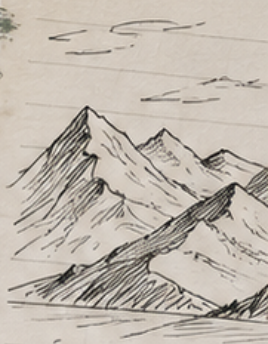
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There are seasons when we look at our lives and wonder if we should be further along by now.

Further in our healing.
Further in our faith.
Further in our purpose.
Further in our relationships.
Further in becoming the person we thought we would already be.

But growth with God is rarely a straight line.

There are things He teaches us quickly and things He forms in us over years. There are places we thought were healed that He lovingly brings back to our attention. There are beliefs we have carried for years that Scripture eventually challenges us to reconsider.

That does not mean you have failed.

It means you are still being formed.

Still Becoming **is an invitation to pay attention to what God may be shaping in you right now.**

For the next six weeks, you will slow down, reflect, pray, examine Scripture, ask honest questions, and make room for God to show you what may need to change.

You do not need to have everything figured out before you begin.

Come as you are.

There is still more becoming to do.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

How to Use Still Becoming

This journey was designed to unfold slowly, one week at a time — whether you're moving through it on your own, with a close friend, in a small group, or alongside your church community.

Resist the urge to move quickly. The value of this resource is not in finishing it, but in actually sitting with what it uncovers. Give each week room to breathe before moving on to the next. Each week follows the same rhythm:

PAUSE

A short opening thought that introduces the week's tension.

READ

A primary Scripture passage, meant to be read slowly and in its full context.

CONSIDER

A pastoral reflection exploring the week's theme in depth.

GET HONEST

Personal reflection questions meant for real, unhurried honesty — not quick answers.

GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures that expand on the week's theme, with brief context for each.

PRACTICE

One tangible action to carry into your week.

PRAY

A short guided prayer to help you bring the week honestly before God.

JOURNAL

A writing prompt with space to respond, because some things only become clear once we've written them down.

CARRY THIS WITH YOU

One sentence to hold onto as you move through the week ahead.

There is no need to rush, and no need to arrive anywhere by the end. Come as you are, and let God do what He does best.

WEEK ONE

You’re Not Behind — You’re Becoming

Romans 12:2

PAUSE

There is a quiet arithmetic many of us run without noticing — subtracting our current age, season, or circumstance from where we assumed we’d be by now. The answer rarely comes back kind. This week is not about outrunning that number. It’s about asking whether the equation was ever true to begin with.

READ

Read Romans 12:2 slowly, perhaps twice. Paul is writing to a church still learning what it means to belong to God rather than to the patterns of the world around them. Notice the verb he uses for what happens next — not *arrive*, not *achieve*, but *be transformed*. Transformation, in the language of this verse, is not a single event. It is a renewing — present tense, continuous, still happening.

CONSIDER

Comparison has a way of disguising itself as motivation. It tells us it's simply helping us see where we stand, helping us aim higher, helping us stay honest about our progress. But comparison was never meant to measure a soul. It measures position — where you are relative to someone else's timeline — and position is a poor substitute for the truth of who you are becoming.

Paul's letter to the Romans was written to people living inside an empire with very clear ideas about what a finished, respectable life looked like. Rome had its own timeline for spiritual and moral maturity, much of it built on status, visibility, and performance. Into that world, Paul writes something quietly radical: do not be conformed to this pattern. Be transformed instead — and transformed by a renewing that never stops.

It is worth noticing what he does not say. He does not say be transformed all at once. He does not say arrive at transformation by a certain age or season. He describes a mind being renewed, which is the language of ongoing maintenance, not a finish line crossed and forgotten. If Paul had wanted to hand the Roman church a deadline, he had the vocabulary for it. He chose continuance instead.

Most of us are not actually comparing ourselves to Scripture's picture of maturity. We are comparing ourselves to a person, a season, a highlight reel, or a version of ourselves we imagined we'd be by now. We look at someone else's marriage, ministry, healing, career, or peace of mind, and quietly conclude that our own lack of those things means we are behind. But *behind* assumes a shared, objective race with a single correct pace. God has never described spiritual growth that way. He has described it as formation — the patient, particular work of shaping a person who could only be shaped in the order and timing their actual life required.

Consider how differently Scripture treats different people's timelines. Abraham waited decades for a promise. Joseph spent years in a pit and a prison before the years of a palace. David was anointed king long before he ever wore a crown. If the Bible has a pattern for spiritual timelines, it is not a straight line moving efficiently toward maturity. It is closer to a season — with growth that is sometimes visible and sometimes happening far beneath the surface, in places no one else can see.

This does not mean urgency is meaningless, or that delay is always divine. Some delay is simply disobedience, and honesty requires us to examine which one we are living in. But much of what we call being behind is not disobedience at all. It is the ordinary, unglamorous pace of

a mind being renewed — a pace that includes plateaus, setbacks, and quiet years that produce no visible fruit until much later.

If you have been measuring your life against someone else's calendar, this week invites you to set the calendar down — not because growth doesn't matter, but because the growth God is doing in you was never meant to match anyone else's shape or speed. You are not late in becoming what only your particular life, walked with God, could produce. You are being transformed. That is present tense. That is still happening. That is enough for today.

GET HONEST

1. Where have I decided I am behind?
2. Whose timeline am I comparing myself to?
3. What evidence of growth have I overlooked because I am focused on what has not happened yet?
4. What might God be forming in me during this season?

GO DEEPER

> **Galatians 6:4–5**
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> Paul tells the Galatian church to test their own actions and take pride in their own work, without measuring it against someone else's. Comparison is treated here not as a harmless habit but as a trap to be actively refused.

> **Philippians 1:6**
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> Paul's confidence for the church at Philippi is that the One who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion. The verb is ongoing — a process still in motion, not a project already finished.

> **Ecclesiastes 3:1**
>
> The Preacher reminds us that there is a season for every activity under heaven. Growth unfolds in seasons with their own timing, not in a single race run at a single pace.

PRACTICE

Before you evaluate your progress by comparing it to someone else's, write down three areas of real growth in your own life over the last two years — however small. Keep the list visible daily this week as a reminder of your own trajectory, not anyone else's.

PRAY

God, I confess how easily I measure my life against timelines that were never Yours to give me. Thank You that You are not finished with me, and that the growth You are doing in me does not depend on matching anyone else's pace. Renew my mind today. Show me what You have already grown in me, and give me patience for what You are still forming. In Jesus' name, Amen.

JOURNAL

Write about a specific season when you assumed you'd be "further along" by now. What has that season actually taught you about how God works in you — and what might change if you released the deadline you set for yourself?

CARRY THIS WITH YOU

"I am not behind. I am being transformed."

WEEK TWO

Healing What Shapes Us

Psalm 147:3

PAUSE

Some pain announces itself. Other pain simply rearranges how we see everything else — how we trust, how we react, how we expect people to treat us — without ever asking permission. This week is about noticing what has quietly been rearranging you.

READ

Read Psalm 147:3 in context. The psalm surrounds this verse with pictures of a God who rebuilds cities, gathers the scattered, and numbers the stars — a God whose attention to the brokenhearted is not separate from His power over everything else. He does not simply notice wounds. He *binds* them, which implies ongoing, careful, attentive care rather than a single instant of repair.

CONSIDER

Healing is often described as an event — the moment a diagnosis clears, a relationship reconciles, a memory stops hurting when it surfaces. Sometimes healing does come that way. But more often, healing is a slower unbinding of what an experience taught us to believe, long after the experience itself has ended.

Psalm 147:3 sits inside a psalm about restoration on a national scale — a scattered people being gathered, broken walls being rebuilt, a wounded city finding its feet again. In the middle of that sweeping picture, the psalmist zooms in to something intensely personal: God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. The same God who counts and names the stars is described, in the very next line, attending to something as private as a broken heart. Scale does not diminish His care for the personal.

It matters what the verse says God does. He *binds* the wound. Binding is not instant erasure — it is careful, ongoing tending, the kind that requires returning to the injury more than once. Much of what we call being healed is actually still being bound. The process is not evidence that God has forgotten you. It is evidence that He is still doing the careful work healing actually requires.

One of the most important distinctions in any real healing process is the difference between what happened to you and what you learned to believe because of what happened. A parent's inconsistency might teach a child that love has to be earned. A betrayal might teach an adult that vulnerability always ends in loss. These beliefs are not irrational — they were often the most reasonable conclusion available at the time, drawn from real pain, by a person trying to make sense of what happened to them.

But reasonable does not mean true. And beliefs formed in pain have a way of quietly running our lives long after the original pain has faded into memory. We find ourselves reacting to a spouse, a friend, or even God Himself, not based on who they actually are, but based on what an old wound trained us to expect. This is why healing cannot simply mean forgetting what happened. Forgetting leaves the belief untouched, still operating in the background. Healing has to include naming the belief, holding it up next to what God actually says, and asking honestly whether it still deserves to shape you.

This is careful, unhurried work, and it is not linear. You may feel healed in one context and find the old wound surfacing unexpectedly in another. This is not failure. It is often the same wound being bound in a different layer, the way a deep injury sometimes needs attention more than once before it fully closes.

If there is an experience that still shapes how you respond today, this week is an invitation to bring it honestly to God — not to relive it for its own sake, but to ask what belief it left behind, and whether that belief agrees with what He says about you. He is not intimidated by what happened to you. He binds wounds. That is not a euphemism. It is a commitment to stay close enough, long enough, to do the slow work real healing requires.

GET HONEST

1. What experience still influences the way I respond today?
2. What did that experience teach me to believe about myself?
3. What did it teach me to believe about other people?
4. Does that belief agree with what God says?

GO DEEPER

> **Genesis 50:20**
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> Joseph names what his brothers meant for harm honestly, while also recognizing God's redemptive work within it. Healing never requires pretending the harm wasn't real.

> **2 Corinthians 1:3–4**
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> Paul describes God as the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us so that we, in turn, can comfort others. Healing is personal, but it is never only for us.

> **Isaiah 61:1–3**
>
> The prophet describes God's specific attentiveness to grief — beauty exchanged for ashes, gladness for mourning. This is not vague encouragement; it is particular, tender attention to real loss.

PRACTICE

Identify one recurring reaction in your life — a specific way you tend to respond in conflict, disappointment, or vulnerability. This week, before reacting from habit, pause and ask: what am I believing right now, and where did I learn to believe it?

PRAY

Lord, thank You that You do not rush past what is broken in me. Show me clearly what past experiences are still shaping how I see myself, others, and You. Where I have believed something about myself that isn't true, replace it with what You actually say. Bind what needs binding, Lord — even the parts I've grown used to carrying alone. Amen.

JOURNAL

Choose one belief you've identified this week that grew out of a painful experience. Write it down honestly. Then write what Scripture says instead — even if you don't fully believe it yet.

CARRY THIS WITH YOU

"What happened may have shaped me, but it does not get the final word."

WEEK THREE

The Comfort of Familiar

Isaiah 43:18–19

PAUSE

New things are rarely resisted because we don't want them. They're resisted because familiar things, even painful ones, come with instructions we've already memorized. This week asks a harder question than "do you want change" — it asks whether you're willing to release what you already know how to survive.

READ

Read Isaiah 43:18–19 in its setting. God is speaking to a people about to be delivered from exile — an event so significant it should have eclipsed every previous act of deliverance, including the exodus from Egypt. Yet God knows His people will be tempted to keep rehearsing the old story instead of noticing the new one forming in front of them. His instruction is direct: forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See — I am doing a new thing.

CONSIDER

There is a peculiar comfort in patterns we've outgrown. Even destructive ones. Even the ones we've prayed about, confessed, and genuinely wanted to leave behind. Familiarity has its own gravity, and it rarely announces itself as an enemy of growth. It presents itself instead as safety, as rest, as the one thing in an uncertain season that still makes sense.

God's word to His people in Isaiah 43 comes at a moment of enormous transition. They were being delivered again, and this deliverance was meant to eclipse even the exodus their national identity was built around. And yet God anticipates a very human temptation: the temptation to keep looking backward, rehearsing the old story, even while a new one is unfolding in real time. Forget the former things, He says. Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

That last question is worth sitting with. *Do you not perceive it?* God is not simply doing something new. He is asking whether His people can recognize it as it happens — because the pull of the familiar is strong enough to make us miss what is genuinely new even while we are standing inside it.

Why does familiarity hold on so tightly, even to things we no longer want? Partly because familiar things are known quantities. We understand their costs. We've already survived them once, which feels safer than facing an unknown cost we can't yet calculate. A person can know a relationship is unhealthy and still find it easier to return to than the uncertainty of being without it. A person can recognize a thinking pattern as destructive and still find it more comfortable than the vulnerability required to think differently. Familiar pain, strangely, can feel more manageable than unfamiliar freedom.

This is where the language of the passage becomes important. God does not ask His people to simply stop doing the old thing. He asks them to actively perceive the new thing — to look for it, to notice it, to let it interrupt their rehearsed story. Growth rarely happens by willpower alone, gritting through the pull of the familiar. It happens by attention — by consistently, deliberately noticing what God is doing now instead of what has always been true before.

It is worth being honest about what obedience sometimes costs here. New things, by definition, cannot be controlled the way familiar things can, because we don't yet have a track record with them. Trusting God with an unfamiliar season means releasing some of the certainty we've built our sense of safety on. This is not a small ask. But Isaiah's picture is not one of loss without provision — the passage continues with God describing water in the

wilderness and rivers in the wasteland, provision made specifically for the unfamiliar terrain His people are being asked to walk into.

If there is a pattern, relationship, or way of thinking you have outgrown but keep returning to, this week is not primarily about willpower. It is about perception — asking God to help you see clearly what has become familiar but is no longer faithful, and to notice, even now, what new thing He may already be springing up around you.

GET HONEST

1. What have I outgrown but continue returning to?
2. What feels safe because it is familiar?
3. What would obedience require me to release?
4. What new thing might I be resisting because I cannot control it?

GO DEEPER

> **Philippians 3:13–14**
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> Paul describes forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, pressing on toward the goal. The posture is forward, deliberate, and active — not a passive drift away from the past.

> **Luke 9:62**
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> Jesus says that no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God — a direct picture of the pull to keep glancing backward even mid-obedience.

> **Exodus 16**
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> Even after their deliverance, the Israelites longed for Egypt — illustrating how familiarity, even familiar slavery, can feel safer than trusting God one day at a time in unfamiliar territory.

PRACTICE

Name one pattern, relationship, or habit you keep returning to even though you know you've outgrown it. This week, identify one specific, concrete step of distance from it — not a vague intention, but an actual action you can take by week's end.

PRAY

God, You know how tightly I sometimes hold on to what is familiar, even when I know it isn't good for me. Help me perceive what You are doing new in my life right now. Give me courage to release what I understand for what I don't — trusting that You provide in unfamiliar places, too. Amen.

JOURNAL

What is one "Egypt" in your life — something you know isn't good for you but keep returning to because it's familiar? What might it cost to finally release it, and what might God be offering instead?

CARRY THIS WITH YOU

"Familiar does not always mean faithful."

WEEK FOUR

When Faith Becomes Performance

Matthew 11:28–30

PAUSE

Somewhere between wanting to honor God and wanting to look like we have it together, a lot of us started performing a faith we were no longer actually resting in. This week is an invitation to notice the difference — and to come to Jesus exactly as tired as you actually are.

READ

Read Matthew 11:28–30. Jesus is not speaking to people who have failed at religion. He is speaking to people exhausted by it — by the weight of trying to keep every rule and appear acceptable in every way. His invitation is not "try harder." It is "come to me." The rest He offers is tied to His yoke, not to the absence of effort, but to effort shared with Him rather than carried alone.

CONSIDER

There is a specific kind of exhaustion that comes from being spiritually tired while still managing to look fine. It is not the exhaustion of doubt or the exhaustion of suffering — those, at least, tend to draw people toward honesty. This is the exhaustion of performance: the quiet, constant labor of appearing to have more faith, more peace, and more certainty than you actually feel, because somewhere along the way it started to feel unsafe to admit otherwise.

Jesus' words in Matthew 11 were spoken into a religious culture built on precisely this kind of weight. The teachers of His day had multiplied the requirements of the law until following God had become an exhausting performance of rule-keeping, appearance, and status. Into that culture, Jesus does not offer a lighter version of the same performance. He offers something categorically different: come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Notice who the invitation is for — not the people who have it together, but the weary. Not the confident, but the burdened.

Faith becomes performance the moment it starts being aimed at an audience instead of at God. This can happen quietly, even in people with real, genuine faith. It can look like always having a Scripture ready for someone else's pain while ignoring your own. It can look like leading, teaching, or serving with real skill while privately wondering if God still hears you. It can look like being the person others come to for wisdom while having no one you feel safe enough to come to yourself. None of these things are inherently wrong — they can be genuine expressions of gifting and calling. But they become performance when they are motivated less by love for God and more by fear of what people would think if they saw what is actually happening underneath.

One of the quiet costs of this kind of performance is that it makes honesty with God feel unnecessary, or even threatening. If your value is tied to appearing spiritually strong, admitting weakness — even to God, who already knows — can feel like risking the identity you've built. But Jesus' invitation assumes the opposite. He does not ask the weary to first appear strong enough to deserve rest. He asks them to come as they are, burdened, and receive rest as a gift rather than a reward for having earned it.

It is worth paying attention to the image Jesus uses next: take my yoke upon you. A yoke is not the absence of work. It is a tool for shared work — historically fitted for two animals to pull together, one typically stronger, guiding and bearing more of the weight than the other. Jesus is not offering an escape from effort. He is offering to share the weight that was never meant to be carried by one person alone, especially not by someone pretending they were carrying it easily.

This week is not an invitation to stop serving, stop leading, or stop using the gifts God has given you. It is an invitation to examine whether the posture behind those things has quietly shifted from worship into performance — from being known by God to being seen by others. If you have been carrying a weight you were never meant to carry alone, or maintaining an image you no longer have the strength to keep polishing, Jesus' words remain exactly what they were to the first exhausted crowd who heard them: come to me. Not once you look ready. Now, as you actually are.

GET HONEST

1. Where am I performing strength?
2. What am I afraid people would think if I admitted I was struggling?
3. Have I confused being needed with being faithful?
4. What would it look like to be honest with God in this season?

GO DEEPER

> **2 Corinthians 12:9**
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> Paul is told that God's grace is sufficient, and that His power is made perfect in weakness. Weakness is reframed here not as something to hide, but as the very place grace becomes most visible.

> **Psalm 62:8**
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> The psalmist urges God's people to trust Him at all times and pour out their hearts before Him, because He is their refuge. This is an invitation to unfiltered honesty, not curated composure.

> **1 Samuel 16:7**
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> God tells Samuel that people look at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. God's evaluation of you was never based on the image you've managed to maintain.

PRACTICE

Identify one place in your life where you've been maintaining an image rather than being honest — with God, a trusted friend, or both. This week, have one honest conversation, even a short one, where you admit something you've been hiding behind performance.

PRAY

Jesus, I bring You my exhaustion, not my performance. Forgive me for the ways I've tried to look stronger than I feel, even with You. Teach me what it means to actually rest in You — not to escape effort, but to stop carrying what was never mine to carry alone. Amen.

JOURNAL

Where have you been performing strength instead of resting in God? Write honestly about what you're afraid would happen if the people around you saw you as you actually are right now.

CARRY THIS WITH YOU

"God does not need my performance. He wants my presence."

WEEK FIVE

Renewing the Mind

Romans 12:2 & 2 Corinthians 10:5

PAUSE

Not every thought that enters your mind deserves your agreement. Some thoughts arrive dressed as conclusions when they are really just old habits of thinking that have never been examined. This week is about examining them.

READ

Return to Romans 12:2 and read it alongside 2 Corinthians 10:5, where Paul writes about taking every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ. Read this in its context — Paul is not describing generic positive thinking. He is describing a deliberate, ongoing practice of holding thoughts up against truth rather than accepting them automatically.

CONSIDER

Renewing the mind is one of the most frequently quoted phrases in Scripture and one of the most frequently misunderstood. It is often reduced to a kind of spiritual positive thinking — replace the negative thought with an encouraging one, and the work is done. But Paul's language, both in Romans 12 and in 2 Corinthians 10, describes something more rigorous than swapping one feeling for a better one. It describes an ongoing discipline of examination.

Thoughts, left unexamined, have a way of becoming beliefs simply through repetition. A thought like "I always mess this up" or "people eventually leave" or "I have to earn love" may have started as a single reaction to a single moment. But repeated enough times, without ever being questioned, that thought stops feeling like an opinion and starts feeling like a fact — something so obviously true it no longer occurs to us to ask where it came from or whether it holds up.

This is precisely what Paul addresses in 2 Corinthians 10:5, describing the demolishing of arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and taking every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ. The word *captive* matters. Paul is not describing thoughts we passively notice. He is describing thoughts we actively arrest — stopping them, examining their claims, and refusing them automatic authority over how we live simply because they showed up first or showed up loudest.

This is a different posture than most self-help language around thinking, which tends to treat the problem as insufficient positivity and the solution as more encouraging self-talk. Scripture's approach is closer to cross-examination than encouragement. It asks: is this thought actually true? Not does this thought feel true, not has this thought always felt true — but is it true against what God has actually said?

Consider how much of daily life is shaped by thoughts that were never put on trial. A person believes they are only valuable when producing results, and organizes their entire schedule and self-worth around never resting, without ever asking whether that belief matches how God describes value. A person believes conflict always ends badly, and avoids every difficult conversation, without ever tracing that belief back to where it was first learned. These beliefs feel like facts because they've never been formally questioned. They've only ever been obeyed.

A simple, honest process can begin to interrupt this pattern. Name the thought specifically — not the vague feeling, but the actual sentence you are telling yourself. Trace its source — where did you first learn to believe this, and from whom? Compare it to Scripture — what does God's word actually say about this, in context, rather than in a single verse pulled out to

comfort or condemn? And then ask what response that truth requires — not simply what you should now think, but how you would actually live differently if you believed it.

This is slower and less immediately gratifying than reciting an affirmation. But it produces something affirmations alone cannot: a mind that has actually been renewed at the level of belief, not merely redecorated at the level of mood. Paul's confidence was never that positive thinking would transform the Roman church. It was that a mind repeatedly submitted to truth, thought by thought, would eventually think differently — not because it tried harder to feel better, but because it had finally stopped agreeing with things that were never true.

GET HONEST

1. What thought have I repeated so often that I now treat it as truth?
2. Where did I learn it?
3. What does Scripture actually say?
4. What decisions have I made because I believed it?
5. What truth do I need to practice believing?

GO DEEPER

> **Philippians 4:8**
>
> Paul instructs believers to think on whatever is true, noble, right, and pure — a deliberate filter for the mind, not a suppression of honest thought.

> **Proverbs 23:7**
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> As a person thinks in their heart, so they are. Thought patterns are shown here to shape identity and action, not merely to reflect them.

> **Colossians 3:2**
>
> Paul urges believers to set their minds on things above, not on earthly things — an active, ongoing orientation, not a one-time decision.

THE THOUGHT	*What am I telling myself?*
THE SOURCE	*Where did this belief come from?*
THE TRUTH	*What does Scripture actually teach?*
THE RESPONSE	*How would I live differently if I believed what God says?*

PRACTICE

Each day this week, catch one repeated thought and run it through the four-part exercise below: name it, trace its source, compare it to Scripture, and decide how you'd live differently if you believed the truth instead.

PRAY

Lord, You know every thought I carry, even the ones I've never said out loud. Show me which of my beliefs are actually Yours, and which ones I've simply repeated long enough to mistake for truth. Renew my mind — not just my mood, but what I actually believe. Amen.

JOURNAL

Walk through the four-part exercise for one specific thought you catch yourself repeating often. Be as honest as you can about where it came from.

CARRY THIS WITH YOU

"Every thought I have does not deserve my agreement."

WEEK SIX

Living as Someone Still Becoming

Philippians 3:12–14

PAUSE

Six weeks ago you began by setting down the measuring stick. This final week is about learning to live without picking it back up — holding both how far you've come and how far there still is to go, without letting either one define you.

READ

Read Philippians 3:12–14. Paul, writing as a mature apostle near the height of his ministry, still describes himself as not having arrived. He presses on, he says, toward what is ahead — not because he has failed to grow, but because maturity, rightly understood, never stops reaching.

CONSIDER

There is a particular kind of relief in finally arriving somewhere — closing a chapter, resolving a struggle, feeling like a version of maturity has finally been reached. It is tempting to want spiritual growth to work the same way: a destination reached, a project completed, a becoming that eventually gives way to simply being. Paul, writing near the height of his apostolic ministry, offers a different picture entirely.

Not that I have already obtained all this, he writes, or have already been made perfect, but I press on. This is striking coming from someone with Paul's credentials — years of ministry, suffering endured for the gospel, churches planted, letters written that would shape Christian faith for centuries. If anyone had reason to consider themselves spiritually arrived, it was Paul. And yet his self-description is not arrival. It is pursuit. Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal.

This matters because it reframes what spiritual maturity actually looks like. Maturity is not the absence of ongoing growth. It is, in fact, often marked by a deeper awareness of how much growth remains — not because mature faith produces insecurity, but because proximity to God has a way of revealing more of who He is and, by contrast, more of how far there still is to go in reflecting Him. The people who often seem most certain they have nothing left to learn are rarely the ones who have walked closest with God the longest.

This creates a particular tension worth naming honestly: how do you recognize real growth without becoming complacent, and how do you recognize what remains unfinished without becoming ashamed? Both extremes are tempting. It is tempting to focus only on how far you've come, using growth as a reason to stop paying attention to what God is still doing. It is equally tempting to focus only on what's unfinished, treating every remaining struggle as evidence that the last six weeks accomplished nothing. Paul's posture holds both without collapsing into either. He can say, with confidence, that Christ has taken hold of him, and in the same breath say he has not yet taken full hold of what Christ has for him. Gratitude for the past and hunger for what's ahead are not opposites. They coexist in anyone who is actually still becoming.

This is, in the end, what this journey was never meant to produce: arrival. Six weeks was never long enough to finish forming a person, and it was never meant to be. What it was meant to do is smaller and, in some ways, more significant — to make you more willing to notice what God is doing, more willing to be honest about what still needs attention, more teachable than you were six weeks ago. Spiritual maturity, rightly understood, does not make a person need God less. It makes them more attentive to Him, more willing to be interrupted and corrected,

more at peace with the fact that becoming is not evidence of falling short, but evidence of being alive to what God is still doing.

You are, right now, exactly as far along as six weeks of honest attention could take you — no further behind than that, and no more finished than that either. Whatever you have recognized these past six weeks, whatever remains unfinished, both belong to the same ongoing work. Press on, Paul says, not because you have already arrived, but because Christ has already taken hold of you — and that is reason enough to keep reaching.

GET HONEST

1. What has God shown me during these six weeks?
2. What have I recognized about myself?
3. What needs to continue after this journey ends?
4. What am I ready to release, and what am I ready to practice?

GO DEEPER

> **1 Corinthians 13:12**
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> Paul writes that now we see only a reflection, but then we will see face to face — a humble admission of partial understanding that applies even to mature faith.

> **2 Peter 3:18**
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> Peter closes his letter urging believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ — a command given to the mature, not only to the newly converted.

> **Hebrews 12:1–2**
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> The writer describes running with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus — sustained, ongoing pursuit rather than a finish line already crossed.

PRACTICE

Write a short letter to yourself, to be reopened in six months, naming what you've recognized during this journey and one specific way you want to keep practicing it.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for what You've shown me these six weeks — and thank You that You're not finished with me yet. Keep me teachable. Keep me honest about what still needs to change. Help me hold both gratitude for how far I've come and hunger for where You're still taking me. Amen.

JOURNAL

What has this six-week journey shown you that you didn't expect? Write freely — consider this preparation for the closing reflection ahead.

CARRY THIS WITH YOU

"I can honor how far I have come and still make room for who God is forming me to become."

CLOSING

God Is Not Finished With Me Yet

Maybe you started this journey hoping to fix something.

But becoming is bigger than fixing.

God is forming you.

Some things may have become clear during these six weeks. Other things may take longer. There may even be places you now recognize that you were not ready to see before.

That is okay.

The goal was never to finish becoming in six weeks.

The goal was to become more willing to notice.

More willing to listen.

More willing to question what needs questioning.

More willing to release what needs releasing.

More willing to let God continue His work.

WHAT I SEE DIFFERENTLY NOW

Something I learned about God...

Something I learned about myself...

Something I need to release...

Something I need to continue...

A conversation I need to have...

A step I need to take...

A truth I want to remember...

WHO AM I BECOMING?

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