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Move On

You don't want to be stagnant and stuck in your faith, do you? No, I do not. **You don't want to take backward steps?** No. I don't. **You want to move on and forward with me?** Yes, I do. **You are determined to grow in your relationship with me?** Yes, I am. **You want to know and love me with all your heart and soul and mind?** Yes, I do. **You want to go where I lead you to do all that I ask of you?** Yes, that's right. **Where do you think all these desires that you have in your heart come from?** I'm sure that they come from you. **Yes, that's right. Do you have any fear or doubts that I won't be able to accomplish and grant these desires of your heart?** I have no doubts in you. I know that nothing can prevent you from accomplishing your will. **Now, that's a strong statement of faith on your part. Let's talk more about that. You do have some doubts?** Yes, I do. **Tell me about your doubts.** I don't doubt you. I doubt me. **Do you believe that I am able to accomplish my will and purposes in your life?** Yes, I believe you are able to accomplish your will and purposes in my life. **Do you believe that it is my desire and plan for you to grow and mature in your faith?** Yes, I believe that it is your desire and plan for me to grow and mature in my faith. **Do you think that your growing and maturing in your faith depends on you or on me?** I think that my growing and maturing in my faith depends on you. I can't make myself grow in my faith. I can't make myself mature. I can't move on and forward with you unless you are leading me. **There is a word here that I want you think about every deeply.** What is that word? **I want you to depend on me. I don't want you to rely on yourself. You are right that you can't make yourself mature and complete. Only I can do that kind of work in you. When you depend on me, you will grow and mature. When you rely on yourself, you will be filled with doubts. When you rely on yourself, you will remain stuck and stagnant in your faith. When you rely on yourself, you will take backward steps. I see that you are very determined in your desire to grow and mature in your relationship with me. That desire is very good. There is also a danger close at hand. What danger is that? There is a danger in allowing your determination to cause you to rely on yourself.** I want you to be determined to depend on me to do my work in and through your life. **Will you be determined to depend on me?** Yes Lord, I will depend on you with all my heart and soul and strength. **Then you will move forward in your relationship with me. You will grow and mature in your faith as you depend on me.**

Lord, I don't want to be stagnant in my faith. I am determined and dependent on you to help me to grow and mature as I follow you. Build on what you have already taught me. Use all of life to teach and train me so I will grow mature in you. Amen

Let Us *Go On To Maturity*

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NIV Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Go On To Maturity*

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.

ESV Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Go On Instead And Become Mature*

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

NLT Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Go On To Perfection*

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.

NKJV Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Go On Toward Perfection*

Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation: repentance from dead works and faith toward God, instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And we will do this, if God permits.

NRSV Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Get On With The Grand Work*

So come on, let's leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ. The basic foundational truths are in place: turning your back on "salvation by self-help" and turning in trust toward God; baptismal instructions; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead; eternal judgment. God helping us, we'll stay true to all that. But there's so much more. Let's get on with it!

MSG Hebrews 6:1-3

Let U *Advancing Steadily Toward The Completeness and Perfection*

THEREFORE LET us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belong to spiritual maturity. Let us not again be laying the foundation of repentance and abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) and of the faith [by which you turned] to God, With teachings about purifying, the laying on of hands, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment and punishment. [These are all matters of which you should have been fully aware long, long ago.] If indeed God permits, we will [now] proceed [to advanced teaching].

AMP Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Become Mature*

Let us stop going over the same old ground again and again, always teaching those first lessons about Christ. Let us go on instead to other things and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be. Surely we don't need to speak further about the foolishness of trying to be saved by being good, or about the necessity of faith in God; you don't need further instruction about baptism and spiritual gifts and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. The Lord willing, we will go on now to other things.

TLB Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Press On To Maturity*

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And this we will do, if God permits.

NASB Hebrews 6:1-3

Let Us *Go On To Grown-Up Teaching*

So let us go on to grown-up teaching. Let us not go back over the beginning lessons we learned about Christ. We should not again start teaching about faith in God and about turning away from those acts that lead to death. We should not return to the teaching about baptisms, about laying on of hands, about the raising of the dead and eternal judgment. And we will go on to grown-up teaching if God allows.

NCV Hebrews 6:1-3

Go On To Maturity

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Let Us – Hebrews 6:1-3

In Context: *Read Hebrews 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has your faith matured since you started following Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

What has the Lord used to help you to grow and mature in your faith in Him?

How has the Lord used His word to help you to grow and mature in your faith?

What are some past examples of immaturity that the Lord has helped you to move on from?

How is the Lord building on what you have already learned from Him so you will grow into maturity?

How determined are you to grow and mature in your relationship with God?

How are you depending on God to help you to grow and mature in your faith?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Be determined and dependent on God to help you to grow and mature in your faith.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will help you to grow and mature as you follow Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are growing and maturing as you follow Jesus Christ.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you always be moving forward with Jesus Christ and on to maturity in Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will move forward and go on to maturity with you as you lead and guide me through life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I move forward and go on to maturity with you today?
