

# SERMON NOTES

September 23 & 24, 2023

## Out of Control: Spiritual Growth Mark 4:26-29

I Believe.....

Romans 8:28 | Mark 4:26-29

1. Spiritual growth towards \_\_\_\_\_ is worth 100% commitment.

Matthew 13:44 - 46

- I can't \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual growth, but I can \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 11:2b MSG

2. 100% commitment to spiritual growth is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:15-16

- There is a huge difference between \_\_\_\_\_ I'm 100% committed to something and  
\_\_\_\_\_ wholly committed.

- The disciple of Jesus does not ask what is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
but what is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- William Law, A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life

3. Spiritual growth requires \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 18:20 | Proverbs 27:6

- "Friendships are \_\_\_\_\_." - Aristotle

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is an opportunity for spiritual growth. James 1: 2-4

- Spiritual growth will happen if \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 6:9 | I John 3:2

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**Mark 4: 26-29**

**Reflect:** What does this passage teach us about spiritual growth? What has been your own experience with this aspect of spiritual growth?

**Prayer:** God of grace, thank you for the freedom and space to grow in my relationship with you from right where I am.

## Tuesday

**Matthew 13:44-46**

**Reflect:** What does this passage teach us about spiritual growth? What has been your own experience with this aspect of spiritual growth?

**Prayer:** God, give me the zeal and grit to relentlessly pursue you and the character of Jesus.

## Wednesday

**Ephesians 4:14-16**

**Reflect:** What does this passage teach us about spiritual growth? What has been your own experience with this aspect of spiritual growth?

**Prayer:** God of truth and grace, help me to grow into the person you designed and created me to be.

## Thursday

**Matthew 18:20 | Proverbs 27:6**

**Reflect:** What does this passage teach us about spiritual growth? What has been your own experience with this aspect of spiritual growth?

**Prayer:** Thank you for my friends who love me and speak truth into my life.

## Friday

**James 1:2-4**

**Reflect:** What does this passage teach us about spiritual growth? What has been your own experience with this aspect of spiritual growth?

**Prayer:** Today, grant me joy in every moment and every circumstance that comes my way.

## Saturday

**Galatians 6:9 | 1 John 3:2**

**Reflect:** What is the pace of spiritual growth? What is the goal of spiritual growth? What is your next series of action steps that will help you put down some spiritual growth roots?

**Prayer:** Teach me your ways, O Lord, and give me patience in the waiting.

## Sunday

**Luke 14:25-33**

**Reflect:** Honestly assess your relationship with Jesus. At this time, are you more of an admirer or a committed follower of Jesus? What leads you to that conclusion, and what will you do and or not do to continue moving toward spiritual growth?

**Prayer:** Lord God, continue to reach out to me and help me become a fully devoted disciple of your Son and my Lord.