



A NEW
MESSAGE
SERIES

ABOUT
**GROWING
TOGETHER
AS A CHURCH.**



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Objectives of BETTER:

- Address the Church from a pastoral standpoint.
- Desire for breakthrough as a Church.



BETTER is associated with:

- Growth
- Upgrade
- Work towards
- Improve TOGETHER



**“YOUR LIFE
DOES NOT GET BETTER
BY CHANCE, IT GETS
BETTER BY CHANGE.”**

- JIM ROHN





there are far,
FAR BETTER
THINGS AHEAD
than any we
leave behind.

C. S. Lewis



BETTER: Grow Up



Hebrews 5:11-14 ESV




¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is **hard to explain**, since you have become **dull of hearing**. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of **discernment** trained by **constant** practice to distinguish good from evil.






Hebrews 5:7-10 MSG



7-10 While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him. Though he was God's Son, he learned **trusting-obedience** by what he suffered, just as we do. Then, having arrived at the full stature of his **maturity** and having been announced by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who believingly obey him.





Hebrews 5:11-14 MSG



¹¹⁻¹⁴ I have a lot more to say about this, but it is hard to get it across to you since you've picked up this bad habit of not listening. By this time you ought to be teachers yourselves, yet here I find you need someone to sit down with you and go over the basics on God again, starting from square one—baby's milk, when you should have been on solid food long ago! Milk is for beginners, inexperienced in God's ways; solid food is for the mature, who have some practice in telling right from wrong."





BETTER

- God desires us to grow up






Spiritual Milk

1 Peter 2:2-3 ESV

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation —
³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.





Spiritual Milk is Powerful

It is not how much I know but how much I obey.





Hebrews 5:14 ESV

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Hebrews 5:14 ESV

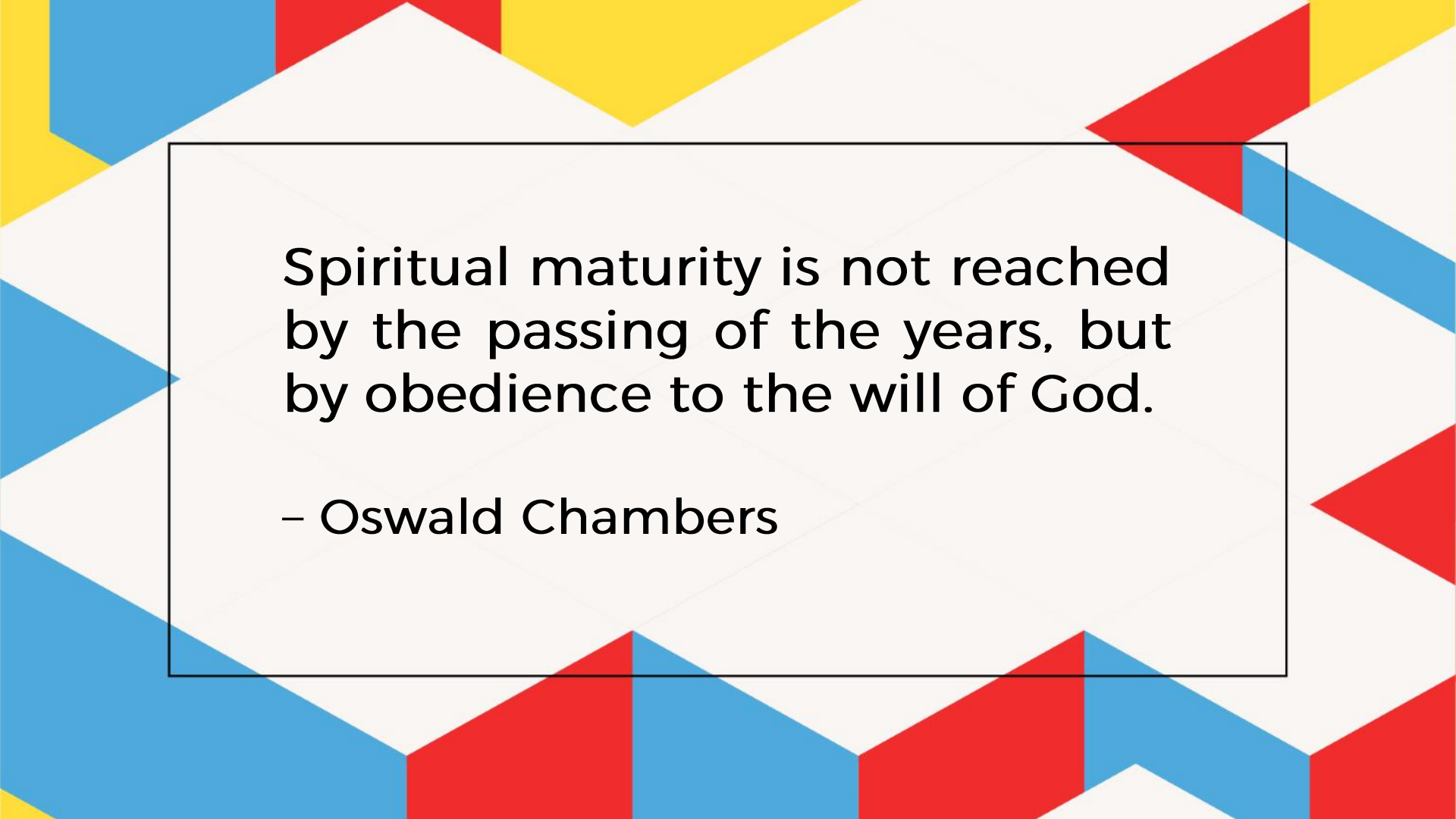
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Maturity comes through **habitual practice**.



Habitual Practice:

- Read and Study the Word
- Pray and Worship
- Serve and Glorify God



Spiritual maturity is not reached
by the passing of the years, but
by obedience to the will of God.

– Oswald Chambers



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