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"Jesus Grew in Stature"

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The ultimate inspiration for growth comes from the Biblical example of Jesus.

Luke 2:52 – "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Today, we consider the second growth area for our Lord – **Jesus grew in stature**.

He took care of Himself **physically** – and grew **appropriately**.

In our **Grow** model for discipleship, we also "grow high" in the love of Christ.

We do this by **loving** others like Jesus **loved** others.

John 13:34

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Jesus loved in **many ways**. He loved by:

Sharing

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

• Serving

Matthew 4:23-24

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

Sacrificing

Matthew 20:28

"... The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Commit to growing in one aspect of the **love of Jesus** in February.