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"Jesus Grew in Favor with Man"
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Spiritual growth bears the **fruit of hope**.

Jesus is our **inspiration** for growth.

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

Jesus **intentionally** grew.

Today, we consider how Jesus grew in **favor with man**.

The Gospels demonstrate Jesus building **authentic** relationships.

- Jesus associated with **all kinds of people**.

Matthew 9:10

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

- Jesus practiced **impartiality**.

Matthew 15:22-28

A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

- Jesus was **honest** with people.

Matthew 7:24-27

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

- Jesus **shared with/served/sacrificed** for people.

We want to grow **wide** – and welcome **more people** into the family of God.

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."