

THE EXPECTATION GAP

I THOUGHT I'D BE FURTHER ALONG IN MY FAITH BY NOW – Brad Bullock

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Sermon Recap:

THE PROBLEM: The DISTANCE between where we are and where we think we should be CONVINCES us that we can't BECOME who God wants us to be.

We start growing again...

1. When we LET OTHERS in.
 - “because of your partnership...” (Philippians 1:5)
2. When we don't RUSH the PROCESS.
 - “...until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)
 - Don't confuse SLOW growth with no GROWTH.
 - Value SMALL steps taken on a REGULAR basis.
3. When we don't MISS God's GRACE.
 - “...all of you share in God's grace with me.” (Philippians 1:7)
 - “All change is derived from ENCOUNTERING God, not TRYING hard to be like another person.” –Steve Cuss

Life Group Questions:

Starter Question: What stood out to you about this weekend's message?

- 1 - What is something you thought you would have figured out about life by now, but still haven't?
- 2 - Do you think it's possible to have unrealistic expectations of your own spiritual growth, even when those expectations sound good or biblical?
- 3 - When you feel spiritually stuck, what's your typical response: try harder, give up, hide it, compare yourself to others, or pretend everything is fine?
- 4 - What is the difference between pursuing spiritual growth because you are loved and pursuing it to prove you are worthy of love?
- 5 - Where do you sense God inviting you to grow in this season?
- 6 - Is there an expectation about your spiritual life that you need to reconsider or surrender?