

## Growing Up

I grew up sharing a room with my brother who is six years older than me. We have not lived in the same house or even the same town since he left for college and I started junior high school. Through the years we have always maintained a good relationship. We have vacationed together, we were groomsmen in each other's weddings and we have enjoyed watching each other's children grow up. Last night we talked on the phone for about 30 minutes. When the call was over I realized that our topics of conversation have changed over the years. We have always talked about church and family. But we used to talk a lot about sports. Not just about our favorite teams but we would talk about running. He is a marathoner (meaning he ran multiple marathons) and I have ran a marathon (meaning I was one and done). We would occasionally talk about politics, world events, and the latest television shows and music we were into at the time. But last night after we hung up I realized that we did catch up on church and family. But then our conversation went to Social Security, our latest aches and pains, doctor's appointments, medications and how many times per night our sleep was interrupted by trips to the bathroom. I don't know if our conversation was mature or just sad. But I do know that it is different than it used to be.

*In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:12-14*

We understand maturing physically, but we also need to mature spiritually. What fed us spiritually when we first began our walk with God should not remain our nutrition today. We need to grow up. The basic bible study that first brought us to Christ should not be the same bible study we do today. We should be digging into the deeper truths about God. We need to grow up. The same prayers we used to recite as children should not be the depth of our prayers today. We need to grow up.

In some ways I miss those early conversations with my brother. But growing up means that we continue moving forward and digging deeper into our ever evolving relationship. I am thankful for my conversations with my brother. At least we can still hear each other.

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