



# YOU CAN

Part 4: Independently Grow  
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## Main Points

Christianity often seems like an exercise in tolerating boredom.  
the life Jesus offers is an adventure of growing more and more into who Jesus made us to be.  
Following Jesus isn't just something we learn, it's something we practice.  
We are all willing to change until we are challenged to actually change.  
Maturity isn't what we know. It's what we do with what we know.  
Growth requires exercise.  
If we read the biblical writings and don't apply them we're wasting our time.  
We want safety and comfort over growth and purpose.  
The better you know Jesus the better you know what love looks like.  
Independently growing means... We take responsibility for our maturity and then apply it with each other.  
Maturity and growing is a process. We all have our own pace.  
The world is begging Jesus Followers to apply what they already know about Jesus' love

### "Show Notes" Resources & Links:

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**Gatherings On Site: October 10 & 24**  
4:30pm. Potluck + Music + Communion  
<https://www.yourcrosscreek.com/gathering>

**Suggested Bible Readings:**  
Matthew 5-7, Ephesians 4:11-16, James 2:14-26

**Music** we listened to making this episode:  
Beethoven- Symphony No. 9 in D minor: Ode to Joy  
Foo Fighters- This is a Call  
Phil Wickham- Your Love Awakens Me

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## Message Passage

There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

*Hebrews 5:11-14*

## This Week's Challenge:

### STEPS TO GROW:

**EVALUATE:** *Am I actively and purposely discovering more about Jesus and applying it to my life?*

**DISCOVER:** Read 1 John 3:18 daily and Matthew 5:21-7:27 over the week.

**APPLY** what you're learning, pray and ask Jesus to help you apply.

**REPEAT!**

## Discussion Questions

1. How is God working in your life & world this week?
2. What stood out to, bothered, inspired, or irritated you in this week's message?
3. What experiences/feelings have you had with church before? How do you think Crosscreek's version of Independently Growing compares to those experiences/feelings?
4. Look at Jesus' description of life in the Kingdom of God in Matthew 5-7. In which area(s) do you feel you could use some more "Independent Growth." What are some steps you can take to grow in this area and how can your group support/pray for you in this?

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