

Why were you searching for me?

Luke 2:39-52

Q1: Are you **GROWING** like Jesus?

📖 Luke 2:39–40 (NIV84) “When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.”

📖 Luke 2:52 (NIV84) “...Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

1. Jesus grew in **WISDOM (Intellectually)**.

📖 James 1:5 (NIV84) “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him”

2. Jesus grew in **STATURE (Physically)**.

3. Jesus grew in **FAVOR WITH GOD (Spiritually)**.

📖 Matthew 17:5 (NIV84) “While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!”

4. Jesus grew in **FAVOR WITH MAN (Socially)**.

Q2: Are you **LEARNING** like Jesus?

📖 Luke 2:41–47 (NIV84) “Every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When He was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast was over, while His parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers.”

Q3: Are you **SEARCHING** for Jesus?

📖 Luke 2:43–46a (NIV84) “...while His parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.”⁴⁶ After three days they found Him in the temple courts...”

📖 Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV84) “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

📖 Luke 2:48–51 (NIV84) “When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” ⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” He asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what He was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured all these things in her heart.”

Digging Deeper In what ways are you growing like Christ? Are you learning like the Lord? Are you good at listening and asking questions? Are you looking for Jesus? If so, where are you searching? How far have you traveled without acknowledging Him? How long has it been since you’ve spoken with Him? Are you aware of the distance between Him and you? Are you anxious to find Him again? What prevents people from looking for Him sooner? What finally made you aware that Jesus was missing in your life? Are you looking for God in the wrong places?