

SERMON NOTES



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“God made me because He wanted me to grow up in His family.”

Why God Made Me:

1. To love me
 - The cure for feeling unloved.
2. To have a family
 - The cure for feeling unwanted.
3. Because He wanted me to grow up in His family.
 - The cure for feeling unfulfilled.

“Character is more important to God than your comfort or charisma.”

- God promotes character.
- God chose us to become like Christ and take on the character of Christ.
- Christ is the pattern.
- Character should be our focus.
- Character should be a witness to family and friends.

Characteristics of Why God Made You:

1. To grow in your faith
2. To increase
3. To move forward

Ephesians 4:22 - 24 (MSG)

²⁰⁻²⁴ But that's no life for you. You learned Christ! My assumption is that you have paid careful attention to him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus. Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

Galatians 5:22 (NIV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

2 Corinthians 13:9 (NLT)

⁹ We are glad to seem weak if it helps show that you are actually strong. We pray that you will become mature.

Responses When Bad Things Happen:

1. God, what do you want me to learn?
 2. God, what do you want to do in my life through this situation?
- Understanding that God made us to be spiritually mature and be a person of character, you can overcome any circumstance in your life.
 - When you are growing and maturing, you are satisfied!
 - Grow and be larger on the other side of your circumstances.

How Do You Know That You Are Growing?

- Changed Behavior -
 - If your behavior is not changing, then you are not changing.
 - Spiritual growth is marked by changed behavior.
 - Build and grow your character.
 - Be molded and shaped into the character of Christ.

Romans 12:2 (MSG)

¹⁻² So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

4 Keys to Growing Spiritually:

1. Let go of your past, hurts and offenses!
2. Change the way you think!
3. Develop Godly habits!
4. Yes to the Holy Spirit!

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did God make you?
2. What are the keys to growing spiritually?
3. How does growing spiritually impact your character?

Resources:

If you would like to look at “**Why God Made Me**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

