

## Pastoral Notes

“Growing through what you’re going through” Acts 15:36-40. Between the time we *exit* the womb & *enter* the tomb, we ought to grow.

I used to be amazed when I would preach and someone would come up after service to say thank you. But now I understand better just how active God is in our lives.

None of us are free from the presence of sin, likewise, we are not free from

through stubbornness, pride or anger. I know it is easier for me to write about seeing the positive in your problems, than it is to live it, but as gold is purified in fire, so too are we. You have the choice to allow trials to destroy you but you also have the power to use those trials to help define you.

Since you were a small child you have had a yearning to grow whether it be physically, financially, intellectually or spiritually. Tap into the God-given resolve you have through the Holy Spirit that lives in

### Key Sermonic Points

1. *Are you traveling with baggage God did not ordain you to carry?*
2. *You must Check your ego at the door*
3. *Trials don't break you, they help to make you*

the presence life's trials. We often look better on the outside than we feel on the inside. This is why we must continually pray & care for one another. If the enemy is bothering your neighbor, he is in your neighborhood.

Last weeks message was meant to encourage anyone who is going through a tough time in relationships, health, employment or other areas of life. You need to know 'you can **grow** through, what you **go** through'. Saints nor Apostles are immune from trouble whether it emanates outside us or begins, within us,

you starting Growing Through what you are going through. You can grow wiser, stronger, & better. Most importantly, you can grow your faith in the process. Every day and in every way, you can Grow through what you go through.

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Stay Blessed,  
Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- Unlike God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, people need to change.
- What God has 'set apart', we should not 'split apart'.
- Be sure you aren't carrying excess baggage (workload, weight, debt, people)..
- Cut loose any anchors or dead weight that is holding you back or keeping your down
- Check your excess baggage at the curb and check your ego at the door.
- Christians will get to heaven but before we 'go up' we have got to 'grow up'.

“God has a way of turning a test into a testimony and a mess into a message.”