

Growing Pains

Mark 8:1-20

Growth is important, but often, it <u>hurts</u>.

At a doctrinal high-level, there is an element of tribulation that is involved in spiritual growth.





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I. REPEAT Lessons.

There are some lessons that will repeat until we **learn** the lesson.

A major goal in the Christian life is the **abandonment** of walking by sight and the **embracing** of walking by faith.



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Walking by sight is a manifestation of **unbelief**.

There is often a dispensational **ignorance** regarding the sign gifts.

The sign gifts were for a **season** in time.



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The sign gifts served two primary purposes:

- 1. To prove that Jesus was the promised Messiah.
- 2. To show Israel that God was adding **Gentiles** to the household of faith.



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At some point, the Christian life must be about truth, not <u>feelings</u> and <u>experiences</u>.

In the Christian life, the <u>truth</u> is what holds everything together.





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- I. REPEAT Lessons.
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III. REMEDIAL Lessons.

Remedial lessons are intended for students who are experiencing **learning** difficulties.

The quiet time isn't very helpful if you leave the **bread** behind that God gives you in it.