**NOVEMBER 2024**

**WHEN I GOT GROWN!**

Dear Friend:

I first give honor to my Lord and my Savior, Jesus the Christ. Wow, can you believe that we only have one more month in this year of 2024. It seems like the older you get, the faster times seems to move. My prayer is that as we are approaching the end of this year, you can look back over the year and give God praise for how He has kept you, (Thank you, Jesus, for your faithfulness).

When I looked back over my life, as a child, I viewed grown-ups as wise and that they always knew what to do and always had the answers. I knew that one day that I would be grown, and I would know what to do as well. Now, that day for me has come and being grown has taught me a lot. As a Christian, a child of the living God, life has taught me that we can’t make it without God.

Life itself has taught me a lot of wisdom, but I still don’t know what to do. **John 16:33** tells us test and trails are going to come in our lives. However, we can be of good cheer because God has overcome the world.

God wants us to depend on His strength and to understand that we can’t make it without him, no matter how grown up we may be. Our being a grown up doesn’t mean we’re all knowing. Yes, we should grow wiser with age, but our weakness often reveals how truly we need God and powerless we are without Him.

When we surrender our life to Jesus and trust Him to lead us, our lives become a tool for Him to work in us His good pleasure. When we realize our need for Him, no matter how grown we are, He brings us through the circumstances that might come up in our lives.

We can learn from Paul, that our personal weakness and helplessness, doesn’t mean defeat. When we surrender our life to Jesus and follow His principles for our lives, we will experience His love, His grace and promises in our lives.

Let me encourage you as this year is quickly coming to an end, to keep your eyes towards the hills from which cometh your help. Because our true help and power is in Christ Jesus and comes from Him. For when we are weak, then He is strong.

I have learned that to truly be grown is to know God, trust Him and realize that no matter how old we are or grown up we think we are, we need God’s help until we get to our final destination.

Mennie and I thank God for you growing up in Jesus and allowing Him to use you to be a part of our ministry family and an extension of His hand. I believe that the seeds you sow not only in this ministry but every seed you sow into the Kingdom of God will be multiplied back 100-fold return (**Luke 6:38**). Thanks again for your faithful partnership.

In His Will,

Dr. Joseph Morrison, D.Min

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10**

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