

Made For Mondays Part 4: Made To Grow

(1 Corinthians 3:5-9 NLT) "Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building."

✓ **God wants you to grow.**

✓ **God answers many problems with the right person.**

✓ **Healthy growth happens in the context of relationships.**

Relationships We All Need

(Mark 2:1-5 NLT) "When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

1. Everyone needs Jesus.

(John 14:6 NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

2. Everyone needs a coach.

(1 Corinthians 4:14-16 NLT) "I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I urge you to imitate me."

"If we don't come together, right now on this hallowed ground, we too will be destroyed, just like they were. I don't care if you like each other right now, but you will respect each other. And maybe...I don't know maybe we'll learn to play this game like men." - Coach Boone

3. Everyone needs a companion.

(Proverbs 18:24 NLT) "There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother."

(Proverbs 13:20 NIV) "Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."

4. Everyone needs a follower.

(Matthew 4:19 ESV) "And he (Jesus) said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.""

✓ Growth is defined as your next step of obedience.

(John 3:36 NLT) "And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."

✓ Growth is refined in a group.

(Proverbs 27:17 NLT) "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."