

# Let It Shine: Grow Up

**Life Steps** | December 16 & 17, 2017

## **Monday**

**Matthew 18:1**

Take some time after reading this verse and reflect on the character of Jesus. What are the ways that you use to define greatness? How is this different from how you think Jesus might define greatness?

## **Tuesday**

**Matthew 18:4**

Jesus tells us that to be the greatest means to take the "lowly position of this child." What do you think he meant by this? What are some of the things that keep you from humbling yourself to serve others?

## **Wednesday**

**Matthew 6:8-15**

Read through this prayer today, but focus on v. 10. As you go through the day, keep this phrase with you and reflect on what it means to you. How might reflecting on God's will being done change your perspective on how you go through the day?

## **Thursday**

**Mark 9:21-24**

Even the strongest of those in the faith have moments where they doubt the presence of God. The man in this passage says to Jesus, "I believe, but help me with my unbelief." Today, as a part of your prayer, take time to get honest with God about your doubt. What areas of your faith do you struggle with? Rather than ignore them, take them with you in your prayer time.

## **Friday**

**John 1:35-42**

In verse 38 Jesus asks the disciples what they are looking for. The question cuts deep into the human condition for all of us. Unfulfilled desire leads to our restlessness. Take time today, preferably in the morning, to reflect on this question. What desires are keeping you from drawing closer to God?

## **Saturday**

**Psalms 62:5-8**

In a culture that defines greatness as independence, take time to reflect on this passage and recognize just how dependent we are on God. What are some of the things that you rely on God for that you typically take for granted? As a part of your prayer, give thanks to God for these things and that God is faithful to God's promises.

## **Sunday**

**Psalms 148**

The light of Jesus shines brightest through us when we come together to praise him. As you prepare to come to worship today, take time to read through this psalm as a recognition of all the earth coming together in praise of God. Let your worship begin before you ever leave your house today.