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Sermon Outline  
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# Grow

## 1 Peter 2:2

### Observations concerning crises:

1. A crisis rarely gives you any \_\_\_\_\_ before it upends your life.
2. We often fail to heed warnings unless the danger is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A crisis doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ you who you are. It \_\_\_\_\_ who you are.
4. We often discover how \_\_\_\_\_ our connection with God is in a crisis.
5. The best time to prepare for a crisis is \_\_\_\_\_ it happens.

**Matthew 7:24-27** - "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

**Academy Christian's three priorities to help prepare for whatever life might throw at you.**

1) Connect 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Impact

**You are supposed to be growing \_\_\_\_\_ in your faith not just growing \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Peter 2:2** - Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation...

**\* You may grow a little simply by osmosis but significant growth happens when you become \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 Peter 1:5** - For this very reason, **make every effort** to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge...

### The three most effective practices to engage in to grow up in your faith:

1. **Bible reading** – so you can reprogram your mind with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 17:17** - Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

**\* Truth is \_\_\_\_\_ than what's true.**  
*You need to take God more seriously and yourself less seriously.*

2. **Corporate worship** – so you can be reminded that God is ultimately in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 96:9** - Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

3. **Connect group** – so you can \_\_\_\_\_ from the knowledge, experience and perspectives of others.

**2 Timothy 3:10** - You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance...

**\* The second-best time to prepare for a crisis is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a crisis.**