

A Hell Called “Stuck in Lazy-Boy Land”

(How to breakout of a bad boring)

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“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” (James 1:2-4)

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Gal 6:9)

As we grow & mature...

Real life creates **responsibilities**.

Responsibilities create **routines**.

Routines create **ruts**.

Ruts create **rebellion**.

Asking the Right Questions

Is my faith **growing**?

“Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,” (Hebrews 6:1)

Is there any **defiance in me**?

“For you, God, tested us; you **refined us like silver**. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our

heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.” (Psa 66:10-12 NIV)

Am I openly **disobedient**?

“If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.” (Jam 4:17)

“I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.” (Jere 17:10)

What temptations **am I considering**?

“So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” (1 Corinthians 10:12-14)

Am I living **beyond myself**?

“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, ‘Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.’” (Mark 9:35)

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Cor 15:58)

How will I **be remembered**?

“She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” (Mark 14:8-9)

In whom am I **investing**?

“I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong” (Rom 1:11)