

Pattern of Christian Maturity

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I. Introduction.

A. When Jesus does something in slow motion He does it so that people can learn.

B. Text: Luke 9:10.

C. Jesus exposed His disciples to Himself by performing four impossible feats.

II. Jesus welcomed interruptions to His rest. We are not entitled to a break.

III. Jesus gave thanks for the bread. Those who enjoy anything without giving thanks act as if they have robbed God.

IV. We are to thank God for our trials because He gives us a situation in which He can shine and we cannot.

A. Many have gone through situations in which God helped them, and they did not even realize it.

B. If we are God's child, we will be put in impossible situations that Jesus will help us through.

Application questions:

1. Why is giving thanks important?

2. What role did Jesus' miracles play for His disciples?

3. Why can every believer expect difficulty? Explain.
