



Life As It Was Meant to Be  
Part Two: U Turn Required!  
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### A Picture of Maturity:

*“<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:3, ESV)*

1. **A Faith that \_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **A Love that \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **A Hope that enables me to \_\_\_\_\_.**

### How To Get There:

#### 1) You must \_\_\_\_\_!

*“<sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you **turned** to God from idols to serve the living and true God... (1 Thessalonians 1:9–10, ESV)*

#### This U Turn Involves Two Turns:

- **Turning \_\_\_\_\_ whatever is hurting you.**
- **Turning \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“<sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,” (Ephesians 4:22–23, ESV)*

#### 2) Make sure your faith is more than just \_\_\_\_\_:

*“<sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction...(1 Thessalonians 1:5, ESV)*

- **\_\_\_\_\_ you do have a responsibility to talk!**

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*have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” (Romans 10:14, ESV)*

- **\_\_\_\_\_ on God’s Power.**

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*“<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation...(Romans 1:16, ESV)*

*“<sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:5, ESV)*

- **\_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Spirit.**

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*...but our sufficiency is from God,” (2 Corinthians 3:5, ESV)*

- **\_\_\_\_\_ your deepest convictions.**

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#### 3) \_\_\_\_\_ your life after mature believers.

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#### 4) \_\_\_\_\_ a good model for others to follow.

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