

A Picture of Maturity:

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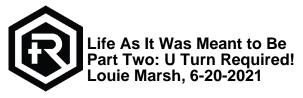
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Turning whatever is hurting you.
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"22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds," (Ephesians 4:22–23, ESV)
2) Make sure your faith is more than just
you do have a responsibility to talk!

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