

**MATURITY IN CHRIST**  
**FAILURE IS NOT**  
**THE END**

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I. Spiritual Maturity  
happens as we  
journey with God

2. Journeying with God is about spiritual transformation of our inner nature, not physical/material benefits alone.

## JUST AS I AM (I COME BROKEN)

I come broken to be mended

I come wounded to be healed

I come desperate to be rescued

I come empty to be filled

I come guilty to be pardoned

By the blood of Christ the Lamb

And I'm welcomed with open arms—

Praise God!—Just as I am!

3. Spiritual Transformation can happen even when we make mistakes. Man's failure is God's beginning.

# FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION & GROUP DISCUSSION

- **Read Genesis chapters 12-21.** Trace Abram's up and down experiences as he walked with God. Can you see how God was with Abram all along?
- How do you think God uses our **“up experiences”** to build our faith and transform our inner nature and character? How does God use our **“down experiences”** to mature us?
- **What are you going through in life right now?** If you believe God is maturing you in Christ through all the ups and downs, what do you think He is developing in you through your current circumstances?