



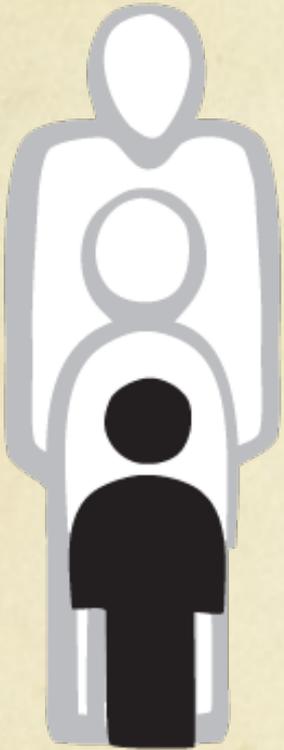
STAGES *of* FAITH

A Journey Toward Personal Spiritual Growth

It's time for a change in the way we think about spiritual growth and the way we guide others in the faith. Stages of Faith research has developed an unprecedented way to understand spiritual growth and an innovative way to impact others.

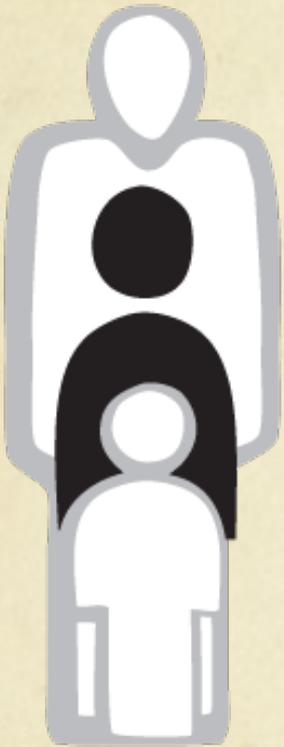
Let's take a look at what the research shows...

Three Game-changing Findings



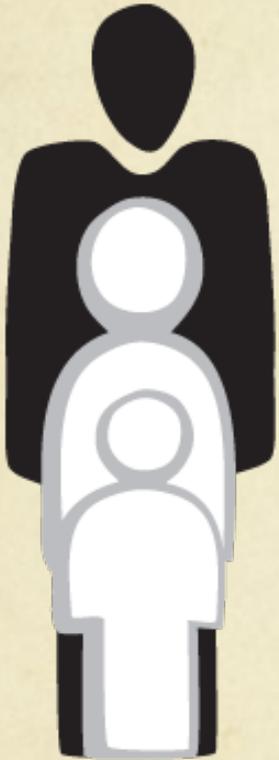
First, believers who ignore or neglect their vulnerabilities in the *Childhood Stage of faith* are certain to obstruct and delay their transformation. We all need to return to update, deepen, and master the challenges of the first three milestones. Sadly, some adults, regardless of how long they have been a believer—even “successful” Christian leaders—are undermined by their weaknesses rooted in the *Childhood Stage of faith*.

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Second, too many followers of Christ plateau and stall—some permanently—in a borrowed, secondhand, conforming faith, falling short of the firsthand, owned faith of the *Young Adulthood Stage of faith*. This leaves many Christians *busy, tired, and disillusioned*, not knowing why, nor what to do! We all need to face—revisit and strengthen—the new challenges of the three milestones of this dynamic stage.

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Third, there is a tragic shortage of seasoned, full-grown followers of Christ in the *Parenthood Stage of faith*. Too few men and women resemble Christ, are fully alive spiritually, and deeply transformed who assume responsibility to provide skilled guidance, wisdom, and care for other believers. One regrettable result of this shortage is that there are too many followers of Christ in the *Childhood and Young Adulthood Stages* who fail to experience optimal spiritual growth.



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The pioneering contribution of Stages of Faith is that it has mapped the essential components of the believer's lifelong journey of transformation through three Stages and eight milestones. Disciple-makers, pastors, Christian educators, leaders—and countless others who want to be different and make a difference—will now have a better way to guide others.

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