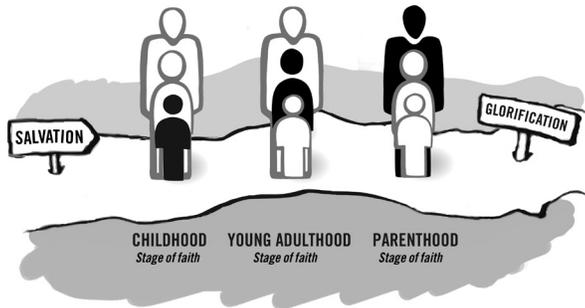




STAGES *of* FAITH

Spiritual Guidance. Lifelong Transformation.



At Salvation, your journey of faith begins, and Glorification is the destination of your journey—when you are with Christ at last. *But what does spiritual growth look like on the lengthy path in between?* The seasoned apostle John in 1 John 2:12-14, describes three different Stages of authentic spiritual development and eight Milestone markers. We now have clear benchmarks by which we can reliably evaluate our growth in its fullest expression. Clearly, some believers are more Christlike and transformed than others.

Three Troubling Findings:

Don Willett has designed an unrivaled way to think about spiritual growth and an innovative way to guide others on their journey of faith. The pioneering contribution of *Stages of Faith* is that we can now influence these three Stages and eight Milestones, targeting the most primary issues that either catalyze or hold back genuine spiritual growth and transformation. *Stages of Faith* research reveals three unprecedented findings about how far believers have really come in their spiritual progress.

<p>The Childhood Stage: The Birth of Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milestone 1: Experiencing God’s Grace and Forgiveness • Milestone 2: Embracing God as Father • Milestone 3: Growing Up Together <p>Finding #1</p> <p>Believers who ignore or neglect their vulnerabilities in the <i>Childhood Stage of faith</i> are certain to obstruct and delay their progress. We all need to return to update, deepen, and master the challenges of the first three Milestones. Sadly, some adults—even “successful” Christian leaders—are undermined by their weaknesses rooted in the <i>Childhood Stage of faith</i>.</p>	<p>The Young Adulthood Stage: The Ownership of Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milestone 4: Owning a Firsthand Faith • Milestone 5: Linking Truth and Life • Milestone 6: Defeating the Enemies of Spiritual Growth <p>Finding #2</p> <p>While the transition to this Stage is not automatic, too many followers of Christ will plateau and stall—some permanently—in the <i>Young Adulthood Stage of faith</i>. 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.</p>	<p>The Parenthood Stage: Modeling Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milestone 7: Empowering Others • Milestone 8: Seasoned by Time and Experience <p>Finding #3</p> <p>There is a tragic shortage of seasoned, full-grown followers of Christ in the <i>Parenthood Stage of faith</i>. 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 <i>Childhood and Young Adulthood Stages</i> who fail to experience optimal spiritual growth.</p>
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Find out more about what distinguishes *Stages of Faith* from other discipleship resources in *Stages of Faith: 8 Milestones That Mark Your Journey* (workbook for personal and small group study), and *The Path: How to Understand and Experience Authentic Spiritual Growth* (textbook). Purchase your copy at www.stagesoffaith.com. Be sure to take the complimentary *Spiritual Growth Profile*© to see how far you have progressed at each Stage and Milestone at www.stagesoffaith.com.

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