

Luke 9.1-27

growing pains



1 Chronicles 4.9^f

Jabez was more honourable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, 'I gave birth to him in pain.'

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.'

And God granted his request.

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God makes things grow

God blessed them and said to them,

*'Be fruitful and increase in number;
fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over
the fish in the sea and the birds in the
sky and over every living creature
that moves on the ground.'* [Gen.1.28]



Luke 9.¹⁻²⁷

God makes things grow

When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. [Luke.24.50]



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*Then Jesus came to them and said,
'All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to Me. Therefore go
and make disciples of all nations ..'
[Matthew 28.18f]*

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not a spectator sport

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal those who were ill. .. So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

[Lk.9.1-6]

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not a spectator sport

Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life.

[Lk.9.7-9]



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not a spectator sport

*But Herod said, 'I beheaded John.
Who, then, is this I hear such things
about?' And he tried to see Him*

[Lk.9.7-9]



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a learning curve

understand the principle

recognise the problem

cultivate the practice

- the privilege of ministry
- the paucity of resources
- the priorities of the kingdom