

## MAIN POINT

*A true believer knows God deeply and trusts that God keeps His promises.*

## INTRODUCTION

Did you have a favorite toy or “security item” as a child? If so, what was it? What made it special to you? What did that item provide for you?

Did your parents ever challenge you to give the item up? If so, was this a difficult or easy thing for you to do? Why?

Whether it was the blanket we couldn't sleep without or the doll we carried around with us everywhere, most of us can recall having great affection for a specific toy, blanket, stuffed animal, or similar item as a child. Yet at some point, our parents challenged us to let go of those items because we had outgrown them. Likewise, mature believers must leave certain doctrines and practices behind as they mature in their faith. Such maturity is proof that God is genuinely at work in their lives.

## DISCUSSION

> READ HEBREWS 6:1-20.

What is the primary command the author had for his readers? What was the basis for his command? What are the foundational issues he addressed?

According to verse 3, what role does the grace of God play in our maturing as believers? What is the relationship between God's grace and our effort when it comes to maturing in our faith?

What does a crop farmer naturally expect given the right conditions of moisture, fertility, and sunlight?

Why did the writer use an agricultural analogy? How does it relate to the point about being secure?

What did the author want people to be sure of? Why does God's attention to our work and love inspire security?

Why would a lack of security lead to sluggishness? What does security lead to? Who are we supposed to imitate according to verse 12?

Why might Abraham be a good example of God's faithfulness to His promises?

How did God guarantee His promise and oath to Abraham? Are God's promises guaranteed the same way today? Why or why not?

## APPLICATION

How can you make the pursuit of spiritual maturity a priority in your life today? How can we as a group help each other move toward healthy spiritual growth?