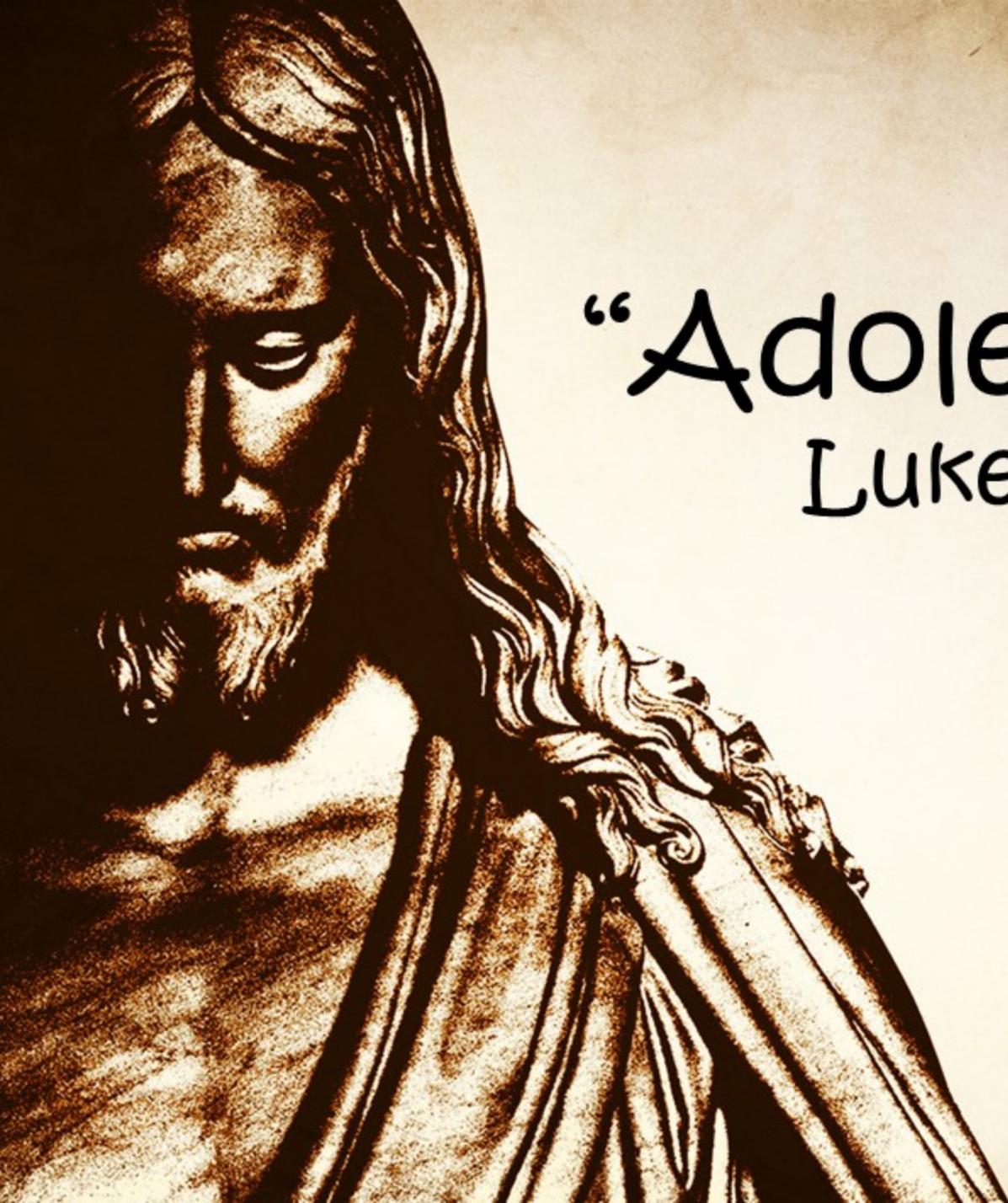


**Sermons from  
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of Luke**

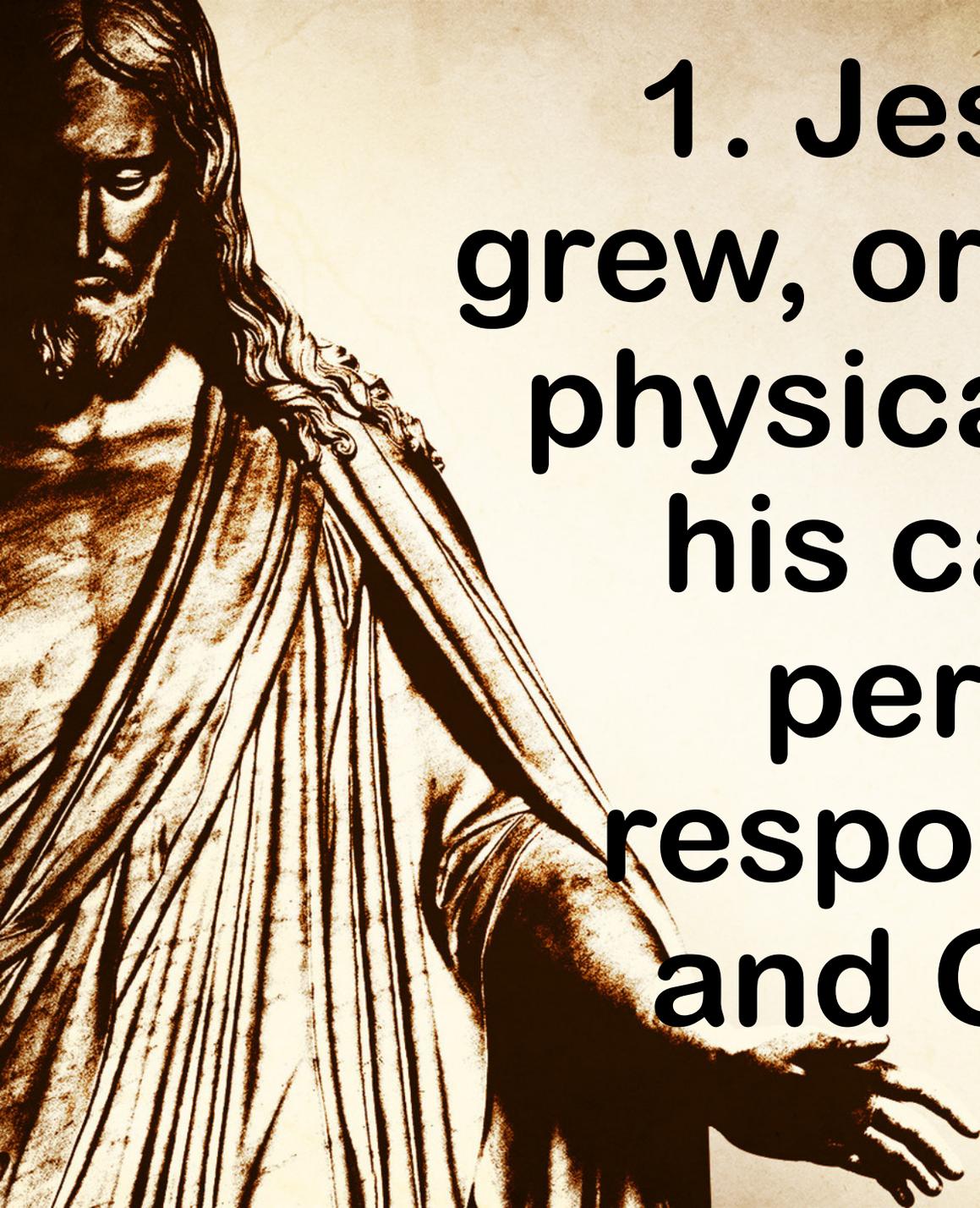
**Adolescence** (from Latin meaning 'to grow up') is viewed as a transitional period between childhood and adulthood, whose cultural purpose is the preparation of children for adult roles.





# “Adolescence”

Luke 2:39-52



**1. Jesus Christ grew, or matured, physically and in his capacity to perceive and respond to God and God's will.**

Jesus grew up  
physically.

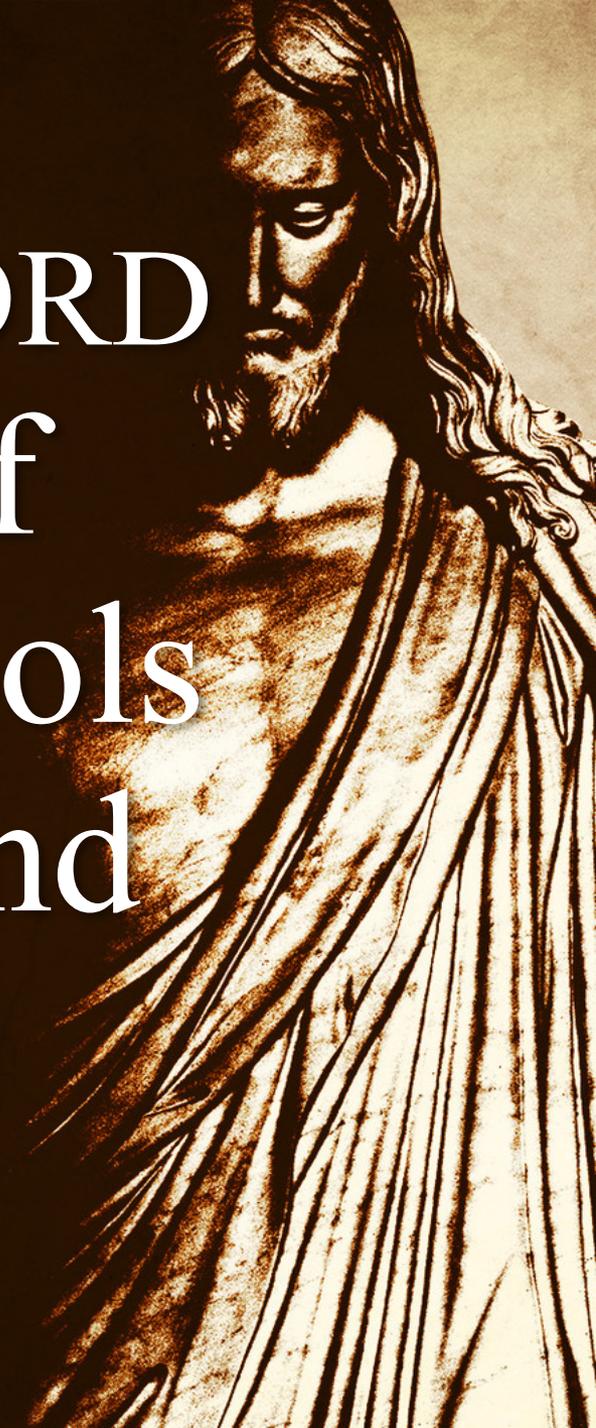


Jesus became  
strong in wisdom.

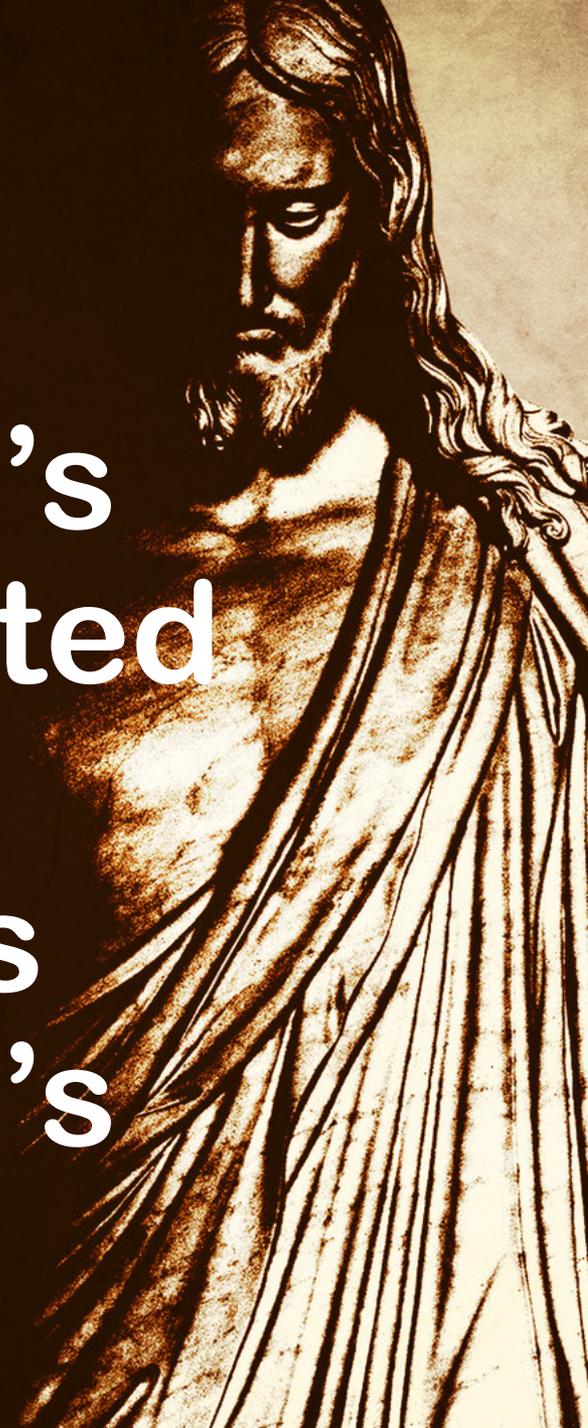


The fear of the LORD  
is the beginning of  
knowledge, but fools  
despise wisdom and  
discipline.

Proverbs 1:7

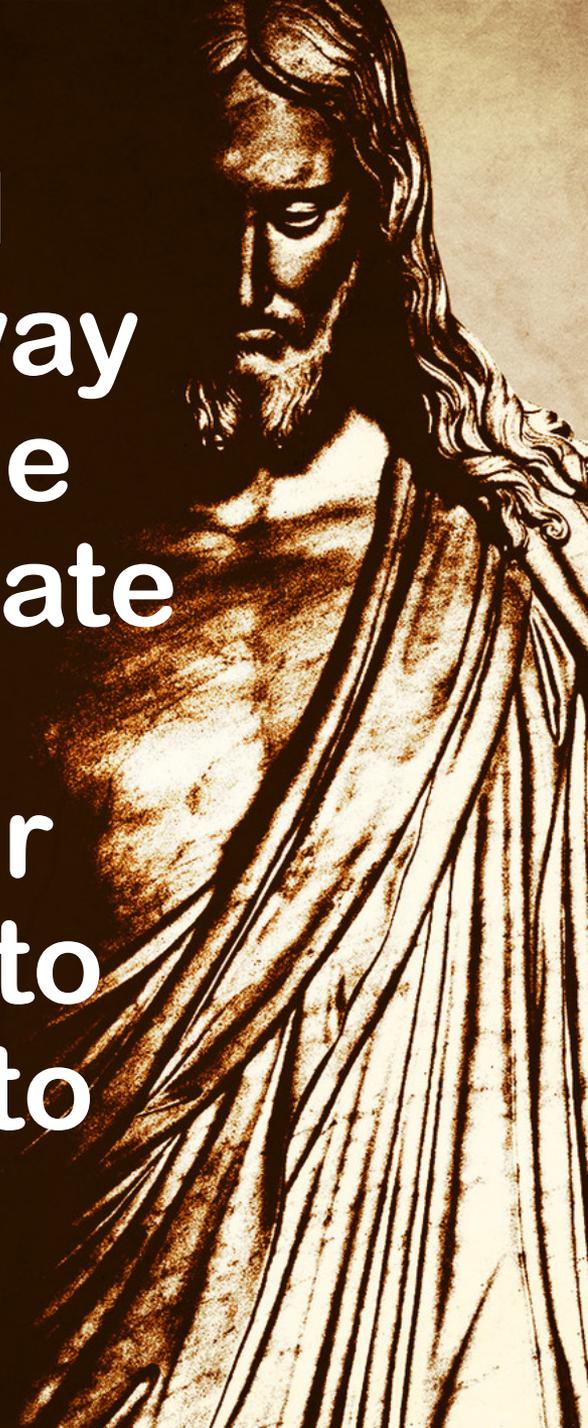


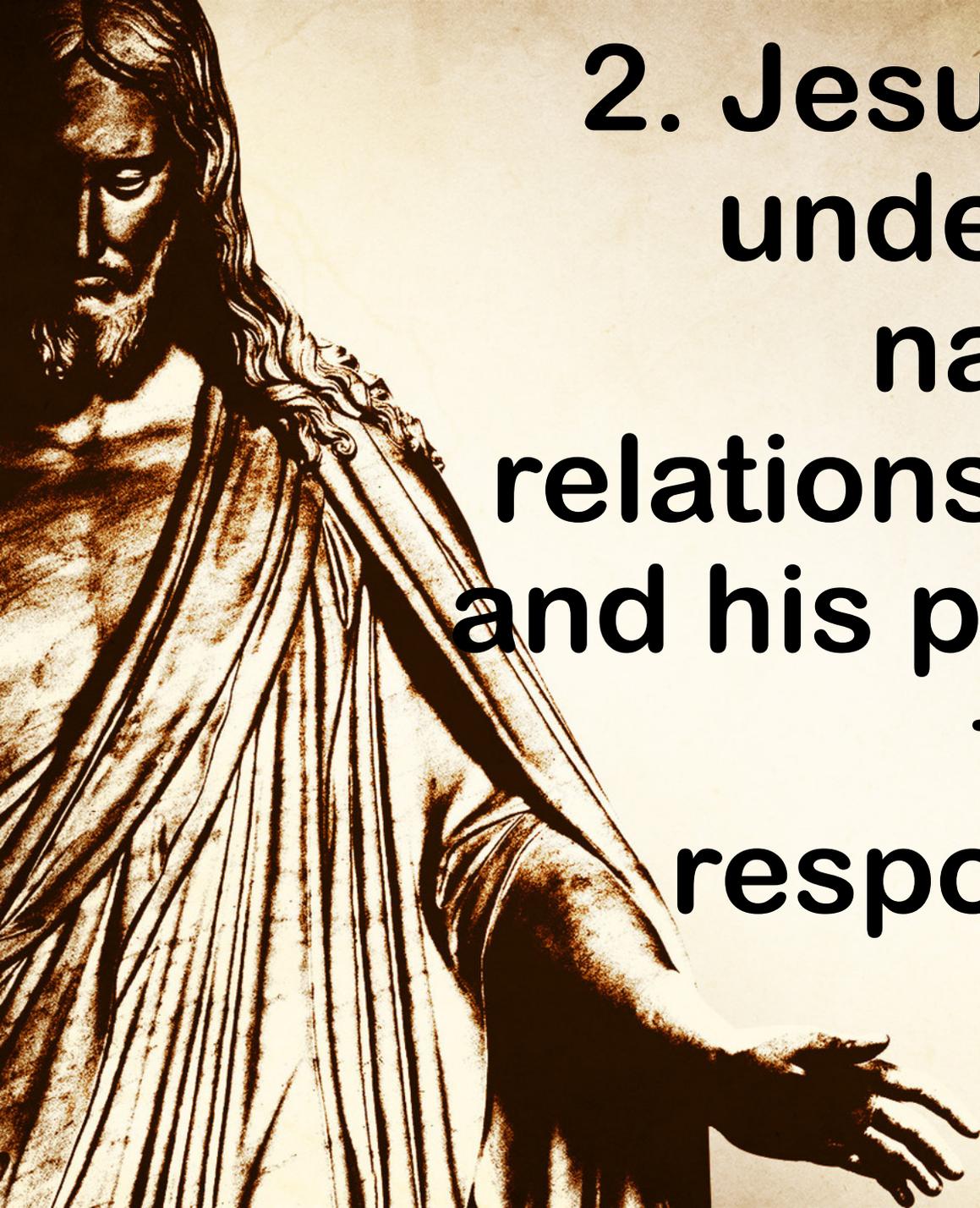
Jesus not only perceived God's presence and God's ways, but he adjusted his life to live according to God's presence and God's ways.





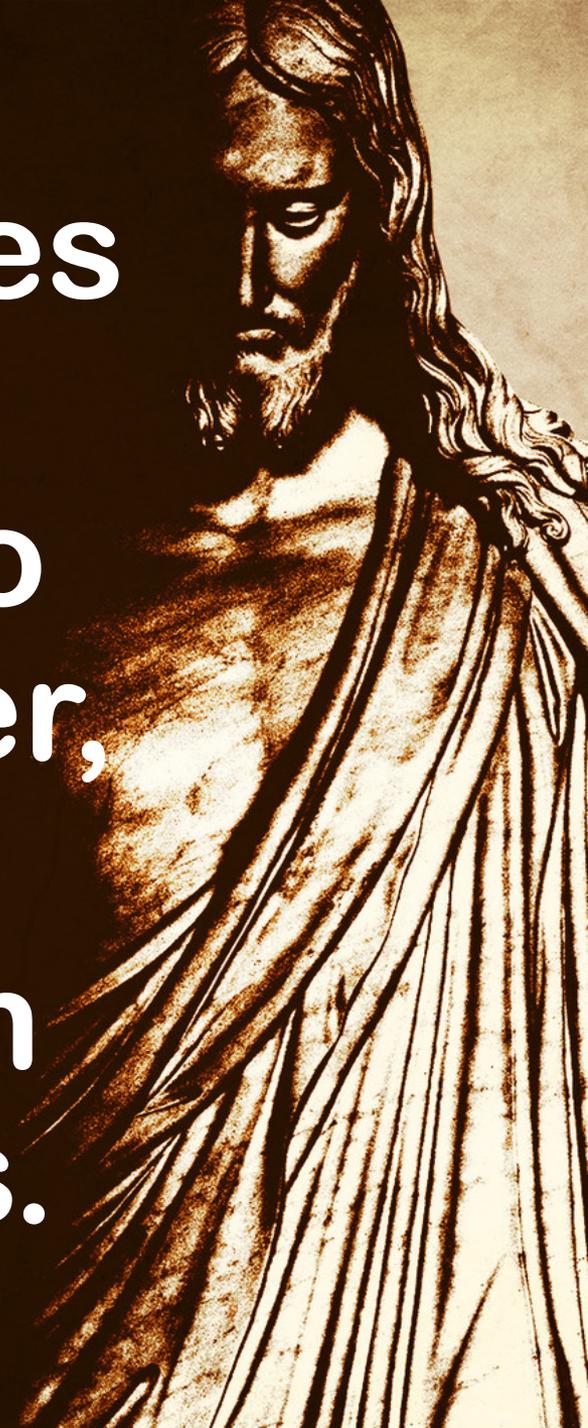
It is God's design that I grow and mature the way people do, taking on the responsibility appropriate for me. It is also God's design that I grow up or mature in my capacity to perceive and respond to God and his will.





**2. Jesus began to understand the nature of his relationship to God and his parents and fulfilled his responsibility to both.**

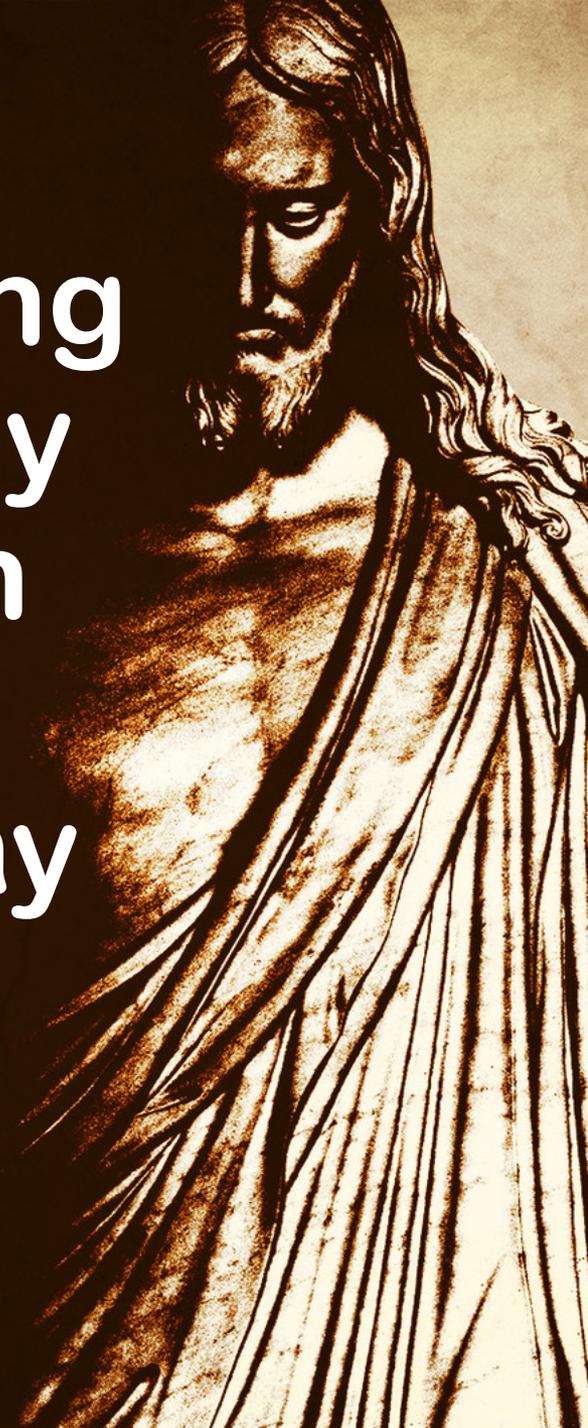
Jesus demonstrates his maturity by relating properly to his Heavenly Father, even though it meant conflict with his earthly parents.



I will be mature only  
when I am able to  
understand and live  
out my ultimate  
allegiance to God  
rather than to my  
family or to the  
things of this world.



Jesus demonstrates his maturity by relating properly to his earthly parents. Even though he did not always relate to them the way they wanted, Jesus always did what was right and good.



I will be mature only when I am able to understand and live out my responsibilities and commitments to the people in my own life in ways that are right and good.



Do I recognize and fulfill the responsibilities of my relationships to God and to my family? Have I taught my children to be mature in this way?

