

Luke 2:39-52 (New International Version)

³⁹When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

⁴¹Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover.

⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



SERMON NOTES

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NECESSARY STEPS

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"I MUST be about my Father's business." (v. 49 KJV)
dei – "must"

"What MUST I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30)

"The son of man MUST suffer many things." (Luke 9:22)

"You MUST be born again." (John 3:7)

Life viewed as a response to an obligation. Discern God's will and do it.

Balou in Jungle Book – "The Bare Necessities"

How did Jesus grow up? How did He "get forward"?

- **Form a partnership with God!**
"My Father's business" (KJV); "My father's house" (NIV)
- **Pay the price of progress!**
v. 52 *pros kopto* – "to cast forward"
- **Exercise patience!**
v. 51 "He was obedient to them"
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"Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay."