Jesus Grew
Goodness of God
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- Theme: God SAVES us just the way we are, but His love refuses to LEAVE us that way.
- We have a MANDATE for growth
  - ✓ Growth is not ACCIDENTAL
  - ✓ Growth is INTENTIONAL - Philippians 3:12-14, 17
- We have a MODEL for growth: Jesus grew - Luke 2:41-52 NIV
  - ✓ "My Father's House" - Jesus is fully GOD
  - ✓ "Jesus grew" - Jesus is fully HUMAN
  - ✓ <u>As God</u>: <u>As Man</u>:
    - Can save us → Understands us
    - Give rest to weary → Became tired and rested
    - Bread of Life → Was hungry
    - Raised Lazarus → Wept at His tomb
    - Holy, cannot sin → Was tempted
    - Will return in glory → Rode on a donkey
    - All knowing, unchanging → He grew
- We have a METHOD for growth - Luke 2:52 NIV
  1) Grow in WISDOM - Colossians 1:9
     - ✓ Knowledge = Information
     - ✓ Understanding = What information means
     - ✓ Wisdom = APPLYING knowledge to life

2) Grow in STATURE
   - ✓ Stature is a life that carries authority and weight - A life of CHARACTER - Romans 5:3-4
3) Grow in FAVOR with God and people
   - ✓ Favor is increasing relational GOODWILL with God and people - Psalm 92:12-15 NLT