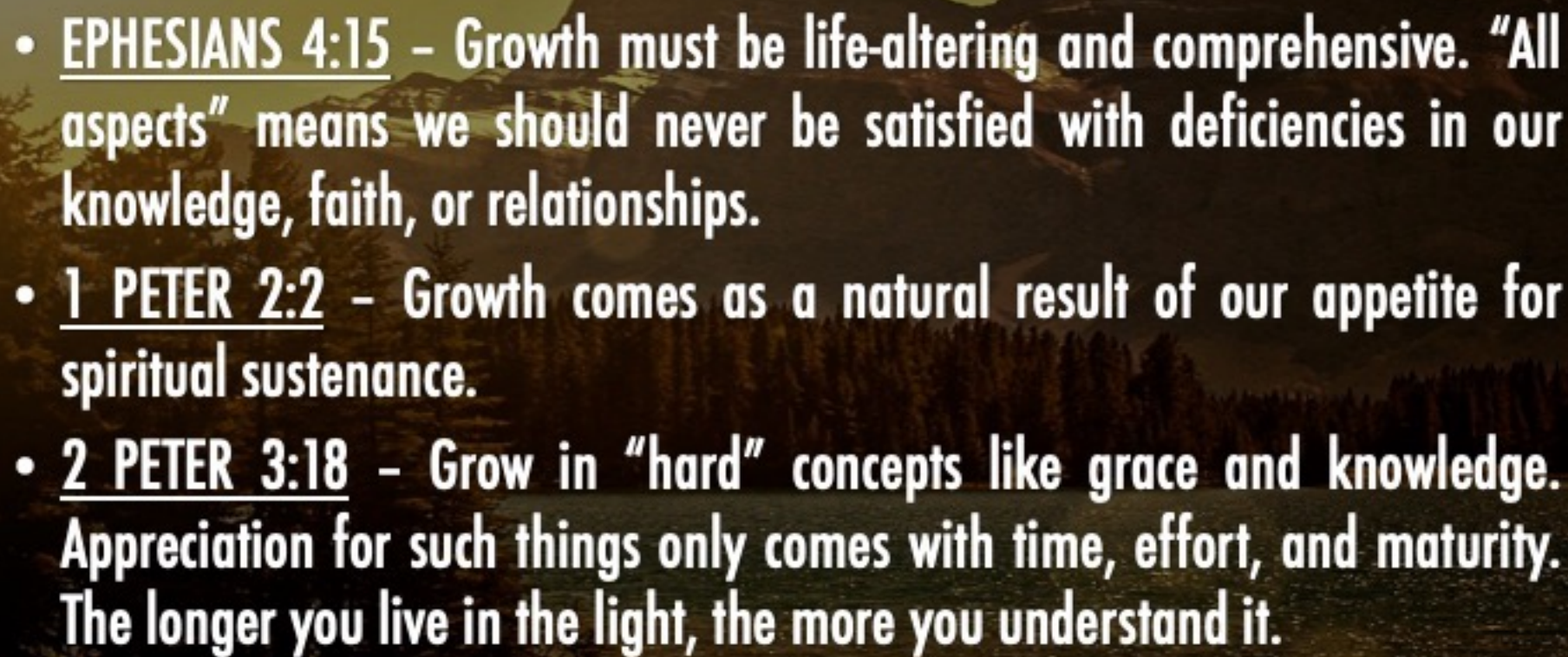


A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees along the shoreline, and a large, rugged mountain range in the background. The sky is a warm, golden-yellow color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

Growing Up

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- EPHESIANS 4:15 – Growth must be life-altering and comprehensive. “All aspects” means we should never be satisfied with deficiencies in our knowledge, faith, or relationships.
 - 1 PETER 2:2 – Growth comes as a natural result of our appetite for spiritual sustenance.
 - 2 PETER 3:18 – Grow in “hard” concepts like grace and knowledge. Appreciation for such things only comes with time, effort, and maturity. The longer you live in the light, the more you understand it.

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***If you're not
growing you're
regressing***

- HEBREWS 5:11-6:8 – Growth was expected of them. They should have been teachers of the gospel, but were stuck in neutral (and were, in fact, slipping backward). This is not the only passage that contains a warning about fruitlessness (John 15:1-8).
- GALATIANS 4:8-11, 19-20, 5:7 – The Galatians are another case-in-point of the dangers of spiritual stagnation. They had regressed to an almost fetal stage of spiritual maturity, a sign of their desire for the “weak and worthless” things.

Did the problem start at birth?

Some die to sin without ever pursuing life with Christ (Romans 6:11). They want to feel better about sin without actually changing anything or seeking deeper understanding. Like Lazarus, they are still wearing their burial clothes (John 11:43-44).

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Matthew 13:18-23

