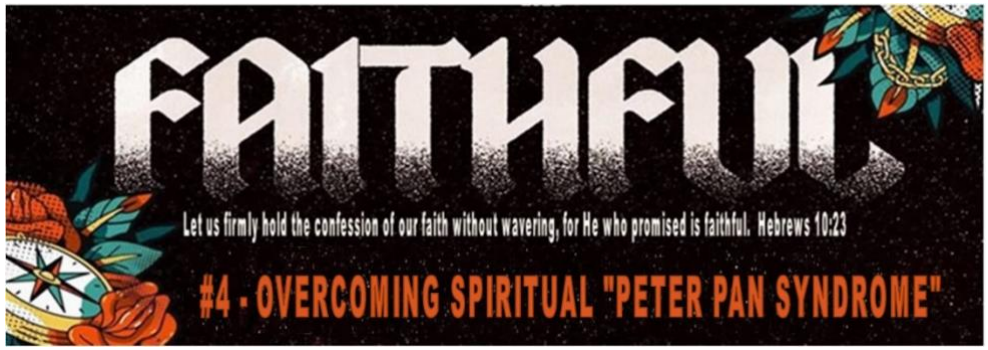


*And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek…. [11] There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. [12] You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. [13] For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. [14] Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.* **Hebrews 5:10 – 13** NLT

## 3 POSSIBLE REASONS THAT I MAY HAVE PETER PAN SYNDROME.

1. **My _____ prevents me from maturing spiritually?** Yes No

*We have many things to tell you about this. But it is hard to explain because you have stopped trying to understand.* **Hebrews 5:11** ERV

2. **My _____ prevents me from maturing spiritually?** Yes No

*You have had enough time that by now you should be teachers.* **Heb. 4:12**a ERV

3. **My _____ prevents me from maturing spiritually?** Yes No

*But you need someone to teach you again the first lessons of God's teaching. You still need the teaching that is like milk. You are not ready for solid food.* **Hebrews 4:12b** ERV

## AM I PRESENTING SYMPTOMS OF SPIRITUAL PETER PAN SYNDROME?

*So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds[a] and placing our faith in God. [2] You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. [3] And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.* **Hebrews 6:1-3** NLT

## A PERSONAL, AT HOME, PETER PAN SYNDROME SELF-TEST

**My knowledge of, and ability to teach about, these "basic teaching" reveals that I am.**

1. **REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS.**

Infant……Adolescent……Adult

2. **FAITH TOWARD GOD.**

Infant……Adolescent……Adult

3. **INSTRUCTION ABOUT WASHINGS (BAPTISMS).**

Infant……Adolescent……Adult

4. **LAYING ON OF HANDS.**

Infant……Adolescent……Adult

5. **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**

Infant……Adolescent……Adult

6. **ETERNAL JUDGMENT.**

Infant……Adolescent……Adult

*Examine yourselves to see whether you are still in the Christian faith. Test yourselves! Don't you recognize that you are people in whom Jesus Christ lives? Could it be that you're failing the test?* **2 Corinthias 13:5** GW

## WHAT CAN I DO TO CURE MY SPIRITUAL PETER PAN SYNDROME?

1. **I _____ the Great Physician's _____.**

*You have been Christians a long time now, and ought to be teaching others, but you have dropped back to the place where you need someone to teach you all over again the very first principles in God's Word. You are like babies who can drink only milk, not old enough for solid food. And when a person still living on milk it shows he isn't very far along in the Christian life.* **Hebrews 5:12** TLB

2. **I _____ the Great Physicians _____.**
   - **I need someone to _____ _____ all over again, I need milk.**
   - **I need to be _____ with my time in the word of God.**

3. **I _____ the consequences of an improper _____.**

*But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.* **Hebrews 5:14** NIV

*People who have grown up eat proper food. In the same way, people who have been believers for a long time should understand more about God's message. They should have learned about what is good and about what is bad. They should know the difference between those.* **Hebrews 5:14** EASY

**Additional Notes:**

**Reflecting on today's message…**

**What touched my heart?**

**What is God asking me to do?**

**What should I change this week?**

**Who else needs to hear this message?**