

WEEK 5

IN PROGRESS // LESSON OUTLINE

BIG IDEA

God isn't finished with you—and that's good news.

BIBLE

2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 1:6; Romans 12:1-2

ABOUT THIS WEEK

You don't have to be perfect to belong to Jesus. Sanctification is the life-long process of becoming more like Him, and it happens one step at a time. This week is about embracing growth, celebrating how far God has brought you, and committing to keep moving forward—even when change feels slow or messy.

WHAT?

We all love a good before-and-after story—whether it's a home renovation, a fitness transformation, or a personal glow-up. But what happens in between those two moments is a *process*, and that process isn't always pretty. The same is true in our walk with Jesus. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that if we are in Christ, we're a new creation. That's the start. But he also says in Philippians 1:6 that God is *still* working on us. Transformation doesn't happen overnight. It's a daily journey of becoming more like Jesus.

SO WHAT?

Sometimes we get discouraged because we think we should be further along than we are. We still mess up. We still struggle. But the truth is, every believer—no matter how long they've been following Jesus—is still growing. Sanctification is a *lifelong* process. And God isn't frustrated with your pace—He's committed to your progress. Romans 12:2 reminds us that transformation happens when we renew our minds and offer our lives to God every day. That means we don't need to be perfect to be used—we just need to be *willing*.

NOW WHAT?

So how do we live as people who are “in progress”? Try this:

- **Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.** You're not growing by willpower alone—God has given you His Spirit to strengthen, convict, and guide you.
- **Name one area** where you want to grow. Maybe it's patience, honesty, prayer, kindness, or how you treat your family. Invite God into that specific area.
- **Remember:** progress > perfection. If you've taken even one step toward Jesus, that matters.
- **Ask someone you trust** to encourage you and hold you accountable in that area.
- **Write a prayer** asking God to keep shaping you—and be open to what He wants to change.
- **Keep showing up.** Even when growth feels slow, God is working behind the scenes. Don't give up.