



Imagine: Becoming an Agent of God

Amy: Our little girl was 5 lbs. 10 oz. — we so wanted to shape who she would become.

Question: Who will this little girl become and can I have a hand in guiding her?

Question: Do I like who I am becoming? (Remember: Everyone is becoming.)

Question: Who will I become and who will have a hand in guiding me?

A “becoming man”: Luke 1:57-80

John became an agent of the Most High God:

- Prophet:
- Preparer:
- Giver:

The hand of God was with John:

- Evidence:
- Examples:

The hand of God can be with us for:

- Provision:
- Blessing:
- Discipline:
- Guidance:
- Enabling:
- Restraint:
- Affection:

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Massive Issue: “How does that happen?”

Massive Wrong Answer: “Work real hard—be a master of prayerless striving.”

Massive Real Answer: “He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5. “Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, and He will exalt you at the proper time.” 1 Peter 5:6.

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ and pursuing God through obedience, reflective living, and community.

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Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** Will you admit that, no matter what your age, you are still "becoming" someone? Give some reflection and prayer to the question, "Who am I becoming?" What is the evidence for your answer? Take a stab at writing out an answer to that question. Strive for courageous honesty in the evaluation.
- **Monday:** In what ways do you see the hand of God being with you in your "becoming" process?
- **Tuesday:** In what ways have you "thwarted" the hand of God in your becoming process? What do you need to confess to Him?
- **Wednesday:** In what ways have you seen the hand of God with you for provision? For blessing? For discipline? For guidance? For enabling? For restraint? For affection?
- **Thursday:** Do you see yourself as "an agent of God?" Why or why not?"
- **Friday:** Can you enumerate ways in which your life has been characterized by "prayerless striving?"
- **Saturday:** What would it look like for you to "humble yourself under the might hand of God?" Will you?
- **Bonus Question:** What will you do in order to "abide in Jesus and allow Him to abide in you?"