

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

A friend asked a group of us one day to point to a defining moment in our lives, when we stepped out of adolescence into manhood. I thought of two significant events in my life. The first one was on May 22, 1971, when Karen and I said “I do.” I’ll never forget, as we were driving off on our honeymoon, an enormous sense of responsibility came cascading down around me. I realized I was no longer a single man. I wasn’t a teenager. *Welcome to the world of adulthood!* The other defining moment was when our first child, Bryan, was born. That same feeling gripped me. It was as if I was pushed to the next level.

Adulthood means we step away from what we feel like doing and accept and live by what we know we ought to do. As I look around me, there are a lot of people who may be adults legally, but they’re self-centered and emotionally immature.

God calls us to maturity. Listen to what Paul says in 1 Corinthians chapter 13, verse 11; “When I was a child, I used to speak as child, think as a child, reason as a child. When I became a man, I did away with childish things.” Did you hear that last phrase? “I did away with childish things.”

Paul still may have felt like being a child at those moments when he wanted to respond emotionally, but he said, “No, that’s not appropriate. I put away those things. I made a decision not to act like a child.” Maturity is a willful decision, a choice, and an act. We choose to act like adults.

Here’s what I want you to remember today. God calls all of us to leave childish behavior and childish responses behind. We need to heed the call. Is God telling you to grow up?