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Ready for a CHANGE? Pt. 2

## Change – Ready or Not, Here I come!

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### What is my part in change?

**Romans 12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

**Isaiah 1:18** *“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.*

First off ... come. Come to Jesus and ask Him to show you what to even look at and to give you wisdom. Being transformed is not ‘mind-over-matter’! It is much deeper and more beautiful. There is no competition, just a realigning to truth. Neil Anderson (Bondage Breaker, Stomping out the Darkness) has a great line that was liberating for me personally; “This is not a power struggle, but a truth encounter!” God is the one that gives us the ability to change, that has provided everything that we need through Jesus, but He partners with us; never moving beyond where we give Him permission.

What I’d like us to do is the following:

1. Stop and take time to pray and focus your thoughts on Jesus. Look to Him. Read the following & discuss:

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- This is not a power struggle, but a truth encounter
- How might you use verse 5 in transforming your mind?
- Take these verses and personalize them as a prayer.

2. Read through the following passage together. Discuss what your part might look like. Use the questions/comments as a guideline.

Philippians 2:1-16

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- What is the standard that Jesus sets for us?
- How do these verses challenge you?
- How might this look like in your home ... your church ... your workplace ... your school?

3. Take time to pray together. Thank God for giving us Jesus and the opportunity to be renewed by Him every day (2 Cor. 4:16). Ask God to help you recalibrate. Confess your sins to Him (James 5:16), ask for forgiveness where needed, and invite His spirit to occupy yours and to let His mind be in you (Phil. 2:5)

*2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*

*James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

## **FOR TAKE HOME...**

Colossians 3:1-17

- This is a great antidote to worry, temptation, fear, etc. Helps you to recalibrate!
- Pray this out loud, but personalized – with your name in it. (ei. If then *I* am raised with Christ, *I* will seek those things which are above, where Christ is...)

Do this with other scriptures as well. God's word is powerful, cutting right down to the bottom line!

## **This article may be helpful:**

<http://www.tgm.org/ChangeBecomeLikeJesus.html> (CHANGE To Become Like Jesus - By Tim Greenwood )