

Series: Walking with God

Title: 4 factors that lead to Personal Change

Text: (Ecc 3:1-8)

**We all are Change Averse to some degree.
we develop Habits of Thoughts, Actions, Entertainment,
Prayer, Worship, etc.**

People change when...

1. They hurt enough they have too Change
2. They see enough they are inspired too Change
3. They learn enough they want too Change
4. They receive enough they are able too Change

Change is Inevitable:

(Isaiah 43:18-19) *Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*

Change is On Purpose:

(Rom 8:29) *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

I can Trust in God’s Plan, even though it involves me experiencing personal change:

(Jer 29:11) *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”*

Change is God’s Perpetual Constant for Us!

(2 Pet 3:18) *“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”*

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17 – A New Creation In Christ

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

2. Ephesians 4:21-24 – Put Off Your Old Self

If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

3. Colossians 3:5-10 – Take Off The Old Self And Put On The New Self

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

4. James 4:7-8 – Submit Yourself To God

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

5. 2 Peter 1:3-4 – He Has Given Us All We Need To Live Godly Lives

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

6. 1 Peter 2:2 – Through His Word, We Grow In Maturity As Believers

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”

7. (Jn 3:30) - *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”*

5 Promises to Overcome Change Anxiety

1. God will raise up all who believe in Christ: (Jn 6:35-40)
2. We are held by Christ and The Father: (Jn 10:27-30)
3. Our future glorification is sealed: (ROM 8:29-30) our glorification is so guaranteed, God inspired Paul to write it in the past tense. “The Train just hasn’t arrived at the station yet.”
4. His grace rules over our failures: (Rom 5:19-21)
5. It's all about Him, not "them": (Eph 2:8-9)

(Deuteronomy 31:6) *“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”*