

**MAKING LIFE
WORK**

REAL SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

PART 8: HOW TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE!

**THE PRUDENT SEE DANGER AND TAKE REFUGE,
BUT THE SIMPLE KEEP GOING AND PAY THE PENALTY.**
PROVERBS 27:12

1
CHANGE YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

EPHESIANS 4:22-24 (NIV)

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.



CHANGE YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

- NOT changing doesn't keep you in the same spot.
- We have received a **NEW attitude** in our minds

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Attitude: a settled way of thinking about something; typically this is reflected in a person's behavior.



CHANGE YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

- Behavior follows attitude
- When we understand that we are created to be like God – we need to change our attitude – to put on the new self.



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LOVE MOTIVATES CHANGES

LUKE 19:1-10 (NIV) | ZACCHAEUS THE TAX COLLECTOR

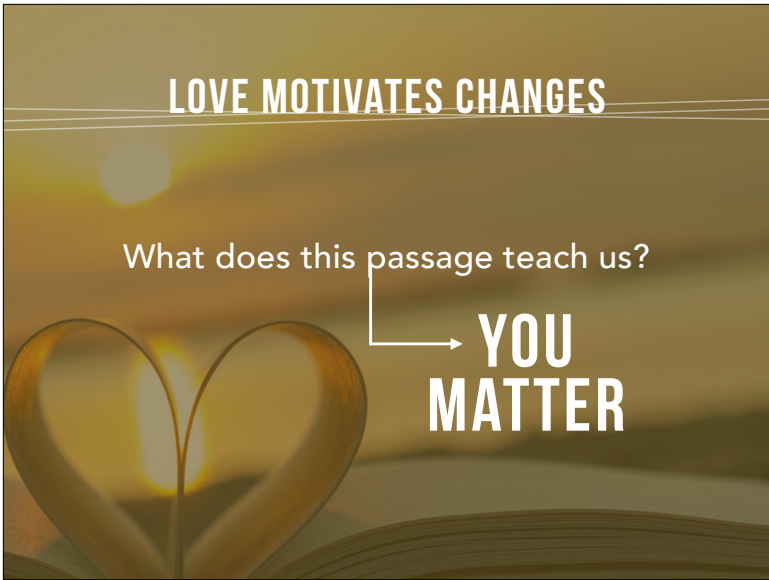
¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today. ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

LOVE MOTIVATES CHANGES

What does this passage teach us?

→ **YOU
MATTER**



LOVE MOTIVATES CHANGES

- Sin doesn't disqualify you
- Love motivates change



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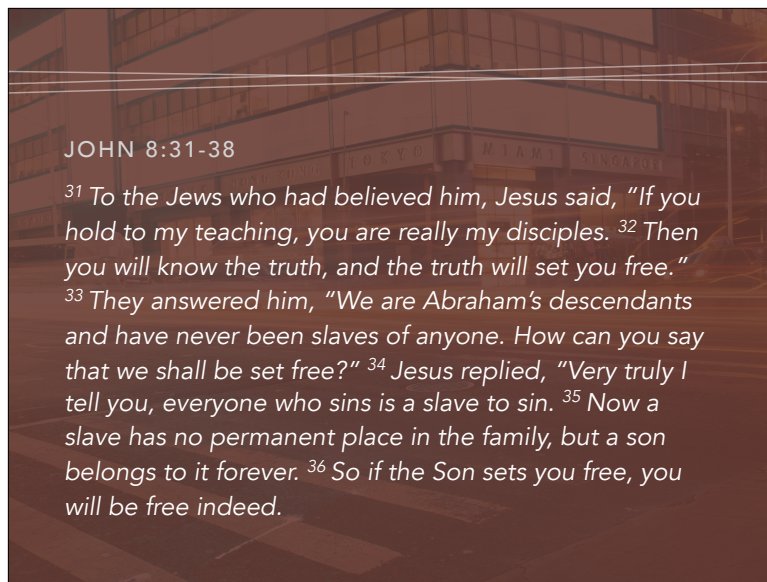
WHY DO MOST PEOPLE NOT CHANGE?

the
FEAR of
FAILURE



JOHN 8:31-38

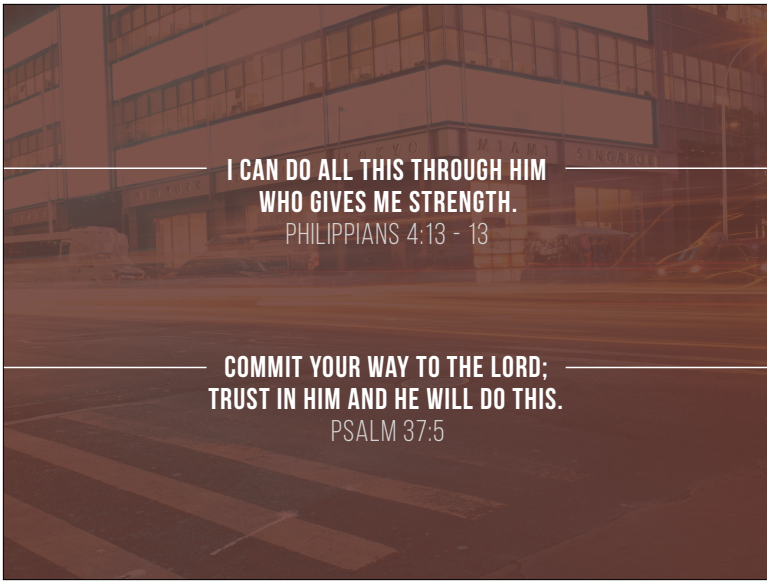
*³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*



→ Knowing comes after **changing**

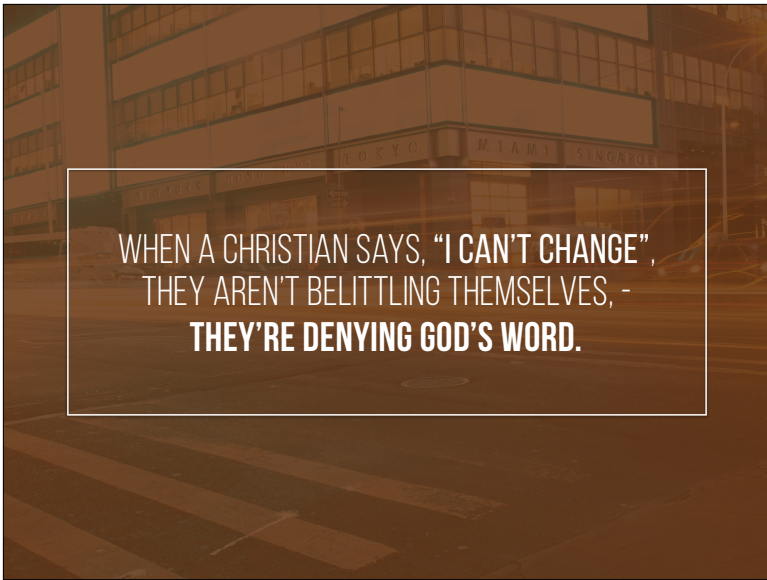
→ There is free, and then there is **"free indeed"**





I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH HIM
WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13 - 13

COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD;
TRUST IN HIM AND HE WILL DO THIS.
PSALM 37:5



WHEN A CHRISTIAN SAYS, "I CAN'T CHANGE",
THEY AREN'T BELITTLING THEMSELVES, -
THEY'RE DENYING GOD'S WORD.



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PART 8: HOW TO OVERCOME NEGATIVITY!
