

## REAL CHANGE

Scripture of the Month: Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

STARTING TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here!

- I. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT--CHANGE IS \_\_\_\_\_
- II. KEYS TO CHANGE

"Ever after two thousand years, Jesus remains the ultimate changer of lives. No one has cured more addictions, restored more broken marriages, or repaired more effects from damaged childhoods than this former carpenter from Nazareth. You could say He is the last hope for those who have lost hope."

(Jesus, Tim Lahaye, 207)

SO WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO REAL, LASTING, PERMANENT CHANGE?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

"The real source of your problems is you."

(The Genesis Process, Michael Dye, 19)

"You can only work on problems you own."

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"AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN FIVE SHORT CHAPTERS By Portia Nelson

I I walk down the street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk . . . I fall in.

I am lost . . . I am helpless. It isn't my fault.

It takes forever to find a way out.

II I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I pretend I don't see it . . . I fall in again.

I can't believe I am in the same place. But, it isn't my fault.

It still takes a long time to get out.

III I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I see it is there. . . I still fall in. . . it's a habit.

My eyes are open. I know where I am. It is my fault.

I get out immediately.

IV I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I walk around it.

V. I walk down another street."

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US THE SCRIPTURE:

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

C. \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

"Recovery is learning to trust again." (The Genesis Process, Michael Dye, 52)

"Who is healthy in this area that could help you?" (The Genesis Process, Michael Dye, 32)

"If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far, go together."—African Proverb

#### PRAYER

Lord, we invite your love into the very depths of our woundedness. We ask for healing, growth and positive change

Resource: The Genesis Process by Michael Dye