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GET WITH GOD/CHANGE IS A PROCESS

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 (Msg)

INSIGHT: God loves you just as you are, but He loves you too much to let you stay that way, and He wants to help you grow more like Jesus.

TRUTH: Change is a continual process.

I. DETERMINE THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE.

INSIGHT: You cannot unwrite your life story, but you can redeem it!

TRUTH: Your future is still being written!

II. THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF A DISCIPLINED LIFE

TRUTH: It's the things no one sees that result in the things everyone wants.

TRUTH: Because of his habit of prayer, Daniel grew and developed a life story worth telling and that ended well.

III. GOD MOVES FOR LIFE CHANGE.

1. Learn the Truth (John 17:17).

INSIGHT: We are changed by the truth (Ephesians 4:14).

TRUTH: God says the mark of spiritual immaturity is that other people can sway us from the truth.

TRUTH: Every self-defeating behavior in your life is based on a lie you're believing.

2. Change how you think.

TRUTH: All change starts in the mind (Ephesians 4:21; 1 Corinthians 3:19; Ephesians 4:17).

INVITATION: Do some house cleaning! (Ephesians 4:22)

TRUTH: Urgent and important are not the same thing.

Why bad habits are hard to break:

- a) We've had them a long time.
- b) There's a payoff.
- c) Satan fights it.

TRUTH: Real change requires honest community (Ephesians 4:25 Msg).

TRUTH: If there were more confessions of temptation, there'd be fewer confessions of sin!