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**Changed**

<sup>1</sup> When it was the right time, John the Baptizer began telling people a message from God. This was out in the desert area of Judea. <sup>2</sup> John said, "Change your hearts and lives, because God's kingdom is now very near." **Matthew 3:1-2 (ETRV)**

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to tell people his message: "Change your hearts and lives, because God's kingdom is now very near." **Matthew 4:17 (ETRV)**

<sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:38 (ETRV)**

Our hearts and lives need to be \_\_\_\_\_

I got off track, I made mistakes  
Back slid my way into that place where souls get lost  
Lines get crossed And the pain won't go away  
I hit my knees, now here I stand  
There I was, now here I am. Here I am, changed

<sup>2</sup> Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect. **Romans 12:2 (NCV)**

- Our outward conformity doesn't lead to inner \_\_\_\_\_
- When God changes our \_\_\_\_\_ it leads to changed \_\_\_\_\_

## Evidence of A Changed Heart

<sup>9</sup> Your love must be real. Hate what is evil, and hold on to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other like brothers and sisters. Give each other more honor than you want for yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Do not be lazy but work hard, serving the Lord with all your heart. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times. <sup>13</sup> Share with God's people who need help. Bring strangers in need into your homes. <sup>14</sup> Wish good for those who harm you; wish them well and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Be happy with those who are happy, and be sad with those who are sad. <sup>16</sup> Live in peace with each other. Do not be proud, but make friends with those who seem unimportant. Do not think how smart you are. <sup>17</sup> If someone does wrong to you, do not pay him back by doing wrong to him. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. <sup>18</sup> Do your best to live in peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> My friends, do not try to punish others when they wrong you, but wait for God to punish them with his anger. It is written: "I will punish those who do wrong; I will repay them," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> But you should do this: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. Doing this will be like pouring burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good.

**Romans 12:9-21 (NCV)**

What are the evidences that your heart are life have been changed? \_\_\_\_\_

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, beginning the journey that will change my heart and life.
- Continue the journey of being changed in the way I think so that my life more and more reflects what God wants for me.
- Celebrate and give thanks for the change that God has brought in my life thus far.
- Meditate on Romans 12:2