



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church**
- We are not a perfect people**
- We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!**



CFF is called to:

Radiate the love of Christ

Reach the Lost and the Saved in order to

Restore them into fully mature followers of Christ

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend at least 5 minutes a day – at least 5 days last week reading/hearing the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with someone this week?**
- **Did you spend time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked?**
- **Did you add a spiritual discipline to your day this week?**

- One of our action steps was exactly that - will you add a spiritual discipline to your day in order to grow in your knowledge of God and live more Christ-like!
- The last 2 weeks we have been looking at the subject of change!
- We cannot expect **ANYTHING** in our life to change if we don't make changes in what we've already been doing!
- Embracing God means believing in Change...

- Let's begin with 3 questions:
- Do I believe in Change?
- Do I believe people can change?
- Do I believe I can change?
- There is 1 main choice in life -My way or God's way!

Adam & Eve walked with God and yet did the 1 thing
He said not to do

Abraham & Sarah were promised a son by God and
thought they would make it happen rather than wait on
Him.

- Jacob & his mom were promised by God that Jacob would rule ... rather than wait – they deceived Jacobs father and stole the blessing.
- Moses had been a murderer...
- Aaron after knowing God's power built an idol of gold for Israel to worship at the same time that Moses was on the Mountain receiving the 10 Commandments
- Rahab was a prostitute
- David – committed adultery & murder

- Elijah called fire down from heaven by faith and then ran and hid from the threat of queen Jezebel
- All the disciples (apostles) turned their back on Jesus and ran away.... Peter denied Jesus 3 times!!
- Why list all this? Well – these people (and there are other) screwed up in their life and needed change – God provided that change and they became witnesses to the power of God and His ability to create life change!

- Some of these people actually had major screw ups after they started walking with God but they received forgiveness and continued on to do great things for God! Some had lived a screwed up life before!
- Here's the thing - the key to living a godly life is surrendering to God's will and allowing Him to change us as we grow in grace.
- Reminding us that He has given us ALL THAT WE NEED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE (2 Peter 1) we simply surrender to His power and begin to live the change in our daily lives!

Ephesians 4 17 With the Lord's authority I say this:

Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. 18 Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. 19 They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

20 But that isn't what you learned about Christ. 21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, 22 throw off your old sinful

nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

- There is NO question these verses tell us – we used to live one way but if we are a Christ follower we are now living different = change!
- There is also no question that we are “learning – walking in newness – and being renewed in thoughts and attitudes!”

- If you screwed up this week in living the new life there is no doubt the enemy was there to remind you of your failure and tell you that you haven't changed!
- So, if the enemy wants you to believe you "can't change" or "you're no different" than he **MUST KNOW** that you **CAN CHANGE & You ARE different!!**
- If you couldn't change and you were no different he wouldn't have to try and pile on your failure!! He would just let you go into your own destruction!!

- Fact is – even the devil knows the power of God to change lives & that God has power over him and his demonic followers!

Luke 4 33 Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, 34 “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 35 But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him

without hurting him further. 36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What authority and power this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!” 37 The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

- As God’s word declares – Jesus Christ has the power to change ANYONE!!
- The recipient of that power simply surrenders and embraces the change God brings into their life and the results are a changed person!
- It is both instant change and gradual life change!

- We had 3 questions at the beginning: Do I believe in Change? Do I believe people can change? Do I believe I can change? Let's end with these:

Action Steps

- Have I said Yes to Jesus in my life?
- How have I changed since I said Yes to Jesus?
- What change is God working in me now?
- Share (30 seconds each) with someone near you 1 thing God has changed in you!
- You don't have to believe the lie that says "I can't change" – you already have AND you will continue!