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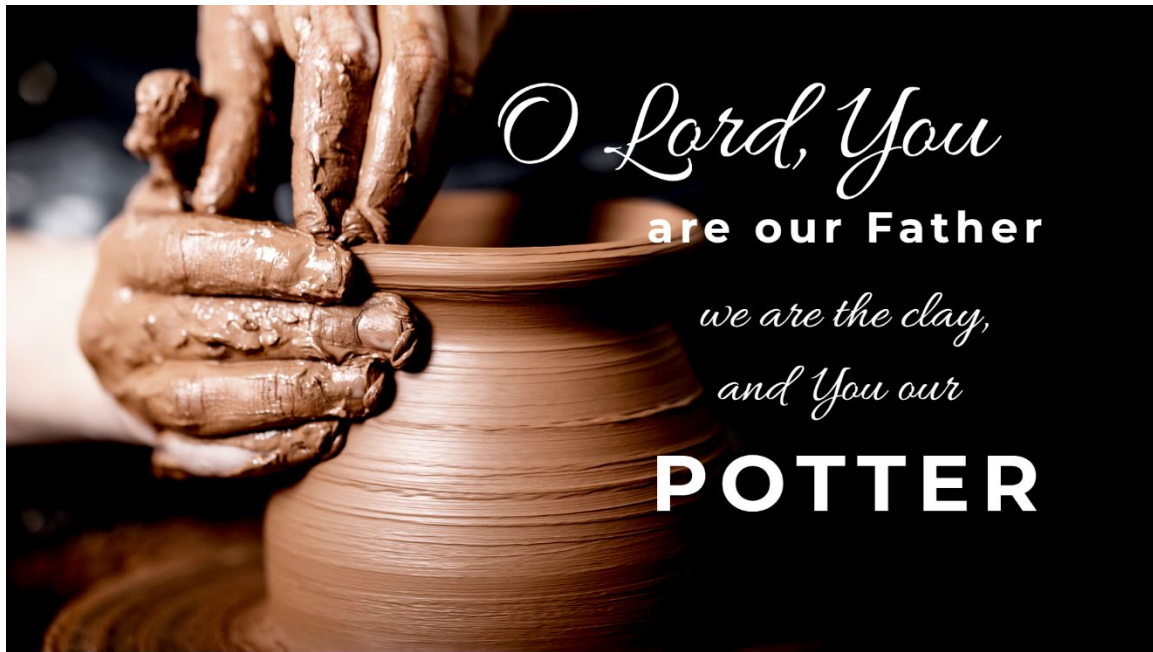
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OPEN YOUR BIBLE OR ONLINE BIBLE AND READ ISAIAH 64 IN ENTIRE.



*Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter, and we all are the work of Your hand. ~ Isaiah 64:8 (AMPC).*

This verse alone communicates that God is in control of all that He made. The remedy of long-term grief or anxiety is to simply trust God. The heaviness that has been affecting our countenance then lifts, and we begin to see circumstances change for the better. The key that we often miss, however, is that **we have changed** (our outlook and attitude) for the better *before* the circumstances around us reflect this. God monitors every nuance of our souls! *First clean the inside of the cup...then the outside also will be clean* (Matt 23:26b, NIV). Changing our inner self is the surest way to change our situation.

Ask for grace and remember, trust takes hold of our delicate dreams and cultivates them—it never destroys them. *Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart. ~ Psalm 37:4 (AMPC).*

A simple way to phrase this phenomenon of change from the inside out, is this: “It’s all on the inside.” Change in the world begins in our own heart and mind. The state of your soul is, predominantly, the state of your world. Jesus puts it like this: *What did you go out to see* (Matt. 11:9)? Often what we find in the world is our own reflection.

**Good change begins because our heart and our mind are receptive to GOD Who alone is good (Mark 10:18).**

**If you want something new in your life, abandon fear and embrace change!**

Write down three areas of concern (i.e., relationships, desires, uncertainties) that you can give to God right now, allowing Him to use or manage the situation on your behalf according to His will.

1)

2)

3)

Remember He is the Potter, we are the clay. He is your Custodian, your most excellent Caretaker.

The video states:

*We do not make ourselves. And those who wish to argue cannot start a human heartbeat or spin the world in space—much less create it from scratch and sustain it. Upon the altering realization of how vast and detailed God is, the only path to peace of mind, heart and soul is to **agree with what He made.***

***God has His distinct opinions, and they are the only opinions that count.***

*Further, we cannot know ourselves until we come to know the One Who designed us. We cannot hope to understand our call or life's purpose until we somewhat, and by His grace, understand Him—His Beautiful Mind, His Colossal Will.*

Do you agree or disagree with what God has made—you? Why or why not?

Are there any areas of opinion where you are disagreeing with God, or uncertain what His will is?

Has your relationship with God reached a “stalemate” in any way, where it seems neither you or God are budging?

Do you feel like you are making progress in your life? Is this progress toward God's will, or away from it?

*Jot down your thoughts...*

As you review what you have written, concede to God's art of creation. **Give God His time.** Masterpieces and great works of art take time. Cathedrals, for one example, were not built within one architect's lifetime. The designers of some of the most impressive churches in the world never saw their vision completed, at least from the world's vantage point.

Like a beautiful church built in a way that reflects or magnifies the brilliance and splendor of Heaven, you are God's temple! *You*, therefore, will take "quality time" for God to re-create in His image, with your relationship with Him fully intact. *Patience* is an integral part of being remade or remolded by the Potter and restructured by the Master Builder (two titles of God). God makes things of *great* and *lasting* value—this includes *you*. The point of a well-lived life is not always immediacy. It is legacy. What will you see from Heaven regarding the things God began through you on the earth? What will your "cathedral" look like from above? What are you leaving behind for future generations?

You see...

**Greatness Himself resides on the inside of you.**

**Therefore, a common and necessary theme in the Bible is GREAT CHANGE.**

*...[Y]ou have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices, [a]nd have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it. ~ Colossians 3:9(b)-10 (AMPC) (emphasis added).*

Adopt God's ideas—you will find they fit your persona like a glove. God being the Potter and we being the clay, **we will be changed.**

Read **Jeremiah 18:2-4** in the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC). Fill in the blanks:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, \_\_\_\_\_ at  
the wheel. And the vessel that he was making from clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter;  
so \_\_\_\_\_ made it over, reworking it into another vessel as it seemed good to the potter to  
make it. ~ Jeremiah 18:2-4 (AMPC).

Who makes us over? God does. This means it is God alone Who changes our lives/us—not circumstances, not ourselves, not other people, and not the enemy of our souls, Satan. Further, God reworks you into "another vessel" that **He decides** is good.

*Note: Many people unduly suffer after the "great change of life" because of one thing: They believe the world has been cruel, that they have been punished indefinitely, and they fail to understand that God has intervened for their benefit and for the benefit of many. If we do not believe or understand that God is greater than the world, circumstance, other people, and even ourselves, if we do not believe that God is good and ready to forgive and bless us, we*

*miss the very precept of Jeremiah 18:2-4. We miss that God uses great difficulty to ultimately make us great, in His image. Worldly rejection is God's acceptance!*

**Baptism** (*bapto*) looks like destruction that overwhelms us. Truly, a brilliant metaphor for complete change—and adapting beautifully to it—is a butterfly. The only way to be comfortable in our new skin as the awakened, with new stained-glass wings painted by the Master, is to *change our mind*. This is the meaning of “repent.” We get a new life, a new view.



*And Peter answered them, Repent (**change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it**) and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and release from your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ~ Acts 2:38 (AMPC) (emphasis added).*

After the baptism, through Jesus Christ, comes 1) **forgiveness**; 2) **freedom** (release from former bondage/sin); and 3) **power** of the Holy Spirit and the breath of God, which moves you.

As part of the baptism process, God sometimes allows people to revise, make commentary, analyze you, critique you, challenge you, put you under, cross you out, crumple you—some will toss you in the bin. By the time you have tried to love others, you feel like you have been edited and reedited so many times you are an unreadable maze. You are left confused. But what is happening is commonplace amongst the saints.

*For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [**can be trusted**] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:13 (AMPC) (emphasis added).*

**Regardless of the earthly experience—place your trust in God,  
Who is far above the ways of the world.**

**He will deliver you.**

God is our Author. Like the Bible, He writes our life story. Edits can be hurtful—at first. The video states:

*A document being passed from colleague to colleague, each with their own edits, is an unreadable mess in the markup stage. However, when you finally decide to trust*

*the process and “accept all changes” the document instantly springs back to a readable, simplified format, but it has been **masterfully perfected**. You see, God sends people into our lives to “mark us up” and make some edits to our souls. It cuts to the quick like red ink applied to our best work. We thought we had a masterpiece already, but the Teacher knows we have been instilled with Brilliance we are only beginning to discover. God uses all of the mess in our lives to make us better—in His image, according to His will.*

List three events/persons which/who caused you great pain or disappointment in your life:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Now, write down the good God has wrought from these same experiences. How has God “re-appointed” you because of them?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Old to new, bitter to sweet. Nonsensical things become the clearest things when we trust God *entirely* with everything in our lives. That is not to say this is perceptually or emotionally easy. It is definitely not at first. Meaning *requires* grace. At any stage of the process, we can choose our outlook and our thoughts. Even in great difficulty, God designed us with a Heaven-to-earth intelligence. Eternity is a long, long, long glorious time. It is not a stagnant space in which we do nothing. It is indescribable freedom and energy, were we do and are EVERYTHING perfect in God. It is a place where completion is full and delight is expressive. Expand your view to include such a magnanimous future. That person you loved who betrayed you, God will—if He so deems, have you meet up again within His holy purpose. It was not for no reason. That young person who passed away—in Heaven, what do you think they are up to now? That endeavor that God closed the door on—do you think there is something eternally greater He wants you to do? Of course! The point is: change your mind FOR THE BETTER. This is not “pie in the sky” thinking. This is **Biblical** thinking. God is a God of HOPE and PROMISE. He will NOT shame your faith.

Write out Romans 12:2:

According to this verse, **transformation** takes place primarily in the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_. And the ultimate end of every endeavor and thought is God's will.

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

~ Romans 12:2 (AMPC)



You do not have to get stuck in the markup stages of life.

Simply, agree with God and accept His changes!



*Transformed* in Romans 12:2 is the Greek word, *metamorphoó*, where we get our common “worm-to-butterfly” term *metamorphosis*. Jesus was **transfigured** on the Mount, where His appearance was changed—not into something grave or worrisome, but into resplendence “with a divine brightness.”<sup>1</sup> *Metamorphoóō* means to “change after being with” God, “changing form in keeping with inner reality” and “transfigured.”<sup>2</sup> If Jesus changed, **it is safe for us to change**, especially *after* being with God. We can get the divine works of God confused—backwards in our perceptions. We think, “God, I had such a great relationship with You. Why did all of this bad stuff happen?” And, we cry—not because of the event, but because we are perceiving God’s motives wrongly. That is, until we see clearly that **what the enemy meant for our harm, God is working out for our good**. Also, people love you more than you think they do. Sometimes, they go so that you can truly live. Accept their sacrifice. They did their best; and they wish you well.

<sup>1</sup> Thayer's Greek Lexicon, STRONGS NT 3339: μεταμορφόω, <https://biblehub.com/greek/3339.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> Helps Word Studies, STRONGS NT 3339: μεταμορφόω, <https://biblehub.com/greek/3339.htm>.



*We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose. ~ Romans 8:28 (AMPC).*

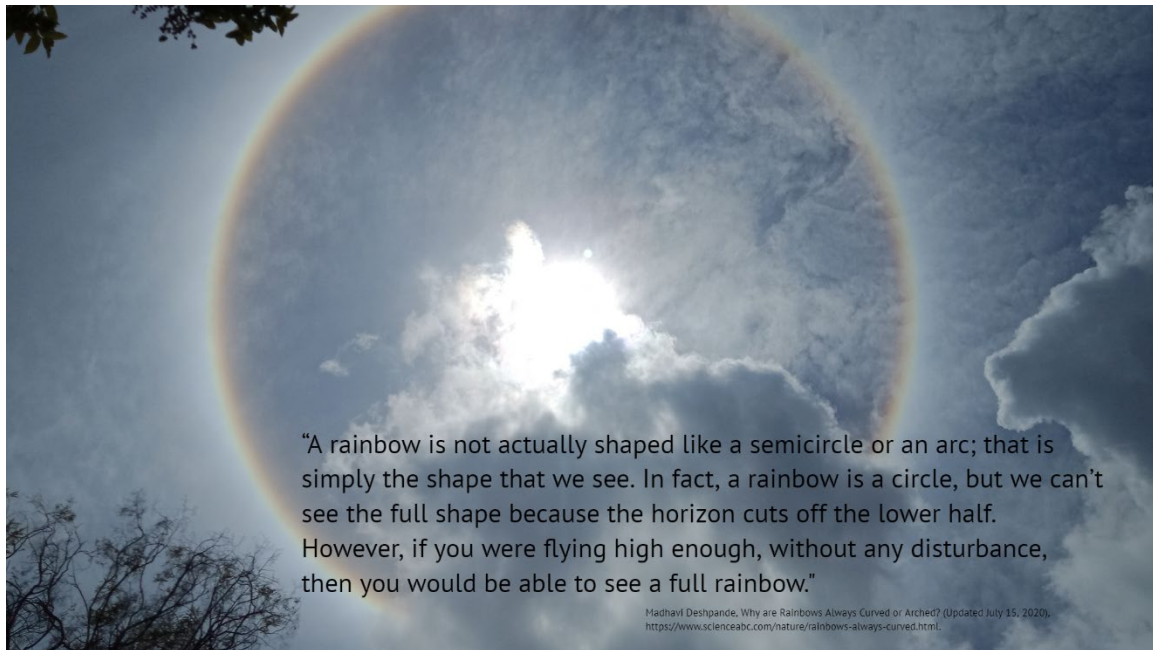
*[F]or God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as it is in all churches of the saints. ~ 1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJ21).*

God writes peace upon His churches. The end point with God is never \_\_\_\_\_. The feeling that you have been through too much nonsensical criticism or dramatic reworking will expire as delight filters in. The point is to **accept God's opinion** over man's, and over your own! Part of repentance is not only, "God I'm sorry," it is "God **forgive** me." To "fore-give" means that God is always giving you something valuable **before you understand** what that thing of value is—how deep that rejection will go in order to let out the poison, or what that odd circumstance or strange distraction is ultimately doing to forge your determination and focus.

**A promise is a circle, a ring, and it will come around.**

On earth, we have a partial view, but from Heaven, all is clear. Consider this...

"A rainbow is not actually shaped like a semicircle or an arc; that is simply the shape that we see. In fact, a rainbow is a circle, but we can't see the full shape because the horizon cuts off the lower half. However, if you were flying high enough, without any disturbance, then you would be able to see a full rainbow."<sup>3</sup>



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What the enemy means for your utter destruction, God “foreordained” for your perfection. Through Christ, God forgives **you**. From the foundations of the world, God has decided who you are, what He is making of you, and what for. *If you have a heartbeat, you have a holy purpose.*

**Today, accept the changes and move forward with God.**

Consider the major changes God has made in your life. On a scale of 1 to 10, evaluate your thoughts, will and emotions regarding these changes.

<b>Not Great.</b>									<b>Great!</b>	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Write out a prayer to God. You may wish to express you are willing to trust Him and allow Him to make edits to your life. Ask Him to help you accept His will rather than wrestle with it.

*Lord, I come before You in Jesus' Name...*

*Amen.*

*[L]et God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. ~ Romans 12:2 (GNT).*

There are many living symbols God has created to prove change is a *good* thing. Here are a few comments regarding some of them:

“[T]he [chrysalis of a future butterfly] may be suspended under a branch, hidden in leaves or buried underground. [It is] protected inside a cocoon of silk. This stage can last from a few weeks, a month or even longer. Some species have a pupal stage that lasts for two years. It may look like nothing is going on but big changes are happening inside.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://ansp.org/exhibits/online-exhibits/butterflies/lifecycle/>.

Grasshoppers have an **incomplete** metamorphosis. Consider this verse: *There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight (Numbers 13:33, AMPC).*

Butterflies have a **complete** metamorphosis. They totally embrace change. Consider these verses: *If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle by the farthest sea, even there Your hand will guide me; Your right hand will hold me fast (Psalm 139:9-10, BSB).*

“Butterflies can't see their wings. They can't see how truly beautiful they are, but everyone else can. People are like that...”<sup>5</sup> ~ Unknown

“Obliquity is an astronomical term describing the angle of tilt of the Earth's axis of rotation. The obliquity is approximately 23°27' but it is not fixed. Instead, it varies slowly... If the obliquity was equal to zero, the sun would rise at 6 a.m. and set at 6 p.m. every day of the year, everywhere in the world. There would be no long summer days and long winter nights. The sun wouldn't be high in the sky in summer and low in winter. It would take the same path across the sky every day of the year. Every day would be the same as every other. There would be no seasons.”<sup>6</sup>

“The date on which apple trees bloom in a location can vary annually based upon fluctuating winter and spring temperatures and when the trees have had their chilling and heating requirement met.”<sup>7</sup>

In other words, no changing seasons—no freedom, no variety, no fruit. It is true of the nature God created and it is true of us—the people He created.

“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.” ~ Leo Tolstoy

### **In truth, it is God Who changes us.**

*And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit. ~ 2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMPC).*

Do not be afraid to let GOD transform you and take you through great life change. Adapt. Adjust. You are far more beautiful of a masterpiece than you know.

### **God is giving you wings.**

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<sup>5</sup> <https://butterflywebsite.com/butterfly-quotes.cfm>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.obliquity.com/info/meaning.html>.

<sup>7</sup> <https://apples.extension.org/timing-of-apple-tree-bloom/>.

*[L]ooking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ~ Hebrews 12:2 (ASV).*

**Accept the Changes.**

**God knows what He is doing with you.**



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**For He [God] Himself has said,  
I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support.  
[I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless  
Nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]  
Hebrews 13:5b (AMPC)**

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