

THE NEED FOR CHANGE

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The most important thing in your life is **change**.

In fact the only permanent thing in your life should be change.

Anything that is not changing is stagnant and anything stagnant is dying or already dead.

You must refuse to stagnate in your life because stagnation is the process that precedes death.

You must always be challenging yourself to change and to grow.

You cannot make a higher level of impact if you do not rise to that level.

Albert Einstein said “you cannot solve problems using the same kind of thinking you used when you created them” (good for later).

Change ensures that we are moving forward and that our lives have meaning – that we are making an impact.

If you are looking at where you are in life and you don't like it then am talking to you.

If you are looking at what is surrounding you and you don't like it – then you are also the person am talking to.

Let me begin by saying that no amount of crying and weeping and complaining or grumbling will change your experience.

Change is caused by confrontation.

There can be no change until there is confrontation.

That is to say – you must confront what you want to CHANGE.

For David to change the mess called Goliath he had to confront him with a sling and five (5) stones.

So change is caused by confrontation – what you are unwilling to confront you will never change.

Now the Bible says that we should not be conformed to this world but be transformed or changed by the renewing of our minds. Romans 12:1.

Every change begins with a change of mind.

You cannot make an external change without first making an INTERNAL change.

That is why Paul tells us to be changed by the renewing of our minds.

Nothing changes until the mind changes – the Bible declares in

Proverbs 23:7(a) “as a man thinketh in his heart so is he”.

So if you are fed up with what you are experiencing in your life you must without a choice begin a mental transformation journey.

For you to change your mind you must change the information that you have exposed your mind to.

Information is what brings about the IN – FORMATION.

So the way your thoughts are formed inwardly is a function of information.

The information we expose ourselves to determine our BELIEF SYSTEM – and our belief system determines our behavior patterns, our actions, our attitudes, our lifestyle etc.

That is to say who you are on your inside will ultimately determine what you experience on the outside.

In fact your public performance is dictated by your private philosophy.

What we do is a manifestation of who we are.

Most of the problems we encounter are as a result of living in denial of who we are.

If you can change who you are on the inside then it will be easy to change what you are experiencing on the outside.

If you are not happy about yourself it is impossible for your husband to make you happy.

If you don't love yourself more money won't do it, another boyfriend won't do it, another career won't do it.

You must change the way you think about yourself before you think that a second wife is the solution.

Jesus taught us in **Matthew 12:35** “**a good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things and an evil man out of the evil treasure in his heart brings forth evil things**”.

So if the evil man does not like what he is producing all he has to do is to change the conditions of the treasures in his heart.

Let me put it this way – what we see about you is controlled by what we cannot see about you.

Now God tells **Joshua in chapter 1:8** of Joshua that :

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Meditate means you shall continually think it in your mind over and over so that it can form the basis of your information.

Once it becomes the basis of your information it will shape the way you think and the way you think determines your belief system and your belief system determines your behavior, your attitude and your lifestyle.

So the results you are producing in your life is an overflow of your thoughts.

If you THINK that you cant then surely you cant but if you THINK that you can then you CAN.

So change must begin by reprogramming our way of THINKING – nothing changes until the mind changes.

You cannot change your physical location until you change your MENTAL DISPOSITION.

If you are tired of what you are experiencing right now then expose yourself to a higher level of revelation.

That is why you must begin to expose yourself to a higher level of information.

Change occurs when you expose your mind to a different way of thinking.

Like they say “insanity is doing the same thing the same way and expecting a different result”.

Albert Einstein said “we cannot solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them ”.

Now let us get to the text in **Matthew 14:22** when the Bible says that Jesus tells the disciples to get into the boat and go to the other side and then He is left dispersing the multitude and then He gets a place to pray.

The Bible teaches that on the fourth watch – Jesus begins to walk on the water towards the boat.

When the disciples saw Him coming they were all afraid – but Peter was different – Peter was a fisherman – he worked in the very sea that Jesus was walking on and he knew as a matter of FACT “NOBODY can walk on water”.

Peter realized what has always been known to be a fact is now being confronted by another reality – it is possible to do the impossible – his mind changed.

You see until your mind changes about the stuff you are grappling with you will remain fighting with the same stuff at the same level.

Peter got new information into his mental processor as he watched Jesus walk on water.

And Peter tells Jesus if it is you, bid me come.

Peter was tired of the boat experience – he needed another kind of experience

The boat represented the ordinary, the mediocre, the mundane, the normal, everyday experience that Peter had already had even without having met Jesus.

But now, after meeting Jesus and seeing Jesus do the impossible, he decided “enough of the boat” lets get to walk on the water

CHANGE demands that you get fed up of where you are and begin to push yourself to a new experience.

But this day, when he saw someone else walking on water, suddenly he realized – I have to update my information.

Peter was saying, yesterday’s solution has becomes today’s stumbling block. The boat was wonderful for yesterday but today I want a new experience.

Can you imagine if the Wright brothers Orville and Wilbur had stayed in the boat of mundane, ordinary and mediocre living and not flown their

crazy plane in December 17th 1903 today we would still be taking ships for months to go to America or Europe.

You have to change your thinking.

This is what I hear Peter say to himself “if somebody else has done it, then surely it is proof that it is do-able, so I am next”.

You cannot CHANGE your life if all you do is complain about your life – CHANGE you MIND about yourself and you will CHANGE your life.

CHANGE your MIND, say to yourself “I am not a beggar, I am a giver. I am not broke, I am blessed, I am not a nobody, I am somebody that matters, I am not defeated but I am a winner in every arena of life”.

As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.

So he jumps into the water and begins to walk on the water.

But then he looks at the wind and suddenly he remembers as a fisherman, “nobody walks on water” and fear grips his heart and he begins to sink but he cries out to Jesus for help

This is the lesson: That on the road to change, we will make mistakes but Jesus will always be there to pick us up when we blow it up.

In fact I have seen that our Lord Jesus is not upset when we fail as we try but he is not impressed by us when we fail to try.

Now all the other disciples saw what Peter saw but none of them was willing to get out of their comfort zone and do the impossible.

They had the right information based on what they saw but did not act on the information

So it is not just getting the information that will bring the transformation but it is acting on that information.

Change demands action based on the acquired information.

So I challenge you to get off that comfort zone and begin to move in the direction of you next level

What you don't pursue you will never possess

Get up Peter, Get up Mary, Get up Atieno, get up and move – God has already made the grace you need for change available.