

"Change Me Any Way You Want"

40 Day Prayer Covenant, Part 4

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Jesus, be Lord of my life today in new ways, and change me any way you want.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit.

Paul said: "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished. About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?'

'Who are you, Lord?' I asked.

'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me.

'What shall I do, Lord?' I asked.

'Get up,' the Lord said, 'and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.' My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me.

Acts 22:2-11

What Motivates People To Change?

1. _____

2. _____

Eventually the brook dried up because of the drought. Then GOD spoke to him: "Get up and go.."

1 Kings 17:8-9

3. _____

"What shall I do, Lord?" I asked.

Acts 22:10

"What is written in the Law?" (Jesus)replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied.

Luke 10:27-28

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former."

Matt 23:23-24

If God is changing you from the inside out, you'll see the changes in 2 places:

1. how you're showing your love to God
2. how you're showing your love to others

**All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*