

Ew. Choosing Jesus in the Mess
Making Changes: The Transformation Choice

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:6 – “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” **ESV**

James 1:27 – “Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”

1. I choose to let Christ change the direction of my heart.
2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 6:14

2. My heart changes as I submit to my Heavenly Father’s loving influence.

- **Accept my new Identity.** *1 John 3:1; Ephesians 1:5*
- **Receive God’s power to change.** *2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Philippians 4:13*
- **Listen to the Holy Spirit and to people who care about my heart change.** *Galatians 5:16; 1 Corinthians 15:33-34*
- **Live One day at a time.** *Matthew 6:11; Matthew 6:34; Lamentations 3:21-26*
- **Look for the good that God is doing.** *Philippians 4:8;*
- **Focus on progress, not perfection.** *Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

Matthew 5:7&9, Colossians 3:12-17
Ephesians 4:31-32, Mark 11:25
Matthew 6:12, Matthew 18:21-22
Romans 14:10-12, Matthew 5:23-24
Romans 12:18, Matthew 5:43-48
Luke 6:31, 35-36
Hebrews 12:14-15, Job 11:13-19

Discussion Questions:

1. How has your heart changed in character since receiving Christ? (fruit of the Spirit)
2. How has your heart changed in values since receiving Christ? (what do you give your time, talent and treasure to?)
3. How fully do you REALLY identify with being God’s child? (you’re confident in knowing He loves, accepts and values you)
4. Which of the 6 submission points do you find easiest? Which is the most difficult?