



CHANGE

the hardest commandment

Why is change so hard?

- **Old routines are more comfortable**
- **Requires a transformation deep within our hearts**
 - *Jeremiah 17:9, Genesis 8:21*
- **We can settle for temporary or superficial change**
 - *Hosea 6:1-6, Joel 2:12-13*
- **True repentance is costly**
 - *1 Samuel 15:30*



Can I really change?

- True change is difficult but not impossible!
- Judah
 - *Genesis 37:26-27, 44:30-34*
 - *Change is possible because of **time***
- Saul / Paul
 - *Acts 9:1-2, 20-22*
 - *Change is possible because of **grace***

“All things are possible with God”
– *Mark 10:27*



How do I change?

- **Seek a new heart**
 - *Psalm 51:10*
 - *Ezekiel 36:25-27*
- **God will answer this prayer through the gospel**
 - *Ephesians 4:22-24*
 - *Romans 12:1-2*



The greatest obstacle to the salvation of men is the obstinacy of the human will. It is not very difficult, in this country particularly, to induce men to believe the gospel, to plant faith within the soul...Neither is it very difficult to persuade men to be baptized, when they become penitent believers. I have never yet met with a person, who was a genuine believer and sincerely penitent, that raised any question about being baptized. They are ready to go where they are led. The difficulty is to induce them to *repent*.

– J.W. McGarvey, July 2, 1893





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are you ready?