FREEDOM

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Habits can make you become a salve in areas and cause you to live a life that God doesn't desire you to live.

Assuming we can fix things on our own is a problem!
What can wash away my sins? NOTHING! But the blood of Jesus!

We need someone beyond our problems to fix our problems!

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Stop trying to fix things and just HONOR GOD! Every action I have, I want to display Christ.

Honor God in the little things!
In the way you treat your family, friends, coworkers!
We shouldn't be fixing - we should be FIGHTING!
We shouldn't be fighting people, society, politics- we wage war with things NOT OF THIS WORLD!
If we are to have a renewed mind, it begins by honoring God with everything we do.

Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

"He MAKES ME lie down"

Some of us have been trying to earn and work for peace, for a spirit of joy. When the Lord is your shepherd, sometimes he makes us do things that we don't want to do! But in doing so, he provides me with everything I need!

God tries to suggest to us what we should do, but we oppose it! If we allow God to make us lie down, we can experience true freedom!

God can produce something in us that we have desired from the beginning when we honor Him!

It's not about becoming who you desire you to be, it's become who God wants you to be! When you pursue things and God is absent from your pursuit, you will never be fulfilled.

Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

As Christians we have the ability to break old habits!

Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean that it can't happen! That's called WALKING BY FAITH!

What would my life be like.....

God wants to take out the old stuff and replace it with truth! Our habits will not change overnight! It's a PROCESS!