

**Let The Games Begin
The Change Game
Discover Church
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Challenges of the Change Game

- Trying to change others is **exhausting**.
- It is **impossible** to change another person!
- People **only** change because they **want to** change.

Solution for the Change Game

“Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.” Romans 14:1

“One person’s faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.” Romans 14:2-3

- Not just **what** is accepted but **who** accepted.

If you don’t feel accepted by God, it will affect how you treat others!

“Do to others what you would have them do to you” Matthew 7:12

- **Loved you when you were unlovable.**
- **Accepted you when you were unacceptable.**
- **Crazy about you in the middle of your rebellion**

- ✓ **Forgive you because God has forgiven me.**
- ✓ **Accept you because God has accepted me.**
- ✓ **Love you because God has loved me.**

“Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.” Romans 14:4-6

- Only the Lord can **change** a person and has the right to **judge**.

“For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.” Romans 14:7-9

Two takeaways

1. Our lives are **connected**
2. You don't live **separate** from God

“You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.” “It is written: “‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’ So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” Romans 14:10-12

- Don't become an **obstacle** to someone else's life change.

“Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.” Romans 14:13

What if...The change I want in you is a cue for something God wants to change in me.

Be a Game Changer

1. **Accept**
2. **Model**
3. **Curious**
4. **Invite**

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Scripture: Romans 14:1-13; Matthew 7:12