### **GOD'S POWER TO CHANGE ME**

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"...The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate."

Romans 7:14-15 (NLT)

""...My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me."

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

#### The Way to Real Change

- Not "God, then me."
- Not "God, not me."
- But "God through me."

"...Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 7:24-25 (NLT)

## Real change isn't behavior modification.

# Real change is <u>spiritual</u> transformation.

"For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (NIV)

#### The same grace that saves you is also the grace that changes you.

- Your spiritual why is God's purpose for you.
- Your spiritual <u>how</u> is God's power through you.
- "...'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."

  Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)