

A CHANGE OF DIRECTION

Part Two of Series: CHANGE UP

Turning Unexpected Changes into Next Level Opportunities

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“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow Me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’”

Matthew 4:18-19 (NIV)

“As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. ‘Follow Me,’ He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him.”

Matthew 9:9 (NIV)

“The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’”

John 1:43 (NIV)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.”

John 15:5-8 (NIV)

1. A CONSTANT SURRENDER TO THE POWER OF CHRIST

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5 (NIV)

“But if we confess our sins to Him, He can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. [And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.]”

1 John 1:9 (TLB)

2. A STEP BY STEP OBEDIENCE TO THE LOVE OF CHRIST

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commands and remain in His love.”

John 15:9-10 (NIV)

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” John 15:1-2 (NIV)

3. A DAILY ENCOUNTER WITH THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you.” John 15:15 (NIV)

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” Mark 1:35 (NIV)

4. A WEEKLY GATHERING WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST

“Love each other. This is what I’m commanding you to do.” John 15:17 (GWT)

“Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord’s coming is getting closer.” Hebrews 10:25 (CEV)