

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion
For Individuals and Small Groups**

1. What would you like to change in your life? If you could change one thing what would it be? Why?

2. Share with the group an example of how God used his Word (the Bible) to motivate you to make a change in your life.

3. Read 1 Kings 17:2-9. God used the negative experience of the brook drying up to motivate Elijah to get moving. Can you think of a negative experience in your life that God may be trying to use to get you moving in a new direction?

4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19. Paul instructs his readers to not “hold back the work of the Holy Spirit.” What are some of the ways we can hold back the work of the Holy Spirit when it comes to the changes we need to make in our lives?

5. Read 1 Timothy 4:7. What specific actions can you schedule into your daily routine to train yourself to be godly?

I still haven't found what I'm looking for...in myself

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I. COMMON MYTHS ABOUT CHANGE

A. God Changes Us _____

B. God Changes Us _____

C. God Changes Us _____

II. THE TRUTH ABOUT CHANGE

"...Continue to **work out** your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works in** you to will and to act according to his good purposes." Philippians 2:12-13 (page 831)

A. God's Part: _____
"Do not put out the Spirit's fire." 1Thessalonians 5:19 (page 837)

"Do not hold back the work of the Holy Spirit." NCV

Three Tools God Uses To Teach Us:

1. _____
"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us to do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point...."
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (LB)

2. _____
"...It is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purposes."
Philippians 2:13 (page 831)

3. _____
"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...."
Romans 8:28 (page 800)

B. My Part: _____
"...Everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."
Luke 6:40 (page 730)

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."
1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (page 811)

"...Train yourself to be godly." 1 Timothy 4:7 (page 840)