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LORD, CHANGE ME!

(Based on the book by James MacDonald)

If we are honest with ourselves, all of us have some areas in our lives that we need to change. No matter if you are a preacher, a deacon, a choir member, a ministry leader, or someone who attends church each week. The fact of the matter is that there are areas in our lives where change needs to take place in all of us! That is the focus of these Bible Study lessons.

Part 3: The Power to Change

The Power of Biblical Friendships

If you want to experience lasting change, you must understand and access the power of biblical friendships.

I. Friendships In The Bible

1. Old Testament

- Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Aaron; Moses and Joshua and Caleb; Ruth and Naomi; David and Jonathan; Elijah and Elisha

2. New Testament

- Peter and John; Paul and Barnabas; Paul and Silas; Paul and Timothy
- Jesus and the 12 Disciples; Jesus and Peter, James, and John

II. Two Keys To Biblical Friendships

1. A Biblical Friend Holds You Up During Tough Times.

- Their Presence
- Their Prayers
- Their Protection
- Their Personal Loyalty
- Their Promise

1st Samuel 23:16-18

(v. 16a)

(v. 16b)

(v. 17a)

(v. 17b)

(v. 18a)

2. A Biblical Friend Holds You Down When You Stray.

- Someone who tells you the truth for your own good
- Someone who loves you through the good and the bad

2nd Samuel 12:1-15

Proverbs 17:17

III. How To Choose A Biblical Friend

1. Choose a friend who is committed to change.
2. Choose a friend who is committed to accountability.

Proverbs 27:17

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Brothers and Sisters, this Bible Study series has been designed to bring about change in our lives that will last. Of course lasting change begins first and foremost with our relationship with God. However, our relationship with friends, - true, biblical friends are also instruments God will use to bring about lasting change in our lives. Therefore choose your friends wisely.