

TAPPING INTO TRUE POWER FOR CHANGE

If I Could Change One Thing – Part 2

Hebrews 11:6

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Principle #1: Realize I'm not God; I admit I'm powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing, and my life is unmanageable.

- God frequently uses two things to get us past denial: Crisis or Confrontation

Principle #2: Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.

...whoever comes to God must have faith that God exists and that he rewards those who seek him. – Hebrews 11:6 GNT

3 PARTS OF IMPLEMENTING PRINCIPLE #2

1. Accept that God exists

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. – Romans 1:20 NLT

2. Understand God's character

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. – Colossians 1:15 NLT

- God knows all about my situation.

You know how troubled I am; you have kept a record of my tears. – Psalm 56:8 GNT

You have seen my suffering. You know about the troubles I have. – Psalm 31:7b ERV

- God cares about my situation.

The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust. – Psalm 103:13 NLT

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. – Romans 5:8 NLT

- God can change me and my situation.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe in him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead. – Ephesians 1:19-20 NLT

Jesus answered, "What is humanly impossible is possible for God." – Luke 18:27 GNT

3. Embrace God's offer to help me

God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. – Philippians 2:13 NLT

For the Spirit that God has given us...fills us with power, love, and self-control. – 2 Tim. 1:7 GNT

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God. – John 1:12 NIV