



“Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.” – John 6:26



# We Need Change

QUALITIES CONDUCTIVE TO CHANGE

# Recap

- ▶ What is change?
- ▶ What is the aim of change?
- ▶ Why do we resist change?
  - ▶ Fear
    - ▶ People
    - ▶ Failure
  - ▶ Comfort in the status quo
  - ▶ Pride
  - ▶ Despise counsel
  - ▶ Ignorance
  - ▶ Lack of trust

# Qualities Conducive to Change

## 1. Introspection

- ▶ Examination and observation of what drives my behavior
- ▶ “For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.” (Jam. 1:23)

# Why do we resist change?

## 2. Faith/trust

- ▶ “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Jn. 3:16)
- ▶ Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord God, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’” (Ezk. 33:11)

# Why do we resist change?

## 3. Humility

- ▶ Canaanite Woman
- ▶ But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (Matt. 26-28)

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## 4. Courage

### ▶ EX: Daniel and Three Holy Youth

▶ “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.” (Dan. 3:16-18)

### ▶ Good Samaritan

# Why do we resist change?

## 5. Patience

- ▶ Change takes time
- ▶ “...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.” (Eph. 4:14-15)