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## "A Roadmap for Change"

### I. There are five types of people in our audience.

- A. Those who are **grieving**.
- B. Those who are **worried**.
- C. Those who have **questions**.
- D. Restore **balance**.
- E. Those who need some **change** in their life.

**Jehovah Rophe:** "The Lord Who **Heals**"

**Jehovah Nissi:** "The Lord Our **Banner**"

**Jehovah Rohi:** "The Lord Our **Shepherd**"

**Jehovah Shalom:** "The Lord Our **Peace**"

**Jehovah M'Kiddish:** "The God who **sanctifies** you"

*"What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore for the **old life** is gone. A **new life** has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

We go from God's **creation** to God's **child**.

*"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven."  
Phillipians 3:12-14*

### II. How does God change us?

- A. Two extreme thoughts:
  - 1. One extreme is this that the change that takes place is all **God**.
  - 2. God saves me but then it's all up to **me** to change.
  - 3. The **Biblical** Position is that there is a "God" part and there is an "our" part.
- B. God's part is His **power**.
- C. Our part is our **cooperation**.

### III. Five action steps

A. Recognize that your spiritual life is a **journey**.

*“And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will continue His work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.” Philippians 1:6*

B. Set your sights on the **final destination**.

1. The picture of your destination is **holiness** and **wholeness**.

*“And what God wants is for us to be made holy. Hebrews 10:10*

*“So set yourselves apart to be holy for I the Lord am your God who makes you holy.” Leviticus 20*

2. The final destination of holiness is our **internal** world.

*“And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more.” 2 Corinthians 3:18*

C. Ask God to help with your **roadblocks**.

*“Let us purify ourselves from **everything** that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence or awe for God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1*

*“Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life. Which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception.” Ephesians 4:22*

*“People who cover over their sins will not prosper but if they confess and forsake them they will receive mercy.” Proverbs 28:13*

D. Learn how to **refuel**.

*“He [God] renews my strength. He guides me along the right path.” Psalm 23:3*

*“As we know Jesus better His divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. So make every effort to apply these promises to your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence. A life of moral excellence leads to knowing God better. Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance and patient endurance leads to godliness. Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone.” 2 Peter 1:3-8*

E. Pause along the way to **celebrate** the progress.

**“We don’t look ahead to see how far we have to go. We look back to see how far we’ve come.”**

*“O Lord, my God, You have done many miracles for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.” Psalm 40:5*

*“When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23*