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Christ Gives Us the Power

You can't change yourself. You don't have to. Jesus changes you from the inside.

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FOR THE SOUL WINNER

1. Read it **with** them. Hold it so they can see.
2. Stop at each **gold box**. Ask the question. Then be quiet and listen.
3. When they are ready, pray the prayer near the end together, one line at a time.

You buy a beautiful new lamp. You set it on the table and flip the switch. Nothing. You flip it again. Nothing. The lamp isn't broken. It just isn't plugged in. No matter how hard it tries, a lamp can't make its own light.

That is us without Jesus. We try harder. We promise. We turn over a new leaf. And we keep falling short. The power was never supposed to come from us.

1 No one can do it alone

Nobody on earth has the power to turn from sin in their own strength. Not the best person you know. Not the most religious. Jesus was the only perfect person who ever lived.

> *"There is none righteous, no, not one."*
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> **ROMANS 3:10**

> *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*
>
> **JOHN 15:5**

ASK

How many times have you tried to change something in your own strength?

2 It is a gift, not a paycheck

We can't work hard enough to earn God's love. We can't be good enough to deserve heaven. Salvation is a gift. Even receiving Him is a privilege He gives us.

> *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."*
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> **EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

> *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."*
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> **TITUS 3:5**

3 Grace comes first. Then change.

Religion says, *"Change, and then you can come."* Jesus says, *"Come, and I will change you."* When you receive Him, He gives you the **desire** to please God and the **power** to do it.

> *"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."*
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> **PHILIPPIANS 2:13**

> *"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age."*
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> **TITUS 2:11-12**

ASK

What would it feel like to stop trying so hard and let Jesus do it in you?

4 His heart in you

When you invite Jesus in, He does something only God can do. He gives you a new heart. His life comes into your mind, your soul, your whole person. You become new, not because of how good you are, but because of how good He is.

> *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."*
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> EZEKIEL 36:26

> *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."*
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> GALATIANS 2:20

> *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*
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> PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Let's talk about it

1. **WHERE IT HURTS**
   What have you tried to fix in your own strength that just won't change?

2. **WHAT YOU FEAR**
   Are you afraid you will never be good enough for God? You don't have to be. Jesus already is.

3. **IMAGINE**
   Imagine waking up with a new desire, wanting what God wants, and the strength to do it.

4. **YOUR DECISION**
   Will you plug into Jesus today, and let Him be your power?

No pressure. Take your time. God is patient, and He is here.

A WORD FROM DON

I couldn't change myself. I tried. Then Jesus came into my heart and did what I never could. If He did it for me, He will do it for you.

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Pray this to God

Don't try to fix yourself first. Come to Jesus and let Him do it. Pray this.

Jesus, here is my life. I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died on the cross for my sins and rose again. I can't make myself good enough, so I receive Your grace as a gift. Come into my heart. Forgive me of everything. Wash me and make me clean. Take over my life and have Your way in me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Give me the desire and the strength to turn from sin, to say no to what displeases You and yes to what pleases You. Change my heart. Thank You for making me new. In Jesus' name, amen.

Did you pray that prayer?

Then here is what God says about you today. Not what you feel. What He says.

- ✓ Your sins are forgiven. *1 John 1:9*
- ✓ You are a child of God. *John 1:12*
- ✓ You have eternal life, starting right now. *1 John 5:13*
- ✓ Jesus will never leave you. *Hebrews 13:5*

> *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."*
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> **1 JOHN 5:13**

Your next steps

1. **Tell someone.** Tell the person who gave you this, or tell us. Heaven is already celebrating.
2. **Talk to God every day.** Just talk. He is listening.

3. **Read the Bible.** Start with the Gospel of John, one chapter a day.
4. **Find a church family.** A Bible-believing church where Jesus is lifted up.
5. **Be baptized.** Show the world you belong to Jesus. *Acts 2:38*

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Did you give your life to Jesus today?

We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next step. Tell us. It is free, and someone will pray for you.

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My story

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I didn't grow up in church, and I didn't know God. I was living a sinful lifestyle, lost and without hope. Then one night, at 18, I walked into a church, fell on my knees at the altar and gave my heart to Jesus. I was bound, but now I'm free. If God can take somebody like me and do what He did, He can change anybody. No matter how far away you feel, be encouraged. If I wasn't saved, I would get saved today. It is so worth it!

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