**Introduction**

**I Believe in God, but…**

I don’t think I can Change.

“Why? Why should I change?” She asked, sort of sarcastically. Almost cynically. “If Jesus has died for my sins, if I am forgiven by him, then its fine if I live with my boyfriend. Its fine if I live in sin, do what I want—because its all forgiven anyway.” Why are you so concerned about me?

**What is your response?**

**Hebrews 10:26-27 Romans 6:1-11**

**TRUE / FALSE Being a Christian means I have to change my life.**

**But, I don’t know if I even can…**

**…I tried, but failed**

Where does this kind of thinking come from?

**1 John 2:15-17**

***If you rely on your own strength, or the strength of this world, you absolutely cannot change your sinful ways. That’s like trying to cure alcoholism with more alcohol. It doesn’t work.***

How does this change occur?

**Psalm 119:103, 104 Psalm 34:8**

**John 1:1**

Use **2 Corinthians 3:18,** to encourage the person who is feeling like past failures are keeping them from living for their God.

**…you don’t know my situation.**

**True….but,**

**Read Acts 22: 1-20. 1 Timothy 1:16,17**

**Remember you serve the same God who:**

* Parted the Red Sea

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

Bonus: What does this say for the person who might add, “I just don’t see a way out.”?

**…or if I want too…**

**Back to the original problem. What is the answer for someone who doesn’t want to change!**

**Romans 10:17** faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ

**John 8:47** The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

**John 12:46-50** Jesus is the light, stay in that Word

**Ephesians 5:8** Walk as children of light

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. -Philippians 1:6

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