**Spirit of Change**

1. The road to failure is paved with our intentions.

*The end of the matter is better than its beginning and patience is better than pride.* **Ecclesiastes 7:8**

2. Resolve is about commitment.

*In view of God’s mercy offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God…* **Romans 12:1**

3. Transformation is the fuel for resolve.

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world. But be transformed by a renewing of your mind.* **Romans 12:2**

4. Spiritual changes lead to life changes.

*Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.* **Romans 12:2**

January 4, 2015 Romans 12:1-2

RESOLVE

Be transformed by a renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday 2 Corinthians 5:17**
* **Tuesday 2 Corinthians 3:18**
* **Wednesday 1 John 1:9**
* **Thursday 1 John 3:2-3**
* **Friday Philippians 1:6**
* **Saturday Matthew 5:16**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

Action

**Begin each morning with a this prayer:**

*O Lord,*

*forgive what I have been,*

*transform what I am,*

*show me what I will be.*

*Amen.*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

What in my life needs to change?

What will I pray for to see change?

What do I need to do to change?

**Plan for Action**

1. The greatest enemy of resolve is a lack of planning.

*The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.*  **Proverbs 21:5**

2. A plan happens on purpose.

*Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?* **Luke 14:28**

3. A plan incorporates failures and small victories.

*For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees is will ridicule you…* **Luke 14:29**

4. You have to give up who you are to become someone new.

*In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.* **Luke 14:33**

January 11, 2015 Luke 14:28-35

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* **Monday Proverbs 21:5**
* **Tuesday Proverbs 16:3**
* **Wednesday Proverbs 6:6-8**
* **Thursday Jeremiah 29:11**
* **Friday James 4:13-15**
* **Saturday Isaiah 32:8**

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What do I consider a small victory?

What will I do when I fail?

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What will change cost me (physically, emotionally, physically)?

What is most attractive to me about a changed life?

Am I willing to do whatever it takes to know Christ better?

**The Cost of Accomplishment**

1. There is a cost that comes with follow through.

*Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost…*  **Luke 14:28**

2. See the true value of a changed life.

*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went…* **Matthew 13:44**

3. Do whatever it takes - short of sin - to get there.

*…and sold all he had.* **Matthew 13:44**

4. The process of transformation brings us closer to Christ.

*When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.* **Matthew 13:48**

January 18, 2015 Matthew 13:44-48

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Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Luke 9:23-26**
* **Tuesday Philippians 1:21**
* **Wednesday John 16:33**
* **Thursday Matthew 7:13-27**
* **Friday Philippians 3:7-8**
* **Saturday Ephesians 1:11**

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Do I submit to Jesus and his commands or resist? Why?

As I reflect on my life-what is it that needs to be repaired?

How could my life tell the story of my salvation through Jesus?

**Looking Back And Moving Forward**

1. We fear change so we fear Jesus.

*A man was there by the name of Zaccheaus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.* **Luke 19:2**

2. An encounter with Jesus brings us to a crossroads: Submit or resist. (Know)

*“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”* **Luke 19:5**

3. When we reflect we give ourselves opportunity for repentance and repair. (Grow)

*Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.* **Luke 19:8**

4. A life submissive to Jesus tells the story. (Go)

*Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.* **Luke 19:9**

January 25, 2015 Luke 19:1-10

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* **Monday Acts 2:37-39**
* **Tuesday Romans 10:9**
* **Wednesday Ephesians 2:8-9**
* **Thursday James 2:18**
* **Friday Acts 4:12**
* **Saturday Isaiah 55:6-7**

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