

New Can't Fix You  
Enjoy the Process

- A. Intro: When you look back at your life, what area of growth was a process?
- B. Big Idea: God's process of transformation takes time.
- C. Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 NLT – <sup>14</sup>But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup>You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup>God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
- D. What does God's process of transformation require?
  - a. Faithfulness
    - i. 2 Timothy 3:14 NLT – <sup>14</sup>But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.
    - ii. Psalm 18:25 NLT – <sup>25</sup>To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity.
    - iii. Hebrews 11:8 NLT – <sup>8</sup>It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.
  - b. Remaining Teachable
    - i. 2 Timothy 3:15-16a NLT – <sup>15</sup>You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true...
    - ii. Psalm 119:105 NLT – <sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.
    - iii. Psalm 18:28 NLT – <sup>28</sup>You light a lamp for me. The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.
  - c. Willing to Acknowledge we are Wrong
    - i. 2 Tim 3:16 NLT - ... to make us realize what is wrong in our lives...
    - ii. Psalm 51:3-4a NLT – <sup>3</sup>For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. <sup>4</sup>Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have

done what is evil in your sight.

d. Willing to Correct our Course

- i. 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT – <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.
- ii. Acts 7:51 NLT – <sup>51</sup>“You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That’s what your ancestors did, and so do you!
- iii. Zechariah 1:4 NLT – <sup>4</sup>Don’t be like your ancestors who would not listen or pay attention when the earlier prophets said to them, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Turn from your evil ways, and stop all your evil practices.’
- iv. Matthew 5:44 NLT – <sup>44</sup>But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

e. Willing to Practice

- i. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV – <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God <sup>p</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- ii. 2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV – <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

E. Close: Are you enjoying the process?

- a. Philippians 1:6 NLT – <sup>6</sup>And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.
- b. Next Steps
  - i. Memorize: Philippians 1:6 NLT – <sup>6</sup>And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.
  - ii. Think: Am I willing to correct course when I am headed in the wrong direction?
  - iii. Action: Practice being a doer of God’s Word. Be confident that God is working and will finish His work in you.