

DYING TO CHANGE

GALATIANS 2:19-20 | JUSTIN LANGEBARTELS | JULY 12, 2020

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¹⁹For through the law, I died to the law, so that I might live for God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

1 – Change Requires Death

2 – We have to die to our own self-righteousness (v. 19)

3 – We have to die to our false identities (v. 20)

“What trinkets we have sought after in life. The pursuit of what petty trifles have wasted our years as we’ve ministered to the enhancement of our own little selves. And what needless anguishes we have suffered because our little selves were defeated, were not flattered, were not cozened and petted. But the blinding God blots out the self and gives humility and true selfhood as wholly full of Him.” – Thomas Kelly

CHALLENGE:

Morning (10 minutes)

Go to the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), and find places where Jesus is interacting with people or teaching.

Take a very small section of Scripture – no more than a few verses. Then reflect and pray:

1. *Question: Do my actions and beliefs reflect Jesus’ life and teachings in these Scriptures?*
2. *Question: What should I focus on today?*
3. *Prayer: Jesus, help me imitate You today.*

Evening (10 minutes)

Reflect or journal around these questions and prayer:

1. *Question: How did I do today?*
2. *Question: Where did I see God?*
3. *Prayer: Jesus, thank you for your mercy and grace. Help me be more like you.*

*If you would like suggestions on Scriptures to start with:

- Mathew 5:43-48; Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 25:31-45;
- Mark 7:14-23; Mark 8:27-30; Mark 10:17-31
- Luke 6:46-49; Luke 9:23-27; Luke 15:1-32
- John 3:16-21; John 14:1-14; John 20:19-23