

DO I NEED TO CHANGE?

Scripture: John 3: 1-21
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CHANGE - CHALLENGES

MISSING / DIFFERENT

Change is something that we struggle with. We want change in our world - we want change in our church - but we're unwilling to change ourselves. YET change is inevitable. We grow older, we get frailer – life is always changing. It's not whether we will change - it's the response that's the key

John Maxwell writes that - change is inevitable but growth is optional

Glenda Cloud writes that change is inevitable, but growth is intentional

REFLECTIONS

What areas of our life do we see changing that we are disappointed with?

What areas of our life do we see a need for growing into?

CHANGE – CELEBRATION

BORN AGAIN

Jesus speaks to Nicodemus - you must be born again. The Greek word for again – **anōthen** - has as part of its meaning as above – life answers comes not from earthly answers - but from heaven above. God's calling is to be changed – not adjusted or adapted but completely made over in His image and for His glory

In addition, the Greek word - **anōthen** – also includes the understanding of duration. A length of time - a process. Thus, born again is ALSO ongoing – for those who continue to believe – hungering for more of God and living more with God.

REFLECTIONS

Where have you committed yourself to the changes God calls you to?

Where do you need to change in your commitment to the calling God has given to you?

Where has God committed to you in helping empower the changes you need to live out God's calling for you?