

Changing Lives – Week 1

Turning Points

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¹ So how do we fit what we know of Abraham, our first father in the faith, into this new way of looking at things? ² If Abraham, by what he did for God, got God to approve him, he could certainly have taken credit for it. But the story we're given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story. ³ What we read in Scripture is, "**Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point.** He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own." Romans 4:1-3 (MSG)

⁷ What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. ⁸ **Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once...** ¹⁰ If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight. Isaiah 58:7, 8a, 10 (MSG)

³ All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)