**Intro: God is faithfully leading us!**

* *Act 13:1-2 “ Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.”*
* **Don’t resist The Holy Spirit** - Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
* We try to resist going to the dentist. We try to resist eating healthy. We try and try and find out we are in a losing battle. Just do it!
* The Best decision we can make every day is to Let Jesus take the wheel!

**What does change look like?**

* *Psalms 34:1 “ A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.]] “ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth”.*
* *Psa. 34:2 “ My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.*
* WE can either make a change or we can stay a coward.
* **Example of making change***: Erin Gruwell began student teaching in 1994 at Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, California. She inspired her students to be successful by giving them guidance and being the role model they needed. She saw a great need. She endured the pain. She persisted. Her passion was rewarded with change.*
* **When Change happens it impacts our lives and others**!

**How is God changing us?**

1. **God is equipping us with His power to help you!**

* **Hebrews 13:20-21 “**Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of "the everlasting covenant*, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight*, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
* **God is ready to make us equipped Soldiers for Christ. We have to show up for battle!**

1. **God is equipping us in every good work!**  Action for God’s Kingdom!

* Phil. 1:6 “ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:
* Someone said “ When we trust God in Everything, God will make every action to bring Him glory! Love In Sickness and in Health.

1. **God is equipping us in prayer!**

* Eph. 6:18 “ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
* We have God’s help in prayer for our needs and all Believers.
* Prayer is as important to our growth in Jesus as water is to our bodies, we can’t go without it. Don’t be a Dehydrated saint!

1. **God is equipping us to help one another!**

* *Romans 12:4 “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:*
* The Gifts God gives us are to help another.
* Preaching, Ministering, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, Ruling, Mercy, do it in Love. And not with slothfulness.
* Old Testament Example - *Exodus 17:12 “But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.*

1. **God is equipping us over fear!**

* Fear of Death - God has Power over the grave. 1 Cor. 15:55 “”o grave where is thy victory”
* Jesus Died for our sins so we won’t have to stand Before the Father as guilty offenders. God’s Promise at the Cross is victory for the saints!

**What are some opponents of change?**

* Pride, bitterness and unbelief - Is when we don’t want to change.
* BarJesus the False Prophet - Act 13:6 “And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:
* Elymus the Sorcerer- Acts 13:8 “But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.”
* The opposite of Pride – Seeking to learn! Act 13:7 “ Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

**What are 3 keys to know about change?**

1. Faith and Confidence –
2. Act 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?