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FULLNESS IN CHRIST

Colossians Part Seven
“Taking Jesus to the World”
Colossians 4:2-18

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Can one person make a difference?



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Fullness in Christ – a recap!

“So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Col 2:6-7

Know God

Bear Fruit

Even in
your family



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Even in
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1 – Connect to God

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Trust God.

Rely on God.

Connection to God.

Communion with God.

Listening to God's plan.

Wait on God.

Leaning into the Spirit...

2 – Connect to Others

We (should) have connection with others...

Our lives are a web of connections and relationships...

2 – Connect to Others

“...so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...” v. 3.

“Pray that I may proclaim it clearly...” v. 4.

“Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders, make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” v. 5-6

3 – The Difference a connection can make

Paul made connections with people:

*Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Mark,
Jesus/Justus, Epaphras, Luke, Demas, Nympha,
Archippus... and I Paul.*

3 – The Difference a connection can make

Paul has made connections that involve:

Dear brothers, faithful ministers, fellow servants, encouragement, faithful and dear brothers, fellow prisoners, instructions, welcomes, greetings, fellow workers, comforters, servants of Christ, prayer, hard workers, more greetings, hospitality, perseverance, work and grace.

3 – The Difference a connection can make

Paul brought the love of God, that was working in him, to the relationships he had with others, encouraging them to take that love and use it in their relationship.

What relationship web are you a part of that you can influence?

3 – The Difference a connection can make

“Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I appeal to you on the basis of love... I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains... I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you...”

Philemon 8-12

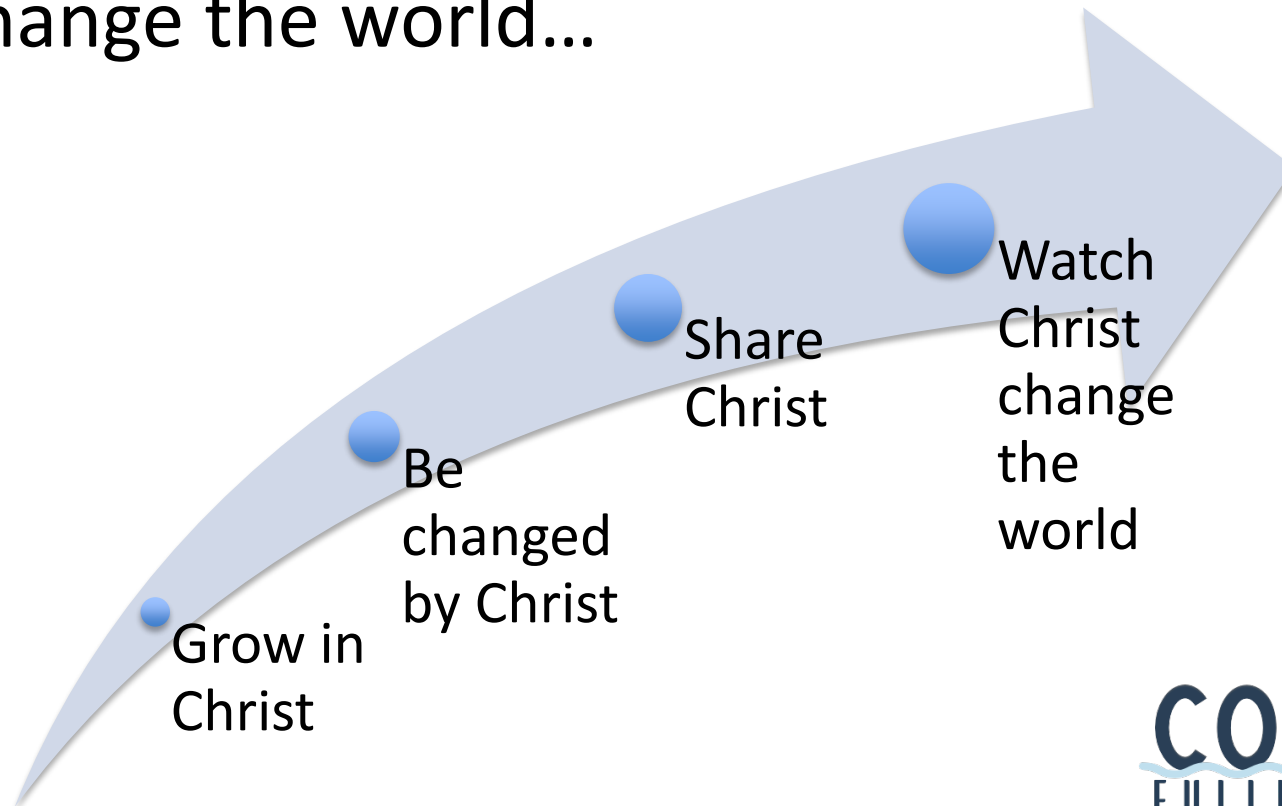
Conclusion

Grow in Christ – be changed.

As you grow, let God use you to change others.

Change your church, your family...

Change the world...





Barbie is my role modle. She might not do anything, but she looks good doing it.

— Paris Hilton —

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Conclusion

Sit in a different pew.

Surprise people with Jesus' love working in you.

Heal on the Sabbath

Don't condemn an adulteress

Welcome children

Turn over tables in church!

Touch a leper

Talk to a Samaritan woman

Give a Peter a go

Give a Judas a chance

Wash some dirty feet

Party with a tax collector

Be a friend to a prostitute

Be willing to die to be different...

Conclusion

When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world.

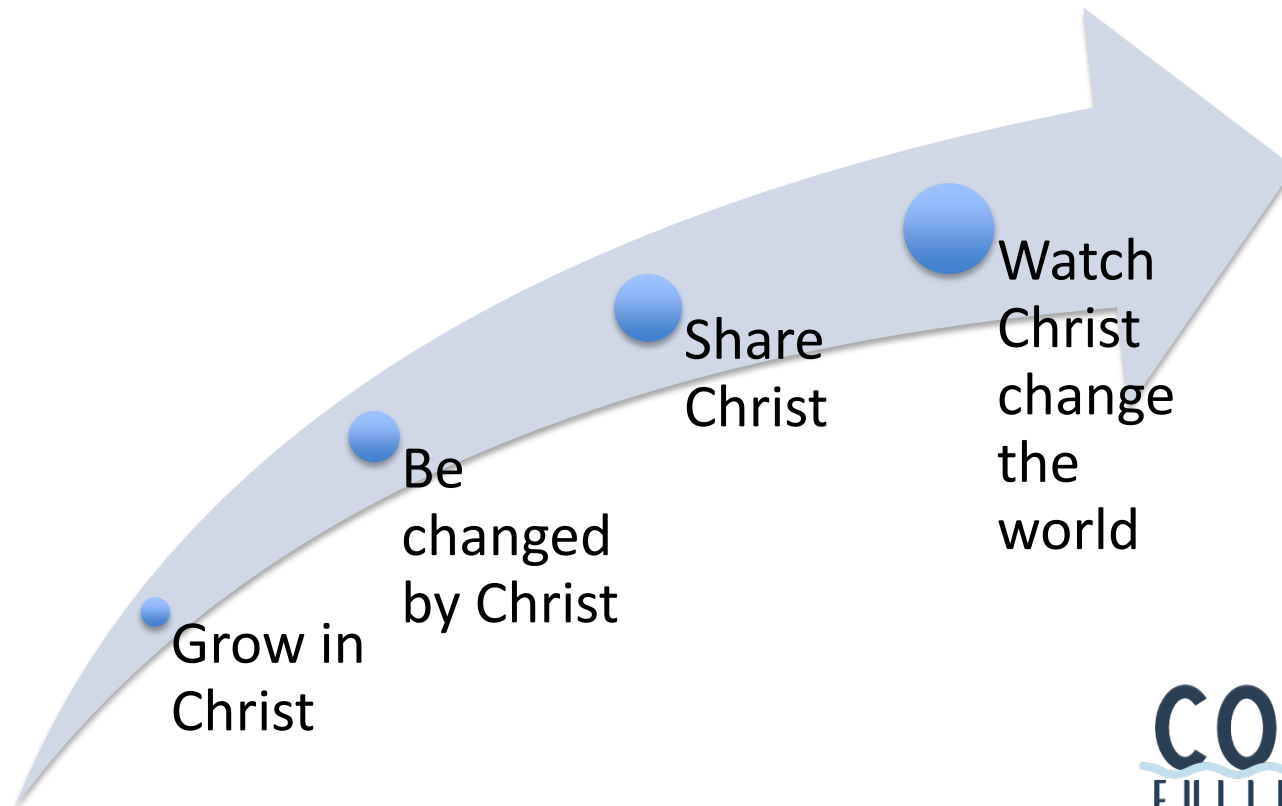
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Jesus was one man who changed the world.
He is living inside of you.
You can be a part of changing the world...



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“God has a different path for each of us. My prayer is that you would be faithful to yours. It is a tragedy to live someone else’s life. I know. I did it for years...

It is my prayer that God give you the courage to faithfully live your unique life in Christ. And may love invade you. It will never fail to teach you what you must do.” Pete Scazzero