

Maybe I'm Not So Okay After All?

From **Autonomy** To **Need** To **Knees**

Transforming Self Composed Faith To A Submissive Christian Experience

Truth: All non-believers have times of doubt regarding their condition outside Christ. **Christians also go through stages of surrender.**

Need: Friends who will step in and walk beside at the right times.

God is neither shocked nor silent regarding our lack of humility and submission. The New Testament from Acts to Revelation is quite heavy on submission to spiritual and moral authority as well as the price of ignoring it.

As we said last week, our world does not do spiritual surrender well.

- a. We prefer “boxing” up our own spirituality over submission.
- b. By nature, we repel a creator God and a Jesus who demands “knee” worship with our “word” worship.
and ...
- c. The church has been desensitized, encouraging and affirming “Christians” to enjoy the **BENEFITS** of Christ with less talk of sin and more focus on grace and personal **SPIRITUALITY**.

Repentance and surrender before almighty God is **NOT** an **OPTION**.

This attitude must develop in individuals before it can happen in our country.

God **CAN** and **IS** moving in lives. Here are some things to pray and watch for in your attitude and in your friend’s growth:

I. **Movement From AUTONOMY To NEED**

1. Through A Tough **CHALLENGE**

Something is hard or difficult with no **CLEAR** way **THROUGH**.

Or

2. In A Time Of **CHANGE**

Situations or feelings begin to change and I begin to **THINK** or **DO** differently.

The Holy Spirit works inside and we begin to see or question,

- The **ARROGANCE** of the humanism around us.
 - Answers or meaning defy my reason or intellect?
- The **FOLLY** of me “boxing” my own God.
 - Does a moral creator-deity make sense?
- The **LOSTNESS** of borderless living.
 - Emptiness of “tumbleweed” living.
- The **VALIDITY** of Jesus Christ.
 - He is a historical figure – so who was He?

II. **Movement From NEED To KNEES**

In years or in minutes, a person can move toward,

- A feeling of **CONVICTION** regarding sin or full surrender.
- A resolve to change: NOT **DENY** or **DELAY**

CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO A CHANGING FRAN

- BUDDY Up and Be BOLD
- Dig and DISSECT
- Love and LISTEN