



**God in Christ
is a
Personality.**

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Hebrews 12:1-2

“What’s Next”

12 So then, with endurance,
let's also run the race
that is laid out in front of us,
since we have such a great cloud
of witnesses surrounding us.



A Legacy lives before us

A Future does not look like the past,
but “is” because of the past

A Present that is vital and impacting
is often because of what was.

A “Now” is ever changing, change with it.

Own it, Learn from it, Move from it.



Hebrews 12:1-2



Let's throw off any extra baggage,
get rid of the sin that trips us up,
² and fix our eyes on Jesus,
faith's pioneer and perfecter.

Let go of our hinderances
attitudes, prejudices, sexism,
worry, fear, bitterness, etc.

Fixate on the Person/Personality of Jesus
Attitudes & Behaviors

Why is this so complicated to us?

Why does changing our attitude
create such turmoil?



The background is a watercolor-style illustration. It features several purple birds in flight, scattered across the upper and middle sections. On the right side, there is a large, yellow wireframe cage, tilted slightly. The background is composed of soft, blended washes of light blue, white, and purple, creating a dreamy, ethereal atmosphere.

Our belief in redemption means that we passionately believe that we can change our attitudes, thought processes, behaviors and be forgiven for them.

Our belief in repentance means that we passionately seek to change our attitudes, thought processes and behaviors.

“every time God forgives us,
God is saying that God's own rules
do not matter as much
as the relationship that God wants to create with us.”

— Richard Rohr, [Falling Upward](#)



He endured the cross, ignoring the shame,
for the sake of the joy that was laid out
in front of him, and sat down
at the right side of God's throne.

The life of Jesus shows us
that God experiences
life's joys and heartaches.
that God felt
love and betrayal.
that God experienced
owning the castle
and walking in the dirt.
that God, in Christ
is Humanity
with a God Spirit within us.

We may sense

that something is not as right as it should be.

We may know

something needs to change.

We may feel

that Church is the best place for that to occur.



**When we own the “May” in our lives
then we can come with a new, yet uncertain hope.**

We come expecting to change, wanting a new attitude,
needing a personal transformation.

We believe that being in a “Living Communion”
with others is the best possible place for that to occur.





HEALTHY THINGS
GROW

**“Sin happens
whenever we
quit growing/changing.”**

— Richard Rohr [Falling Upward](#)

*It helps to think of sin
as an attitude/behavior
rather than a thing/action.*

Here lies our problem!

Our list of what we won't do
is often longer than our list of what we
are willing to do.

Our mind is made up
as to what won't work.

Our ideas/plans are too connected
to our likes and don't likes.

*I suspect that our answers lie on the
list of what we don't want to do, like
to do, or are willing to do.*

**Heaven
seems a
bit closer
now.**

**Maybe, I
should
change all
I can?**

**Times
change,
perhaps I
should.**

**I have
changed all
that I can or
need.**

**I just don't
have much
left to change
in my life.**

**It's just
the way we
are around
here.**





“Hospitality is the practice that keeps the church from becoming a club, a members-only society.”

— **Diana Butler Bass,**

Experience what we have experienced

We can't change the world,
but we can welcome others
into a place of rest/peace.

We understand, we too are broken.



Our hope for others