

REVIVE



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To bring back to life that which has died or been unconscious.

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Why?

*The clear decline of
biblical Christianity
in Western culture
has become
alarming...
...and, to a
significant degree,
understandable.*



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We have been filled with grief as we have witnessed the decline of the North American Church that was once filled with missionary zeal and yet now seems determined to bury itself in a deadly embrace with the spirit of the age.

Peter Akinola-
Bishop Nigerian Anglican Church



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When Christians...

are more grieved and distressed
by their own sin
than they are by the evil
in the world around them.

Repentance

Repentance, as we know,
is basically not moaning and remorse,
but turning and change.

- J.I. Packer

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Hebrew:

Concrete / Physical

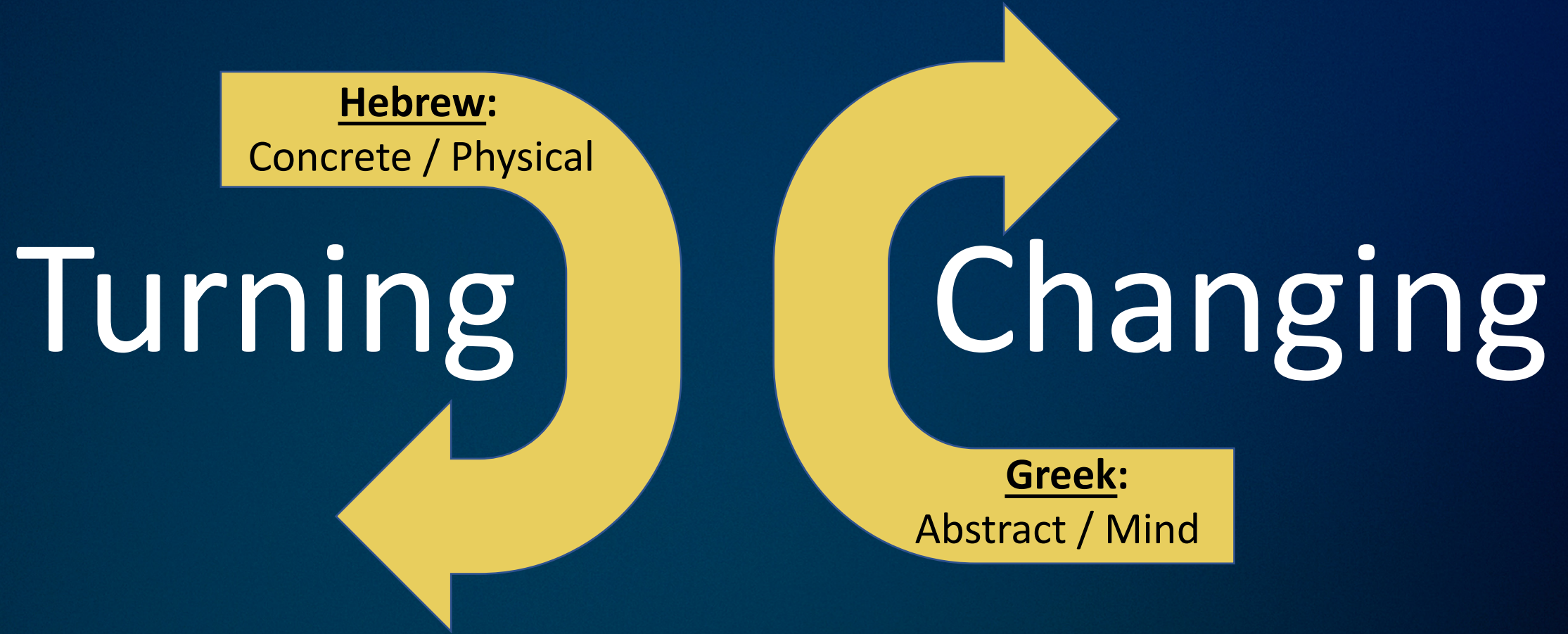
Turning



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We all want progress,
but if you're on the wrong road,
progress means doing an about-turn and
walking back to the right road;
in that case, the man who turns back soonest
is the most progressive.

- *C.S. Lewis*

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What have you seen “others” do
when their sin,
their weaknesses,
their wrong attitudes or twisted behaviors
have been exposed or confronted?

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5 dimensions of David's repentance...

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We appeal to God based on His character not ours.

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Psalm 51:3-6

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Many think they repent when it is not the offense but the penalty that troubles them.

- *Thomas Watson*
1600's English clergyman

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*Take responsibility and be brutally honest with God
about the truth.....and maybe even with others.*

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- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
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Allow God's grace be the healing ointment for your soul.

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and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

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*Let your offering to God be simply an
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...and worthy of being the foundation of our surrender to Him.

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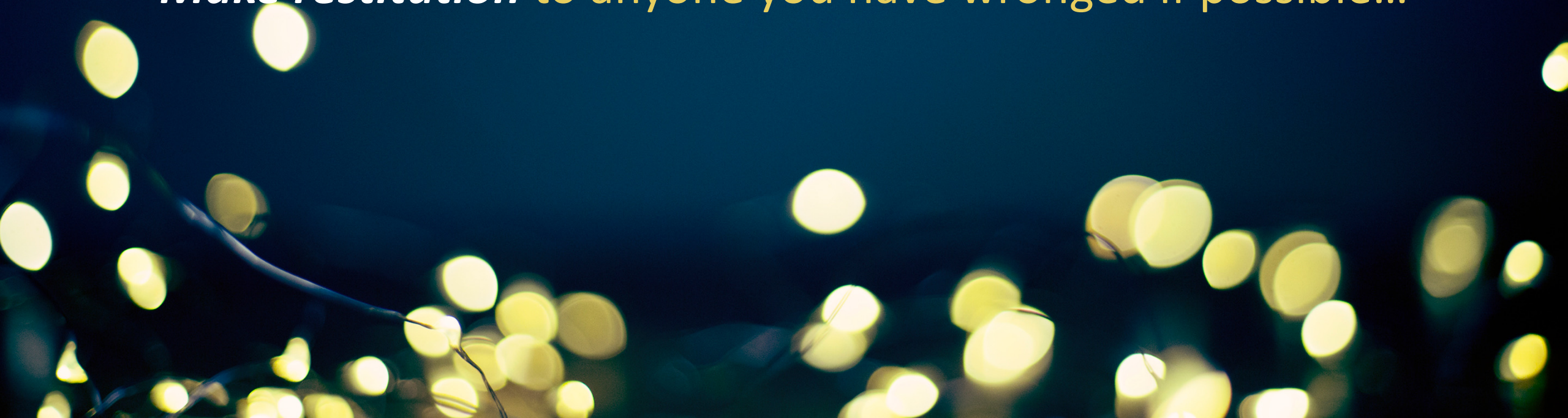


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