

# Growing Deep in the Christian Life: Returning to Our Roots

Changing Lives Is Jesus's Business  
JOHN 4:7-34, 39-42; 9:1-38; 20:24-28



## The Heart of the Matter

We've learned that Jesus is the God-Man. Such a study, however, could leave us with the erroneous idea that His life was merely a theological phenomenon with little practical value. Not so! As we are soon going to learn, He touched people where they were and **changed their lives**. Such changes were often dramatic, creating a stir among those who witnessed the change. Changing lives is our Lord's continual ministry. He begins with the raw material of our own humanity and, as times passes, He faithfully works with us, stays by our side, empowers us with new strength, and ultimately reshapes and remakes us into vessels of honor for His greater glory. How do we know this? Partly from our own experience . . . but mainly from the Scriptures that record one changed life after another. Here are three examples.



## Discovering the Way

1. Statements Regarding Changed Lives (Selected Scriptures)  
Ever since the fall of humanity into sin, God has been in the business of changing lives, and you can see this in both the Old and New Testaments.

2. Examples of Three Who Were Changed (Selected Scriptures from John)  
If Jesus can change the lives of a wayward woman, a blind beggar, and a doubting disciple, then Jesus can change your life as well.

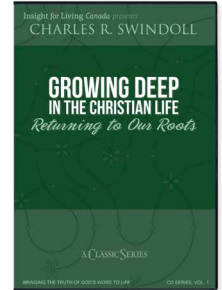


## Starting Your Journey

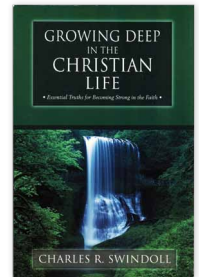
What about you—has Jesus changed your life? Regardless of where you are in life, He can change it for the better if you'll only trust in Him.



## Tools for Digging Deeper



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