

## Sharing- As newborns, change begins in us and those around us!



Key Message: As newborns, change begins in us and those around us!

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**Change**, like newborns , begins change in us and those around us

### The littlebook with the caterpillar

What makes a caterpillar? They eat a lot in a short time, they can harm the garden by eating the leaves of the vegetables

When they get fat and big they wrap themselves up and become a chrysalis or cocoon

What do they do inside? Nothing - they sleep - but after a while they come out and what happens. A beautiful butterfly comes out. From an ugly caterpillar it became a beautiful butterfly.

### The storyof Ruth and Philip

In the story of Ruth and Philip we see changes in everyone. It started with Ruth.

She was wild, rebellious, willful, obnoxious, sassy and sassy with her aunt, opportunistic and self-loving, whirly-headed and ill-mannered. She didn't want to be like that, but she failed to change.

**Page 65** To read what happens when we repent and invite the Good Shepherd to lead us.

It doesn't change all at once, but some change begins. Ruth grew angry again, but turned again to the Good Shepherd to help and lead

**and Philip** invited the Good Shepherd and changed. **Aunt Margaret** began to listen to the Good Shepherd's voice again and invited Terry's mother to them. Both **Terry and** his **mother** accepted the Good Shepherd and changed. They helped 3 poor children and invited them to stay with them for 3 weeks.

**The change started** with the Good Shepherd decision. To confess your sins to Him, to ask for forgiveness, to invite Him to lead you, to be your Shepherd. You had to admit that you needed Him. Even if I'm wrong about something I'm not going to give up. I admit the mistake and continue to listen to what the Good Shepherd is telling me. This is the second step. Keeping in touch with the Good Shepherd, He will help me, show me, remind me, .....

The Bible uses different pictures for this

**The Vine.** We read in John 15:5 abide in Jesus, then there will be fruit, apart from Him we can do nothing or whatever we do we will not be successful

**A flowering wand,** will it bear fruit when I hold it in a vase?

And in the Bible we see that the people who decided to follow Jesus changed. People noticed that.

Peter: a blistering pace,

John: quiet, becoming

Zacchaeus: dishonest, going back and giving away

Moses: was not meek, got angry and killed the Egyptian, became the most humble man and man of God

Upon me when I was little:

Shy

I used to make hard decisions: wanted to avoid conflict, sought harmony, now I can express my opinion without worry.

There are people who helped me.

This is also important. Which friends we are with. The spinners and the world influence us. Time with Jesus, Bible reading, fellowship with other believers is important for that. This helps us change to what God loves in and from us.

Prayer

## **Small Groups:**

How is it with me?

When did change happen for me?

What changed?

Who or what helped me?

Where do I want more change?

Pray for each other