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Sermon Notes: Changed by a Living God

- 1. Change
 - a. Part of human condition. Sometimes welcomed, at other times not.
 - b. We often seek change and have a clear path or don't know how to accomplish.
 - c. God is with us in midst of all change. God seeks changes in us that will bring about healing, joy, transformation, and dependence upon God.
 - d. God can, does, and will change us sometimes through interruptions.
- 2. Revelation Chapter 21
 - a. Description of a joined new heaven and new earth. No sorrow, pain, crying, death. All will be as it should be. Love will prevail.
- 3. A change God seeks among us all
 - a. Tabernacle moveable place where God resided.
 - b. Temple immovable place where God resided.
 - c. God came among us in a person, Jesus, and said the Spirit will be within everyone.
 - d. Cathedral sense of awe.
 - e. Paul 1, Corinthians 3: We are the temple of God. God's temple is holy and we are God's temple.
 - f. What would it be like if we took Jesus' and Paul's words to heart?
 - i. View, treat, and respond to others as the Temple of God where God's spirit resided. With a sense of awe.
 - ii. Total transformation of life. Treat others first and foremost as carriers of the holy, not as a label.
 - iii. Encounter what God intends and the love of God.



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Daily Reflections: April 25th - 29th

MONDAY

Jesus said His Spirit is within us. How might you more fully embrace this truth and what would shift in your life?

TUESDAY

Paul wrote, "God's temple is holy and you are that temple." How might this truth affect how you relate to other people?

WEDNESDAY

John in the Book of Revelation, chapter 21, writes about a new heaven and a new earth. Read chapter 21. Does this image give you hope and how might such hope affect your daily living now?

THURSDAY

What changes are you seeking in your life? Spend some time praying to God about them and ask God for help.

FRIDAY

As you go about your day today, intentionally view other people as carriers of Jesus' Spirit. At the end of the day explore how your day was different.