

HOW TO CREATE POSITIVE AND PERMANENT PERSONAL CHANGE - Part II

Reference: **Genesis 32:24-32**

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There are four phases found in this section that altogether can result in someone creating meaningful personal change.

PHASE ONE is God sometimes uses a _____ to initiate change.
verses twenty-four, twenty-five and thirty; Exodus 33:20 (see screen)

Reference: **Hosea 12:3-4** states this person was the Angel of the Lord. Some biblical historians and theologians believe that this could have been a theophany or a Christophany.

Definition: A theophany is the manifestation of _____ in a form that was _____ to some of the human senses.

Definition: A Christophany was a manifestation of _____ in the Old Testament that was _____ to some of the human senses.

The Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament is sometimes identified as God's Son, Jesus manifesting Himself in His _____ - _____ pre-incarnate form.

People change when one of three things happen to them:

- If someone _____ enough that he _____ to change
- If someone _____ enough that he is _____ to change
- If someone _____ enough that he _____ to change

The fact is, most people do not change until the pain from the crisis becomes _____ than the resistance to change.

verse twenty-six (see screen)

There are two common roadblocks that can cause us to second guess our commitment to change:

One – _____

Negative stuff happens but that shouldn't _____ us from changing!

References: **Hebrews 11:6** (see screen)

Two – _____

Reference: **Matthew 9:14-17** (see screen)

Understand this... the old garment and the old wineskins mentioned here were not the basic teachings of the Old Testament but the old garment and the old wineskins in these parables represented the hundreds of _____ that sometimes superseded and contradicted the Old Testament teachings.