

FEBRUARY 11

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## **READ**

*2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

Something has to happen to us as believers before we become effective in evangelism. The Bible teaches us that when you become a believer, a change has to take place in the way you think. Jesus Christ, raised from death, is now glorified in heaven. He is Spirit. Likewise, we can no longer regard each other in the flesh. We have to see each other as spiritual beings made in God's image. Only then will we be able to win souls to Christ. When we begin to look at others through the eyes of Jesus, rather than the eyes of nationality, politics, color, or religion, something will be ignited inside of us. We will realize that people are people, and that the true issue is sin. Sin is basically self-centeredness. We are thinking of ourselves. We were made by God to be outgoing, outflowing vessels of His power, love, and grace. Sin makes everything turn inward, and when it turns inward, it rots. You'll never be fresh, you'll never give life, until you say, "This is not about me. It's about me giving what God has given to me to someone else."

## **PRAY**

God, help me see people through spiritual eyes. Help me see sinners through the eyes of Jesus. I don't want to be self-centered. Because You love, You gave. Through Your Spirit, empower me to love and to give.

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