

Repositioning Yourself
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reposition – to change the position; to shift; to return to or place in a normal or proper position.

Ways We Naturally Reposition Ourselves

- Rain – Under Cover (Umbrella)
- Sun – Shade
- Standing – Sitting

Ways We Reposition On A More Serious Level

Debt – Debt Free
Unhealthy – Great Shape
Toxic Relationship – Healthy Relationship

Benefits Of Repositioning Ourselves

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| • Safety & Protection | Peace |
| • Strength | Joy |
| • Clarity (See Better)/Greater Understanding | Comfort |

Mark 5:25-34 (NLT) “REPOSITION YOURSELF BY COMING UP CLOSE TO GOD”

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³² But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. ³⁴ And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.”

- **Observation #1:** Her current situation had been going on for some time. She exhausted every option, spent all she had, got worse in the process of trying to find the answer to her problem.
 - *Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is **impossible**. But with God everything is possible.” (Matthew 19:26 NLT)*
- **Observation #2:** She heard about Jesus and believed what she heard about him.
 - *And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6 NLT)*
- **Observation #3:** When you can get close to the Lord, things begin to happen immediately.

Habakkuk 1:2-4, 2:1, 3:17-19 (NLT) “REPOSITION YOUR HEART BY PLACING YOUR HOPE ON GOD”
Habakkuk’s Complaint

chp. 1:2 How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen! “Violence is everywhere!” I cry, but you do not come to save. ³ Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. ⁴ The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.

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- **Observation #1:** In chapter one Habakkuk is overwhelmed by all of the darkness and challenges happening around him. The iniquity and violence among the people. "Lord, how long is this going to go on?"

- *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6,7 NLT)*

- **Observation #2:** Habakkuk went up to a higher place while he waited for the Lord's answer. A place of silence or solitude. The Lord did answer. You don't have to wait for Sunday or Wednesday to hear from God.

- *Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD. (Psalm 27:13,14 NLT)*

- *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27 NLT) no slide*

- **Quote:** "The person that doesn't expect to hear God, won't, because every time God speaks, they will discount it as their own idea. As a coincidence." – A.W. Tozer *no slide*

- **Observation #3:** No longer moved by or anxious over the current circumstances, he set his sights on things above; on God above. God became the source of his strength & joy.

- *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. (Colossians 3:2 NKJV)*

Luke 19:1-9 (NLT) "REPOSITION YOURSELF BY DEVELOPING A FAITH & EXPECTATION FOR THE THINGS OF GOD"

Jesus & Zacchaeus

¹⁹ Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

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⁹Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.

- **Observation #1:** Sometimes there are practical reasons why we can't get up close to the Lord. (He was short.)
- **Observation #2:** What you do in faith to get close to the Lord will get his attention. Have a heart that is filled with expectation. Be eager to hear.

○ *The expectations of the righteous result in joy, but the hopes of the wicked will perish.*
(Proverbs 10:28 CEB)

- **Observation #3:** Your actions to get close to him have the potential to positively affect your entire household.

What Does This All Mean For Me?

Instead, let us test and examine our ways. Let us turn back to the LORD. (LAMENTATIONS 3:40 NLT)

Where You Are

Toxic Friendships & Relationships

Anger, Bitter, Hurt

Anxious, Stressed Out, Worry About Everything

No Relationship With Jesus

Where God Will Meet You

Get Involved In Groups At Church, Begin To Serve

Forgive, Release It, Make A Decision To Let Go

Turn Over To God, Build Your Faith, Begin To Trust God

Make A Decision, Come Back To Him

Yes Prayer

Scriptures (Slides)

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