



# YOU CAN CHANGE

THE LIVING GOD MEETS US IN OUR SIN & SUFFERING

## WEEK #3 - A MAP FOR CHANGE, PART 2 - JEREMIAH 17:5-14

*In the the heat of circumstances, we can become disoriented. Our goal today is to orient ourselves both to where we are at and to where we are headed, because we don't measure biblical change by end \_\_\_\_\_ alone. The Living God meets us as we acknowledge where we are (\_\_\_\_\_) and turn our hearts towards Him (\_\_\_\_\_).*

## WHERE AM I AT AND WHERE AM I HEADED?

God gives us four pictures to map our journey of change. Jer. 17:5-14, 1 Cor. 10:1-13, 2 Cor. 1:3-11

\_\_\_\_\_ Heat \_\_\_\_\_ - What life is like in a fallen world Jeremiah 17:8

TREE OF \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_ - Who God is as Lord over all and Redeemer Jeremiah 17:5, 10, 12-13b

\_\_\_\_\_ Thorn \_\_\_\_\_ TREE - Who we are as fallen human beings. Jeremiah 17:5-6

\_\_\_\_\_ Fruit \_\_\_\_\_ TREE - How God progressively changes us by His grace. Jeremiah 17:7-8

## WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?

The Living God \_\_\_\_\_ all of us in our sin and suffering. The gospel is \_\_\_\_\_.

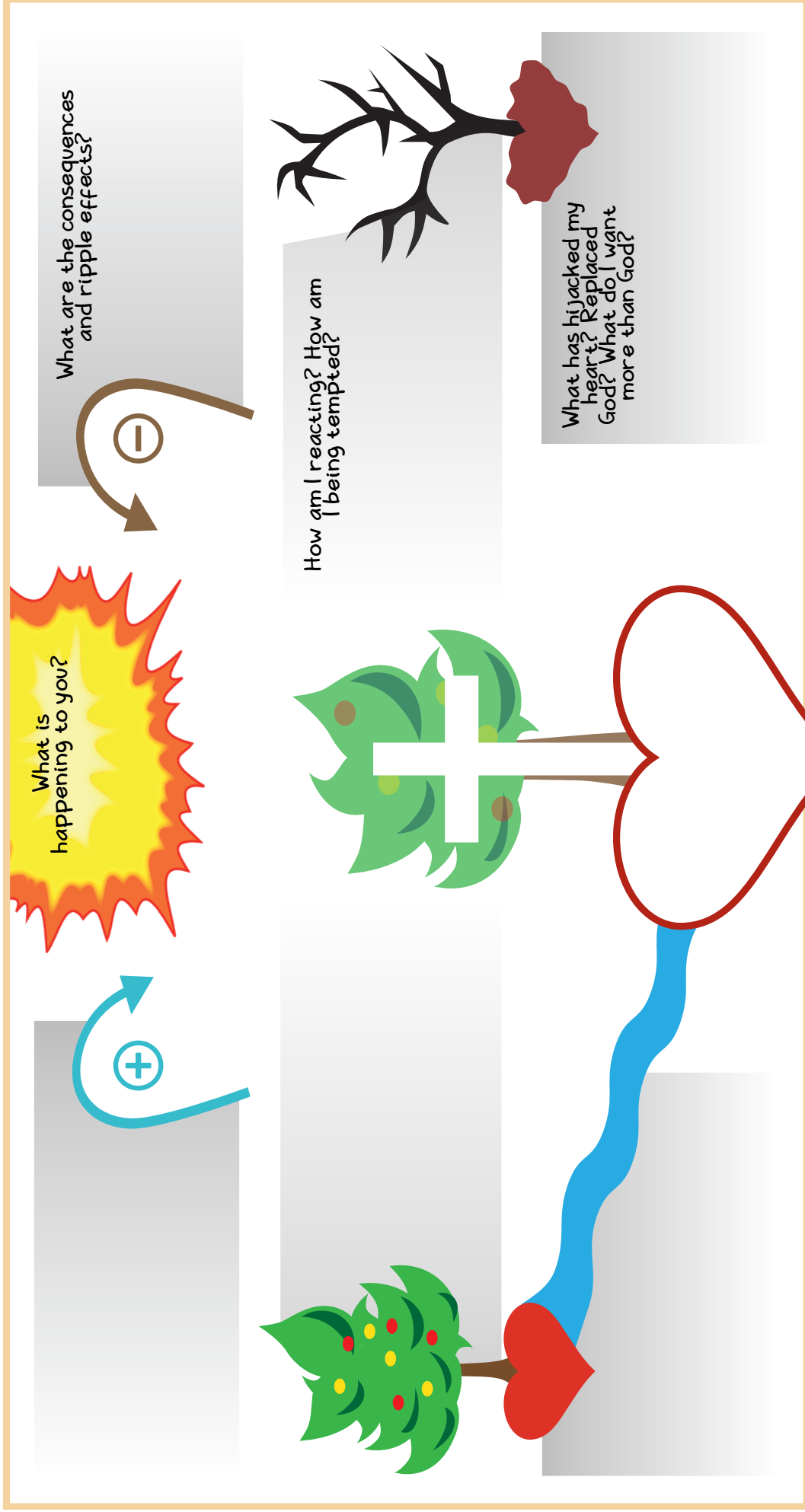
God has built \_\_\_\_\_ into our world.

Bad thorns and good fruit arise at the intersection of our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Biblical change is \_\_\_\_\_ with God and with others.

The Christian life is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time.

Change is progressive and is headed in a specific \_\_\_\_\_.



## THE JOURNEY OF CHANGE FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

1. Which aspect of the three trees diagram do you most often focus when you think about your own journey of change? Where do you most often get stuck or frustrated?
2. Work through a sin struggle that you are currently facing using the questions and pictures.
3. In what ways can the above diagram better orient you as you seek to admonish, counsel or help someone else?
4. Analyze how you might respond to the following scenario: *You left your house slightly late for an appointment with an impossible-to-schedule specialist. While on the way you get stuck in a massive traffic jam. You realize you have forgotten your cell phone at home and have no way to contact the office.*