



Turnabout

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Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths (Psalm 25:4).

“If you do what you’ve always done, you’ll get what you’ve always gotten.” I saw it on a card in a co-workers cubicle. The motto holds some sound advice for me. Sometime I just have to look myself in the mirror and say, “Hey, I need to change what I’m doing.”

I know it’s next to impossible to change other people, and I don’t consider it my business to do so. But even self-change has its challenges. It feels more comfortable to do what I’ve always done than to find new ways of doing, or looking at, things. I like familiar territory. Besides, how can I tell the difference between what I need to accept, and what I can, or even should, change?

Lord, I need your help on this.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). Those are Your first words to us, and they’re all about change. You changed nothing to something.

Your last words speak of change, too. You say: *Yes, I am coming soon* (Revelation 22:20). What a remarkable change that will be!

In between creating the world and coming again, You change people, bringing them to faith in You. You change natural life to eternal life, human darkness to spiritual light. You do not change, yet you bring about change all the time.

And sometimes, Lord, I am the one called upon to change.

What would you have me do differently? *Show me Your ways, O LORD. Teach me your paths.*

*Taken from the new LWML devotion book,
“Hear My Voice, Oh Lord.” See page 38.*