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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an invitation to reorient your life; submitting all of yourself now to Jesus as Lord - according to your understanding of who Jesus is and the work that He has done.**

**True repentance does not mean that you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and never sin again. It means a change that brings in you a new life that aligns with the type of life that God commands in His word; a life that increasingly evidences more and more obedience, faithfulness, and maturity in Jesus. This is what it means to be saved by God.**

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