

## *Can Things Change?*

**YES!** You can become the person God created you to be. Yes, you can sniff the rarified air of true fellowship with the eternal God. Yes, the glory of God can be captured in your eyes, ears, heart, and mind as never before. Yes, you can become a radiant beam of light, and life, and hope for others.

**HOW?** Well, where do you find what you lost... by going back to where you lost it. Go back to the intersection with “MY WAY HIGHWAY” and look for the other sign. Can you see it? There it is, a narrow often overlooked path called “THE WAY OF THE CROSS.” Few choose it but those who do are never the same.

God has a plan for your life. A wonderful plan. A life of blessing. He placed a hunger for Him and for His plan in your heart from the days of your childhood. He alone can satisfy this hunger in you for a full and meaningful life. He can do this for you today as you receive Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. If you would like to know more about Christ or His plan for your life, contact the author of this tract listed below.

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## *Reach for The Sky*

*“For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD,’ plans for good and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”*  
(Jer. 29:11)

Close you eyes. Can you see him? Can you see her? The child you used to be.

With arms outstretched you were zooming around the yard... you were an airplane. Blasting off the couch... you were a rocket. (Of course, your mother wasn’t too keen on all that rocket stuff, was she?)

Clopping down the hall in your mother’s heels with the hem of her dress dragging like a cathedral train, you knew you were as beautiful as she was.

*“Whoever I am or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach.”*

Clutching *Barbie* and *Ken* in either arm, wearing a white shirt and a nurse’s cap with a red cross, a stethoscope dangles from your shoulders, you announce to your sister confidently, “*They have ammonia!*”

Is that you sitting in the bathtub with goggles on suddenly becoming Lloyd Bridges? The water on the floor was proof you had been on your own *Sea Hunt!* Then the words, “Quit making a mess in there!” jarred you back to reality... or at least the reality of the “big people” in your life.

There you are in a picture forever frozen in your mind with “*Quick-Draw McGraw*” gloves and a “*Gabby Hayes*” cowboy hat perfectly pushed up in the front. With just the twinkle of your imagination you could be anyone, go anywhere, and do anything. Life began as one perpetual adventure.

- **Why were you that way?**
- **What happened?**
- **Can things change?**

John Gardner was right when he said, “*Whoever I am or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach.*” God intends your life to be an adventure in excellence. With the right choice today, you can say, “*Let the journey begin!*”

***It’s in Your DNA!***

dug from under the cabinet on his head, he declares he is a soldier fighting a valiant battle. Running through the house with a towel pinned around his neck he’s sure he can soar. Can’t you see that adventure and achievement are imprinted in the genetic makeup of all people? There she is standing there at ten months clapping in celebration. She has mimicked her “Grammy” throwing a kiss. Do you understand what this means? God has designed and determined that every day that follows should be another ***Day of Discovery and Delight!***

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Consider your eye, each eye. As you read these words 107,000,000 specialized cells 7,000,000 cones and 100,000,000 rods allow you to distinguish over a thousand shades of color. To be that extravagant in creating your eyes, God surely must want you to see something, know something, and do something important. He wants you to see the glory of God in the world, to experience the glory of God in your life, and to bring the glory of God to others.

Augustine said, “*Men go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars; and they pass by themselves without wondering.*” David did not fall into this trap as he wrote Psalm 139:13-14.

*There is a high price for living life “my way!”*

***For you created my inmost being;  
You knit me together  
in my mother’s womb.***

***I praise you because  
I am fearfully and wonderfully made.***

As Ethel Waters was known to say, “*Honey, God didn’t make no junk!*” It is clear that God created man (YOU) with the gleam of His glory still reflected on his face. It is the glory of God that stirs the imagination of a child. It is the glory of God that woos the curious nature of a child to seek a better, brighter, higher way. It is God who has created us and our hearts hunger for Him.

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***So, What’s Happened?***

In a word... SIN. We took our eyes off our Creator. We silenced His message in our ears. We opened our first piece of unsolicited junk mail. We clicked on our first uninvited e-mail and what was the pitch? “*Do what you want to do and you will be your own god!*” Did it work? NO!!!

Ever since “I” became the center of our individual worlds, darkness and despair has shrouded our lives. Excellence has been traded for mediocrity. Glory has been replaced by shame. Days designed by God to be filled with delight and discovery now overflow with difficulty and depression. There is a high price for living life “my way!”