



VBS Starts Tonight! 6:00-8:30pm

# Is It Me or God?



➤ A passage to notice:  
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➤ I am supposed to be working,  
because God is working in me!



God At Work in Me





A passage about the Christian  
transformation:  
Ephesians 4:20-24





1) Construction happens  
because something needs  
to change.



# Ephesians 4:20-22

<sup>20</sup> But you did not learn Christ in this way,

<sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

# Ephesians 4:20-22

<sup>22</sup> that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,



➤ We take off the old self.



# James 1:23-25

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

<sup>24</sup> for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

# James 1:23-25

<sup>25</sup> But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.



2) Construction has a specific goal.



# Ephesians 4:23-24

<sup>23</sup> and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

<sup>24</sup> and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.



➤ We are becoming more  
like God.



# Ephesians 4:25-32

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

<sup>26</sup> BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil an opportunity.

# Ephesians 4:25-32

<sup>28</sup> He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.

# Ephesians 4:25-32

<sup>29</sup> Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

# Ephesians 4:25-32

**31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

**32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.



3) Construction takes time.



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➤ Don't stop growing!





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**GOD'S**  
**CONSTRUCTION**

# Ephesians 2:10

<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

# Romans 6:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.