



"If anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation." Jesus is not offering to clean up the old; he is offering to enable the new. Because of his death and resurrection, the possibility now exists for us to be fully released to become who we were always meant to be, who we can be recreated to be. The old you is buried and dead. You have been born again. Welcome to You 2.0!

Week 5: A New Character 2.0 Display

1. Rick began by saying, "A follower is more than someone who likes Jesus; he or she is someone who is committed to becoming like Jesus." What does it mean to you to be an apprentice of Jesus rather than just someone who likes Him? Follow up: How does this commitment manifest itself in your daily life?
2. **EVALUATING MY CHARACTER: Which me will I be? Read Galatians 5:13-25.** What does it mean in your own words to be "full of the Spirit" versus being "full of yourself"? How can you cultivate being full of the Spirit daily? Follow up: How do cultural messages like "follow your heart" or "you do you" conflict with the biblical understanding of freedom?
3. **The character of Christ is for you 2.0.** When have you experienced the truth that denying yourself and pursuing God's design for your life actually leads to more freedom than blindly following your own desires? Follow up: **Read Ephesians 4:21-24.** How has the Spirit helped you renew your thoughts and attitudes recently?
4. **CULTIVATING HIS CHARACTER: Stay connected to the vine. Read John 15:5.** Why is it important to stay connected to Jesus, and how does this relate to the idea of You 2.0? Follow up: How do you personally stay connected to Jesus, and what practices can you implement to strengthen this connection?
5. **CULTIVATING HIS CHARACTER: Expect a harvest in time.** Rick mentioned that "Fruit does not grow immediately." What encouragements or cautions does this bring for your own journey? Follow up: **Read Romans 8:5, 13:14.** How can you cooperate with the Spirit's work by intentionally setting your mind on what the Spirit desires (**see 2 Corinthians 3:17-18**)?
6. **CULTIVATING HIS CHARACTER: Share your fruit with others.** How does sharing the fruit of our transformed character with others impact both ourselves and the people that we share it with? Follow up: Share a transformation story that has impacted you recently.
7. Rick closed by reminding us to "**Do the new you!**" What does it mean to be transformed into a person of radical, beautiful love? How can you demonstrate this love in practical ways in the coming week?

