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- **This is a people that had to learn the basics of right & wrong.**



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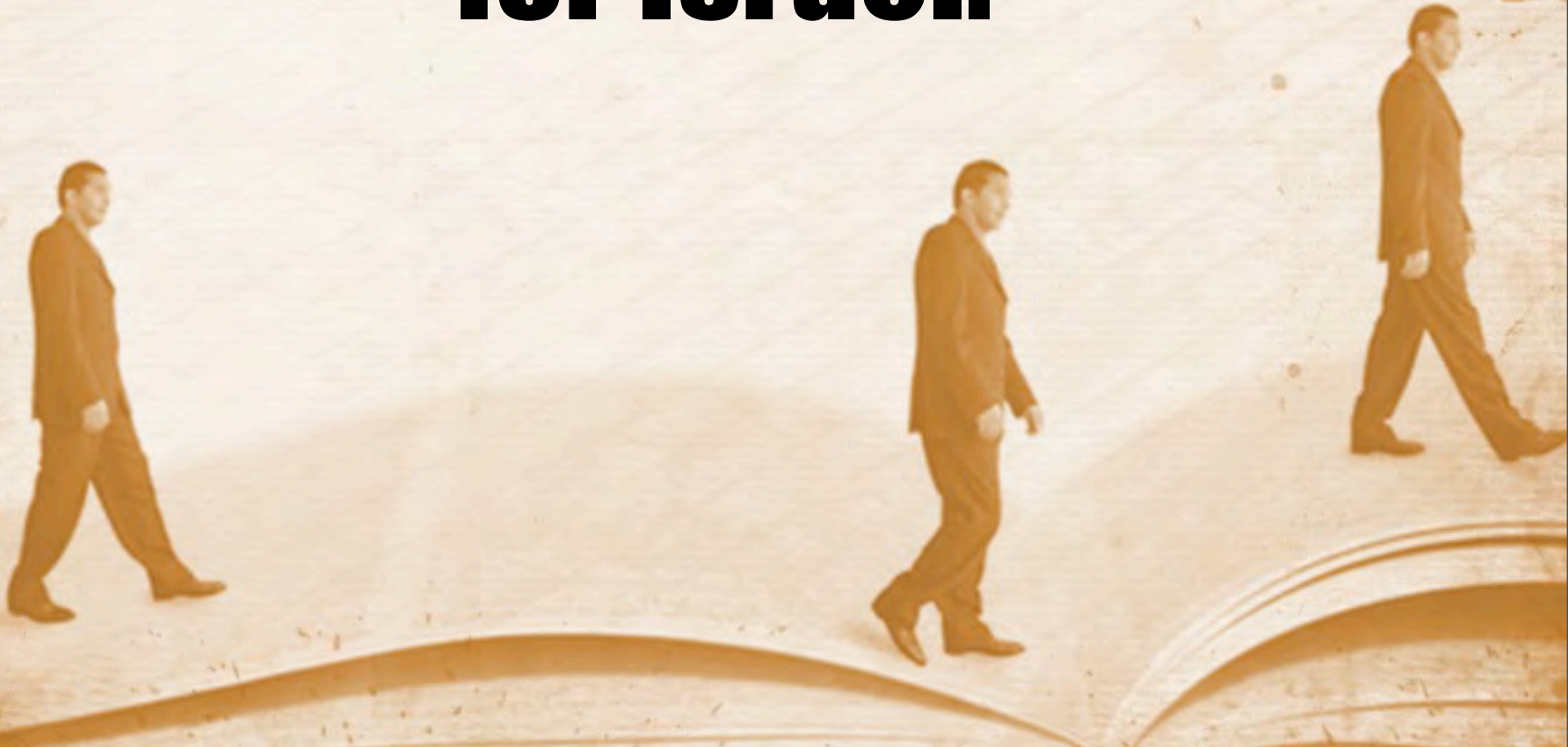


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- **Man must accept the fact that he is out of control.**
- **Must take responsibility for his actions.**
- **Over time, he develops a new heart and mind.**



**This is what God wanted
for Israel.**



Hosea 11.1-4

**1 When Israel was a youth I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.**

**2 The more they called them, The more
they went from them; They kept
sacrificing to the Baals And burning
incense to idols.**



Hosea 11.1-4

3 Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them in My arms; But they did not know that I healed them.

4 I led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love, And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from their jaws; And I bent down and fed them.



**God wanted a
relationship...not control.**



Hosea 14.1-4

1 Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

2 Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to Him, " Take away all iniquity And receive us graciously, That we may present the fruit of our lips.



Hosea 14.1-4

3 "Assyria will not save us, We will not ride on horses; Nor will we say again, 'Our god,' To the work of our hands; For in You the orphan finds mercy."

4 I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from them.



Hosea 14.9

Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; Whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, And the righteous will walk in them, But transgressors will stumble in them.



**With all of God's love for them,
they never entered into a
loving relationship with Him.**



**God wants a
relationship with us.**



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10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.



**God wants to elevate
our perspective.**



Colossians 3.1-2

1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.



**God wants us to live life
from a higher plane.**



Romans 12.1-3

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.



Romans 12.1-3

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.



**God longs for us to be
transformed.**

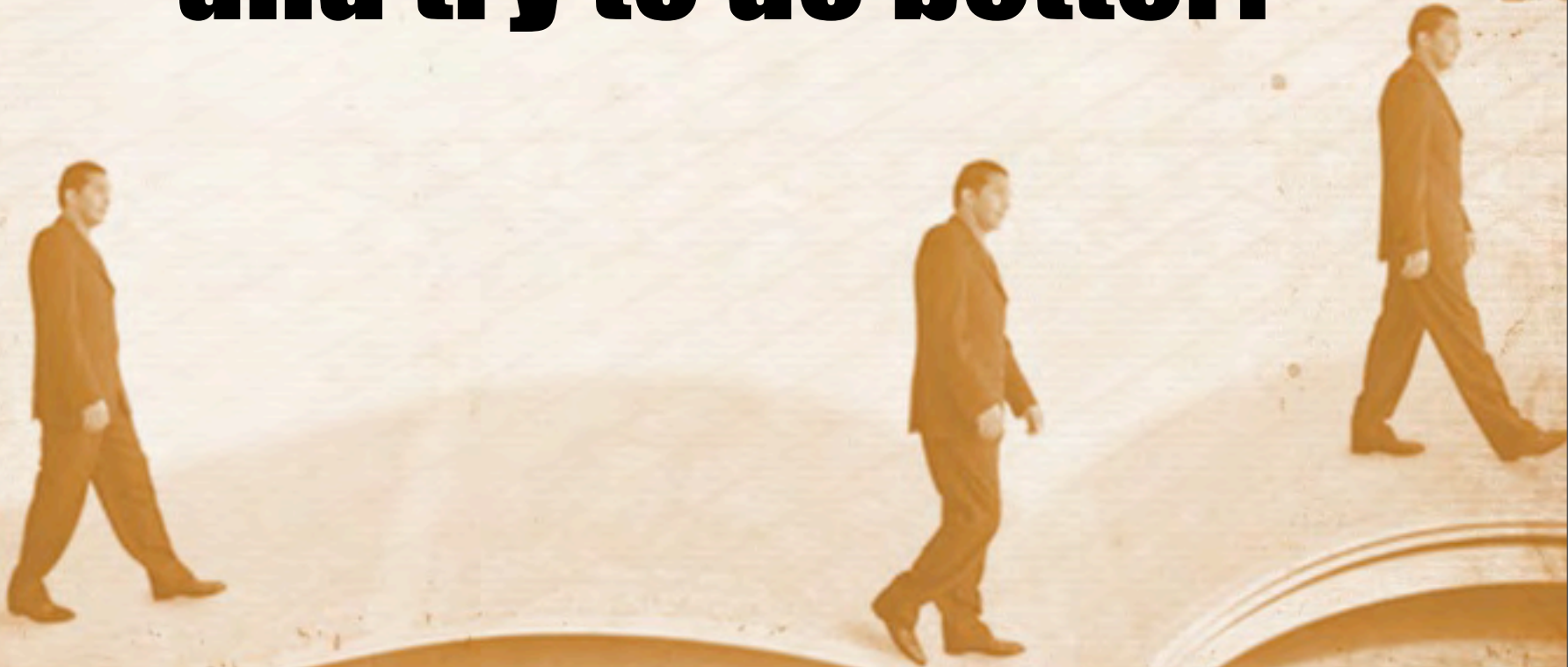


Each one of us is in the midst of this process.

- God is able to see long term.
- He is patient.
- He is loving.
- He hopes for the best.



**Seek God's forgiveness
and try to do better!**



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