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TURN A CORNER!

What is spiritual renewal? What would it look like in your life?

Renewal is not polishing up our outer selves, improving ourselves.

Renewal is a wrenching break with old ways - - with staleness, dullness, dryness, ego,... with that self-protection, that self-exaltation that makes us put ourselves up and put others down.

Renewal is repentance!

Renewal is not for the backward-looking,
not for those satisfied with the present,
not for those fearful of the future...

God is the God of the desperate,

of those who crave to get rid of the clutter in
their lives,
to get rid of the fears in their lives,
who long to go hard after Him,
who deeply desire to develop the disciplines, the holy
habits, the faith that will get them to God,
who *believe* God is big enough, strong
enough, to truly start them fresh.

Acts 3:19: "Repent, then, and turn to God, that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

Do it now. You'll turn a corner.