

influenced.

Part 1: Influenced Introduction
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Main Points

We often experience the same unhealthy cycles over and over... because we keep making the same choices thinking we'll get different results.

How we think dictates how we live.

Our thoughts are products of our influences.

If we change our influences we can change our lives.

The influences around us are trying to squeeze us into their mold.

To break out of our old cycles we need God's renewed thinking.

When we allow God to renew our thinking, he starts transforming us from the inside out.

A renewed mind comes from a renewed heart.

To change our thinking we must change our influences.

When Jesus renews our thinking he renews our lives.

Weekly Challenge

Write: A list of your influences **Read:** Colossians 3:1-17

Pray: Renew my mind. Show me which influences need to change. Help me accept the influence(s) you are bringing to me.

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Music we listened to:
Muse: [Pressure](#)
Queen: [Under Pressure](#)
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Social Media Giveaways:
This week: [The Ike Box](#)
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Gatherings in Person:
www.yourcrosscreek.com/party
August 8th & 22nd
Baptism info@yourcrosscreek.com

Suggested Bible Reading:
Romans 8:1-17, Colossians 3:1-17

Other Resources:
[Better Decisions. Fewer Regrets-](#)
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Message Passage

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God working in your life and world this past week?
2. Read Colossians 3:12-15. Which of these are typically harder things to "clothe" yourself with? How have you seen that impact your life?
3. What are some key influences in your life? How do you think they've formed your thinking?
4. Are there any influences you feel you might need to add or subtract? How can your group pray for you this week?

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