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**Matthew 4:12-23**

**Title: The Turning Points**

The following is what Matthew gospel reminds us today:

I. Repentance is never a onetime thing.

II. Turning points happen in the context and circumstances of our lives. Matthew 4:17,19

III. The turning points of our lives bring us face to face with Jesus and they come in lots of ways such as:

- Moving out and beginning life on our own,
- Falling in love and getting married,
- The birth of a child,
- The death of a loved one,
- Graduating from high school & choosing college & career you want to do,
- Beginning a first job,
- Losing your job or failure of your business,
- Your divorce
- Going to your first AA meeting,
- Your new role as a caretaker of your spouse or aging parents.

Conclusion: Look at your lakes, boats, nets, and the circumstances of your life. Where in your life should be a turning point? Where in your life do you see the need for repentance?

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, I come before you humbled and sorrowful, aware of my sin, and ready to drop the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ and repent. Lord, forgive me for I have sinned before you. Wash away my \_\_\_\_\_ and purify me from it, and help me to turn from this sin. Lead me to walk in your way and start a new life in you. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.