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Reading: 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John

Have you known someone whose personality has changed, seemingly before your eyes?

He was one of the two “sons of thunder” (Mark 3:17). He once suggested to Jesus that fire be called down from heaven to destroy a village of the Samaritans because they had not received Jesus (Luke 9:52-54). How did a person with these characteristics change and become the “apostle of love”?

The book of First John gives us some indications of how he might have “changed his stripes.”

- He kept the commandments of Jesus (2:4-5).
- He walked as Jesus walked (2:6).
- He continued to abide in what he had heard from Jesus (2:24).
- He learned the importance of loving his brother (3:10-15; 4:20-21).
- He saw the example of love first hand, demonstrated in giving up life in love for us, showing that we should give up our lives for our brethren (3:16).
- He learned to love as God loved (4:7-11).

Can you change? John did!

Enjoy the reading.

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