



FLOURISHING IN THE MIDST OF OPPOSITION

How do you make a big change last?

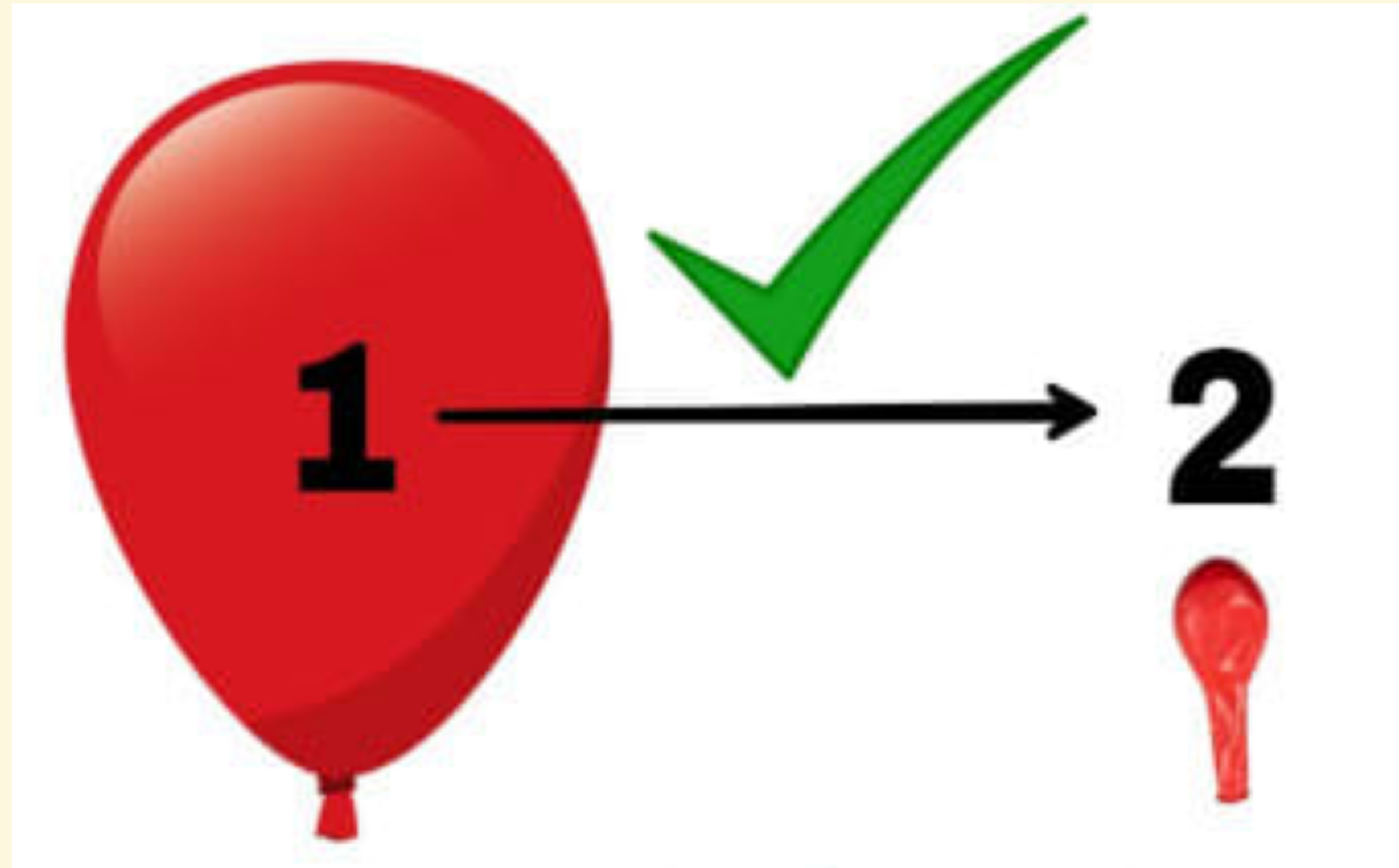
Why repentance and revival don't last, and
why that doesn't need to happen to you, or us.



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**Depravity is the
2nd law of
thermodynamics
in spiritual life.**

**But the Spirit of
Christ brings
renewing energy,
life and order to life.**



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energetic,
authoritative,
continual* reform can make our
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5 examples

(Coming series! Yay!)

1. Purity
2. Leadership
3. Stewardship
4. Worship
5. Discipleship



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Nehemiah:

1. Vigilant
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3. Authoritative
4. Continual
5. Reformer



Jesus as "Lord":

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Matthew 21:10 – 17

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"



Jesus as Risen Lord:

Revelation 2:1ff

He is the reforming
Lord still, not just the
Savior of the
repentant, the High
Priest of the revived.

Revelation 2:2 – 4

I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.





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