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## Jesus, the Gamechanger

noun: gamechanger 1. An event, idea, or procedure that effects a significant shift in the current manner of doing or thinking about something.

According to the Cruden's Concordance, there are one-hundred and ninety-eight names for Jesus in the bible. Some of my favorite ones are: Deliverer (Roman's 11:26), Author of Salvation (Hebrews 5:9), Founder and Perfector of our faith (Hebrews 12:8) and Savior (4:14). Jesus' power to transform is what fills my heart with gratitude. My favorite names come close to how I feel about Jesus, but it doesn't completely satisfy me. That's where Jesus, the Gamechanger comes in.

His transforming power is so all-consuming that it's nearly impossible to describe in a few words, much less by using one word. Jesus changes people's hearts, the way we think, and the way we approach each other. This is not just a one-time transformation when we are "born again," it happens innumerable times a day. When we view another as a child of God we soften, we listen, we tread lightly. Life becomes a perpetual prayer. When we are a Christ-follower, the thoughts behind our actions change and this creates a chain reaction of understanding and love.

When anger strikes, or when our hearts become corrupt, another transforming process happens. We turn to Jesus and ask for forgiveness. It is immediately granted, and we feel his power of transforming love. We are made whole and feel healed. Deep gratitude fills our heart, and we are ready to love again. This transforming miracle can happen many times during the day or night.

This Easter season epitomizes the Jesus' power to transform—to die, to resurrect, to give everlasting life. He fulfilled the law of the Old Testament that bound us up with legalisms and rules we couldn't live by. He gave us a new way to live:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

Cherishing His amazing grace, I am  
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