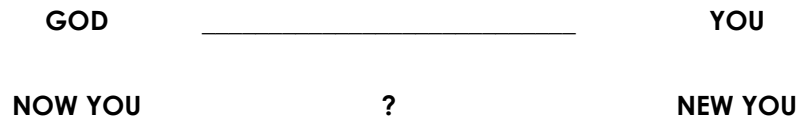


## How does the gap get there?



### James 1.12-18

### INSIGHTS:

12) Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

13) When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

14) but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

15) Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

16) Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

17) Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

18) He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.