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Postive change

When I first became a Methodist Minister, I was so consumed with my work, that I did little, if any, exercise. At some point, I remember going along to a family wedding and I had a photograph taken with my 90 something, grandmother-in law. When the photograph returned from the developers (yes, it was that long ago), there was only one person in the picture who looked well; it wasn't me.



It was a turning point, something had to be done, I needed to lose some weight. Well, I suppose many of us have had those sort of moments, even if it did not concern our appearance or our weight. Moments, when we decided things couldn't go on as they were. They can embrace so many different aspects of our lives, from the relatively trivial, to those which affect the most profound questions about who we are, why we are here and how we ought to live.

As far as these more serious turning points are concerned, there was a time, when the Christian faith would have been the natural 'go to' place for a new start. These days, it is not. The church is seldom seen as the place where a desire for something better, might find resolution. But I am certain it can be. Many years on, from my wedding photo incident, I sense that part of my job, is to suggest that when our forebears looked for a positive change, they were not mistaken in looking to Christian faith, to God and the Lord Jesus Christ.