



Romans 12:2

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When we speak of framing, we all have a point of view:

- Might think about an actual picture frame
- If you're into photography you know the importance of the frame to compose your image
- You might think of framing as a position or point of view
- You might think of "frame of mind" which is someone's disposition

These are all appropriate ways to think about that word frame. I would like to focus on how you frame yourself or how others frame you.

Our understanding or perception of who we are and what we do comes from something we will call our "frame."

We all have mindsets, habits, and patterns of thinking and living. Some of these are helpful and others need to be cast off.

This pandemic has forced change on a lot of us. We've had to examine and re-examine our frame. Things we thought we could not do, we've done. Anyone who thought that technology would not become a central part of getting work done, had to change that frame.

We do not look at something or someone and then "apply" a frame to it.

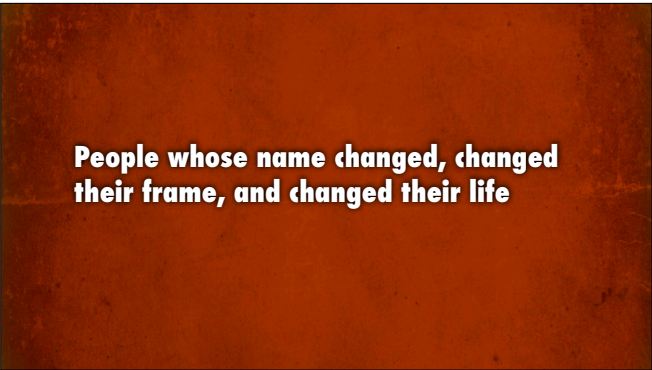
Rather, people **constantly project** into the world around them frames that **allow them to make sense of it.**

Framing can manifest in thought or communication. Frames in thought consist of the mental representations, interpretations, and simplifications of reality.

People build mental "filters." They use these filters to make sense of their world. The choices they then make are influenced by their creation of a frame.

I read Barack Obama's book, "A Promised Land." One of the things that stood out to me was that as educated, accomplished, decent, and competent, as this man was, many people still put him in the frame of

a black person who can be disrespected like everyone else



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Abram:

Genesis 12:1-2, Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you...

We first read about Abram, a rich landowner who lived in Harran, in Genesis 11. Abram had most everything he could want, except a child. His wife, Sarai, was barren. But God's will has a way of overriding any human limitations, and He clearly commanded Abram in Genesis 12: "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you..." (Genesis 12:1-2).

Abram pulled up stakes and left his home, traveling to a land he'd never seen before. Along the way, God gave more details about His promise, knowing the cry of Abram and Sarai's heart was to have a child. During another conversation, Abram asked God directly, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless." God's answer left no room for doubt, "...a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir" (Genesis 15:4).

Their names changed when God made a covenant concerning their future.

Genesis 17:4-6, You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called **Abram**, your name will be **Abraham**, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you

Abram meant "exalted father," and in Harran as well as on his journey, he played a fatherly kind of role for immediate family such as his nephew Lot.

Abraham meant "father of many nations," he seeks to fulfill his role of protector to God's larger family.

Sarai, whose name means "princess"

Meant Sarah, "my princess," and grows into a woman who trusts God's promises rather than scoffing at them in disbelief.

Jacob

Genesis 32:22, That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

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Genesis 32:25, Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." 26, But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 The man asked him, **"What is your name?"** "Jacob," he answered. 28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

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Genesis 35:10-11, God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; You shall no longer be called Jacob, **But Israel shall be your name.**" Thus He called him Israel. God also said to him, "I am God Almighty; Be fruitful and multiply A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, And kings shall come forth from you."

Simon Peter

John 1:42, Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter)"

Imagine going from being one of many fishermen on the sea of Galilee to a pillar of Christ's church. That is the life change that Peter experienced. His name change came from the Lord Himself. Simon means "he has heard" or "to listen," probably a good description for someone who spent most of his time out at sea. But everything changed the day his brother Andrew brought Him to meet Jesus.

Saul, Paul

Acts 9:4, He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

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Acts 13:9, Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

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1 Cor 9:22, I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

It has been popularly assumed that Saul changed his name when he became a follower of Jesus Christ, but that is not the case. His Jewish name was "Saul" According to the Book of Acts, he was a Roman citizen.[Acts 22:25-29] As such, he also bore the Latin name of "Paul" (essentially a Latin approximation of Saul, Paulos or Paulus). It was typical for the Jews of that time to have two names: one Hebrew, the other Latin or Greek÷.

Jesus called him "Saul, Saul"[Acts 9:4; 22:7; 26:14] in "the Hebrew tongue" in the book of Acts, when he had the vision which led to his conversion on the Road to Damascus.[Acts 26:14] Later, in a vision to Ananias of Damascus, "the Lord" referred to him as "Saul, of Tarsus".

[Acts 9:11] When Ananias came to restore his sight, he called him "Brother Saul"

In Acts 13:9, Saul is called "Paul" for the first time on the island of Cyprus – much later than the time of his conversion. The author (Luke) indicates that the names were interchangeable: "Saul, who also is called Paul." He thereafter refers to him as Paul, apparently Paul's preference since he is called Paul in all other Bible books where he is mentioned, including those that he authored. Adopting his Roman name was typical of Paul's missionary style. His method was to put people at their ease and to approach them with his message in a language and style to which they could relate, as in 1 Cor 9:19–23.



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Jesus

Matthew 1:21, And she will bring forth a Son, and **you shall call His name Jesus**, for He will save His people from their sins."

Jesus means "Jehovah is Salvation."

A New Name in Heaven

Revelation 2:17, He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

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