

Transformation: The Journey of Knowing God

→ Christian Transformation Is a Journey, Not a Target - II Co 3:18

- It is rooted in God's commitment to us - Phil 1:6
 - ...There are no random events, no meaningless moments - Ps 119:91; Ro 11:36; 8:28
- In this world, the journey is filled with tension
 - ...There is a heavenly/earthly tension - II Co 4:18
 - ...There is an inner/outer tension - II Co 4:16
 - ...There is the tension of fullness and process - Co 2:10; II Co 3:18
- It is a responsive/cooperative journey - Ro 8:14
 - ...transformation cannot be done without God; God doesn't do it without the man
 - Jo 15:5; Ro 12:1-2
- It is not about the improvement of my character as much as it is about the expression of His nature - Ro 6:10
 - ...The agent of transformation is always the person of God Himself
 - ...What cannot save us cannot transform us
 - ...When God's Life is coming out of me as His Life, I am being transformed

→ Presenting Ourselves to God for the Purpose of Transformation: (John 2:1-11)

- A non-selective readiness to be changed - "*Whatever*"
 - ...transformation is always on God's terms
 - ...there is no transformation without humility - Is 66:2; Ja 4:10
 - ...self-consciousness is the primary enemy of spiritual transformation
- An attentive simplicity - "*Whatever He says*"
 - ...When "the wine runs out", it's time to listen - Jo 2:3
 - ...hearing precedes God's doing - Jo 5:19,30; 6:38
 - ...lovingly and attentively reference everything to God
- It is more about living than learning - "*whatever He says to you, do it*"
 - ...transformation requires the obedience of faith - Ro 1:16
 - ...revelation draws us up into the action of God
 - ...the spiritually transformed life is known only as it is lived
- An abandonment to the Person of God Who Is Love - I Jo 4:8
 - ...Christian transformation is about getting to know the Person of Christ - Jo 17:3
 - ..."That I might know You, and be an expression of Your life"