

Powerfully Purposed Transformation

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Accepting God's Identity for You is Everything---Following Jesus into God's Kingdom---and surrendering to His Lordship Today---This is God's formula for changing mankind, revealing His will for your life, and winning the war for your soul.

Romans 12:2 KJV

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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English Prologue

This is not a new teaching, or even a teaching, although everyone learns as they travel. I am attempting to show the pathway God laid out for human beings in the Garden of Eden and the path Jesus took so we could follow Him back into God's presence as citizens in His Kingdom. If you are tired of boring lectures without power, life, or destiny?

The Kingdom of God is here. The kingdom is still full of joy, peace,
and excitement in today's world.

It is not God's future plan, but rather today's agenda. Therefore, the Lord is accepting volunteers to join the kingdom's goal of establishing the mindset of His kingdom in the hearts of believers today.

If you identify as a Christian, live with the hope of attaining Heaven, and believe you will be raptured out of the current cultural war, you have become a victim of the devil's schemes and a party to their success. He always wants you to delay accepting the things of God until it is too late for them to affect the world we live in today. Discover what Satan is stealing from you today.

Because Jesus has finished all things needed for life and Godliness, our family, city, state, country, and world's future depends upon our recognizing, believing, claiming, and living in all of the things of God today, not tomorrow.

God has established our identity
as His child at the cross.

A willing and obedient heart is all it takes to live, move, and have your being, identity, and destiny in God. Therefore, passionately strive to establish a true legacy for your children. Without any exaggeration, I can say, enter at the risk of being forever changed!

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Making Disciples

Many today are trying to make disciples by teaching from the Bible, including many Bible colleges. Yes, learning what God has recorded for us in the Bible is good, but this will not make or grow disciples of Jesus. Without a personal relationship, the result will be someone who knows all about Jesus and can teach about Him for hours, but does not know Him. I want to tell a couple of stories that I think will show the inadequacy of these pursuits of learning the Bible.

The young man was sitting eagerly before his grandfather, awaiting his reply He had just asked, "Grandma and you have lived happily together for many years. Tell me about when you first met her and how you became close I have a nice young woman I like very much, and I am dating her, but I do not know how to win her heart and keep it. Can you give me some advice?"

Smiling, the grandfather replied, "I can probably tell you more about what not to do than what you should do."

When I first met your grandmother, I was smitten and wanted to be with her, but I did not know how to make that happen. Wanting expert advice, I asked my dad if he knew of any good books that might help me. He did not know of any, but then told me. "All people are individuals. So, the book would have to be written about her for it to be successful with her. Any book that someone wrote concerning someone else would not work."

After thinking for a moment, I decided I would not want a girlfriend whom someone else knew well enough to write a book about. My girlfriend was quite popular and dated other boys, but I somehow sensed I did not want to ask them about their experiences with her. So instead, I wanted my own experience.

It was at this point that the answer came to my mind. My girlfriend did not have to author a book. We could work it out together by getting to know each other through mutual experience. Commitment to never quit trying and practicing, practicing, practicing was the key to the success I wanted.English Section 89

That evening, I proposed to your grandmother. I declared my love and faithfulness to her and assured her this would only increase. I then confessed my ignorance of what a real relationship with her would look like. Still, I was willing to work it out with her, even if it took forever. I asked for her patience with me as we worked this out together. She agreed, and that is what we are

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still doing. Marriage is just another word for a working relationship. These are also the instructions that Jesus gives us for having a relationship with Him: work out our salvation with Him.

Philippians 2:12 KJV

(12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

The Apostle Paul says to work out your relationship with Jesus (our salvation) with fear and trembling. I have not found any place where He tells us that any book is the foundation of our relationship with God. The basis of our communion is the one-on-one encounters with Him every day.

The Bible records others who have had encounters with Jesus. If our only experience is that of others, it is like watching a ball game on television. You have not played the game, but you feel like you have. In other words, your artificial experience has deceived you. Many people waste their lives watching television; at the end of the day, the only life they have experienced is in their minds or imagination. If you let your life with Christ become only an intellectual-emotional experience gained from reading about others who were really in the game, you will have missed it all.

Another story, as an illustration, should solidly settle the issue. I received my first bicycle for Christmas and read the manual several times. Finally, my dad took me into the driveway and gave me a send-off push on my new bike. I did not go far until I toppled over. After several tries, I became frustrated and asked my dad what I was doing wrong. I had read the manual and thought I was doing it right. However, it still did not work. He told me I was doing everything right, but I had to practice my relationship with the bike. When I began doing that, I started riding, and the more I practiced, the better I became. Today, I can ride motorcycles with ease. My ability increased from the strength of that relationship I started long ago and continued throughout my life.

We have a relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore, we will not grow and mature by reading the Bible. Instead, we must work together with each person of the Godhead. They are one in the spirit but different expressions of that spirit, so we must come to know and be known by each of them.

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Discipling is helping another person grow in their relationship with God. Allowing our life and relationship with God to be transparent before others lets them see the possibilities and benefits of working together.

I will tell a short story to illustrate this point. My wife and I were at home when the doorbell rang. When I opened the door, I found two young women selling something. I do not even remember what they were selling. I invited them in, and shortly, we were all in a lively conversation that had nothing to do with what they were selling. After my wife had talked for several minutes about how we met and soon married (with all the details, of course), one of the young women blurted out, "That is what I want for my life."

Not knowing what she meant by her statement, I asked her. She replied, "I want what you guys have." I was still clueless and about to tell her we had nothing for sale when she continued, "I want my own home with my husband and a relationship as you guys experience. That is all I really want in life."

Of course, I was flattered, but I silently thought she should have been here yesterday. It was not so smooth then. It is still a work in progress, but we are both very thankful for it and committed. However, neither of them was any closer to a relationship with another than when they came to the door.

Because of their perception of us, we had unwittingly become an example for them. We had something these women wanted, and I am sure it encouraged them to know such a thing was possible.

That is the way people should first view their relationship with God: "What you have is what I want for my life" should be their response when they see your relationship with God. That is discipleship by example. That should be transparent to others as we come together to speak with God and experience His speaking.

Discipleship by teaching forms the groundwork for recognizing God and encourages pursuing a relationship with Him. Mentoring should always remind people that it is a relationship we must live out one-on-one until we get good at it. We do not get proficient by any other method. The more passionate and committed we are to pursuing this relationship, the more it will reflect the time we are willing to invest in it. God responds best to a passionate pursuit. That, in turn, removes the limits on the speed at which a mature relationship with God can be reached. Neither an excellent education nor a religious service can substitute for a relationship. It may always fool some people, but it will not fool God and will have some avoidable bad results — Matthew 7:21-23.

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Jesus noted that many were trying to form a relationship with God by studying the scriptures. He had this to say about it.

John 5:39-40 AMPC

(39) You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me!

(40) And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life.

The Bible very clearly presents this truth: The Word of God is a man called Jesus. It is Him you must come to know personally, not vicariously through another person or any book, including the Bible.

Prayer

Father, I want my own experience with you, Jesus, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. So please help me work out that relationship with all the respect and reverence due to each of you. It is difficult for a person prone to see and believe in partnering with someone they cannot hear, as we hear other people, nor can they be seen. Yet this is the most important relationship in my life, and I want it to be grand. In Jesus' name, amen.