

THE EMPOWERED PARTNERSHIP: UNTO TRANSFORMATION

- How can we be transformed?
 - By an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

1Six days later Jesus *took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and *led them up on a high mountain by themselves. 2And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. 3And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" 6When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. 7And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "**Get up, and do not be afraid.**" 8And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. **Matthew 17:1-8 NASB**

6Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man. 7It shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires, for God is with you. 8And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings. You shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you should do." 9Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God changed his heart; and all those signs came about on that day. 10When they came to the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them. 11It came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied now with the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" **1 Samuel 10:6-11 NASB**

- By a sellout to Jesus and our cooperating with Him in the renewing of our mind.

"I therefore beg of you, please, brethren, through the instrumentality of the aforementioned mercies of God, by a once-for-all presentation to place your bodies at the disposal of God, a sacrifice, a living one, a holy one, well-pleasing, our rational, sacred service. [rational, in that this service is performed by the exercise of the mind]. And stop assuming an outward expression that does not come from within you and is not representative of what you are in your inner being but is patterned after this age; but change your outward expression to one that comes from within and is representative of your inner being, by the renewing of your mind, resulting in your putting to the test what is the will of God, the good and well-pleasing and complete will, and having found that it meets specifications, place your approval on it." **Romans 12:1-2 Wuest NT**

14But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. **Galatians 6:14-15 NASB**

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- By beholding the glory of God.

“And the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. But we all with our face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of the Lord in a mirror, are being changed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord Spirit.” **2 Corinthians 3:17-18 The Interlinear Bible**

27Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” 28So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. 29It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony were in Moses’ hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him. 30So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them. 32Afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them *to do* everything that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. 33When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. 34But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded, 35the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone. So, Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him. **Exodus 34:27-35 NASB**

- Verse 6 – The letter kills but the Spirit gives life.
 - Verse 7 – The ministry of death...has glory.
 - Verse 9 – The ministry of condemnation – has glory.
 - Verse 11 – That was with glory.
 - Verses 9-11 – How much more the glory of the Lord in II Corinthians 3:17-18.
 - We are transformed through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.
 - The “effect of change” was visible, fading and external in the life of Moses.
 - The changes in us are internal and affect the very essence of our being.
 - This is transformation not imitation.
- Why don’t we see more ‘transformed’ lives? Why are the ‘social statistics’ so similar for Christians and non-Christians?
 - “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.” **John 8:37 NASB**

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- The best translation of v37 is rendered "...My Word has no place in you...it is not going forward or advancing in you...it is not making progress in you...is not gaining ground in you."
- They sought to kill Jesus (to be separated from Him totally) because they were refusing to advance the work of His Word in their lives.
- "And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it]." I

Thessalonians 2:13 Amplified Bible

- The word which is inwardly working itself in you who believe...**The Emphasized N.T.**
- ...which has living power in you who have faith...**The NT in Basic English**
- God's Word which is being constantly set in operation in you who believe...**Wuest NT**
- "And it occurred that as He reclined at table with them, He took [a loaf of] bread and praised [God] and gave thanks and asked a blessing, and then broke it and was giving it to them when their eyes were [instantly] opened and they [clearly] recognized Him, and He vanished (departed invisibly). And they said to one another, were not our hearts greatly moved and burning within us while He was talking with us on the road and as He opened and explained to us [the sense of] the Scriptures?"
Luke 24:30-32 Amplified Bible
- Our hearts are ignited and greatly moved when the Lord opens and explains the scripture to us.
- This is a key to transformation.
- Our part is to behold Him as in a mirror through His Spirit in His Word. His part is to change us and transform us as we do.

John's Journal from 12-1-19

The process of transformation has a 'history'...it is comprised of both sudden and gradual encounters with revelation from My word and expressions of My character and nature. As you come to know Me through your 'word' encounters and you do all things with My Spirit, you will make shifts in your thought patterns and choices. Character will be formed, and outcomes will change. Revelation becomes your most prized way of 'knowing and growing' and the most natural way for you to approach life issues. Transformation is both daily and dramatic. Your daily abiding in Me is the highway of life and it bridges those powerful revelatory encounters that happen strategically, to propel your maturity and accomplish your destiny. The renewing of your mind is My way of empowering you to know My ways so you can experience the fullness of My purpose and pleasure. Transformation is the process of the deep and lasting integration and assimilation of the character of Jesus.