

TRANSFORMED



THE BIG PICTURE

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Completely”**

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October 26, 2014

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“Transformation is the Key to Everything”

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October 26, 2014 AM Worship

Welcome to all of our Guests today. For the past seven weeks we've been looking at seven different dimensions of our life. We've looked at your spiritual health. We've looked at physical health. We've looked at mental health. We've looked at emotional health. And we've looked at relational health. We've looked at financial health and last week we looked at our vocational health. And really the Lord's desire to transform us in every way in every area of our life. The Lord is not just interested with seeing us change in one area only, but in every area that starts with the spiritual area of our lives. Some think well that is the only area that I need Him in, but what we must realize is this is simply the starting place that should affect every area in our lives. Too many of us live a compartmentalized lives and think that one area doesn't or should not have an impact on the other – that is simply wrong and never what the Lord intended. He wants to be in every area of our lives.

SO let's come back and look at the main verse one more time and I want to focus on this idea of transformation before we move on from here?

Read Romans 12:1-2

Let me ask some questions for us to think about first?

Have you been transformed in the past 7 weeks in area of your life? How do you know? What has changed or not changed? Have you made any different decisions? What were they?

The Lord's design for each of us is to see our lives transformed from what they once were to something that is changed, completely different,

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It's not about changing our behaviors it's about allowing the Lord to change us from the inside out – transformation – that in turn will change the way we live our lives – every area of our lives. Of course the spiritual, but the physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial and relational areas of our lives – in other words it's everything that we are! We ask Him to transform us in every way!

I want us to clearly say that as a Church Family that we have one scorecard if you will to see what the Lord is doing here and are we a healthy Church, one that is growing but as our Vision Team has studied, prayed, and learned we have come to realize and become convinced there is another part of the scorecard that is incredibly important and ties in to this series that we are completing today. And that scorecard is transformed lives – how many lives are being deeply and truly transformed by Christ and the Gospel so much so that effects every area of our lives are affected deeply and a result is impacting our community and beyond. It is really the bottom line of why we are here, why our church exists and what He has called us to do – to see ourselves and others become a fully devoted follower of Christ, one who is a radical, sold out disciple, one who has been completely transformed. We want to see more bodies, a bigger budget, more baptisms, and more buildings completed – but in the end we can see these and not see lives transformed. I pray that we don't lose this word – transformed. It's our call to not be a fan but a follower, it's our call to not settle and live a mediocre Christian life – but as Chris shared earlier, a life that is radical, that is different than the world, and different from being religious or doing some nice Christian like things.

We are talking about transformation this morning and quite frankly it will be the focus of the rest of the days the Lord Jesus leaves me here on earth is my own transformation and then my calling as a shepherd is not to measure just those 4 b's, but to measure much deeper and closer to see lives that are being transformed. The other is easier, but the latter brings far greater results that will produce life changing transformation that will far outlast you and me.

We need to ask 3 important questions this morning. And to do this I want us to look quickly at a guy who was the top of his class, super religious, moral guy, popular, very zealous for what he thought was right but in the end he realized was all wrong. A guy by the name of Saul We meet him in [Acts 7](#) standing over the murder of Stephen and then we see him meet Jesus and then everything radically changes in his life forever! Look in [Acts 9](#) with me.

Paul was transformed – not just made some behavior changes, started going to church a little more often, giving some money now and then,

maybe even severing in a ministry – NO!! It was radical and transformational, one minute he is seeking to kill Christians and the next he out witnessing and sharing the gospel with those who were with him to kill those believers. Hello! Not only that, He understand what he was called to from the beginning – **look at Verse 16** – He understood the call was not to just start being nice, do some religious things to get by, no he understood the call was to suffer – he got it from the beginning. Dear friend, the call to follow Christ is the greatest call you will ever hear and it is choice you and I must make – it's one that we can do nothing to earn or deserve, but one that we simply must receive, but let us be clear as possible today, it is a call to be sold out, different than the world, radically different and quite frankly different than many religious or church folks today! Let me be clear that the Lord is calling you to give your whole life to Him today – everything! Nothing held back, no area of your life, it's surrender, it's a willingness to follow, a willingness to obey even when others don't even when it's hard, even when other's don't understand, that is clear unmistakable call of Christ today – Come and be transformed! And I promise you it will be one that you will never regret and one that will give you the greatest joy imaginable as you give up everything and yet gain it all to follow Christ!

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What is the picture of it? I want to give you a picture of what we believe the Vision of our Church will look like and how that looks in your life & min personally. It is a circle or in our case on our logo an Oval It is one that is designed to go all the way around, one that gives a picture of a completely devoted follower of Christ and then at the end of it we'll see what happens next. This isn't some list to check myself off nor is it some complete list... just a guide to give us a picture.

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This Guy Saul – became Paul – a name change given by the Lord – indicative of what happened to him– by God’s grace and power, he turned the known world upside down with the Gospel of Christ. He was radically changed.

[See Acts 26](#)
[Paul’s Testimony](#)

Hear the testimonies of those in our Church family through a unique way to share part of their story – this is who makes up our Church Family and many more.

These people aren’t perfect nor have they figured it all out, but they have been transformed by the power of the Gospel – it reminds me too that this Church is never designed to be a country club for the well to do or some religious club for a few, but instead a hospital for the hurting. I’m praying that the Lord will use this to open the door to a place of honesty and transparency to share our lives together and to realize we are not the only ones who have a story, a struggle, or difficulties, we all have them!

Cardboard and share the Gospel