

Transforming: My Life, My Community – Ps Mark Kelsey

2 Cor 3:17-18 (NIV). "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. "

God's desire for you is to get you transformed, to get you in a place of transformation.

In **Gen 1**, it tells us that man was created in the image of God. **Gen 2** tells us that He fashioned or formed man out of the dust of the earth. When Adam and Eve fell, they didn't lose their created state, they lost their form.

Transformation is all about one word: image. The world is promoting an image for us and this is not the image of Christ. God created us in His image.

In **Is 43:1**, God says, "O Jacob I created you, O Israel I formed you. "We are both created and formed. To get to the formed person, it takes the process of transformation. **Rom 12:2** instructs us not be conformed, but to be transformed. The world conforms, but God transforms.

Is 61:1-3. All of God's intention for our lives is to transform us from a place of darkness and less to a place of light and more. It takes the transforming power of God to do that. Transformation is the restoration of God's original intention for you.

Dr Yonggi Cho speaks of the fourth dimension, the God dimension, in our lives (see the books "The Fourth Dimension" and "4th Dimensional Living in a 3 Dimensional World"). Many of us have 3 dimensional problems, but the answer is in the 4th dimension, the answer is faith, the power of God. If we live in the 3rd dimension, we are the limit of our answers. If we live in the 4th dimension, the answers are limitless.

There are four things the 4th Dimensional World consists of:

1. **THINKING.**
Rom 12:2. God wants us to change our thinking. 4th dimensional thinking is different to 3rd dimensional thinking.
2. **FAITH.**
Rom 10:17. Some of us are facing things where the only answer is faith. Start believing God. Most people describe the problem instead of speaking to it. Faith speaks to the problem. Faith believes the possibilities.
3. **VISIONS.**
Eph 3:20. What are you imagining? What are you dreaming right now? Start dreaming, start dreaming a big dream, for your frustrations to be resolved.
4. **WORDS.**
Mark 11:22-23.
The bible tells us that we are citizens of heaven. We have the spirit of the Word of God inside of us. As we apply the word of God to our 3 dimensional worlds, that is how we become transformed. The word of God is the software for the hardware of our 4th dimensional world.

Abraham was one of the best examples of third and fourth dimensional living and transformation. His 3rd dimensional reality was that he was childless and could not have a child. In **Gen 15:1-5**, he was 75 years old and God told him he would have an heir. Abraham was within the confines of his thinking, he stayed within his tent. God said to get out of the tent, and get out of his thinking. Look up! What are God's possibilities for you?

A transformed life transforms a community. Transformation is not an option; it is what being a Christian is all about.



TALK ABOUT

- **Do you describe your problems rather than speak to them? What are ways that you can speak to them instead?**
- **How do you imagine your problems or challenges being solved? What is the vision?**
- **What areas of your life do you know that you need to get out of the confines of your own thinking?**

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