

Preparing the Overcomers: Renewal of Our Mind – Key to Our Transformation

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Matthew 10:7 The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The Lord has purposed to meet with us to do an eternal work in each meeting, helping prepare you for your Wedding Day!

Last Month: Our consecration and sanctification. The 3 main stages to working out our salvation: Justification, sanctification and glorification (2 Thes. 2:13-14). If not willing to go through stage 2, we'll never go onto stage 3, filled with the glory, be the Bride. Requires our response everyday, our choices – that's our consecration, so He can sanctify/purify us from sin/bondages. It's the process that every believer should be going through, being changed by one degree of glory to the next (Rom. 8: 5, 2 Cor. 3:18). It's the call to die to self, take up our cross. We saw that obeying truth is a key to our sanctification (1 Pet 1:22, John 17:17). And, God's plan is to sanctify us wholly: Spirit, mind and body - all 3 to come into alignment with His will. To receive the end result of our faith, the salvation of our soul, we need to live a 100% consecrated life. We looked at Elijah's life. How King Ahab allowed compromise to destroy God's people by marrying Jezebel. How it's no different today – worst, Jezebel is alive and living in the Church! That what Elijah failed to do, slay Jezebel, the end-times Church will do. For the Bride will be a "Warrior Bride" destroying the works of Jezebel, setting the captives free, bringing in the Lord's harvest. Why our consecration/sanctification is critical and will prepare us to be the Bride/Overcomer, dressed in the right wedding garment. It not willing, in these last days Jezebel will slaughter us. Already too many casualties because the Church is full of mixture/compromise – we're not willing to be bold like Elijah and confront sin. Why? Because most not willing to be in that place of consecration/brokenness like Elijah. Our brokenness is a key to hearing God's voice clearly, calling us out of Babylon, so we will know His perfect will. Paul said, a little sin perverts the whole Church (Gal. 5:9). Zero tolerance. **Audio on website/YouTube channel.**

Today, I want to share more on this process. How it directly affects our transformation: The renewal of our mind/soul.

Luke 8:5-15 Parable of the Seed: Different Soils.

Luke 8:5/12 Some fell the traveled path / hears but rejects truth – the world.

Luke 8:6/16 Some fell on the rock, no roots / believer's as long as all is happy they believe, when it gets rough they quit.

Luke 8:7/14 Some fell in the thorns / believer's they hear but don't do, stay in the world, their desires, sin, bondages.

Luke 8:8/15 Some fell on good soil / the true Church, heard and did the Word. Bring forth fruit with patience.

God has dream – did you know that? He wants His family back, restored back to that place of intimate fellowship.

What does family mean to you? A mom, dad, maybe you were adopted. Spiritual mom's and dad's, family gatherings? Or, often, for most it means pain – a lot of wounds and brokenness because, a lot of broken relationships with each other.

What makes a family unique to itself? A family is of "like" seed! When we are born we become that "seed" and as we grow-up we produce the fruit of that seed. It can be good, bad or combination. Our earthly families and what we experienced growing up, all affect our relationship with the Lord on the deepest level. And, even though at our new birth, His Seed is planted within our spirit man, good seed, it is a process for it to grow and produce good fruit in our lives.

SHARE: Weed/flower analogy. Cut's root, un-renewed mind still bent over, step away from truth weed wraps around

The Seed the Lord Yeshua is talking about is the Word of God, He is talking about embracing Truth/Him (Luke 8:11).

As a believer to embrace truth is to die to self, to embrace the power of the cross. To embrace the cross, means resurrection power, same power that raised Yeshua from the dead, will flow through us, transforming us into His image.

John 12:24 Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it produces much grain.

1 Cor. 15:36 Foolish man! Every time you plant seed, you sow something that does not come to life unless it dies first.

Like a seed, unless it falls to the ground and dies it can't produce fruit, so it is for us. We must die first to produce good fruit, if we are to fulfill our call/destiny. We must embrace truth, and not just hear truth, but do it! (James 1:22-23).

At our new birth, literally a death took place, our old man died inside. We were given His Seed, the new man on the inside, but we still have the old man on the outside, our flesh that needs to die – be crucified (Col. 3:5, Galatians 5:19-21).

Rom. 6:3 Are you ignorant of the fact that **all of us** who have been baptized into Christ Jesus **were baptized into His death?**

Rom. 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life** (KJV).

Rom 6:5 If we have been planted together in the **likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the **likeness of his resurrection** (KJV).

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that **the body of sin** (our flesh) **might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin (KJV).

2 Cor. 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

In this hour like never before Yeshua is knocking on the door of hearts, calling us back into that place of intimate fellowship, back to relationship, and out of the sin/bondage separating us. But how do we get there when most of us are broken people who keep breaking people? We have a lot of wounds, flaws, emotional and physical bondage to overcome.

Paul gives us a key in Romans 12:1-3 and Ephesians 4:23 – the renewal of our mind.

Why did Paul say this? Because our soul is not automatically saved at our new birth and needs restored (James 1:21).

It's our flesh that wars against our spirit. It wars constantly, for Paul says be "constantly" renewed in the spirit of your mind.

This is where we stumble over and over in our walk. We do the very things we hate doing, because our mind needs renewed.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

It's the old man on the outside, our flesh, warring against the new man on the inside. It's a constant battle. Why so little transformation taking place, so few being set free from sin, bondage. **This is the battle within that all believer's face.**

So, how do we overcome? We have to understand what is taking place on the inside – the inter-relational struggle that is going on with our spirit, soul and body (flesh), and how it's our soul, or mind that's needs renewed.

Spirit = new man **Soul** = un-renewed mind/emotions **Body** = flesh/must be crucified/destroyed

Our soul is our mind: Where we make decisions. It is our intellect, seat of our emotions, where our history is stored, old wounds, generational iniquities that have never been healed. When we face adversity, it triggers those wounds, those ungodly desires and sends a message to our body, our flesh, telling it to react in a way that does not align with the Word. If our flesh listens then we are constantly at war with our spirit man, with our soul in control.

So, we have two voices that tell our flesh/body what to do either: Spirit or our soul. If our mind/soul is not renewed, then it grabs hold of our weak flesh and we end up doing the very things we hate! But if the two voices (spirit/soul) join together, we then speak from our spirit man telling our flesh/body what to do, saying "no" we're not doing this, we're doing what aligns with God's Word. **That's crucifying the flesh. So, we either walk after the flesh or in the Spirit – every choice!**

If our spirit man is to grow and mature, and we are to fulfill our destiny, we have to crucify our flesh. We have to say no to it every time our soul acts out causing our flesh to want to react not according to the Word. **Easier said than done!**

Most believers are walking after the flesh. Their soul and flesh are joined together and are warring against their spirit man. Most decisions they make are from their soul, from an un-renewed mind; therefore they are not in the will of God.

Romans 8:6-8 Says that a carnal mind is death, and when we have a carnal mind we are an enemy against God, and we cannot please Him. To come back into intimate relationship with Him, we have to see our choices the way He does!

So, when we walk in the flesh, meaning when we refuse to crucify our flesh, take up our cross in exchange for His will, we are an enemy to God. We are acting like babes – full of envy, strife and division – acting like unsaved people (1 Cor. 3:1-3). We are not growing in God. That's what the Word of God teaches. It is serious!

It's why our soul needs saved, renewed by being restored back to truth! It's why every believer should be on this journey – daily – living the crucified life, not my will be done, but His will! Paul said, I die daily (1 Cor. 15:31).

So, when we understand what is happening on the inside, we can recognize the battle and start to make choices that align with the Word of God. It is not easy. It is one choice at a time, every day, every thing we go through! It's intentional!

Remember, consecration (ours) = separated to Him. Sanctification (His) = separated from sin. When we consecrate areas of our life, allows the Sanctifier to come and purify those areas with resurrection power. Transformation takes place.

1 Peter 1:9 and 1:22 To receive the end result..., By your obedience to truth, by the HS you have purified your soul.

It is a process – it does not happen overnight. God helps us by orchestrating situations that expose the tares in our soul that need uprooted, by bringing them to the surface, and He does it when He knows we are able to deal with it His way!

So, to crucify our flesh is to have our soul restored, healed in an area that is hurting us. For that to take place we need to lose pride and we won't lose pride until we are willing to die. **It's simple but we make it complicated – full of pride.**

It's why so little growth, maturity in Christians: Why so many are in bondage, in addictions, profanity, hopelessness. Transformation, to be holy because He is holy, will only come when we die – that's when our mind is renewed. When we die, fruit comes forth. Very little is spoken about in this in the Church, but it is what the Word of God teaches.

Matthew 16:24 If anyone wants to be My disciple, let him **deny himself** and **take up his cross** and **follow Me.**

Further says, in verse 25: Whoever is bent on saving his life shall lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. **We see a death is taking place one way or another – our choice do we want spiritual life or death!**

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SHARE: Kenneth Hagin, ps wife, how demons put thoughts in our mind. Judas Iscariot, Satan put a thought (John 13:2).

When our flesh dies, our mind/soul is renewed, and we experience resurrection power, transforming us to be like Yeshua! It means a death is taking place – crucifying the old man on the outside. When we die to our will transformation comes to our soul, and our spirit man grows. This is living the crucified life, and what changes us from one degree of glory to the next. When we surrender our will His Light comes and takes over that area in our soul that was dark, causing us to more like Yeshua in word, thought and deed. Every believer is called and expected to live the crucified life! Everyday we should be experiencing transformation life, for if we die daily, we are like that seed that falls to the ground, and fruit, life comes forth!

Absolutely possible to live a sinless life! If not, it would not be in the Word of God. Yeshua set the example. Our Father is a good Father. He did not set us up to fail – but the exact opposite. If we are saved, then we have His Seed within us – everything we need to succeed to pass our tests have been provided to us through the Holy Spirit. And all of our tests our “open book!” **It’s up to us – how much do we really want to know Him – relationship takes time.**

Everyday we face a multitude of decisions, and face adversity, encounter people that rub us the wrong way. That’s life. In those moments, are we making decisions that align with God’s Word? Or, doing it the World’s way?

Why I often say, don’t waste your trials, your heartache. Learn to recognize the tares of your heart that need uprooted. Typically, it is through the relationships in our life that expose our tares. The other person is not the problem – they are just helping expose where we need healed, where our soul needs to be restored. Our trials and sufferings are the main tool that the Lord uses to qualify us to be the Bride/Overcomers. Only way to the glory – through the cross (Romans 8:17)!

So, every time we choose to deny our flesh: Not retaliate, harbor ill feelings of bitterness or unforgiveness, but choose to abide in love, we die and in the process of our mind/soul being renewed. **We’re becoming a living sacrifice.** Every time we do, resurrection power of the cross enters into us, transforming and enabling us to overcome sin/thoughts. **Line upon line!**

A lot of good intentions in the Church, people doing what seems good and right in their own minds, but not what God is asking. Why? Most do not embrace truth, the power of the cross, the call to die – living the crucified life, instead they live a life of compromise, not willing to die to their own ambitions, desires, dreams and goals (Matthew 7:21-23).

At our new birth, the Father put a gift inside us. Our unique purpose in life was imprinted upon our spirit. If we’re not willing to become that Seed that falls to the ground and dies, so something new can be brought forth, we will never fulfill it. **If we do not know our purpose, our walk will be aimless and incomplete.** We will never be satisfied. We will look to the things of this world, the temporal, to satisfy us, and we were called to live in the eternal!

To not embrace the cross is to not embrace our purpose, and to not embrace our purpose is to never be satisfied. If we don’t embrace Yeshua to be satisfied, we will embrace something else. Those other things may satisfy us temporarily, the soul, the un-renewed part of our life, but will only bring us spiritual death, and we will miss our eternal purpose.

When we embrace truth, we die and make an altar. We feel the death – it hurts when our flesh burns on that altar of sacrifice. But something new takes place on the inside, and how we once reacted, God begins to melt it out of us. We start changing. His resurrection power is released on the inside of us, and we respond to circumstances in a way that will surprise us. That’s the process. It will work the fruit of the Spirit in us. We’ll be changed from one degree of glory to the next until Christ is completely formed within us. **That’s His #1 goal for all of believers – to become His character.**

If this process is not taking place in our lives, then we are not growing in God. We will have thrown away the gift He put in us – our high call and destiny to be the Bride. And, on that Day, there will be much regret and tears over the choices we made and how we wasted this one life we were given to become love, to become like Him.

But, if we go through the process of dying, everyday, every decision we make, where our spirit and soul join together, and we are operating from our spirit and telling our flesh “no I am not doing it that way anymore, I am doing what the Word of God tells me to do” then flesh look out, Satan look out, world look out as they don’t have chance to defeat us anymore!

This is His plan to restore us back to intimate fellowship, bringing us to where we depend upon Him completely. To depend upon Him completely means to die to self. He will never force us into that place of intimacy. We have to choose to die. If we do, means we have a lot to overcome! But PTL, for it is only the Overcomer’s who will rule and reign with Him!

He is a good Father – His ways are perfect! Remember, the Father wants His family back, restored back to pure, intimate fellowship that Adam and Eve had with Him in the Garden, before the fall. He wants us to know Him for us to mature into Sons of God as ultimately, the Father is after a Bride for His Son, who will be without spot or wrinkle (Ephesians 5:26-27).

Understanding the conflict within and the transformation process is vital, if we are to grow and mature. He wants to restore all things in our lives, but we have a lot to say about that by the choices we make. How willing are we to be conformed to His image in word thought and deed? **How willing are we to die, we are pretty selfish people** (Gal. 4:19)?

Galatians 5:24 And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

He is knocking on the door of our hearts. Will we open and let Him walk in and expose the tares that need uprooted? Are we willing to do it His way, or keep doing it our way that has failed us time after time? Are we willing to surrender our will for His? If you answer yes – it won't be easy. Often it will be hard, painful, full of disappointment, rejection, betrayal, you will be misunderstood and judged harshly. But I promise, if you say yes, the affliction will seem as if a moment, compared to ruling and reigning with Him for all of eternity – as the Lamb's wife. This is why He died for us. He wants us to sit next to Him on His throne. This promise is only for the Overcomers – the Bride, it is not automatic (Rev. 3:21). The Bridegroom is coming back for a Bride who has made herself ready, without spot or wrinkle. He will settle for nothing less, nor does He deserve less. It is all by grace – His power and ability to do it in us and through us, nothing we can do in our own works. He is just looking for the hearts that will say yes to His process – to die to self, to exchange their will for His 100%. The choice will be ours! **The renewal of our mind, our soul being transformed is a vital key that we need to be ready for our Wedding Day! AMEN!**