

“TRANSFORMATION: THE KEY TO DESTINY”

WE MUST CHANGE FROM THE INSIDE OUT

The root of the word “transformation” is from the Greek word “metamorphoo,” which means “to change from the inside out.” This is where we get the word “metamorphosis.” In nature, God has shown us a profound example of transformation and metamorphosis in the life-cycle of the butterfly. The butterfly begins as a crawling caterpillar, then at some point it finds somewhere safe and becomes very still. It then weaves itself into a pupa or cocoon. It is in this secret place of hiding that the old form dies and liquefies. Everything it has been and has known dissolves. What once was, is no more. The same chemical substance exists, but it is not in the same form. The butterfly that initially “breaks forth from the pupa,” emerges from the secret place with no resemblance to what it started out to be. The liquid “mess” has been transformed into a beautiful butterfly that doesn’t look like its previous caterpillar nature, or act in the same way. It no longer crawls—it flies!

WE ARE CREATED TO SOAR

If God sat down with the caterpillar and said, “I have made you to be a butterfly—I have created you to fly,” the caterpillar might say, “But look at me. This is who I am. I could try harder to be a better caterpillar and learn to crawl faster, but grow wings and fly? I don’t think so!” Yet, this is the awesome miracle of becoming a new creature in Christ—not stopping at salvation but continuing through transformation into the identity and destiny God has woven into us. The Father longs to turn our “old mess” to His Glory—to draw us to somewhere safe where we can be still and know that He is God our Father and He will transform us—no longer to crawl, but to soar!

THEY MUST SEE AND EXPERIENCE THE “CHRIST IN US” . . . THE LOVE

We and many others strongly believe that this is the time—this is the year—for God’s people to embrace personal transformation in order to be able to walk into the destiny that He has placed within each of them. We need this not only as individuals, but we need this as the corporate Body of Christ. We cannot truly impact a “lost and dying world” unless we first are transformed—and then that transformation becomes visible to those around us. Without this internal (and subsequent external) change, we have no effective witness to others, and they move further away because they cannot see and experience the “Christ in us.” As a result, the Father is grieved—both for what we do not experience in our lives with Him, and also for those who do not see Him in us.

IT’S TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION!

Helping individuals walk into their destiny is one of the most important aspects of the work we do here at The Father’s Heart Ministry. But pursuing one’s destiny involves being willing to not settle for anything less! It means that we must be willing to face the issues that war against our own transformation, including those things that have been done to us (our own wounds) and those things that we have done to others in

response to those wounds. We must “come to the end of ourselves” and truly acknowledge our weakness, our brokenness, and our need to be changed; and then submit to the process designed by the Father. Referring back to the caterpillar, we need to stop long enough to find a safe place, tuck ourselves away in the secret place (cocoon), die to self (liquefy), and allow God to transform us from the inside out into who we were truly created to be.

PRAYER

Please pray with us . . . Father, I want to fulfill the destiny and calling that You have placed within me. I want to fly and not crawl. I want to be transformed into more of Your likeness and into the fullness of who You created me to be. But Lord, I know that I cannot do this on my own. I submit my heart to You and I invite You to reveal, heal and lead me in this transforming work. I choose to trust You, as You are a good Father who desires the best for me. In Jesus’ Name and for His Glory.

From the Father's Heart,

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