# The Transforming Power of DISCIPLESHIP

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12. For even as the body is one and **Transformed** 12 For even \*as the body is one and have sall faith, so as to remove yer has many members, and all the have sall faith, so as to leave, I am tains, but do not have love, I am tains. And if I sgive all my person, and if I demonstrated the poor, and if I demonstrated the burned, but do not body to be burned, but do not body. members of the body, though they are members of the body, though they are many, are one body, bso also is Christ.

13 For taby one Spirit we were all bap tized into one body, whether blews or By tized into one body, whether blews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and trit.

Were all made to odrink of one Spirit. were all made to cdrink of one Spirit.

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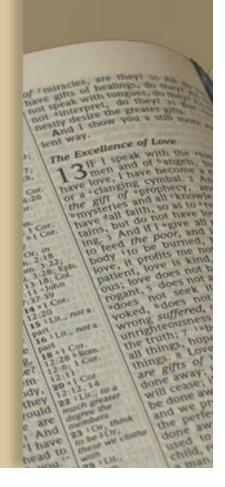
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#### **Transformation Takes TIME**

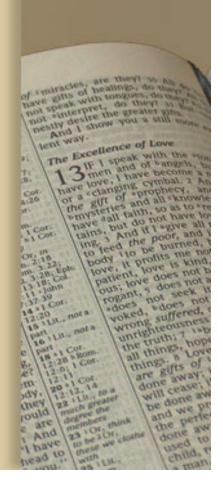
#### Ephesians 4:13 (NLT)

13) until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.



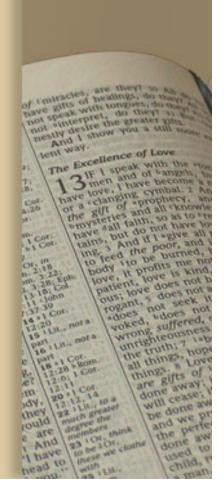
### **Transformation Takes TIME**

- Although God COULD instantly transform us
- He has chosen to develop us SLOWLY
- God knows we are SLOW LEARNERS
- God knows that we have a lot to UNLEARN



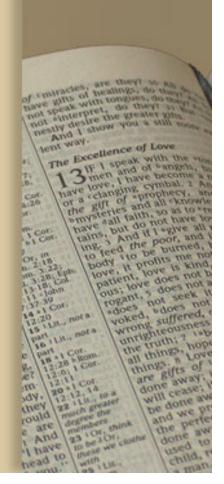
# **Transformation is Scary**

- There is no GROWTH without CHANGE
- There is no CHANGE without LOSS
- There is no LOSS without PAIN



## You Can Help

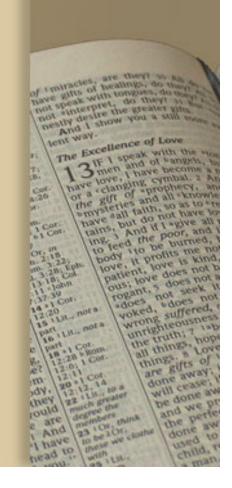
- 1. Believe God is working in your life
- 2. Keep a Journal of the Lessons you learn
- 3. Be Patient with God and Yourself



## **Transformed by Time**

#### James 1:2-4 (Message)

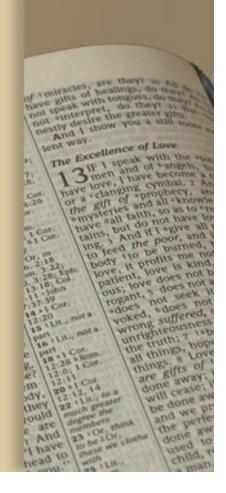
- 2) Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.
- 3) You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.
- 4) So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.



## **Transformed by Time**

#### Habakkuk 2:3 (NLT)

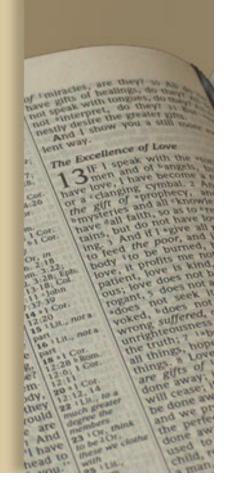
3) But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.



## **Transformed by Time**

#### <u>Hebrews 12:1-2</u> (NIV)

- 1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
- 2) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

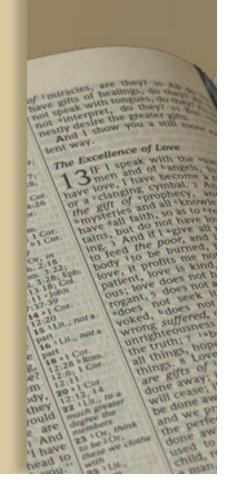


## Transformed by the Truth

- The Truth is the GREATEST single influence that God has in our lives
- God's Word is unlike ANYTHING else

#### Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

12) For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

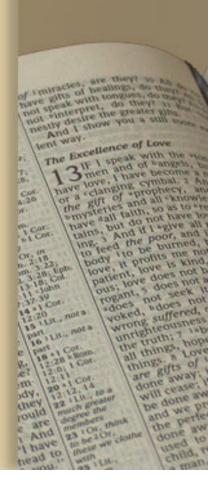


## **Transformed by Trouble**

- God wants to STRETCH us beyond our Normal Limits
- Because He has a HIGHER GOAL for us

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

17) For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

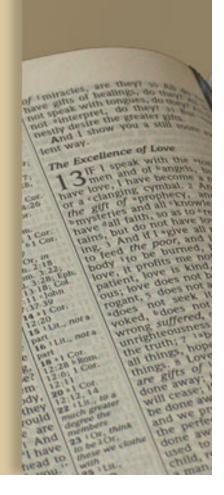


## **Transformed by Temptation**

- Temptations are not just invitations to do EVIL
- Temptations are also opportunities to do GOOD

#### **James 1:12 (AMP)**

12) Happy, is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him.



## Transformed by The Ecclesia

 God has purposely designed us to stay together in GROUPS

#### 1st Corinthians 12:25-26 (Message)

- The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't,
- 26) the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.

