

**When True  
Transformation from  
Jesus Occurs,  
It is Unmistakable**

# How is a life continually transformed by Jesus?

With repentance and submission, we are forgiven and in God's Kingdom

Knowing that although the world and Satan try to draw us, the Spirit is stronger

Spending regular time in God's word to know Him better and understand your call

Spending regular time in prayer, thanking, praising, and making your requests before Him

Viewing all relationships, actions, and time spent through the lens of Jesus Christ

Sharing the good news with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers... etc., even enemies

# How does transforming help God's Kingdom?

Transforming brings supernatural peace that is desired by outsiders

Transforming brings joy beyond circumstances that is desired by outsiders

It causes you to seek God's Kingdom first, His righteousness, & heavenly treasures

Transforming makes you look more like Jesus and heavenly light is displayed from your life

**Acts 9:1-4 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

*Saul's mission at this point is to eradicate all Christians so the movement stops before it spreads. Notice what the movement was called*

*Jesus feels and empathizes with believers everywhere when persecution occurs. Don't ever believe the lie that you are alone*

Knowing that God sought out Paul, does it encourage you to continue to pray and pursue, for Christ, those tough "cases"?

**Acts 9:5-9 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads." <sup>6</sup> So he, trembling

and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." <sup>7</sup> And the men who journeyed

When God is trying to guide you, do you "kick" against Him?

<sup>8</sup> Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

**Acts 9:10-16 (NIV2011)** <sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. <sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight

Are you obedient to reaching out to even those you count as enemies?

~~In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his~~  
hands on him to restore his sight." <sup>13</sup> "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

**Acts 9:17-21 (NLT2)** <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and

Saul's transformation was plain to see. Do those around you see you transforming, day by day, into the image of Christ?

baptized. <sup>19</sup> Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!" <sup>21</sup> All who heard him were

amazed. "Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked. "And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?"