how god changes us

The Edge of Transformation – Part 1

EPHESIANS 4:11-32

Six Requirements of Transformation

1. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:11-32 (NIV)

11So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

1. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:24-15 (NIV)

14Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.

1. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:17-19 (NIV)

17So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

1. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:20-24 (NIV)

20That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21when you heard about Christ and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Why is BREAKING BAD HABITS so hard?

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Ephesians 4:25 (MSG)

What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ’s body we’re all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.

SMALL GROUP GROUND RULES

1. What is said in the group stays in the group!
2. Don’t minimize other’s pain.
3. Don’t try to “fix” people. Just listen!
4. Focus on my own changes

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

29Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

32Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

20Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

13For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

13For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

…“According to your faith let it be done to you”; (Jesus)