# 4. AS WE BECOME MORE CLOSELY CONNECTED TO OUR LORD, EXPECT TRANSFORMATION TO TAKE PLACE.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

John 15:4 (NKJV) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5 (NKJV) "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:7 (NKJV) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 17:16 (NKJV) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. John 17:17 (NKJV)

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

John 17:18 (NKJV) As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. John 17:19 (NKJV) And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.



### THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION

Saturday-Sunday, September 7-8, 2024

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

### 1. KNOW WHO YOUR ENEMY IS.

**Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

### 2. KNOW YOUR ENEMY IS DEFEATED.

**Colossians 2:15 (NKJV)"Having disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Mark 16:17 (NKJV) "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons...

Matthew 10:1 (NKJV) "And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."

### 3. UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE IN AN ACTIVE WAR.

2 Corinthians 10:3 (NKJV) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NKJV) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NKJV) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 2 Corinthians 10:6 (NKJV) and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

### 5. WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED.

**Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV)** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places **in Christ**,

2 Peter 1:2 (NKJV) Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV) as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV) by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## 4. RESIST TEMPTATION BY SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD TO YOUR ENEMY.

Matthew 4:3 (NKJV) Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Matthew 4:5 (NKJV) Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

Matthew 4:6 (NKJV) and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

#### Matthew 4:7 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "

Matthew 4:8 (NKJV) Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Matthew 4:9 (NKJV) And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Matthew 4:10 (NKJV) Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

Matthew 4:11 (NKJV) Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

James 4:7 (NKJV)"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

1 John 4:4 (NKJV) "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

John 8:31 (NKJV) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 8:32 (NKJV) And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Proverbs 4:20 (NKJV) My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Proverbs 4:21 (NKJV) Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

Proverbs 4:22 (NKJV) For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV) Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Proverbs 4:24 (NKJV) Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. Proverbs 4:25 (NKJV) Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.

Proverbs 4:26 (NKJV) Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Proverbs 4:27 (NKJV) Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

James 1:22 (NKJV) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

### 3. WHEN READING YOUR BIBLE, LOOK FOR GOD'S LOVE, CHARACTER AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU.

John 5:39 (NKJV) You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

John 14:8 (NKJV) Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." John 14:9 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

### THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION

### 1. THERE IS A COST INVOLVED FOR TRANSFORMATION.

Romans 12:1 (NKJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:2 (NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### 2. DILIGENCE IS REQUIRED.

To be diligent means to show careful and persistent effort in doing something. It involves being conscientious, focused, and thorough in completing tasks or responsibilities. Diligence reflects a sense of responsibility, dedication, and hard work, often with attention to detail and a commitment to excellence. It is the opposite of being careless or lazy and is essential for achieving success and maintaining integrity in personal and professional pursuits.