

Transformational Leadership through Prayer

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What is transformation?

Definition

Modern day transformation is when every aspect of society is touched and changed by the

Presence of God

Word of God

Holy Spirit

Marks of a Church Transformed

- Humility
- Repentance
- Brokenness
- Holiness
- Desire to seek after God
- Led by the Holy Spirit

Does the Church need transformation?

- Barna statistics-
 - Experiencing God
 - Witnessing/evangelism
 - Biblical worldview
 - Tithing
 - Serving
 - Faith formation
 - Family devotions/worship
 - Marriage and divorce

God's mandate to the Church

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20)

God's mandate to the Church

"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." (Mark 16:15-18)

Jesus is our only hope

If the local church is the hope of the world, then the world has no hope...

Jesus Christ alone is the hope of the world.
The church *must* come into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Personal Transformation

Church and kingdom transformation begins with **personal** transformation.

Change

"Never again will you be called the Godforsaken City or the Desolate Land. Your new name will be the City of God's Delight and the Bride of God, for the Lord delights in you and will claim you as his own." Is.62:4 (NLT)

We need to be changed agents in order to be change agents.

Personal Characteristics that invite God's Transformation

- Humility
- Holiness
- Surrender
- Obedience
- Empowerment of the Holy Spirit

Humility

"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word." Is. 66:2b

God is attracted to those who embrace brokenness.

Holiness

"Search me O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23-24

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Ps. 51:10

Surrender

"Then Jesus Said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

Matt.16:24-25

Obedience

"In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered." 2 Chron. 31:21

Man is impressed by activity, but God is impressed by obedience. Transformation is about personal obedience and those things that please the heart of God.

Empowerment of the Holy Spirit

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

It is time to wholeheartedly invite the Holy Spirit into our lives and into the Church.

A Transformed Church

1. Presence based - seek God's face
2. Spirit led - what is God's heart?
3. Kingdom focused - it's not about me
4. Unified - pastors, leaders, churches, classes working together
5. Prayer driven - persistent

The goal is "Kingdom Transformation"

- Personal
- Church
- City
- Nation
- World-wide influence

Seven Mountains of Influence

Pray for each of these:

1. Religion/Church
2. Family
3. Education
4. Government
5. Media
6. Arts and Entertainment
7. Business

Courtesy of Lance Wallnau

We Need Revival!

"Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's own will to God in deep humility."

Charles Finney

Revival

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him." Is 64:1-3

Following the pattern of Jesus Christ in transformation

- He went to solitary places to pray (Mark 6:46)
- He sought to do His Father's will (John 5:19)
- He fasted and prayed (Matt 4:2; Matt 6:16)
- He taught others (Matt 5)

Following the pattern of Jesus Christ in transformation

- He was anointed with the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:16)
- He used scripture in warfare (Matt 4:4,7,10)
- He made disciples (Matt 4:19)
- He healed the sick (Matt 4:23)

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- He came to serve (Matt. 20:26-28)
- He taught others to pray (Matt 6:9-13)
- He cast out demons (Matt 8:16, 32)

Following the pattern of Jesus Christ in transformation

He cleansed the temple. This is what Jesus did when He came to church - this is our road map to becoming a House of Prayer.

"My house will be called a house of prayer"

(Matt 21:12, Mark 11:15-17)

Our Challenge

Let's follow Jesus' example. He was radical in His day and He's the ultimate transformer.

Are we willing to pick up our cross?

Are we willing to pay the price?

How badly do we want transformation?

Are we up to the challenge?

God will do it. He is longing to bring transformation to His bride.

Let's Partner with God and:

- Read God's instruction manual and do what God's Word says.
- Listen and obey the Spirit of God.
- Pray for transformation.

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Questions & Answers

Prayer