

## Amazing Grace

### Week 8: Transforming Grace

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*When it comes to transformation in your life, what would you not be willing to face/accept for that to happen?*



### ***What keeps us from transformation?***

**Stubborn      Trapped      Afraid      Hurt**

#### **The thoughts you think**

*"Be careful what you think because thoughts run your life." Prov. 4:23*

#### **The company you keep**

*"Do not be fooled, bad friends will ruin good habits." 1 Cor. 15:33*

*"Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Philippians 2:4*

#### **The problems you possess**

*"When you have many kinds of troubles you should be full of joy." James 1:2*

#### **P – Predictors**

All problems are a predictors.

#### **R - Reminder**

Problems are a reminder that life is tough.

#### **O - Opportunity**

Problems are an opportunity.

#### **B - Blessing**

Problems are blessings.

#### **L - Lesson**

Every problem we have is a lesson.

#### **E – Everywhere**

Problems are everywhere.

#### **M – Messages**

Problems send us messages of where God wants to grow us.

#### **S – Solvable**

All problems are solvable.

## **THE ROAD TO TRANSFORMATION**

### **1. Recognize that your spiritual life is a journey**

*"And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." Philippians 1:6*

### **2. Keep your sights on the final destination**

*"And what God wants is for us to be made holy..." Hebrews 10:10*

*"And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more." 2 Corinthians 3:18*

### **3. Ask God for help with your roadblocks**

*"... let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God." 2 Corinthians 7:1*

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*“People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.” Proverbs 28:13*

#### **4. Learn how to refuel**

*“As we know Jesus better, His divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life... So make every effort to apply these promises to your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence. A life of moral excellence leads to knowing God better. Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance, and patient endurance leads to godliness. Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone.” 2 Peter 1:3-8*

#### **5. Pause along the way to celebrate the progress.**

*“... when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23*

## **ROAD MARKERS OF TRANSFORMATION**

### **Surrender**

*“So set yourselves apart to be holy, for I, the Lord, am your God... who makes you holy.” Leviticus 20:7-8*

### **Success**

*“Do not let this book depart from your mouth... be careful to do everything in it and you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8*

### **Significance**

*“... for no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Christ Jesus.” 1 Cor 3:11*

### **Service**

*Each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace (to you ) in its various forms (to others).” 1 Peter 4:10*

### **Satisfaction**

*“God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” Psalm 107:9*

### **Steadfast**

*“The man who trust in the Lord will never be shaken...He will have no fear of bad news for his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.” Psalm 112:7*

***So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship.  
"Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to Him and what is perfect." Romans 12:2 (NCV)***