

Being Transformed



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A young man growing up in a neighborhood of violence and crime struggles to make something of his life. Although his school is in poor academic standings, he excels with top honors. He did not aspire to attend college but his grades enable him to receive a scholarship to the local University. He struggles academically at the University, costing him six years to receive an engineering degree. Not only does he struggle academically, he begins to struggle spiritually. Although he lives a religious life, attending church on Sunday, he constantly feels empty inside searching



for more. He completes Army officer training and enters the military seeking to fill that constant emptiness. After spending three years active duty in the military he comes to the conclusion that this was not what he was searching for. He opens a business in search of financial prosperity but continues to feel empty inside knowing that there is more to life than money or power.

It was the beginning of a new life and the end of an old self when a seven foot 250 lb man walks into his business sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Although he towered over the young man, he was as gentle as a

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saint. He shared God's message with the young man and asked him the same questions he had struggled with for years. The young man wrestled with the truth and finally gave his life over to Jesus. He surrendered all his arrogance, ignorance, and selfishness. He let go of what he could never



grasp on to, embracing what gave him hope and new life. The young man was awakened to a new purpose; feeling fulfilled and removed of that void. The young man lived to serve God, his

spouse, his family and others. He continues today seeking to be a disciple of Jesus every day knowing that he may fall down but God is there to lift him up. He never regrets the day he left his old self behind and surrendered his life to Jesus.

Imagine all that God has done for us especially with the offering of his son Jesus. Now, imagine all that Jesus went thru so we could have eternal life. Jesus endured extreme physical abuse especially when he received the lashings before his crucifixion. He surrendered himself to be crucified on a wooden cross, unable to breathe his last breath. Jesus offered us the ultimate gift of salvation. He offered it in the "Passion" thru his

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suffering, death and resurrection. He is the one person that truly knows our pain and suffering. It is in his death and resurrection he shows us the way to



God the father. But, God can't force us to accept his free gift. He only hopes we accept it with open arms.

In Jesus' complete surrender, he offered the world true freedom. Although the world tells us "surrender is not an option", Jesus shows us that in our

surrender we find salvation. With an open heart and mind we begin to be transformed. We create an opportunity to live a new life and find true happiness. Choose this day to start a new life being fulfilled and complete. It is in losing ourselves we begin to find ourselves.

Do you need God's mercy and forgiveness? Do you need salvation and the promise of a new life? Is it time to take a deeper walk with God? Then, seek the Lord with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Find peace and comfort in his loving arms. Take some time now to offer yourself to God and live a transformational life. Take two minutes out of your time

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to renew your relationship with God. This will be a great pivotal point in your life especially your eternal life. If you already know God, take time to deepen your relationship with him by praying this prayer.

Prayer for a Transformational Life

Lord God, forgive me for all of my sins. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward you. Forgive me and help me avoid sin again. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayers. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Send me your Holy Spirit to help me obey and follow you the rest of my life. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



This simple but transformational prayer will change your life forever. The Bible tells us that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our

heart that God raised him from the dead, we shall be saved. Salvation is offered to all but it is in those that ask who receive. A person can give you a gift but if you don't accept it from their hands then they can't force it upon

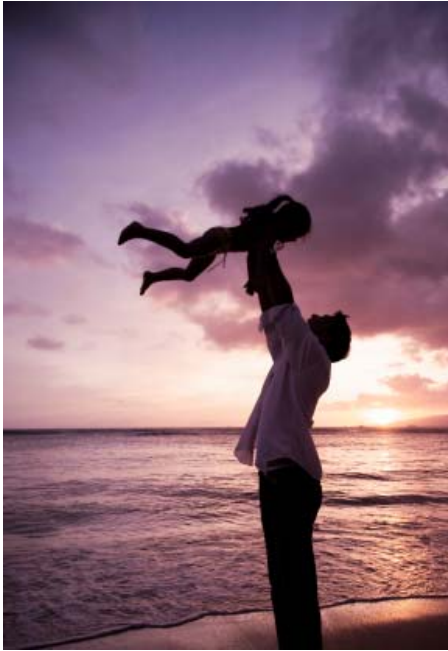
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you. God offers us salvation thru his son but if we don't take it how do we truly know we have salvation. God loves us so much that he gives us a free will to accept or deny him. It is in our "yes" that we accept his offering of salvation.

As a parent loves their child, God loves us even more. He will never force us to love him just as we can't force our children to love us. I can love my children and hope they will love me in return. I can offer them guidance, love and acceptance but I can never force them to love me. God has this same hope for us. He can't force us to love him. He can only offer us his unconditional love and hope we accept it.

I remember asking my son, "Guess how much daddy loves you?" I would put my hands together and say, "this much" and he would respond "no". Then, stretch them wider and say "this much". He'd say "no". Then, open them even wider and say "this much" and he'd say "yes". God does the same when he offered his son Jesus for our salvation. Jesus offers us this same love in his outstretched arms on the cross. We can ask God, "Do you love me" and I can imagine Jesus with his outstretched arms on the cross saying, "Yes, I love you this much."

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God offers the world hope and gives an opportunity for all to receive salvation.

God's love is so great that he would do it again even if you were the only person on earth.

Highlights:

- Jesus offers hope and salvation.
- Complete Surrender
- Receive Salvation
- God's unconditional love.

Scripture:

“for if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

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“For the scriptures says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame. Romans 10:11

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 17:24-25

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Matthew 17:26

Something to Ponder:

- What does it mean to be transformed?
- What does salvation mean to you?
- Are you willing to take a deeper walk with God?
- How might you deepen your relationship with God?

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