

Friday

Today we're going to just soak in Ephesians 1:18-19. Read this verse several times (maybe even in several versions). Pray through the passage and ask God to enlighten your heart, to clarify your purpose and calling and to overwhelm you with His power and greatness. Pray that over the course of the next few months you will be transformed more and more into Christ's image.

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week's memory verse and have finished the devotions. Please pray for this weekend's services: Pray that God will use our guest speaker, Ray Johnston, to encourage, challenge and build up our church. Pray for our upcoming LOVE series — that the whole church will be involved and transformed.

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & Surgeries this past week...

Alejandro Rojas — serious leg infection, work accident

Tony Phillips — second heart attack, surgery

Jerry DiBenedetto — diverticulitis

Jerry Zamzow — spells of dizziness

Adele "Sue" Stapleton — irregular heartbeat

Leland Anderson — testing

Miranda Luman — infection

Destinee File (age 16) — Stanford, leukemia

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Bob Gubser, Lelanni Mayo

Thanksgiving

Arletta and Carey Smith, along with their family, would like to thank everyone who so lovingly prayed for and visited Arletta's father, Art Lewis, during his recent stay in the hospital before he went home to be with the Lord.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update:** www.tlc.org/profiles

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How Spiritual Transformation Happens

1. _____
"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it." *Matthew 13:44-46*
2. _____
"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life..." *Philippians 2:12-16a*
3. _____
"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." *Colossians 3:16-17*
4. _____
"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." *2 Peter 1:3*

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." *Ephesians 3:16-19*

Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read Matthew 13:44-46. How would you describe your desire for spiritual transformation?

What role does passion play in spiritual transformation?

How do you see passion in today's passage?

What passions are you pursuing right now? (If you have trouble answering this, think about what your friends would say about your passions.)

Thank God today that He desires a relationship with you. Thank Him for His willingness to walk with you and help you grow. Talk to God about your life passions. Ask Him to increase your passion for Christ!

Tuesday

Please read Philippians 2:12-16. How does living life with purpose lead to spiritual transformation?

What purpose does Paul see for all Christians in today's passage?

How would you say your sense of purpose lines up with this passage?

In what ways have you organized your life around your purpose?

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Thank God today for His love and presence with you. Pray through today's passage. Ask God to give you a clear sense of purpose, and that your sense of purpose will move you towards spiritual growth.

Wednesday

Please read Colossians 3:16-17. Often, once we've committed ourselves to spiritual growth we want it to happen fast and be done with it! Why do you think transformation is a life-long process?

According to today's passage, what tools has God given you to help you through the process?

What other spiritual practices has God given us to foster spiritual transformation? How often do you practice these?

Thank God today that He doesn't allow us to stay the same! Thank Him for the Bible and the opportunity to study it. Pray that you'll follow God faithfully and that your life and faith will be an encouragement to those you encounter.

Thursday

Please read Ephesians 3:16-21 and 2 Peter 1:3. The power to transform does not come from trying harder, it is a gift from God. What do these verses teach you about God's power in your life?

How have you seen God's transforming power in your life recently? How has that encouraged you?

How does knowing that God is the one who changes you impact your thoughts about spiritual transformation?

Thank God today for the gift of His power. Talk to Him about the area(s) of your life where you feel you need His power. Pray that you'll rest in His power to transform you and that you'll receive comfort and hope from His promise to provide you with everything you need.



Memory Verse

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