

## Chapter 1

Christianity is all about transformation. From the very beginning of our first encounter with Jesus Christ, to the resurrection we share as we pass from life on earth to the everlasting. Romans 12:1-2 says this *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”* As we offer ourselves up to God, we start the renewing process, the transformation from our flesh to Christ like-ness.

How many have asked, “Lord, what is your will for my life?” Yet Paul here says we, “will be able to test and approve what God’s will is.” The challenge is not in the promise, but in what produces the promise. Two things work together to produce our ability to *know* the Lord’s will: Offering ourselves up as a living sacrifice and learning a new Kingdom way, abandoning the *pattern of this world*.

Just look at your life for a second in sobriety. When you analyze the pattern of your life, by what did you learn this pattern? Did the world teach you that? Is that the world’s way of achieving your goals? Who told you that you had a right to be angry for example? Have you ever thought about that?

Here at Rock Lake, we help people with this process of offering your self up and being transformed through life discipleship. Reboot allows you to reset afresh, renew afresh, be transformed, and be matured through a lifestyle program. We live together, eat together, struggle together, and grow together. The leaders and staff live with the students on this beautiful lake. To be a part of Rock Lake Ministries culture is to be open to learning, growing, and maturing. It is all about how to put your Word into practice.

How do we shake off the world and its mindsets and put on Christ in our daily lives? Colossians 3:15-17 teaches us to put on Christ this way: *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish (correct) one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 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.”*



Who is your ruler? Who makes the vision for your life? Here Paul is teaching not only to let Christ rule, but for His peace to be your ruler. Isn't it incredible that the savior of the whole earth found us fit to be ruled by His Peace? Psalm 8:3 & 4 asks such a bold reflective question: *"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, **what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"***

Community living is messy, but oh so rewarding. You can put on a Christian show for Sunday morning or a weekend conference, but you cannot fool God nor those doing life with you. When you do daily life together, the real you comes out. It is when all the walls come down and we are vulnerably ourselves that transformation truly begins. Reboot is for all individuals who need a shock to the system of their lives. It is a place to breathe as we grow, away from the pressures of regular life and the influence of the world. It is a bubble of Kingdom reality, the good and the messy. Not just common sense, but Kingdom sense: doing it the King's way.

2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed **into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.**" We talk about the Glory of the Lord and wanting it, as well as going from one level of spiritual maturity to another, but do we talk about the transformation that happens in the in-between? Do we realize that trial, suffering, and challenging times actually promote and usher in a new level of the Lord's glory? When we are down, we are not OUT. My sister Aly Giesbrecht recently said, "suffering and trial is a transition point, not a destination." The tough times are not the destination, meaning we are not staying there or stuck there long term. No, we patiently endure our trials with the hope of Glory – the hope of a God of glory who is leading us through.

Think about this scenario;

You are on a vacation driving from Manitoba to BC. You stock up on food, supplies, and most importantly fuel for the journey. You are driving along enjoying the "glory" of the trip, taking in the sights, the smells, the sounds. The Kids are in the backseat playing nicely, and there is no car sickness. Like the second seed in the parable of the Sower, everyone is full of life, excited.

Suddenly, the mystery and excitement fades... as the kids start to fight, it begins to rain, and you get a flat tire. "Shoot—where did the 'glory' go?" You are now in the in-between. You pull the vehicle over and put on the spare tire, having resolved to not let the incidents get you down. You may even try to force

the glory to return. Nevertheless, you just cannot seem to get it back; it's dwindling right before your eyes.

You drive a bit farther on the spare tire when a red-light flashes... “blink, blink, blink”. The car stalls out. You're out of gas. “Shoot! Whose responsibility was it to keep the tank full anyway?” “Who is to blame and who can fix it?” After all, the glory of the trip has already faded and now you're stuck. Just then it dawns on you that the situation is hopeless, and you are helpless.

You lean over to your spouse and say, “honey we have arrived!” You tell your kids, “guess what, we live here now.” You unpack and make a tent and start setting out lawn chairs and try to make it as homey as possible. Of course, it is not where you were planning to go, but what can be done? The situation is hopeless, and it seems like too much effort to get gas. Easier to just live on the side of the road.

How ridiculous would this story be if it were real? Yet many Christians live just like that, giving up on the journey. Living hopeless and helpless rather than pressing on to the destination of new glory.

1 Peter 1:6-7 says, *“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”*

As we move from glory to glory, it is all about being transformed into His image. The glory is not possessions, fame, or success. No, the glory is His majesty and our ability to feel what He feels, think how He thinks and react how He reacts. We want the gifts and to wield His power thinking these are what the Glory is – but truly EXPERIENCING His Glory comes in the secret place, not the public square. His Glory is something to behold, to gaze at, and to experience intimately. It is not the show, but rather it comes within the trial, because when there is no answer, we behold the God of answers. When there is no hope, we behold the God of hope. He receives Glory when we recognize His majesty and wonder. It is only when we experience God in His glory in the secret place that we can let that overflow when we come together in the public square.

Glory to Glory works in a circle. First, we receive Glory from the Father as we experience Him, then we reflect that outward, which in turn brings Christ more glory. Then the cycle goes around again. It is the same way we love. We know from 1 John 4:10 that “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” We love only because we have received

love. We receive an experience with glory only to then respond with giving it back to the Lord. It is all about HIM.

Too often we Christians have been guilty of experiencing God through someone else's intimate time. We need the pulpit people, the worship teams and the guest speakers, the lighting, and the atmosphere to help us experience the Lord. Like we are grabbing a reflection of the Lord off someone else instead of beholding the Glory for ourselves. Then we wonder why the experience is not changing our lives as we watch others grow from the encounter. We need to desire the Glory of the Lord so deeply that we ask to see it directly from the Father. Only then will it change everything. God encounters are often in the quiet and in the whisper, when our ears are open, and the eyes of our heart are straining for encounter. Can this happen in the corporate gathering? For sure! But it is still an individual experience based on an individual desperation to meet and know God at a deeper level.



## Chapter 2

Why do we need transformation? Because you were DEAD! Not because God was mad at you and cannot stand you. No, the whole point of His love is LIFE. We know from John 3:16 that it was His love for you that He gave His only Son. It does not say, 'for God was so mad at the world that He gave His one and Only Son'... No. Rather, He offers us a new life because we were walking dead. In fact, Ephesians 2:1 declares this truth plainly: *"As for you, you were **dead** in your transgressions and sins."* The sin was not really the issue, the issue was what the sin was doing to us. It was creating dead people—dead in their mindsets and stuck in patterns that lead to more death. Things like anger, hate, offence, and bitterness. Lifestyles characterized by these things cause us to feel and act dead, hopeless, and defeated. Paul gives a clear picture of these sins being a death issue in Romans 6:16 where he says, *"Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, **which leads to death**, or to obedience, **which leads to righteousness**?"*

Ephesians 5:8 even equates our old deadness to an identity of darkness: *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light"* Notice it did not say "in darkness." No, we were actually darkness itself and we are now light itself. Jesus Himself tells us this in Matthew 5:14

when He declares, *“You are the light of the world...”* Darkness, and our condition before Christ, is worse than just having bad behaviour or rebelling against the Lord. Without Jesus, we are not just ‘*dirty rotten sinners*’ as we like to declare, we are darkness itself.

**Praise God** because He loved us so much that He could not stand seeing us that way! As we read further in Ephesians 2, Paul completes the thought in vs 4&5 as he says, *“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us **alive** with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”* In vs 3 Paul shows us that we deserved wrath, but love covered that and saved us unto life.

Romans 6:11 puts these ideas together this way: *“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”* So you see, it is a death issue that He solved by giving us life. In light of life, death seems... well dead and empty. When we experience the light of Christ, God’s glory, we then can see the darkness for what it is. Darkness does not actually exist according to scientists. Darkness is actually just what we say when there is no light. We only know darkness because of an experience of light. That is a deep key to the mystery of God’s glory in that, once you have experienced it, you now have a comparison point for the rest of what we call “normal.” It is our anchor point to life as we ask ourselves, “How does this idea or situation line up with God and His precepts?”

You can also see another truth back in verse 4 of Ephesians 2. God’s ‘why’ for making us alive was not only a great love, but also a rich mercy. Who God is helps us understand why He does what He does. The bible teaches us in Lamentations 3:22 that *“Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.”* What an amazing truth from scripture, that God’s compassions never fail and that He looks on us with His great love. The next verse gives us a great promise that these compassions, *“They are new every morning.”* So we see that we are saved by His great love, and that this compassion He has for us is new every morning. We are then rescued every morning! That is good news. Every morning, I get a do-over, a reset on my whole life.

Here at Rock Lake Ministries, we have a year-long program to assist this very incredible gift. In reboot, we agree with this truth and say that everyone deserves a chance to **re-align and reconnect**. To **re-align** their thinking and **reconnect** to the source of life, Jesus Christ. Our life was His idea. Not because He was fed up, but because with us God said, “very good” at creation after he had finished with creating humanity. His whole purpose for creating humanity was to have an object to receive all the Love He carries in His identity.

### Chapter 3

Every morning, I get a chance to change everything, to start afresh. As we go from glory to glory, we take it one day at a time. We do not look back lest we be “unfit for the plow,” and we do not worry about tomorrow, for Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:34 that *“tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* We are to live in today and not in our yesterday because He gives us a fresh wave of His glory every time we open our eyes in the morning. That is good news. Today could be the day for victory, hallelujah!

Hebrews teaches us the ‘today’ we need to grow into, saying this in 4:7: *“God again set a certain day, calling it ‘Today.’ This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.’”*

This ‘day’ in Hebrews is referring to a day of rest known as ‘the sabbath.’ But now it is not just one day of sabbath rest. No, not only one day, but EVERYDAY as we live in our TODAY. When Christ died, he fulfilled the law of sin and death. With His death, we can have a holy rest everyday as the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Before Christ, the sabbath was a holy day, but now sabbath is a daily reality.

Let us make every effort to live in this day of hearing His voice and experiencing His glory. Let us not harden our hearts toward God’s great love and mercy but be renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:16 encourages us in this way: *“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”* Renewal is His idea, and a hope to set before ourselves. We can grab hold of the hope of being made new again.

The Word of God also gives us this daily instruction back in Hebrews 3:13 *“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called ‘today,’ so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”* The command is so that we are not deceived and hardened by sin. Daily living as encouragers protects both us and the ones being encouraged. Just think about how much an effect more encouragers would have on your life? Think back to all those times you stumbled and needed a brother or sister to be there to help you get back up. Often in the body of Christ, we have been guilty of discouraging one another. The world does that well enough; let us resolve to be the antithesis to that darkness.

The Lord does not desire our destruction but our resurrection into His life. So, we can wash off our guilt and shame and fear of our failures. Paul asks a deep question worth daily reflection in Romans 3:3: *“What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness?”* Will my poor choices nullify His faithfulness? Won’t He stay faithful because that is **who** He is, despite my failure?

God's faithfulness is a characteristic of His, which then results in faithful actions. As long as I put my hope and trust in Him and His faithfulness, love, and compassion, I can pick myself back up and try again, (proverbs 24:16) learning from a Father who loves me enough to train me in the process of life's difficulties. What a great and merciful loving Father we serve! I cannot kill what He wants to live, and I cannot grow what He wants dead. I cannot open doors without Him and cannot close doors without Him. In fact, John 15:5 says, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* Other versions say, "no good nothing." We see that if we remain in Him, we will bear fruit. Not because of who we are on our own, but who God decided to make us: Alive in Christ!

Us being redeemed and made new was God's idea. We see in 2 Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* So, if you are in Christ and made new by Him, and He gives you a fresh wave of Himself every morning, then everyday is a new 'today!' A new chance for our healing, for our deliverance, for our breakthrough. And why can't it be today? Why do we say 'sooner', or 'later', when every new day could be the day! And if the day you are living in is not the day, couldn't the very next one be the one of your new hope and new passion and new growth? Why is later more likely than right now?

I invite you to close your physical eyes and ask the Holy Spirit if today is the day! What are you waiting for? Grab a hold of your fresh morning dose of God's compassion and boldly step into your forever. Take some time to soak in worship. Be bold for your deliverer is ever-present and available for you. What would it look like with the anticipation that today is the day??

Here are some soaking song suggestions: "Yes and amen," by Maveric City Music, "Spirit Lead Me," by Influence Music, "Morning by Morning," by Bryan Boliver and "Revival Anthem," by Rend Collective.

Also some other worship soaking for encountering His Glory, "I say Yes" by Kim Walker Smith, "Holy Desire," by Iron Bell Music, "Leave it all," by Iron Bell Music, "Freedom is coming," by Hillsong Young and Free, "See a victory," by Elevation Worship, "My God Fights for Me," by Micah Tyler, "The Lord is in the Fight," by Fellowship Creative, "The More of you I see," by Iron Bell Music, and "Death of Death," by Life Church Worship.

## Chapter 4

Why does God's Glory transform us? It transforms us because it goes deep within the soil of our hearts and reveals the poisons. In light of His Glory, the flesh shrinks back in inferiority and the Spirit within us stands at attention. I believe you can fake the feeling of the presence of God through a man-made event, but you can never manufacture the Glory. Lighting, atmosphere, beat, seating, and the like can cause an emotional reaction in a person. We see this in advertising, music, movies, concerts, plays, and other engagements. We become emotionally attached to the experience that has been created. I believe this happens even in the church—a manufactured experience that we then call 'the presence of God.' In contrast, the Glory comes after His true presence. Again, an experience with atmosphere may never change you. These are the times where you hear, "that was a great time, great message, great experience," yet it never seems to produce lasting change. These are the times where you remember the experience but do not remember even a little of the message. Glory, however, is life altering. When we encounter the real Glory, we must be changed.

Daniel Fewster teaches about two wolves inside of us: One of flesh and one of Spirit. The one that is fed grows and the one that is starved shrinks. Encountering Papa God helps us to feed the right wolf. Paul says, *"so I find this law at work; Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; But I see another law at work in me waging WAR against the law of my mind and making me prisoner of the law of sin at work within me."* (Romans 7:21-23). Remember, that the Glory of the Lord is an experience with the softness and majesty of All-Mighty God: a moment with God that changes us into a closer likeness of Him that gave us life. The Glory of the Lord is what highlights the war, and battles on our behalf. The Glory is what leads us out and transforms – It is the tool that reveals the dross in our lives and removes it. The Glory of the Lord is so bright that it shines into every corner of our being. We are laid bare before the all-Holy God. This is why it is often met with tears from the depths of our being. Inside of us is a war between our flesh and our spirit we need to be aware of. Galatians 5:17 says *"For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want."*

To walk in the Spirit is to behold in front of you the Glory of God. To be led by it. When the Glory falls in a room, the distractions and anxieties disappear and reveal an awe of His identity and goodness. We need to be cautioned not to miss the Glory. We find it when we look intently for the heart and intimacy of the Father. In looking not for what we can get from God but seeking after a connection to a Papa. Romans 2:4 cautions us in this way: *"Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance*



*and patience, not realizing that [God's goodness is intended to lead you to repentance?](#)"* God's goodness leads us to make a directional change and follow something greater. We call this change repentance.

When Moses asked to see God's glory, the Lord only allowed him to see His goodness pass by. God's goodness was enough to declare His Glory. To behold God's goodness, even in passing, is enough to change everything. Listen to what it says in 2 Corinthians 3:6-8: *"He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, [so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?](#)"* The encounter with God's glory changed Moses' physical body so that people could not look steadily in his face. It was glowing. That same Spirit now lives inside us, renewing us day after day. Moses was the first lightbulb, and he had to hide his face from others. (see Exodus 34:29-35) But now we are unveiled, letting our little light shine for the entire world to see. We do not hide it under a bush, oh no.

So, what is this **goodness** that manifests God's glory? It is God's 'WHY' behind His 'WHAT' and His heart posture colliding with ours. Goodness produces change, and it's why God teaches us to be concerned with the heart of a matter more than the events surrounding it. The heart reveals the motivation. Is it actually good works if your heart's not in it? In Matthew 21:28-32 we see a picture of this: Two sons were asked to work the vineyard: One says no, one says yes. The one who says yes never follows through, but the one who says no, changes his mind. He repents and does the will of the Father. He has a change of heart in the matter.

How many of us have given our "yes" to God, only to lack the follow through? We sing and say things like, "I will follow you Lord" and "You can have my whole life." Only, what we really mean is, "I'll do only what I have to in order to receive from You God so that I can build my own Kingdom." When we encounter God's glory, the heart issues and double mindedness is exposed and laid bare. We see this when Moses encounters the goodness of God as well. His whole face shines as his flesh encounters the Glory of the Lord. Moses was physically transformed. How much more will we be transformed when we have God's Spirit dwelling inside of us! Every time Moses went up the mountain to meet with the Lord, he encountered a fresh wave of God's heart and came down that mountain physically, mentally, and emotionally changed. In this, we see Moses moving from one level of Glory to another.

## Chapter 5

But what happens between these experiences with glory? Between the glories is life! Real, messy, and authentic life. The kind of life that happens on Mondays after powerful encounters on Sundays. It is the practice field, the training ground, the trial. In the glory, we have a focal point to press forward toward. We are to seek first the Kingdom and to focus on the King. It is how we get through the trials of life. The beauty of the new covenant is that the Glory is ever before us in our hearts. It is no longer to a mountain to which we must go for this encounter. No, the goodness of God can be experienced in every moment of every day. No longer bound to a specific location, God is now revealed more freely as the God of the Nations, dwelling and residing inside the body He has established—Inside us the bride He is preparing. Transformation occurs organically as we grow in fellowship with a Father who loves us.

Jesus declares this to the woman at the well in John Chapter 4. Just prior to this revelation, she actually accuses Jesus of withholding the glory. She says this in vs 20: *"Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."* You see, when she realized Jesus was a prophet, her first reaction was defeat. A Jewish prophet talking to her was like an acknowledgement that she could not get the transformation she needed. She would if she could. The old way of Prophets was to clean up so you could approach God. Jewish Prophets would teach that Samaritans were unworthy of such a cleanliness. But Jesus compassionately breaks the mold of chasing after the glory through ritual acts. Jesus instead responds to her with a transformation through encounter and says, *"believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks."* Jesus' whole ministry was based on a God and Kingdom that had come near. No longer do we need to GO, because He is leaving the ninety-nine to COME.

God has not abandoned us. Psalms 46:1 says He is ever present in our times of trouble. This "ever-present" means wholly, and quickly, coming forth to meet and aid you in your afflictions. He is not afraid of your mistakes and does not abandon you even when you are in self-inflicted trouble. No, He boldly declares that He will NEVER leave you or forsake you. He is always waiting to step in and help. He is not mad at you, as Vicenza Enns challenged us one summer. No, as we have already explored, He came to give us life out of His love, not out of His frustration.

He wants to transform us from death to life, and from powerlessness to authority. But we must shake off some things in order for that to happen. First and foremost, we need to understand the accuser has been cast down and cast out of God's presence. Jesus teaches the seventy-two disciples this truth after they come back from their missionary trip. Luke 10:17-20 says, *"The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.' He replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'* Not only does Jesus show Satan being cast out, but also the authority He has given us. Taking us from powerlessness to authority.

We USED to have an accuser in Heaven. We see the full story in Revelation 12:7-10: *"Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the entire world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.'"*

The devil USED to declare his accusations to the Father day and night, telling God all our junk. But that is no longer so. Now we have an advocate before the Father. 1 John 2:1 says, *"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."* We NOW have an advocate declaring our amazing qualities to the Father day and night. It is like the triune God is sharing with Himself the gold He placed within us, the good seed He has sown. Experiencing us in love and enjoying His creation. He made a way for Himself to see the good and cast away the sin. That is pretty good news.

We were meant for something amazing and meant to bring Heaven's realities to Earth: His Kingdom come here on Earth as it is in Heaven. We are meant to change the world for His glory. We are meant to house the glory of God and share it with others, which brings Him even more glory! We grow in His likeness, which allows other people to experience God's light through us. Paul even says in 2 Corinthians 5:20 that *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."* Here we see that us being reconciled with God is meant to be something we go and spread. What a powerful thought Paul addresses in that *"as though*

*God were making His appeal through us.” Our transformation by the glory of God is to be used to show the World the Father and His love for humanity, so that if they meet us, they get a glimpse of our Father.*

We have a mission that we are constantly being trained for. Matthew 10:7-8 *As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”* We need to understand that we are part of the solution. We need to be transformed and then change the world by showing something different. The world will never learn when it leads itself. The bible calls that ‘the blind leading the blind.’ Why do we expect anything different from the world than the brokenness we see? We are the ones who are supposed to show them the way, with gentleness and respect. We are supposed to be the light, where no darkness resides. We need to get serious regarding our purpose here on earth. Are you experiencing and giving away God’s glory? We need to recognize that God uses us to answer the heart cries of the lost and broken. He makes His appeals through us. Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 3:2-3: *“You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, **known, and read** by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”* Here we see we were meant to be living letters, experienced by others. Let me ask you, what is the world reading when they encounter you? Love and peace? Hate and anger? Joy and hope? Honor and obedience? Rebellion and grumbling?

It is time to get serious, to repent and change directions. Today is the day, and if it is not, we wake up tomorrow with a new “TODAY.”