

READ

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

CONSIDER

One of our summer activities we do with our kids is to find milkweed at the park. From there, we can discover tiny eggs that grow into larva (caterpillars), then into a chrysalises (pupa), which then becomes a butterfly. It is a beautiful process called metamorphosis.

Why do I bring this up? In this week's passage, the Greek word metamorphoumetha (transformed) speaks of the process of becoming more like Christ. We often desire to experience radical transformation in our lives (hence why we set New Years goals) but the reality is that transformation is about a process of becoming more like Christ each and every day.

As we experience Christ in our daily life, we are *transformed into his image with every-increasing glory* (2 Cor 3:18). The more we reflect His glory, the more we are able to share Christ and demonstrate to others the power of the gospel at work in our life. May God shape us to be a people who experience transformation and share that Good News with others.

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PRAY

Lord, help us to be a people who are transformed by you. Let us pray as Romans 12:1-2 states: "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 (metamorphousthe) 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." In Jesus' name, Amen.

DIVING DEEPER

What stories come to mind when you think about spiritual transformation?

Look at v12. Where does this boldness come from (see v7-11)?

What does it mean to have a veil over our faces? How does this inform the way we should talk to and pray for those who do not know Christ?

Look through v17. If you want a longer explanation of this passage, [click here](#)

What does it mean to be transformed (v18)? What does it mean to reflect the glory of God?

What is one area you desire to experience the transformative power of God? Who have you shared that with?