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Sermon Series

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## 2 Corinthians 3:17–18 (NKJV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

## Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

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.

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

**In the beginning** God created the heavens and the earth.



## Colossians 1:16–17 (NIV)

**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

**In the beginning** God created the heavens and the earth.





Genesis 1:26 (NLT)

Then God said, “Let us make human beings **in our image**, to be like us.



Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

So God created human beings in his own image. **In the image of God**, He created them.



Genesis 2:7 (NLT)

Then the Lord God **formed** the man from the dust of the ground.



God mixes us up  
from the **dust** of  
our **destiny!**



Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

I knew you before I **formed** you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

## Psalm 139:13–17 (NLT)

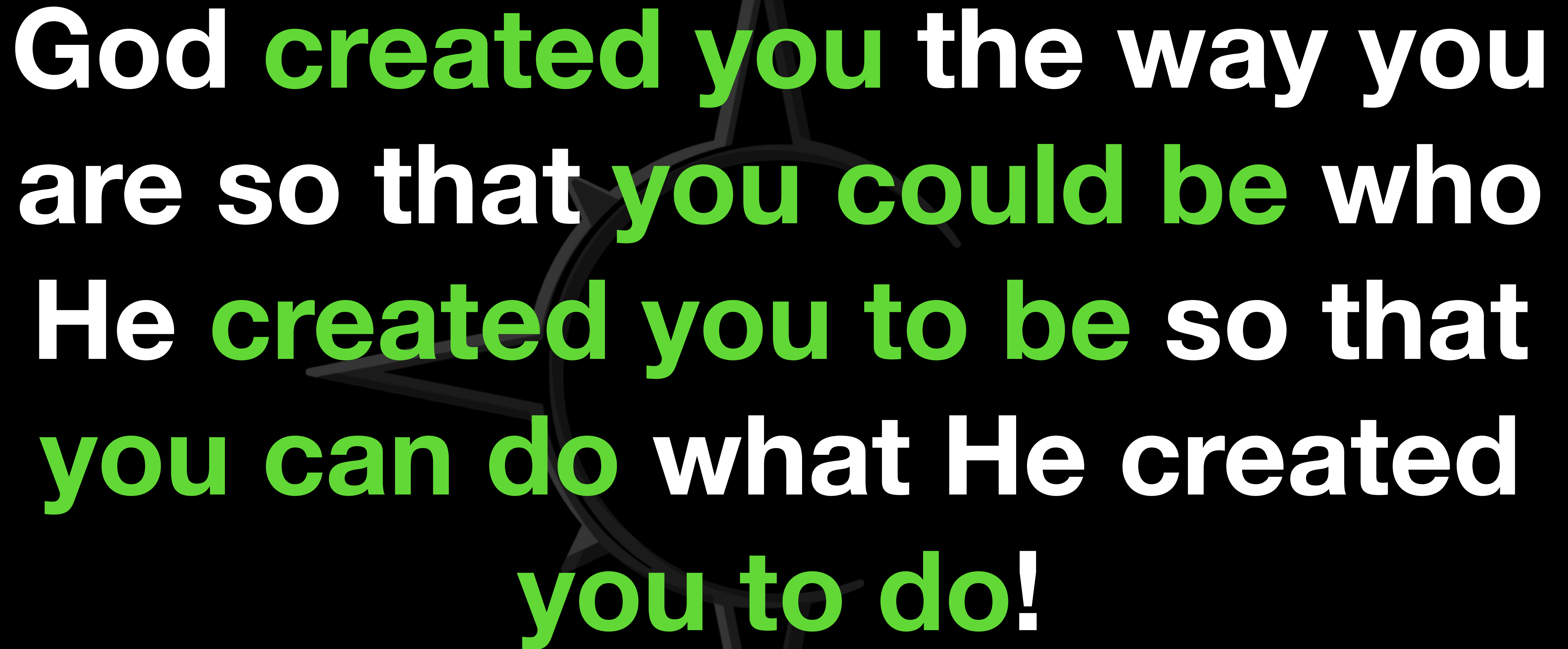
**You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.**

**You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.**

**You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.**

**How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!**



God **created you** the way you  
are so that **you could be** who  
He **created you to be** so that  
**you can do** what He created  
**you to do!**



**We need  
transformation...**



• **God forms**

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  - **Sin deforms**

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- Jesus **transforms**



**Transformation is  
a process.**



# The Egg







# The Caterpillar





# The Chrysalis or Transition Stage





# The Adult Butterfly





**Transformation  
has a purpose.**



**Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)**

**To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.**

## Romans 8:28–29 (NIV)

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**

**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.**

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

**And be not conformed to this world...**



**“CONFORMED”**

**Romans 12:2**

**ΣΥΣΧΗΜΑΤΊΖΕΣΘΕ  
(SYSCHĒMATIZESTHE)**



**Outward form,  
appearance,  
pattern, fashion.**

**Romans 8:29 (NIV)**

**...be conformed to the image of his Son.**

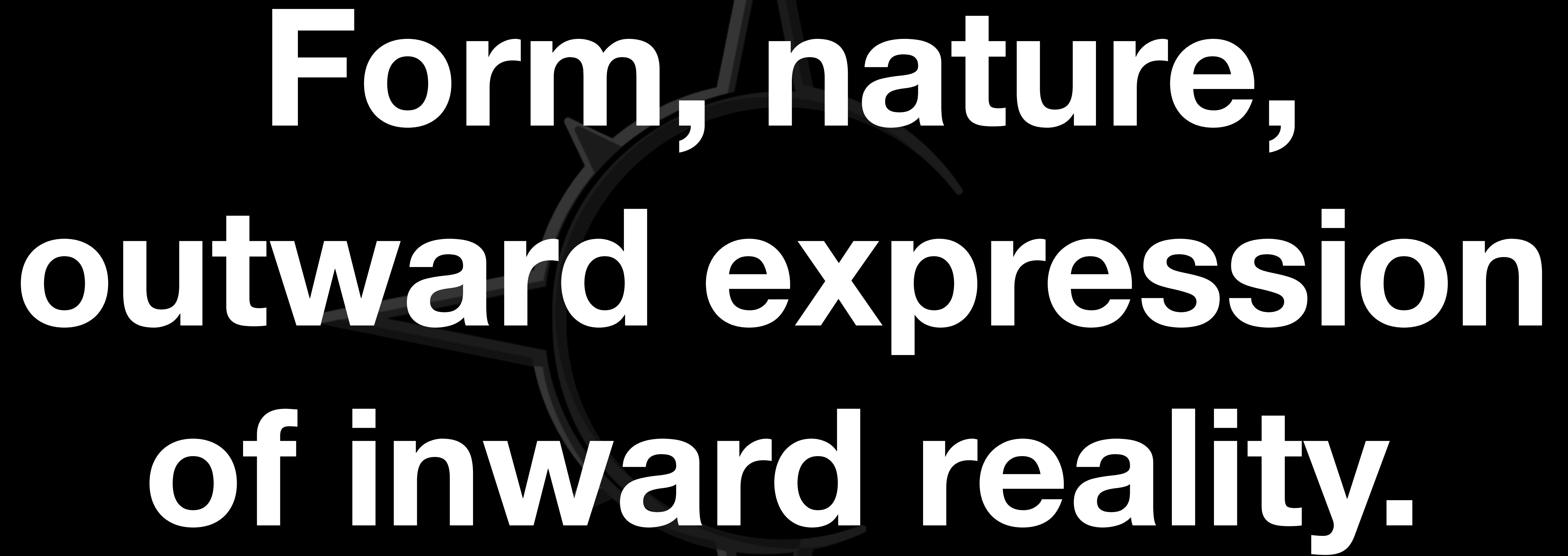


**“CONFORMED”**

**Romans 8:29**

**ΣΥΜΜΟΡΦΟΥΣ**

**(SYMMORPHOUS)**



**Form, nature,  
outward expression  
of inward reality.**



**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)**

**And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed [TRANSFORMED] into his glorious image.**

## 1 John 3:2 (NLT)

**Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.**



**Revelation brings  
transformation!**