

**Vision Sunday**  
**1/11/26- Pastor Zach**  
**Phil 4:1-9, John 15:4, Psalm 131**

**Connect:** Where have you been transformed by Jesus – not just salvation, but areas that you have seen growth in Jesus?

**Engage:** Reread Phil 4:1-9

What stands out to you in this portion of Scripture ( Phil 4:1-9)

Our Vision Statement – To lead people into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ and authentic community with one another so that the Light of the gospel can shine through our lives to the world. Which of the unlined words are the most significant or exciting to you?

What do you think of the statement Zach about the desire to live is counterproductive, we desire to be in control and think we have the capacity to change ourselves, but we need to let God be guiding us in surrender?

1. Transformation begins with relationship not strategy.

What do you think of this statement? How do you think life would change for you if you lived this way? Do you struggle with strategy or relationships?

Zach also shared the Vision of a transformed life

1. Rejoice – a deep settled gladness from God’s presence (rejoice in the Lord)
2. Gentle – not rigidly insisting on every right puts others at ease (the Lord is near)
3. Peace – state of inner calm beyond worldly understanding (God will guard you)
4. Thankful – feel and express gratitude (present your requests)

Which one of these words do you think you do well in? Which one do you think that you struggle the most with and what do you think the invitation is for you with that acknowledgement?

There is a relational invitation – What do you think Zach meant by this statement?

Ultimate joy of life is in the relationship of Christ. John 15:4

Remain in me. – go deeper with me. Are you willing to do that?

2. Transformation doesn’t begin when we get stronger – it begins when we get closer  
What does that statement mean to you?  
What do you think of Gene Avery’s quote – There is no process without disagreement.  
What do you think that means to you?
3. Transformation deepens in authentic community.  
What does community look like for you? Do you experience your definition of community in your small group? Where does your definition of community need to change?
4. Transformation begins with transformed thoughts. Vs. 8  
Where do your thoughts need to change? Where do you need to pull up roots of stinking thinking as the saying goes?

**Apply:** Where do you need to take the things, you are anxious as an invitation to draw near to God? What would that look like for you?

Is there a relationship where God may be inviting you not to withdraw not to win but to step towards someone in grace?

What is the invitation for you from this message? Is there an invitation to repent of some of the attachments that you are holding on to? Bitterness? Resentment? Addictions? Idoltry?

