

# Metamorphosis

.... Because Everyone has a story

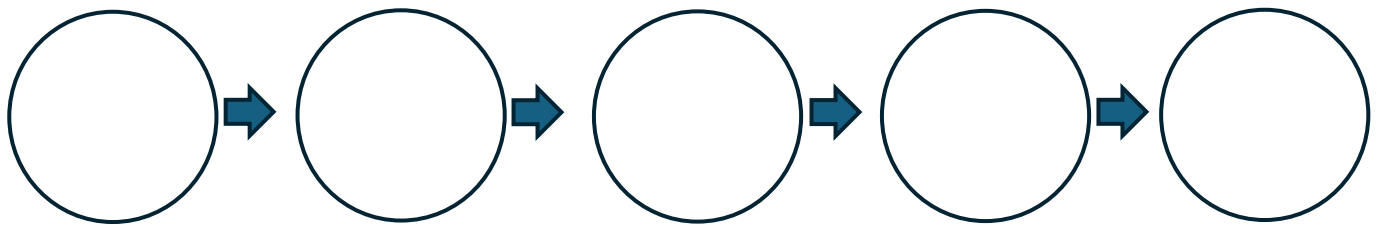


## HEAVEN'S BUCKET LIST

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*"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, **but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."* (Romans 12:2)

**"transformed"** in Romans 12:2 is metamorphoo, (μεταμορφώω), which emphasizes transformation, that begins within the mind and outwardly this change manifests itself. Changing how we think changes everything else about our lives.



**MARK'S GOSPEL** is the first (written between AD 55-65), and the shortest of the four gospels. John (Jewish) Mark (Roman) often was called Mark The other gospels quote all but 31 of the verses in Marks gospel. Mark primarily wrote to the first century gentile Christians in Rome, not primarily for the purpose of salvation, but to strengthen their faith, as they were being persecuted for their faith in Jesus. More than likely, Mark, wrote his gospel account in Rome. There are more miracles recorded in Mark's gospel, than all the other gospels.

**KEY VERSE** = *"For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and give my life as a ransom for many."*

"When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home.

<sup>2</sup> Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them,

<sup>3</sup> four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.

<sup>4</sup> They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

<sup>6</sup> But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves,

<sup>7</sup> "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

<sup>8</sup> Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts?"

<sup>9</sup> Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'?

<sup>10</sup> So I will prove to you that the Son of Man<sup>a</sup> has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said,

<sup>11</sup> "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

<sup>12</sup> And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!" (Mark 2:1-12)

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