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BOLD RENEWAL

Transforming the Mind Through Faith and
Trust

Not casual. Bold.

In this continuation of the Faith Talk series, the pastor challenges believers to pursue bold, life-altering transformation rather than casual or surface-level Christianity. Drawing primarily from Romans 8, Ephesians 4, Hebrews 4, Titus 3, and Psalm 119, the message confronts deeply held religious assumptions about sin, identity, and the believer's standing before God.

The central argument is that Christians are no longer “in the flesh” but “in the Spirit,” and that this reality must reshape how believers approach God after failure, how they engage with renewal, and how they understand trust.

Transformation is not instantaneous but a continuous process of regeneration. Believers are invited to come boldly before God not because of their righteousness but because of His mercy and grace, and to move from passive belief to active, practiced faith, growing from one level of faith to the next.

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Bold Transformation

Transformation is not casual but bold and life-altering; people should be able to recognize the difference in a believer's life.

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The Word “Set”

The word “set” in Romans 8 is significant, indicating a deliberate, intentional positioning of the mind on either the flesh or the Spirit.

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Flesh or Spirit

Believers are no longer “in the flesh” but “in the Spirit,” and clinging to a flesh-based identity after salvation contradicts what Scripture declares about new creation.

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Whose Deeds?

The word “deeds” in Romans 8 implies ownership, raising the question of who truly owns the believer's actions and decisions.

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Spirit and Effort

The Spirit empowers the believer to put to death the deeds of the body, but the believer must actively participate in that process.

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Light Through Intimacy

God's word brings light and imparts understanding through intimacy, not merely through information or intellectual learning.

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Continuous Regeneration

Salvation and sanctification involve a washing of regeneration, a continuous process rather than a one-time event, as indicated by the continuative nature of the word “regeneration.”

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The Throne of Grace

Believers are invited to come boldly to the throne of grace, even after failure, because mercy and grace are available daily.

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The Hardened Heart

A hardened heart is formed through repeated resistance to God's voice, and unforgiveness is one of the most common areas of hardening.

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Put Off, Put On

The old self must be put off and the new self must be actively put on; it is not enough to remove one without embracing the other.

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Full Weight

True trust, rooted in the Hebrew word “batok,” means placing one's full weight on a reliable source, not leaning gently or maintaining a backup plan.

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Education of Faith

Many believers are saved but are not progressing through the education of faith, which requires moving from faith to faith and glory to glory.

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6,000 Thoughts

The average person has approximately 6,000 thoughts per day, with roughly 80 percent being negative, making the biblical command to take thoughts captive both urgent and practical.

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Saved and Inheriting

There is a distinction between being saved and inheriting the kingdom, and growth into deeper dimensions of God requires willingness to move beyond comfort.

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The Anchors

Romans 8:6-13

The mind set on the flesh versus the Spirit, and putting to death the deeds of the body through the Spirit.

Psalms 119:130

The unfolding of God's word gives light and imparts understanding.

Titus 3:5

Salvation by God's mercy through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus as the great high priest who sympathizes with human weakness, and the call to draw near to the throne of grace with confidence.

Ephesians 4:17-24

The call to no longer walk in the futility of the mind, to put off the old self, and to put on the new self created in true righteousness and holiness.

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The Cereal Bowl

The pastor recounts breaking his father's prized Kellogg's cereal bowl as a child, hiding the truth for days out of fear of punishment, and finally confessing to his father, who responded with grace rather than the expected discipline.

THE POINT

Believers often delay coming to God after failure because they wrongly expect condemnation rather than mercy, robbing themselves of the opportunity to continue growing.

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In the Temple

The pastor references the biblical account of Jesus at age twelve remaining in the temple while his parents departed, and Jesus' response that he must be about his Father's business.

THE POINT

This explores the tension Jesus experienced between his earthly and heavenly identity, and establishes that Jesus was genuinely tempted and acquainted with human experience.

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The Garden

The pastor references Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane praying that the cup might pass from him, yet submitting to the Father's will.

THE POINT

An example of obedience that transcends personal preference or comfort.

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The Cross

The pastor references Jesus on the cross being mocked and challenged to prove himself by coming down, and Jesus responding with forgiveness rather than retaliation.

THE POINT

An example of choosing not to harden the heart even under extreme provocation.

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Remedial Reading

The pastor shares a personal story of being placed in a remedial reading class in sixth grade, not because of inability but because of unwillingness to do the work.

THE POINT

Believers sometimes remain at lower levels of spiritual growth not because they cannot advance but because they resist the discomfort of the process.

CLOSING

**From faith
to faith.
From glory
to glory.**

Bold renewal is a continuous process: put off the old, put on the new, and place your full weight on Him.