

FROM GLORY TO GLORY

— 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 —

The change God wants in you and for you is not superficial—it's supernatural.

16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

- 2 Cor. 3:16-18

A believer can confidently say: God has done something in me.

2 You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. 3 And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

2 Cor. 3:2-3

Freedom here means access to God's presence without fear or shame

A believer can boldly say: God is doing something in me and the church now.

"I must decrease but he must increase"

— John 3:30

"We are saved by faith alone, but not by a faith that stands alone."

- Martin Luther / R.C. Sproul

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."

- I Cor. 15:10

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

- 2 Cor. 4:6

A believer can joyfully say: God is making me more like Him—and through that change, He's making me a witness and help to others.

What kind of community helps us behold the glory of God together? The answer: a gospel-saturated environment with healthy relational soil.

- I. Joy. A feeling and facial expression, "I am glad you are here."
 - "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."
 - Numbers 6:24-26

2. Hesed [loving attachment]. A feeling and experience that communicates, "I am not going anywhere."

"The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love (hesed) and faithfulness."

- Exodus 34:6-7

- 3. Group Identity. An agreed-upon gospel identity that states, "This is who we are in Christ."
- "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..."

- I Peter 2:9

- 4. Healthy Correction. It's not judgmentalism
 it's restoration.

 "That's not who you are—how can I help?"
- "If anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness."

- Gal. 6:1

He doesn't need you to perform—only position yourself to be changed.

