

# GOD WITH US

*His People. His Dwelling Place.*

## Transformed by being ALL IN - Ps Marno Jansen

Transformation takes place by being ALL IN. Romans 12 talks about being a living sacrifice. This includes not conforming to the world but being **transformed**. It's about becoming **like Jesus**, through surrender and devotion. Becoming **Christlike** is the very **goal of discipleship** (Gal 4:19).

Ps Marno highlights four parts of Romans 12 that point to transformation:

### BE TRANSFORMED

Philippians 2:13-16 highlights the call to represent and reflect who God is. You're supposed to look different. Not to conform to patterns that creep into our lives and into the church, but to show the world Jesus by being 'in the world but not of it'. Don't be a Christian who never becomes a disciple. **A disciple is transformed through intimacy and relationship with Jesus.**

### BE TRANSFORMED BY HIS MERCY

It is not our effort that transforms us but 'in view of God's mercy.' It is because of His mercy that we can come in the first place! His mercy keeps us safe with Him through the transformation process (Rom 2:4). We don't change to HAVE a relationship but rather **we're changed BY our relationship with Him**. Jeremiah 18 shows the beautiful picture of a potter who does not abandon the clay, even when the clay doesn't yield to the potter. He will mold you as much as you will yield, but He doesn't abandon you.

### BE TRANSFORMED BY RENEWING YOUR MIND

The Bible teaches that whatever is inside comes out (Matt 15; Pro 4:23). Transformation is an inward journey first, not behavioral modification. How do I do this? Heb 4:12 tells us that it is **the Word of God that brings deep, inward transformation**. It is Spirit and life - sweet and precious (Jn 6:63). His Word opens the way to have encounters with Him.

### BE TRANSFORMED BY BEING A LIVING SACRIFICE

Being a living sacrifice speaks of an everyday commitment to Him. Christ was the final atoning sacrifice, we are called to make sacrifices that acknowledge His Lordship. It's sacrifices of self that produce obedience. This leads to a life that honors Him. **For transformation to take place, I need a yielded heart**. A heart that says: 'Here is ALL of me for your pleasure and purpose'. The Lord can set fire to an open heart.

## Reflection

1. The way you see God will determine how you come to Him. Do you see God as a good, merciful, kind God? Allow Him to flood your heart with love and correct any wrong perceptions you have about who He is.
2. Do you value His word in your life? How can you allow the Word to open opportunities to encounter Him?
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can surrender something this week to allow Christ to be glorified in your life. What are you going to do to be a living sacrifice?