

From Conformed to Transformed - September 14, 2026

Kevin Diggs Amen. Amen. Amen. Give God some praise in the house today. Come on. You know, Glenn, I want to echo that word over you. When I was sitting over there, the Lord was telling me that you're going to have a song that comes out of your heart. A song that's always been there. It's been with you since you were a boy. And the Lord is saying, though now you're seeing me for who I am, your very image is transforming. And that song is getting ready to come out of your heart. It's already started, but it's going to become an overflow. And like Nancy said, people are going to experience healing from the living waters of your song and your playing because God has given you a gift. And the enemy tried to take that gift out, but the enemy was unsuccessful. And I'm here to tell you, never look back. on that time again, except for the salvation that God gave you that he granted you. Glenn, you are loved by the King of Kings and the Lord of lords. And I'm just glad I'm along for the ride. As my wife said, we never know what's going to happen here, right? And that's what makes it exciting. Yeah. I love coming to church, never knowing. People say you don't know either. I'm like, no, it's the only kind of seatbelt I want to strap in the one where he takes us for a ride. And so tonight, I felt a joy in a presence in the Lord. Today as I was walking through the room, even though my saints dropped it into overtime. I didn't think I'd be quite as excited. And yes, I'm a Saints fan. I like LSU, but I got problems when it comes to the black and gold and my son and I, my oldest, we were doing our thing today, kicking TVs and running around and acting like we're getting ready to spike a football. And I'm looking at him. I'm like, I gotta get ready to preach the word. I gotta go to church. And I'm thinking, well, you know, Lord, this is probably the transformation process here, right? But I felt a joy in the house of the Lord when I came here. I want to tell you tonight. It just feels uplifting. Yeah. It feels like God wants us to experience his joy, his peace and, and the happiness that comes being in the presence of God. Amen. I don't know, that's what I feel I feel excited about tonight. I'm excited about the word, and I'm already excited about the word. And in the worship that came forth from this platform. This is not a performance platform. It's a worship platform. It's an altar. And we offered a sacrifice of praise. Amen. If you walked in today, some of you may have gotten this sheets. We're getting better at getting sheets and handing it out. But I made this little sheet for you guys. There's this black and white Monte Carlo. Okay. Alright, well, you guys are the nineteen forties version and I'm in Technicolor. I'm in Technicolor. Now, I wanted to I wanted to make this for you because I wanted you to look at what God was doing and what he was saying. And as I started looking at this handout, I started to to think about the lives of a Christian, right? And kind of what takes place as a Christian is going through that process of salvation. And so we talked about the Greek words hamartia, how sin is missing the mark and how we all miss the mark. And then we go through this time of metanoia, this repentance, and it's to change one's mind and heart to the orientation of God, not just confessing our sins, but changing our mind. And then the Lord says that when you repent, he's faithful to save us. This is when we go through soteria that process of salvation. But it's not just being saved from something. You're saved into Christ. You're saved into an endless depth of glory. So when you're saved into something, you're no longer just worried about what you were saved from. It's like walking into something that's

large and big, big in scope, and you're walking into this new glory and you're like, I gotta know more about this glory. And then the Lord is faithful to send the gift. The seed of the Holy Spirit is planted in all of our hearts. This is the new moon. This is the breath of God. This is what guides our life. But then we get to this time And this is the idea of surrendering. And the reason why I stopped here is because every Christian has a choice here. They have a choice to watch depth, they surrender. And I'm here to tell you tonight we're going to learn something that the very depths of your surrender will correlate to the very depths of how you enter into God's glory. Will you be a person that conforms to the ways of this world, or rather be transformed by the renewing of your mind? And so I want you to hold this. I want you to think of this sheet as we study tonight. And continually have this on your mind, because I really believe this. The Lord is transforming the people of Mark two twenty two because he sees your sacrifice, your surrender. So the last couple of weeks, we've opened up with the same passage. We're going to do it again, Romans twelve, verses one through two. I'll be reading the new King James Version once again. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to the ways of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. The title of my message tonight is From Conformed to Transformed a picture of Romans twelve one two. Inside my favorite character, Peter. A picture of Romans twelve and Peter. Tonight we're going to begin. By looking at a world in a realm of the conformed mind or the transformed mind, that's a kingdom reality. And when I was reading tonight, I've I've read this story several times, but I'm seeing it different. So I'm excited to get to it. But Peter is definitely my favorite character. I feel like his ups and downs reflect my life. I think he says too much and that's me, and he says it at the wrong time. And that's me too. And so I thank God for this word that he's given. Amen. Bow your heads, Lord God. I thank you, Lord, that we can come to a place like Mark two twenty two and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, to lead us, and to help us. Lord God, live in peace and freedom. So, Lord God, I ask that you have your way. Continue to have your way. Let this word come alive in all of our hearts and minds. And it's in Jesus mighty name we pray. And everyone said Amen and amen. Alright. So keep that, that image on your mind that that handout I gave you. And also keep the main scripture in your mind. Romans twelve one and two. But turn if you would, to Matthew sixteen. And we're going to begin reading in thirteen, and we're going to start off reading thirteen through twenty. This is the new King James Version once again. When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am? So they said, some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He said to them, but who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered and said, you are the Christ, the son of the living God. Jesus answered and said to him, blessed are you, Simon Barjona for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Then he commanded his disciples that they should tell no one that he was Jesus the Christ. I've read this passage several times, and when I was reading it, the Lord brought me to it. I didn't really know why at first. We're talking about the renewed mind. And then I kept reading it

over and over, and some things came to life as I was reading. Of course, like it always is, I get excited because the Lord gives me a little bit. He's like, okay, now dig deep, right? Kind of show thyself approved. Get in it. And as I got in it, I'm at my regular job and I'm writing things down and people are trying to sneak him off. I was like, I gotta figure out a way to lock my door at my regular job. That's what I'm trying to figure out. I'm like, guys, I'm trying to do my other job. Figure it out. And so the Lord's given me some, some fresh new insight to his scriptures and how many people get excited when he does that. And so I want to look at this a little bit differently. I want you to see what's taking place. I love when Jesus asked the disciples questions. I try to put myself in their shoes. Here we go again, right? Jesus is making a statement or he's asking a question, and I actually have a little sympathy for him. You know, when he's like, oh, they say things like, oh, we didn't bring our lunch. We didn't bring bread. You know, they're starting to wonder because there he goes again. He's saying something and we're going somewhere and they never really know. Right. And we all sit there and go, oh, poor disciples. But come on, if it's us, we're going to feel the same way. I mean, I would be one of those guys at first. It's kind of like Peter that says everything, but after I'm rejected a few times, I'm like, there he goes. You, you talk to him. He's asking a question. I just don't want to be wrong. Right? But the Lord starts off with a question. He says, who do men say that I am? And I love watch the words. This is really, really cool. The way New King James says it, it says, who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am? He's telling them in the question. And so he acts. The first question, who do men say I am? Some say you're John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. But then he asks the question again. This time it's not men, but who do you say I am? Now notice something's getting ready to take place. Now, why the two questions. Could it be the Lord is trying to start a dialogue. He's trying to get them to see something. And as I began to look at this, I started to see the renewed and conformed mind he was asking man's perspective. And now tell me what your perspective is. See, you've been following me a while. You've been hanging with me a while. You've seen the miracles. So I'm not interested so much on those who have kind of seen me from afar and have a certain point of view. I want to know what you think of me. He's asking two questions and he's trying to get some information from the disciples. Do you see it formulating? Simon Peter, Kevin Diggs this is how I feel. This Peter is awesome and he loves to go crazy at the same time. Simon Peter answered and said, you are the Christ, the son of the living God. You are the Anointed One, the Messiah. But he doubles down and says, but you're more than that. You're the son of the living God. He makes it personal. Jesus answered and said, blessed are you, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my father who is in heaven. So now he's telling Peter something. He's saying that on your own. From man's perspective, the question I just asked about men where they said, You're John the Baptist, you're a prophet. You can't get it that way. But flesh and blood couldn't reveal it to you. But you're blessed, Simon Barjona, because revelation has come into your mind and now it has changed your perspective About me. Do you see it? Yeah. And so now Peter is not operating from a conformed mind. He's operating from a renewed mind. But what does the Scripture says? Do not be conformed to the ways of this world. Rather be what? Transformed by what? The renewal of your mind. So Peter's mind is renewed and Jesus shows him transformation. Of course he does, because he says, Simon Barjona. Blessed are you. Simon Barjona flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my father in heaven. And I also say to you, transformation, you are Peter. On this rock

I will build my church in the gates of hell shall not prepare, prevail. Here we have Peter with a renewed mind being transformed in a moment. Now, what's funny is Jesus has already named him Peter. If you go to John, it's actually earlier, but he brings up Simon Barjona for a reason. Why does he bring up Simon Barjona? Because I believe he's showing him the transformation process. See, by the revelation you received, your mind has changed about me. And because your mind has changed about me, you have now transformed into something. You see it? Yeah. You should be seeing second Corinthians chapter three. See what really happened. And what is second Corinthians chapter three says. It says that when the veil is removed and we see the Lord, we become reflection mirrors and we reflect God's glory. What just happened to Peter? Some say you're a prophet, some say you're John the Baptist. Some say you're Elijah. But what do you say? Peter goes, I see you different than everyone else. I see you as the anointed one. And I'll double down even further than that. I see you as the son of the living God. Blessed are you for your renewed mind. Now you are no longer Simon Barjona. You have made full transformation. You are Peter, because you behold me in a certain way, and because you behold me in a certain way. Watch transformation take place from the renewed mind. This is what's taking place. But I've watched people read the scripture and get it wrong or be very simplistic with it. What does God say next? He says, and on this rock I will build my church. Now I've seen new Christians and I don't blame them. Well, he means mighty men of God. Peter's a mighty men of God, and he'll build churches up the mighty men of God. No no no no no. You gotta sacrifice the man inside of you. That's not what he means. Peter's name is Rock. No no no nope, nope. That's not what he means. He's saying on the Rock of revelation. I will build my church. But let me see. See, I even I stopped there. I stopped there for a long time. It was on the rock of revelation. But now I see it on the rock of revelation that leads to true. Transformation is what he will build his church upon. Do you see it? Yes, we are like mirrors, beholding the Lord. And as the veil is removed and we begin to see we are no longer ourselves because we surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit. As we surrender ourselves, we begin to reflect him. If we are no longer us, we become him. And now the gates of hell cannot prevail because it can't stand against him, right? And that is the rock on which the Lord will build his church. Transformation. Transformation that comes from a renewed mind, a renewed mind that comes from the surrender of the power of the Holy Spirit. Now you're starting to understand the image I gave you, the little graph I gave you. Because when you get to this point, when you got the pneuma in your life, you can either surrender into the pneuma and you can be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Or you could go back to the way you lived and you could say, well, I experienced that one time, but I'm going to keep conforming. Yeah. And now remember Ezekiel forty seven when it says rivers of living water through the renewed mind, and then the swamps of stagnant water through the conformed mind. Yeah. Experience. Transformation. Something happened with Peter. Now, let's keep reading. Matthew sixteen. Now, verses twenty one through twenty three. Here comes the other side of Peter and the other side of me. It's okay if y'all all admit that you're like me too. From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and raised on the third day. Then Peter. This Peter. Eve. I don't know if I would have done this. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. Could you imagine rebuking Jesus? That's where even Peter's for me. Like, dude, that's you on your own dog. Like I feel you. I want to know, but I want you to

do it right. There's something going on here. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, far be it from you. For far be it from you, Lord, that this shall not happen to you. But he turned and said to Peter, get behind me, Satan! You are an offense to me. You are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of man Jesus has just revealed to Peter and the. In the previous passage who he is, Peter has received revelation from the father. But immediately after this we see another mindset emerge. Jesus begins to explain. He must go to Jerusalem, suffer, be killed, and be raised again. Peter responds, essentially, this shall never happen to you. Peter's response may have appeared to be loving, protective, even good. But Jesus sees something deeper. He says, get behind me, Satan. You are a hindrance to me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man. Jesus reveals that Satan watch. This works through the minds of man. Do you see it? See? No, no, you gotta catch it. Okay. He's not just making a statement. What he's saying is there are two realms. There's the realm of the renewed mind where you yield to the power of the Holy Spirit, and through that surrender, you are transformed. But then there's a realm of the conformed mind. And the conformed mind is the area where the enemy seeks to gain domain. Yeah. What am I telling you? It means that if you live in conformity, your thoughts are not protected. I didn't just say it. Jesus said, for your thoughts are not the thoughts of God, but the thoughts of man. Can I tell you this? You know that demons watch you. Oh, they watch you. They'll watch you complain. They'll watch you say things. They'll watch you struggle. And they'll use those things on you. This is why those things of the conformed mind are not safe. Because the enemy looks to capitalize in that world. And so what he's saying is he's saying, get behind me, Satan. He immediately identifies that Peter might be saying something good, but it isn't holy. Just because it's good doesn't make it righteous and it doesn't make it godly. Good doesn't always equal godly. And churches need to learn that it may be good, but it may not be godly and it may be godly later, but not now. Right? And so what's happening right here is that Jesus sees it. No, no, no no no no. Jesus's mind is so in tune with the father through the spirit that his mind doesn't even sit where he is. It sits in high places and this is what's taking place. So he's telling us that the realm of the conformed mind is the mind or the playground of Satan. Right? Now Here's where I've come to realize something. Remember that Satan doesn't always have a pitchfork or a knife, right? In fact, the scripture says in second Corinthians chapter eleven, verse fourteen. And no wonder, for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. It's always what's perceived to be good, right? They ate the apple because it perceived that it looked good, right? So here we have Peter saying, Lord forbid that you get. I rebuke you for saying that you're not going to die. You can't die. You're the Lord. And he says, get behind me, Satan. You see. And I want you to see this. See? See that proverbs. I think it's Proverbs. What is it? Proverbs fourteen twelve. There is a way that seems right to a man, but it ends in the way of death. Okay, now come on, let's let's be honest here. I'm not talking about the world. I'm talking about Christians. How many Christians get on a roll like Peter is? And they got a little bit of revelation, and they know who the father is. And he goes, you're a Peter the Rock. And Peter starts walking around going, I'm the rock. So if I got one revelation, I can get the next one. And what happens is they drift from there, surrender, and they start doing things that they perceive to be good. But because the enemy dwells in that realm, he comes like a parade of light, says, yeah, you should do what's good. But what I said is not always good. It's not godly. And so what's happening is we got churches filled with people doing things that are good.

Yeah. When it should be godly. Yes. See the difference between a transform and a conformed mind? And Peter's doing it in moments. Moments. This is my problem and I'm hard on this. The religious spirit. I'm hard on something. I'm not very good in certain rooms. Don't ask me to go because he asked me to go. I'm one of those coaches like, nah, man, we're sorry. I watched the film and we're terrible. I'm not going to sit here and tell you we're a four. We're like a two. We got a long way to go. Okay? That's my style. That's who I am. I'm a direct right. Because I want to get to a ten. So I don't lie and say I'm a four. I'm a five. I need to know the steps I got to take. Why am I saying that? Because I'm telling you here, watch this. I've coined it this. I can't take behavior modification Christianity. Yeah. Let me say it again. Behavior. Be aware of behavior modification. Christianity. Five steps to this. Six steps to this. Oh, you having trouble? Did you watch this? You should see this podcast as if the podcast is going to come out and lay hands on you. And I'm not saying the podcast can't have power. I listen to sermons all the time. I'm not sitting here saying that these things are wrong, but what I'm saying is people will go to church, get four points, and try to execute the four points on their own. That's behavior modification. That is not yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit. That's you saying, okay, thanks, Lord, for the information. Now I'm going to go and execute it. Yeah. That's true. See, now I want you to look at this. See? What did he say? There's a way to a man that seems to be good, but the playground of the enemy is in the conformed world. And if there's a way that perceives to be good in a conformed world where he parades around like light, you can see the problem with behavior modification because you might think you're doing well, but really you're drifting somewhere because you're not yielding. See, what does the power of the Holy Spirit does? What does the Holy Spirit do? I don't want to say powerful Holy Spirit, God, God the spirit. What does it do? It reveals the real truth.

Speaker 4 Yes it does.

Kevin Diggs And that is what Peter's lacking here. But I want you to know something. I want you to know something. There are two things I found in there. God is being gracious. He's gracious. Okay, he's merciful here. But he's also trying to tell us something. Your identity cannot be found in the conformed world. Because he says, get behind me, Satan. Now he's staring at Peter, but he doesn't say Peter's name. He separates the sinful nature of Peter and Peter. Now, there's grace and mercy in this, because like it says in Romans chapter seven, I don't want to sin, but the sinful nature inside of me makes me sin. And Paul separates it. But I believe Paul saw this passage and he's seeing how Jesus Christ Separated the conformed mind of Peter and said, get behind me, Satan! But he was also not just separating with his grace and mercy, saying, I love you, Peter. We're going to figure this out, that Satan inside of you. He was also saying, but don't try to find your identity in that. You see people try to find their identity and conform minds. Oh, I got a little Jesus in me. Now I'm going to go work really, really hard. I'm going to turn things around financially. I'm going to go turn my marriage around. Now what happens? This? Watch, watch, watch this. Let's get back to second Corinthians chapter three. When the veil is removed, we are like mirrors. As we gaze upon what you behold is what you become. Now what is Peter looking now? Peter has a distorted image of Jesus. Does he not? So because his image is distorted, his outcome will be distorted. If you see God As an abusive correctional officer, then your view of God is distorted. Yes. So now your image will be distorted. If you see God as a God that has no mercy and no grace. Then

your image is distorted. So he's immediately saying, I'm going to separate you from that identity, Peter, because I don't want you identifying that. I'm going to point out the Satan inside, and my grace and mercy is going to separate it. You don't know it yet, but Jesus is going to come do it. And I'm separating this. But don't you identify with that? Because if you identify with that, it'll distort the way you look at me.

Speaker 4 Right.

Kevin Diggs And this is the problem with the church. We have distorted views of the father. Yes, yes. Because of our own behavior modification, we want God to look a certain way because we haven't given up our desires. We haven't given up our wants. And so we start to frame God in a portrait that we made for ourselves. And because we made this false portrait, we're looking through a weird kind of veil. And then we want to know why we don't have victory and we don't have power, and we don't walk in healing and deliverance, and we don't because we have a false image, because we haven't surrendered to the pneuma. Is this going? Are y'all. We're okay. See, this was the Pharisees. Think about it. They read the scriptures. You Pharisees and scribes, you read and you read the scriptures, but you don't see me. We have many in the church that read and read the prints on the page of the Bible, but they don't see Jesus through the words. And because their view was distorted of Jesus, they crucified him. Instead of surrendering and crucifying themselves, they crucified him. But you want to talk about sovereignty? Now think of the story. No, true identity cannot, cannot take place in a conformed mind. And it's God's grace and mercy that doesn't allow it. This is where you remember the language of Hebrews chapter twelve when it says, and what good father doesn't correct their son, because if there's no correction to the son, then you are not a true father. And then he goes into saying, this is why you have not come to the mountain of programs of laws, but you come to this mountain, which is the mountain really of the spirit, because it's not a physical mountain. It's a mountain of Zion where God resides. And through the spirit you can go there. And when you go there, your mind is renewed. And when your mind is renewed, you see the father, right? And when you see the father right, you begin to have transformation. But God, you gotta love Peter. Now, I can tell you what breaks my heart because I've seen this. I've seen people get into my wife told her it was a great lesson. If you missed it, go back when she taught about comfort. People get comfort. I've been sitting in the right side. Third pew, somebody in my chair. Although nobody's experienced healing there since nineteen eighty four. To my seat. They get. Come on, come on, come on. Do we not see people over and over? How are you doing, sister? Struggling. How are you doing? Struggling. Struggling. Life's hard. My life was hard in two thousand and five. It's still hard in twenty twenty six. You want to try getting some victory? Try doing something different. Yeah. Right. I'm going somewhere with this. I'm going somewhere with this. What does the Bible say, though? There are people that experience salvation. Remember the image I gave you, right? Okay. They are soteria. They get saved. The pneuma enters them. But instead of yielding to the renewed mind through the power of the Holy Spirit, they conform. Well, what does the word say about that? I'll tell you what it says. Matthew twelve forty three to forty five when an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places seeking rest and finds none. Well what's up? Oh, then he says, I will return to my house, from which I came. And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits, more wicked than himself,

and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of the man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation. What is he saying? He's saying people get saved and they're doing well, but they don't surrender fully. You know, in their logical minds, they've got it all figured out. Well, you don't understand how smart I am. God doesn't care. Okay. In fact, that's the ones he really likes to smash, right? Like Holy Spirit. Yeah. Everything you thought you knew, right? But they don't yield to the power of the Holy Spirit. So they're not renewed. They're not transformed. They conform. Well, it says in the Scripture that demons look for dry places in your mind you should be thinking of Ezekiel forty seven and rivers of living water. See if you are yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit. Your mind is being renewed and you're transformed, and you are not dry, because rivers of living water are flowing through you, and devils cannot live in that area. But you see, when you go to the conform mind and you sit in the conformed mind, you become a dry place for a time you might have done well, but you said, Jesus, thank you for saving me. I got it figured out from here. And what happens is, since you don't transform, they come back and you're in a worse condition than you were. I didn't write it right now. Think about once saved, always saved. I'm not suggesting that God doesn't see a good work to completion. What I'm saying is people need to press into this salvation because the word says, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Work it out. But the Lord is awesome. He tells them the way. Are you guys singing it?

Speaker 4 Yes, yes.

Kevin Diggs Don't conform to the patterns of this world. Peter conformed, but rather be transformed by the renewing of mind. That's why I love it. Peter transforms. Peter was like me and you. Good days, bad days. That's where grace and mercy comes, right? But then, wouldn't you know it, the Lord actually has twelve one right here. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourself as a sacrifice, holy and pleasing to the Lord. Watch this. Then Jesus said to the disciples, This is Matthew sixteen twenty four to twenty eight. I want you to think about twelve one while I'm reading this. Then Jesus said to his disciples, if anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it. So you have to beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice. If you want to save your life. You're going to have to sacrifice it. See it. But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Are you seeing it? For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Now he's showing you value. He's saying I value your soul more than anything. What do you think? You should be valued.

Speaker 4 Amen.

Kevin Diggs Or what will a man gain in exchange for his soul? Once again, when God says something twice, you really better look at it. For the Son of Man will come in glory of his father with his angels, and then he will reward each according to his works. Surely, I say to you, there is some standing here who shall not taste death till they have seen the Son of Man coming in his kingdom. And wouldn't you know, three of them see him in the mountain of Transfiguration in his glory. But watch what he's saying here. He's saying that if you want to gain your life, you have to be beseeched. Lay your life down at the altar. Sacrifice everything that you are. But my

favorite part in here. Take up your cross and follow me. Take up your cross is to carry a constant reminder. A constant reminder that everything happens through the cross. It means crucifying our will so that his will will become our pursuit. But then Jesus says, follow me. Follow me gives us the instruction to keep moving forward and to pursue God through surrender. We are not simply carrying the idea of surrender. Now watch this. We are gaining ground through the action of surrender. Okay. I need you, though. I need Jesus. I need my cross real quick. And I will be grabbing the Holy Spirit in a minute. Okay. The word says, hold on. Stand right here. You're the cross. You're. Jesus. Just stand over there. Just. We're going to we're going to approach you. Okay? Second Corinthians chapter five eighteen says, God reconciled us to himself through Jesus. Now watch this. Jesus is living a perfected life. He is the model of perfection. But he did not take his powers down from heaven. He was fully human while he was here. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that came on him like a dove. He yielded to that power in such a way that his mind we learned last week when he was talking to Nicodemus, is in heaven, even though he's walking on the earth. So now we have a perfected Jesus walking around the perfected. Jesus is going to eventually carry his cross. He will take that cross.

Speaker 5 I wasn't ready for it. You want to try again?

Kevin Diggs I don't want.

Speaker 5 To.

Kevin Diggs We don't have the right insurance yet. All right. So now we got Jesus on the cross. Now, watch this. Here. Don't miss it. Perfection. Perfection, right. Perfection is now on the cross. And God goes, I'm reconciling humanity to him.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Kevin Diggs Okay. So now we have this picture. Come here. Here. I need Andre. Andre, you represent humanity and sinful nature.

Speaker 4 Oh.

Kevin Diggs It's not you.

Speaker 4 It's not you, man. It's not you.

Kevin Diggs I'll get the plate.

Speaker 4 Only temporary.

Kevin Diggs The word says now take up your cross. Jesus carried his cross to Calvary. Now, Andre, take up yours. Take up your cross. Hold it. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, we're going to join God at this cross. And the way Jesus tacked himself up. You're going to tack yourself up as a living sacrifice. But watch this now, because he's reconciled through Christ. Andre passes through.

Speaker 4 Yes.

Kevin Diggs Into a measure of glory because his old self is here. Now he's carrying the cross and Jesus in the spirit. And this is weird, but I want you to walk, guys. Just walk with them. And then we stop. Sometimes watch. We stop because we don't always surrender everything, but we gotta tack it up to the cross, and we're going to tack it up to the cross. And it's a perfected renewing taking place. And what's happened is now Andre's not looking like Andre, Andre starting to look like him because he's taking more and more guys. Go sit down so I can finish it. Watch this. This is what's happening. He's becoming Jesus as he goes. The renewed mind is revealing more of what Jesus did. Now do you understand? If he be lifted up, all men will be drawn unto him, and then they will see him with clear vision and they will all reflect his glory. That is the rock on which Christ will build His church. Transformation. Not sitting still. This is why I tell young people there is no time. It's not because God's coming back tomorrow. I'm trying to tell you that something inside of you that has victory. You have more power because the Lord said the latter days will be greater than the former. That means you, Tucker. You're going to have an outpouring that I didn't get, and you're going to walk in rooms and sick people will go. Tucker is in the room. That disease is leaving.

Speaker 4 Yes.

Kevin Diggs This is what's taking place. Now watch this. Now go back. Now go back. Put Matthew sixteen and I want you to put this on. Verse nineteen, do. Verse nineteen now when we are fully surrendered and we transform and we get this image. Now read it and I will give you the keys to the kingdom. I will make you like rivers of living water. And whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. Because I know you're not operating in your sinful nature or in conformity because you've been yielding and you've been transformed. So what you're abounding is what I want bounded and what you want loose. I want loose because you are no longer yourself. You are me and this. See? Oh yeah. No no no no no no no. See I don't think you quite getting it. See, you see I'm starting to see it now. Okay. And thank God I'm seeing it. But thank God I'm seeing it. Okay. Listen here. But I don't see healing because we haven't surrendered. I don't see deliverance because we haven't. We haven't surrendered. I don't see. I still see change because we haven't surrendered. Stop blaming God for our lack of surrender. God's power is still there. The wells are still flowing. The river is still flowing. It is still deep way over there. And the Lord is saying, keep going. Keep surrendering. Because when you get out there, your leaves will be good for healing and your fruit will be good for nourishment. This is my desire. Now you're ready. You're ready to read it because I was ready to read it. It's a lot of reading, but I'll do the best I can and I'm just going to read it. I want you to see it. Romans eight one through seventeen. So now there is no condemnation for those who belong in Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life giving spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads you death. What does that mean? When Andre was on this side, he's free from that because he's on the other side of the cross. Reconciled. You see it, right? Okay, I'm losing my spot. That's what. Babe, I need you to read this. Come. Just come read this. Come read this so I can just tell you to stop, okay? That's what I want. Just come read it, because I'm going to move and I can't remember where I'm at. Okay, here we go. The law. Here we go. Ready? Keep going, keep going.

Speaker 2 Law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own son.

Kevin Diggs Stop! There it is. So what? No, no, no. Come on, come on, come on. No, seriously. You got to get this. I will not let anybody go any further. This is what he said. He said to conform. Mind will not go. Come on. He said the law couldn't get you there. So what I did was I sent perfection down. I sent Jesus down in his human body to watch what he did. Okay. I really want y'all to get this. And I know I'm intense, but I need you to get this. Okay. He got up on that cross, and he conquered death. But we are not given enough value to the life he lived to. Okay, listen, listen. Watch what he did. He demonstrated for us the life of surrender.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Kevin Diggs Okay. He said watch. I'm living in perfection because my mind is not here. I am transformed into glory. I'm walking around glory. And because I did it, you can do it. Because the same power that's in me is the same power that's in you. This is what he. So keep. Keep going, keep going. He took him to the cross. There. It is not the law. Jesus. Keep going.

Speaker 2 He sent his own son in a body like the bodies we believers have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Speaker 4 Stop!

Kevin Diggs I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to sacrifice your bodies at the altar. AM I the only witness? Keep going. Keep going.

Speaker 2 He did this so that just the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature, but instead follow the spirit.

Speaker 4 Stop!

Kevin Diggs Andre, you standing up? You. You can say sorry, Andre. Andre. Sinful nature. He takes it to the cross. He takes it up and says, here you go, Lord. You can have it. And he kept walking. He took his cross as a reminder, and he didn't stay where his sinful nature was. He followed because it no longer has power. He left it where it belonged. You saw what? My sinful nature. Well, you can have it, but I'm going to keep going. I don't think y'all got this. Oh, no. No, no. He left it. Oh. He left.

Speaker 4 It. Yes.

Kevin Diggs He went through the cross and he left it. God had reconciled it. So why do we go back? What's already been left?

Speaker 4 That's right.

Kevin Diggs He left it. Keep going.

Speaker 2 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things. But those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit. Think about things that please the spirit.

Speaker 4 Hold on.

Kevin Diggs Those who operate in a conform mind, think about and remind themselves of the sinful nature before the cross. But those who operate in the spirit from a transformed mind are operating on this side of reconciliation. And when they operate on this side of reconciliation, they are in the spirit and those who are led. But keep going. I'm getting.

Speaker 4 Ahead.

Speaker 2 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under control of their sinful nature can never please God.

Kevin Diggs If you stay on that side.

Speaker 4 Mhm.

Kevin Diggs In conformity and you don't pass through reconciliation. It's not that God doesn't love you.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Kevin Diggs Just means you chose. Keep going.

Speaker 2 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the spirit. If you have the Spirit of God living in you, and Christ lives within you. So even though your body will die because of sin, the spirit gives life because you have been made right with God.

Kevin Diggs Wait, wait. This is my favorite part. No, I see it differently. I want you to get ready to read that very last part about even though your body might die. If I don't see it with spiritual eyes. When you get baptized, the old. And the new. Okay. When Andre was here, the pneuma walked with him. This is where God's grace and mercy goes. And he says, guess what? You don't even have to do it yourself. I love you so much that I'll give you a measure of faith. I'll pull you along to that cross. And when you get there, read it again.

Speaker 2 And Christ lives within you. So even though your body will die because of sin, the spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

Kevin Diggs So everybody thinks, oh, that's when I die, when I'm dead. No no no no no. That's when you die to your sinful nature. Yes. Reconciled through the cross. And so the sinful nature is now gone. You have gone through the cross into reconciliation, and you are alive in the spirit, being transformed.

Speaker 2 The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by the same spirit living within you.

Kevin Diggs So if Jesus passed through the cross and was rise again, and you have to put

yourself on the cross as a living sacrifice, you're going to rise again. Amen. Stop looking at everything as end times. If it's finished work, then make it finished work. Keep going.

Speaker 2 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

Kevin Diggs Wait, I forgot something. What did that say? What kind of body did that say?

Speaker 2 Oh. Mortal body.

Kevin Diggs Mortal body. It means when you die, it will bring your. My mortal body. You're not going to get a mortal body in heaven. Yeah. When you pass through reconciliation of the cross into a renewed mind of transformation, you sacrifice because of surrender on the cross, that old body. But he promises that the same spirit that was in Jesus is now in you. So you won't sit in that sinful nature. You'll keep going forward, because that spirit inside of you is going to push you forward, because it brings a life and it brings life more abundantly. And now you are raised from the dead. And it isn't something that's in the sweet by and by. It's your mortal body when you decide to pass through.

Speaker 2 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Kevin Diggs Hold on now we're stepping into identity. When we step into identity, I can go and say, be loosed from that. Be healed from that. Not because I got great power. Because I got none. It's because I know who my daddy is.

Speaker 2 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves and said you have received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we can call him ABBA Father, for His Spirit joins with our spirit. Amen. To affirm that we are God's children, and since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ, we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his sufferings.

Speaker 6 Right? That's right. Yes.

Kevin Diggs Christ took his cross. he got crucified. Guys, I did not understand this fully. Three months ago. Four months ago. Now I see it. Christ took his cross. He went and got crucified. Provided that you're willing to suffer. Provided you take up your cross and you go and you take up your sinful nature. And you say, Lord, I'm trading my sinful nature in for your glory, and you get reconciled through the cross, and you carry it with you everywhere you go. Because God's grace and mercy is from one measure of glory to the next, and he loves you even if you make a mistake. And don't let anybody condemn you, because he starts off by saying, therefore there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. So you might make a mistake, but the Lord says, no, no, no, no, keep going, keep going, keep going, and Newman will protect you. I'll protect you because I love you so much. I didn't expect you to get it the first time or the one thousandth time. I just expect you to keep going and keep going and keep going and keep going. And what's going to happen is you're going to be ankle deep and then waist deep, and

then it's deep and you're going to have more power. What's going to happen? Living waters are going to flow from you. This is what's taking place. Then. And you become a true son. Manny, I can't read this stuff no more without looking at how good he is. It's the stuff. It's amazing. Like, it's just amazing. Like it's amazing. Now I want you to think about this. Jesus Christ came down and lived a perfect life, and he watched in perfection all around him, including the people that followed him, and they said all kinds of stuff about him, and they just did everything wrong. And he just. Did it. And that's at least I can do. You know, and I mean, I had some, some, some people last few months that I just man, Lord aggravate, aggravate the mess out of me. But I have found myself the last few months praying so hard. And I. I long for for I long for the day of reconciliation. Because that's who he is. Yes. And I want to be him. I don't care about being right anymore. I don't care anymore. I don't I don't care about any of that. I care about being right with him. You know, I want to say something to y'all. I watch all of y'all, and I love y'all. And I'm not saying this from a holier than thou. I see little things in life. It takes up your time. And I think, man, that used to happen to me too. It still does. But years ago, that used to affect me a lot too, especially my young people. I look at them and I know they got the kids and they run around and I get it. But I'm here to tell you nothing else matters. Like nothing like I can't. Don't waste any more time on the simple things. Nothing else matters. Not the way you look. Not the money you make. Not your social status. Not your next promotion. When you understand that he holds it all. Why would you go anything? Where else? Would you stand? I find myself lately really understanding Paul more. Paul was funny. Paul was like. I started off as a servant. Then I became a slave. Then he became a prisoner. And then he said. I'm the lowest of the low, low, low, worst of the worst. And I find myself like that. Like, Lord, oh my gosh, I'm a mess. And when you realize how big of a mess you are, you're not really worried about everybody else's mess, right? And I think if we stop worrying about everybody else's mess and we stop worrying about the mess we are, and we seek that perfection through the yielding, through the surrender, things are going to change in the church. Amen. You know, I don't, I, I, I always want to give people an opportunity.

Kevin Diggs If you feel like there's an area in your life where you could surrender more, I want you to come down. That's it. That's the call. And as always, if there's someone who has never given their lives over to Jesus, you please come down.