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The Transformed Life Part 2

Thank you Joshua and J-Rob, appreciate you guys.

Okay, you can turn to 2nd Corinthians 3:18. We are going to do part two of a message I did two weeks ago about living the transformed life. The notes are available on the Forerunner Church website if you'd like to look at those you can access the website.

I'm just gonna give a minute or two just on, just a little bit of review of what we covered two weeks ago in regards to the transformed life. And, essentially it's this: Do we have a vision to be transformed by God? Really simple, pretty straight forwards idea, do we have, as Christians, do we have a vision to be transformed by God, to not remain the same, but, to actually be willing to change and be filled with new thoughts and new desires and new ideas? You know it's interesting; I was just sitting back there thinking about this. Is that we have a vision for pretty much everyone around us to be transformed except for us. No, no, think about it.

If you just listen to how people talk and what they say, most people are saying, "I want you to be different. I want my spouse to be different. I want my roommate to be different. I want my neighbor to be different. I want my Mayor to be different. I want my president to be different. I want everybody to be different except I am not the problem. Everybody else is the problem."

But, so rarely do you hear Christians boldly saying, "I long to be transformed into the image of God. I want to be like Him and I am willing to pay the price, count the cost, humble myself, do what is unnatural to me in making choices of humility and meekness and love and service and prayer and giving and forgiveness. I am willing to do what it necessary because I have a vision to be transformed into a person named Jesus Christ. I want to be like Him."

Do you have a vision for that for your life? So much in our culture and we covered Romans 12, verse 2, two weeks ago, so much of our culture is pressuring us to just conform, conform, conform. And the Gospel is shouting to us, "Be transformed. Be transformed. Be transformed."

You see the world's vision of conforming is discover what you're really like inside and then just celebrate and champion that and just everyone has to celebrate everyone else. There's no vision for deep dramatic change. Unless, of course, it's a non Christian talking to a Christian and then we're supposed to change, and da da da da da da. But do we have a vision to be transformed, to become what it is that God set out to do in this whole work of redemption? He came to make us like Jesus. Not just save us from hell. Not just turn our live around. Not just make us feel better about ourselves or have a high measure of self esteem. He came to completely and radically transform us from His enemies into His heirs, from death to life, this whole transformation process.

Two weeks ago we talked about this idea, if you are glancing there at your Bible of Romans 12:2, it says, "To be transformed by renewing your mind." Renew your mind. And the whole image that I get when I think of renewing my mind in the Word is like this Spiritual spa day and I am just like gonna get quiet, put on my diffuser, with some Thieves Oil, I'm gonna have just some background music, nothing too edgy, just kind of mainstream, you know, let's not get crazy in here. I don't want to hear about lions or fire or the day of the Lord. You know this, spiritual spa. And I'm gonna rest there and I am just, I just want to come out, I just need to feel refreshed. I need my, like, daily Holy Spirit smoothie. And I come out and I am just ready for my day and that is my relationship with God. God helps me get ready for my day. He renews me. As I wake up and I feel terrible and I look awful and the Lord knows, I am just ready for God to come in and just make me feel better and look prettier and be more gifted so I can go out and do my job better and people will like me. And what is interesting about this word 'renew' the renewing of your mind is the same word for review is the word renovate. Renovate day. Have you ever heard of demo day on those home improvement shows? On demo day they are not coming in with like some spa treatment. They're not bringing in seaweed wraps and defusing oils and those black rocks that they put on your back. Like you see in the pictures, those smooth things, what is that? I don't know.

When it's demo day people show up with tools, machinery. They got a backhoe, they've got hammers, they've got sledge hammers. They are smashing things, all this stuff and the Holy Spirit says, "I don't want to just renew you so that you feel good and that I can help you get through your day. I am here to transform you. I'm here to renovate you."

When we invite Christ into our life, He's committed to absolutely transforming us at the deepest level. Why, because, you need to be transformed. If He leaves you as you are, that's bad. We talk about Jesus as the friend of sinners. And, well, He drank wine and hung out with the drunkards and hung out with the prostitutes and hooray. Why don't we just be like that? But the thing is He did not leave them as drunkards and prostitutes and tax collectors and broken. He transformed them by His power, by the grace of God. Do we have a vision for our own personal transformation, our own renovation in our life?

We are going to talk about today this passage 2nd Corinthians 3:18. It says that we are all with unveiled face, we behold as in a mirror, the Glory of God or the beauty of God and we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.

Two weeks ago we talked about the necessity of transformation. This week we are going to talk about the process of transformation. How do we agree with the purpose and the plan of God to take us from where we are at and transform us to look like His son? That's what we should want to look like. That's what we should want to sound like and the Lord has a way of changing our desires and our emotions, the things we want and what we say and how we say them. That's good. We need to be transformed by the power of God.

There is a verse in Psalm 37, verse 4 and it says this, it says, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He'll give you the desires of your heart." This is like the ultimate High School youth group verse. Like when you are in High School there are two verses that are incredibly important to you. It's if I delight myself in God He'll give me whatever I want. You got to know that one to

be a legit High Schooler, a Christian one. And then the second one is, "Be still and know that I am God." You know both are wildly taken out of context but. This verse, Psalm 37, verse 4 the Lord says, "Delight yourself in Me and I will give you the desires of your heart." Well, what He doesn't say is, "Actually in delighting yourself in Me, which is beholding My beauty, beholding My slender, beholding My affection for you, My desire for you, My love for you, the physical beauty of God, His splendor and what He looks like and His emotions and how He feels, that's how we delight ourselves in the Lord. He doesn't tell us that if we do that our desires will actually change. That's one of the most powerful and under rated things about Christianity is that Christianity will not leave you with just your same desires but if you delight yourself in God your desires will actually be changed by Him.

You know that is a powerful tool in the tool belt in the Christian to have desires that are changed because I have powerful desires. Some are good and some are bad. And if God is committed and He'll help me actually change my desires for Him and maybe I can do this whole transformation thing. Maybe we can do this whole renovate our minds thing. Maybe we might just end up looking like Jesus.

You know when I was a High Schooler, you know, you read verse like this, "My God, I am going to delight myself in You cause I'm gonna get the car I want." I mean the first car for a High Schooler is cute. It is an enormous point in your life to get that first car. So here we are, you know, back in that day, probably the year 2000 or something and I'm like, "Lord, I am delighting myself in Your ways, I'm delighting myself in You." And we get the first car. It was bad, 1986 Mazda GLC Deluxe, baby blue, angry baby. And this car was not aerodynamic in any since of the word. I don't know what the engineers were thinking at Mazda, if you were a Mazda engineer in 1986, I have no judgment to cast upon you now, but just bare with me, it's like they took a child's drawing of a car, you know that goes like this, this, this, this this, this, this, this, just ridged angles. They are like, "Let's make this thing a reality down at the Mazda plant." And out rolled the GLC Deluxe, it's called a deluxe and there is nothing deluxe about it. The only reason it's deluxe is because you're not walking.

No, for real, and we have this car man and me and my dad we had to share this car so it wasn't even like technically my first car. We had to share it and this car was wild. Once you hit 60 miles an hour it would accelerate and never stop. I don't know if they manufactured it that way. I don't know, or it was just broken. They didn't make it that way, hopefully. And you would just climb. There it is. One of our friends named it Meeshka. That's what that name is right there. One of my sister's friends named it the Meeshka Mobile. So, you would be going 60 miles an hour right and then all of a sudden the deluxe would just take over. And it was just never stop accelerating. And then, once you hit 59 miles an hour, just before it takes over the steering wheel would begin to violently shake. And it had no AC, of course. And so the windows are down 112 degree weather is blowing in, you are sweating. I'm 16, you're sweating, your steering wheel is shaking and the engine has just taken over and you are rocketing North on 71. Your life is in grave danger. You could always tell, you know, the new people that were initiated that would ride in our car with us, they are like, I mean you can't imagine the absolute panic. You're like, "Shouldn't you slow down right now?"

"I'd like to."

And so what you had to do was, you had to put the car in neutral and turn it off and you were just silently just whizzing down the highway. For real, this is what really what we did hundreds and hundreds of times. And my dad and I were the only ones that could successfully pull it off. We were very skilled. And the car obviously, because it was off, then you would have to hold down the clutch and turn it back on and try to get the engine to start again so that you can put it back into gear and so it would stop constantly accelerating. But sometimes it wouldn't start. So you're just whoosh.... you begin to slow down. And then you just merge over to the shoulder. And then just come to a stop. And try and start it. People are driving by just angry. "What are you doing? Blow your car up! Do us all a favor. Get out of here. Drive it into the lake anything."

It was just the wildest car. Right? And I am like, "Lord, we're delighting ourselves in You, why aren't you giving us the desires of our heart. No one wants this car, no one. This is pain, this is torment, this is persecution. What is happening?"

You know and what the Psalmist doesn't tell us, there is like this parenthetical part that got left out of the verse. It's that when we delight ourselves in God, He will change the desires of our heart. And then He will fulfill the desires of our heart once they are changed.

One of the worst things that a parent or God can do is show up right now to you and give you everything that was in your heart. Can you imagine Christmas morning coming around and you're four years old? You are like, "I am going to do literally anything they tell or say and I have a billion dollars to do it." Everybody's gonna die. Right? They're going to have you looking for mythological creatures on Mt. Everest. The point is this, is that, we must be transformed. Our desires must be transformed. Who we want, why we want it, what we want, how we want it, how we speak, how we communicate, it must come under the wisdom of God and the ways of God. Because we start from the place of assuming that God knows what is best for His children. We have to start there. And we disagree with that all the time.

It's clear on social media that we disagree with the way that God does things. And He goes, "I want you to begin to agree with me. I want you to become transformed into My image and I'll transform your desires and then I will fulfill those desires. "

I'll begin to want the things that God wants. I'll begin to think the thoughts that God thinks. Have you ever had a friend or spouse or roommate and you're like in the midst of an argument with them and you're just like, "Someone is not being very Christ-like here." Have you ever had that thought like, "Wow I wish this person would just act more like Jesus. What is their problem?" You're like right in the middle of an argument with your wife and you're just like, "You're not like Jesus. Too bad, you should be." But do we have a vision, again, for that personal transformation where we have a goal in mind, we're headed towards somewhere we not stagnant in our faith, we're not stagnant in our love? I want to love Him far more next year than I did last year. I want to reach the broken must better today than I did yesterday. I want to love the poor. I want to pray hard. I want to actually fast. Lord help me. I just want to complete a day.

I just, I want to grow in my faith and I am willing to pay the price to actually do it. Rather than penalizing everyone around me and trying to get the whole world to change, I, I am willing to change. I am willing to be transformed. I'm willing to sign up. You know, it's hard. It requires humility, perseverance and patience and all the stuff in the New Testament that we talk about. We just like, "Yeah, perseverance and patience and dut dut dut da." We just skip over those words.

Do you know why we need that stuff? It's because it's hard. It means you want to quit. It means you just throw in the towel and give up and just throw your hands in the air and go, "Well this is just the way I am. This is just the way things are." And there is just this resolve of acceptance. "I'm just gonna accept everything the way it is, including myself, including the injustice in the earth, including the injustice that I myself perpetuate, including all my brothers, I'm just resolved to give up on these things because it's too hard. It's too hard."

You know, one of the things that interesting, even after the message two weeks ago, a lot of the feedback that I was getting from folks was that this community is hungry for transformation and renovation. Out of all the people that talked to me afterwards and everything, they said, "Man, that idea, that it's not just renewing our minds, but renovating, I want that." That should encourage us. That should build our faith that you live in a community of people that are willing to pay the price and have God absolutely transform them. That they aren't holding just everyone else to it but they have their own vision for their life of, "I want to be like Jesus. Petal to the metal, everyday all day, I want to be like Him. I'm not going to give up. I'm not going to hit the coast button when I hit my mid thirties. I'm not going to hit the coast button once I hit 50 or 60. I'm not going to hit the coast button. I want to be like Him. I want to see Him. I want my heart to flow. I want the grace of God on my life. I want to prophesy. I want to have dreams. I want to see visions. I want the deeper things of God."

You live in a community like that, right here. There are many many many folks in this community that have paid a high price to be here, to sign up, to give their life to this thing, to relocate their jobs, to engage throughout the week in whatever way they can, come to services, bring their kids, moms that come and their kids are late at night and the kids are going berserk, they're just holding, they want, we want God. We want His beauty. We want His power. We want His majesty in our midst because at some point, I guarantee almost everybody that's here, they tasted a little bit of the beauty of God, they saw a glimpse of His beauty. It might have been at a One Thing conference or a prophecy room or a back corner where someone is just praying for healing for you but at some point your heart was touched, you were drawn in, you were infected with a virus called 'the beauty of God' and you said, "I'm going to give up till I have more of this. I can't go back to the old way. I can't go back to the old life. I can't just eject now that I know that God is beautiful, I got to rearrange my life in order to see that beauty in a deeper way. I long for it. I long for it."

The main idea of this passage, this verse, is this: That the mind is renewed and the life is transformed by beholding the beauty of God. The beauty of God, often scripture speaks of the glory of God. The glory of God and the beauty of God are interwoven together. It's this large theme, it's this umbrella theme about God's thoughts and His emotions and His affection for human beings and His character that is perfect and flawless and His physical appearance. And

there's many many aspects to the beauty of God. It's like this radiant diamond. And the thing about a diamond is, whenever you hold it up to the light there's a different ray that will shoot through and if you just move it slightly or change your angle just a little bit, you catch another glimpse of the brilliance and the radiance of that diamond. And the same thing is true about the beauty of God.

There's never a dull moment. You can come before Him anytime any day no matter where you are and you can ask Him, "Lord, show me Your beauty." And ask Him this, "How do you feel about me right now, Holy Spirit? What are Your affections towards me right now?" That's one of my favorite prayers to pray.

I want what comes out and what I believe about myself to actually agree with the Word of God. Wouldn't that be amazing if the people of God actually believed what the Word of God said about them? What if the people of God actually believed that they were the righteousness of God, not because of their own works but because of Christ's works? What would it be like for the people of God to actually believe they were the delight of the Lord because the Lord says, "You are my delight." What if we actually believed that? What if we allowed those truths to pierce us and renovate us and as we gaze upon those truths what we're doing is gazing upon the beauty of the Lord.

And there is a transformation process. There's an exchange that happens on the inside. Oh, and there's no other way to get that exchange to happen. You can't get it on the go, you can't get it just listening to something. You can't just get it on the fly. That exchange between God and man where you gaze upon His beauty, you think on Him, you meditate on Him, you take His truths, you take the truth of His word where He says, "You are my delight." God rejoices over His people. You are all fair. He says in Song of Solomon 4, "You are all fair." That's how He sees you in your present state. Even in our immaturity and brokenness he sees us as all fair and we just let that truth just weigh down upon us and we just thank Him for it and then we pray this, "Lord help me actually believe this is true. Do you really feel that way about me?"

I think that is one of the biggest battlegrounds for Christianity, it actually believing what God says about us. Can we believe what is true, the great battle of truth. Now what is interesting is that Paul highlights in this, this beholding principle. He says, "You will become whatever it is that you behold." And the way that we behold is on the inside it's what we fix those eyes of our heart, the eyes of our soul, our desires, what we latch onto. Because every Christian is going to say, "Oh course I want God. I want Him more than anything else" because that's the right thing to say. But what happens on the inside of us, Monday through Sunday and what we're thinking about fanaticizing about, dreaming about, longing for, talking about, spending our money on, that tell us, that shows us, what we truly want and what we are becoming.

If you behold money and wealth as your primary love, you will become greed. If you behold immorality, sexual lust, as your primary love, you will become lustful. Whatever you behold, you will become and if there was anything that I would go back in time and tell my younger self is this principle, "Be careful what you behold." Be careful what you behold. If you behold the things of the flesh and the works of the flesh, guess what, you will reap the works of the flesh and the things of the flesh. But if you behold the Spirit of God and the person of God and the

beauty and the character of Christ, you will be transformed into His image. You will become like Him. What other God is there? That even wants this.

I love our God. I love our God. He goes, "I'm so beautiful, I'm gonna make it easy for my people, my servants, my Bride, my children, I'm going to make it easy to be transformed into My image. All they have to do is look at Me. They just look at Me. They talk to Me. They engage with Me. They ask Me what I think. They ask Me what I'm feeling. They search the scriptures, "God what are You like, what do You look like, how do You act?" He goes, "I'm going to make it so easy."

And here's the other thing about God that just blows my mind is that He actually wants us to become like Him. What other God, what other God is there that wants its followers and its servants to be like them and share in their inheritance? Do you know that you, as a Christian, you share in the inheritance of Christ? You get a portion of Christ's inheritance. Christ is God. Last time I checked He lived a real hard life and suffered a real brutal death for no reason except that He came to save that which was lost. He laid down His life. He lived our life, He did the things we could not do. He was an over comer. He was victorious in every way and then He brings us into that state and now you're victorious. And then He goes, "Now I'm going to seat you with princes. I am going to exalt you to the highest of heavens. You're gonna sit at My right hand in the age to come. You're going to rule with Me. You're gonna govern the universe with Me. I'm going to make you immortal. I'm gonna change your body. You will not die. You will not suffer. You will not have to experience pain. You will not weep any longer. I will change your body, make you immortal and make you shine with My glory and My radiance just because I want to." And He goes, "I'm changing you. I'm transforming you into My image."

The beauty of God is powerful and you can't glimpse the beauty of God without some sort of reaction. You go through the scripture and you see the different stories of the prophets or the apostle that encountered and saw the beauty of the Lord and you will see a dramatic effect upon them because the beauty of God is not just stagnant. It comes after you. It infects you. It gets down deep. It holds you accountable because it's not just an attribute. It's Him, it's His Spirit, it's His person. He goes, "I want to come live inside of you and transform you at the deepest level."

We behold the beauty of God in creation. We see the beauty of the stars. We see the beauty of the mountains and the oceans and beautiful Missouri. Calling it forth, flowers, something. We see beauty and then our vacation is over and we just go back to life as normal. The prophets, when they saw the beauty of God they were not normal. They were not normal, they got infected, they were transformed, they were changed on the inside and they said, "I have to have more of this."

Isaiah, when he sees the Lord, high and lifted up he goes, "I'm cursed." That was his response to the beauty of God, he goes, "You are so beautiful and fascinating everything I have been about." Isaiah, he is a prophet already, he goes, "Everything I have been about I feel cursed because of how beautiful You are." The kings of the earth in Psalms 48, they gaze on the city of our God and it says that they flee in fear and pains like that of a woman in labor seized them because God's that beautiful. And that is just His city.

What kind of beauty are we talking about here? This isn't just scroll through your Instagram feed, nice sunset, nice make-up routine beauty. This is beauty that causes things to tremble and hills to smoke. It says in Isaiah chapter 6, it says that when he saw the Lord and he heard the angles singing, "Glory glory, holy, holy, holy" that the door posts of the heavenly temple began to tremble just because of His glory, just because of His manifest beauty. It caused the heavenly temple door posts to shake under the weight of the beauty of God. What would happen to this church building? If that's the heavenly temple, not built with human hands, it's in heaven; it's holding the place where God's presence is resting. If that place is trembling, what would happen if He came down here? The aluminum would just melt. I don't know what would happen. It wouldn't be pretty.

The disciples saw the transfigured Lord, they fell down as though they were dead. John the apostle, John the beloved, in Revelation 1, He sees the resurrected Lord and he falls down dead. This is beauty that is deeply powerful and transformative. And if we begin to agree with it in our own way and our own veiled, limited way, the transformation that would happen on the inside would be dramatic and powerful. That's how Jesus is getting His bride ready before the day of His coming.

It says that we're beholding him with an unveiled face. See the first step in the transformative process, 2nd Corinthians 3:16, just two verses prior says, "Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord," key word there 'turn'. When you turn to the Lord, the veil over the year is removed. So the first step in beholding the beauty of God and being transformed into His image is actually repentance. We actually go, "What I want and what I count as beautiful and what I count as lovely is actually the wrong direction and I'm going to turn through repentance, I'm going to turn to God and I am going to say, "You're the most beautiful One, actually You're worthy of my life, not this other junk."" I'm going to turn. That's the picture of repentance is turning and never going back and fixing our eyes upon the Lord. Paul says, "When you turn to Him, the veil is taken away." There is something that happens where the unbelief and the fear and all this junk that's clouded your heart through the spirit of the age is ripped back and now you have the ability and capacity to begin gazing even dimly, gazing upon the beauty of the Lord and becoming just like Him.

The veil that lies over the human heart are those lies that the god of this age, Satan, that serpent, that devil, that he has used to hide, confuse and distort the beauty of the sun of God. The gods of this age have come and they are assaulting you and they're assaulting your family. And they are assaulting the people of this city. And they are trying to distort the beauty of God. They are trying to lie and say, "This is actually beautiful, He is not beautiful. Do this thing, love this thing, give your money there, give your time here, give everything you are here." Give it all these other places and all they have to do is just get people to believe that God is not beautiful and worth it because if something isn't worth it and valuable then you won't pay any price for it. You won't give anything to it. You're walking through a store and you see something that's completely worthless for sale, you will not buy it. There is no worth, there is no value in it. And the gods of this age, they come and they're trying to cast this veil over the eyes of the people of God. They're trying to just confuse you and lie to you and discourage you and get you to quit, just get you to back off a little bit of your pursuit of Christ, to just get you a little dull, a little lackadaisical, just get you a little bit medicated on media, just get you a little bit medicated on

finances, just get you a little bit tipsy spiritually so that the veil blinds the people of God to the beauty of God.

The last thing that the enemy wants is a whole bunch of image bearers looking just like Jesus. That's God's vision for this city, that this whole city, we're called Forerunner Church, that this whole city would be prepared for the coming of the Lord, that the paths would be made straight for Him, that we would be a resting place and a dwelling place for the person of God and for His glory and His presence. And something has to yield and something has to give and the key is, is when the people of God look up and they begin to gaze and behold God's beauty. He goes, "That's where the transformation happens. It doesn't happen on the go. It happens when My people look at Me and they gaze, they behold."

To behold means to fixate upon it, to meditate, to latch onto it and not let go. Don't let go. We can't let go of the beauty of God as central and supreme to everything that we are doing.

I'll have the worship team go ahead and come out.

Jesus stands up and He begins quoting out of Isaiah 61. He says that the Spirit of God is upon Me and one of the things that He says is to give beauty for ashes. See the desires, the carnal desires of our heart have led us to a life of ashes.

The interesting thing about ashes is that one time it was a fire. But now the fire is gone and you are left with just soot and dirt and it's not useful anymore. That's the power of sin. At one point it was fire and it was exciting but now it's just ashes and humanity is just going through the rigor of ashes, ashes, ashes and Jesus says, "The Spirit of God has anointed Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and I'm going to give you beauty out of your ashes." He will beautify the humble with salvation. He will exalt the downcast. He will lift them up from the ash heap. He will seat them with princes. God will beautify His people. And how we agree with that is we behold the beauty of the Lord. We gaze into that mirror.

We see, not what the world tells us, we did not get into the mirror part, but this is important. We see, not what the world tells us, not what our minds tells us, not what our natural mirrors tell us, we see what God tells us. That's why He says, "Look in the mirror." He is saying, "I don't want you to see yourself in the way that you would relate to yourself, broken, sinful, jacked up, messed up, I want you to see yourself in the way that I see you. My delight is in you. My heart is for you. I'm after you, My affections, they rest upon my people." There is never a moment where Christ doesn't look down at His people and feel deep zeal and burning passion, love, fervent love and fervent desire for them. He always lives to make intercession for us, day and night, He does not rest. He does not rest. He is before the Father. He is praying the promises of God over this people forth, that you would look and talk and thing like Him. And that You would rule and reign with Him in this age and in the age to come. Hallelujah let's stand.

Lord, we want to see Your beauty. We want to see Your beauty Lord, even the din vision of Your beauty is better than the clear beauty of the beauty of this world, even just the smallest glimpse, just the smallest desire of the heart. I think of the woman that has the issue of blood and she is saying, "Just the smallest touch of the hem of His garment and if I just touch a little of

who He is, I know something will happen." We reach to You God in that same way. He reach for the beauty of God. We reach for those whispers of Your Spirit. We reach for those whispers of Your Spirit, those reminders. For the mother that's up nursing her child at night, to the person at work that's stressed out, sitting in her cubical working, feeling frivolous, those reaches, Lord where Your Spirit breaks in and You just remind us of the way that You think about us and You feel about us. You long for us.

Song of Solomon 2, verse 4 says that He brought us to His banqueting house and His banner over us is love. The story of our life is not a lack of commitment. The story of your life is not moral failure. The story of your life is not hypocrite. It's not drunkard, prostitute. The story, the banner of heaven over Your life is that God's affections are towards you. He is for you. He says, "I'm writing a story and I want you to connect with the story that I am writing. You'll see it dimly but even the dim seeing of My affection towards you is going to transform you. You're going to go from glory to glory to glory to glory to glory. I'm going to increase."

Lord I ask for that increase, increase upon these people. I ask for the singers and musicians. I ask that they would soar in the beauty of God, that You would unlock hearts and songs, Lord that take us in to those high places of Your beauty and You majesty. Lord I ask You for mothers and fathers that they would gaze upon the beauty of the Lord. Those in the market place, those that suddenly they're heart would be struck by your beauty that they would have to stop what they are doing for a moment. And they would just say, "Oh God, You're beautiful, You're worthy. I can't go on without praising You. I can't go on without declaring Your works."

Lord, we ask You that we would be a people that would be a people infected, infatuated with the beauty of God, that You would disease us with Your beauty. The beauty of the Lord, the hunger, Your emotions and Your affections. Lord, we ask that You would wash us again. Lord in any way that we have gotten away from this, we ask that You would refresh us, renovate us, bring us into that season of washing and cleansing again. Lord let Your words of affection wash, wash, wash the heart of Your people in the name of Jesus. Come Holy Spirit.

Let's just sing this together.