



BECOMING

A Journey Through Philippians

A 7-WEEK STUDY ON SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

GOD IS STILL
WORKING ON YOU.
AND HE'S NOT
FINISHED.

WEEK 2

A DIFFERENT WAY TO SEE IT

TEXT: PHILIPPIANS 1:12–30 | FORMATION EMPHASIS: DEVELOPING A TRANSFORMED PERSPECTIVE

KEY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 1:12



BIG IDEA

Spiritual transformation changes how we see what we're going through.



BEFORE WE BEGIN

Have you ever experienced something you initially thought was working against you, only to discover later that God used it?

What changed—the circumstance or your understanding of it?



1

SEE THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE OBSTACLE (Philippians 1:12–14)

Paul's imprisonment looked like an obstacle to the gospel. Paul saw it differently. The gospel reached people around him, and other believers became more courageous.

► **FILL IT IN:** A transformed perspective looks for God's _____ in life's _____.



THINK ABOUT IT

What "detour" in your life might God still be able to use?

2



SEE PURPOSE BEYOND YOUR PREFERENCE (Philippians 1:15–18)

Some preached Christ sincerely. Others acted from envy and rivalry. Paul refused to allow their motives to distract him from God's larger purpose.

► **FILL IT IN:** A transformed perspective prioritizes God's _____ over our _____.



REFLECT

Where are you tempted to insist that God's work happen your way?

3



PUT CHRIST AT THE CENTER (Philippians 1:19–21)

"For me, living is Christ and dying is gain." Paul's circumstances could change without changing the center of his life.

► **FILL IT IN:** A transformed perspective makes _____ the _____ rather than our circumstances.

FINISH THIS SENTENCE:

Based on the way I currently spend my time, attention, money, and energy:

"For me, living is _____."

What do you want the answer to become?

4

SEE YOUR LIFE THROUGH PURPOSE (Philippians 1:22–26)

Paul recognizes that remaining alive would allow him to continue contributing to the growth of others.

► **FILL IT IN:** Spiritual maturity moves us from _____ centered living toward _____ centered living.

**THINK ABOUT IT**

Who benefits from the person you are becoming?

5

REMEMBER YOUR TRUE CITIZENSHIP (Philippians 1:27)

Philippi was deeply proud of its Roman identity. Paul reminds believers that the gospel gives them a higher allegiance and a different standard for life.

► **FILL IT IN:** A transformed perspective sees our ultimate _____ through the _____.

**CONSIDER**

What value does our culture celebrate that may conflict with the way of Jesus?

6

DON'T STRUGGLE BY YOURSELF (Philippians 1:27–30)

Paul calls believers to stand firm and strive together. Spiritual formation is not an individual project.

► **FILL IT IN:** A transformed perspective recognizes that we were never meant to _____.

**THINK ABOUT IT**

Who can stand with you in your current season?

THE PERSPECTIVE SHIFT

FILL IT IN:

Transformation doesn't always change what I _____, sometimes it changes _____ how I see it.

OBSTACLE	➔	OPPORTUNITY
PREFERENCE	➔	PURPOSE
CIRCUMSTANCES	➔	CHRIST
SELF	➔	SERVICE
CULTURE	➔	KINGDOM
ISOLATION	➔	COMMUNITY

**DON'T CONFUSE FAITH WITH DENIAL**

A transformed perspective does not require us to pretend pain isn't painful or injustice isn't unjust.

FILL IT IN: Faith doesn't _____ reality; faith refuses to let reality have the _____.

**TALK ABOUT IT**

1. What circumstance is currently hardest for you to see through the lens of faith? _____
2. Where have you seen God turn an obstacle into an opportunity? _____
3. What's the difference between transformed perspective and positive thinking? _____
4. What does "For me, living is Christ" look like in everyday life? _____
5. Where might God be inviting you to see differently right now? _____



We can acknowledge:

- ✓ This hurts.
- ✓ This is unfair.
- ✓ This isn't what I wanted.

And still believe:

- ✓ God is present.
- ✓ God is working.
- ✓ God can redeem.
- ✓ This does not get the final word.

**BECOMING PRACTICE**

Reframe It

Once each day this week, choose one circumstance and write:

WHAT HAPPENED? _____

HOW AM I INTERPRETING IT? _____

HOW MIGHT CHRIST INVITE ME TO SEE IT? _____

Ask yourself:

- Where might God be present?
- What might God be forming in me?
- Is there someone I can serve through this?
- What biblical truth needs to shape my perspective?
- What do I need to surrender?

**MY PRAYER THIS WEEK**

Lord, give me the eyes of Christ.

Help me see beyond what is happening to what You may be doing.

Keep me from denying what is real, but also keep what is real from becoming greater in my vision than You are.

Transform my perspective as You transform my life. Amen.

**TAKE THIS WITH YOU**

Sometimes I need God to change my situation.

Sometimes I need God to change how I see my situation.

Either way, God is still working.