

Transforming Our Community

Jeremiah 29:7 (NLT)

And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

To transform means to make changes to something.

To transform means a thorough or dramatic change in the form, appearance, or character of something.

To transform means to convert from one thing or state to another.

God is calling Rhema to transform the community around us.

I.

Transforming the community must begin by winning lost people to Jesus.

The way we build momentum toward transforming the community is by reaching one person at a time.

Luke 15:10 (NLT) says, *“In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”*

The one person we minister to may lead to a harvest of other souls in the community.

John 4:39 (NIV) says, *“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”*

II.

When a person gives their life to Jesus, transformation begins to take place on the inside.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB) says, *“¹⁷ When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!”*

Transformation on the inside includes a new way of thinking.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) says, “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Transformation on the inside will ultimately lead to noticeable transformed behavior on the outside.

Acts 9:19b-21 (NIV) says, “Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?”

III.

There may be places in the community where we encounter resistance.

Acts 19:8-9 (NLT) says, “Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly for the next three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God. ⁹ But some became stubborn, rejecting his message and publicly speaking against the Way. So Paul left the synagogue and took the believers with him. Then he held daily discussions at the lecture hall of Tyrannus.”

However, there will be other places in the community that we will impact greatly.

Acts 19:11-12 (NIV) says, “God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.”

Transforming individuals will lessen evil activity and lead to a transformed community.

Consider Acts 19:26-27

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