

## TRANSFORMED – 7

Theme verse: *“And do not be conformed to 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.”* Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

*“He also spoke this parable: ‘A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone **this year** also, until **I dig around it** and **fertilize it**. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’”* Luke 13:6-9 NKJV

### JESUS ASK FOR THREE THINGS

- 1) GIVE ME A YEAR
- 2) LET ME DIG IT UP
- 3) LET ME FERTILIZE IT

### GOD’S WORD IS HIS FERTILIZER

*“So, I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, ‘Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’ I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.”*

Revelation 10:9-10 NIV

### GOD DOESN’T WANT US TO JUST READ THE BOOK HE WANTS US TO EAT THE BOOK.

*“I am the bread of life.”* John 6:48 NKJV

*“But this is what the Lord has told me: ‘When a strong young lion stands growling over a sheep it has killed, it is not frightened by the shouts and noise of a whole crowd of shepherds...’”* Isaiah 31:4 NLT

- **“Growling”** is the Hebrew word **“Hagah”** and is also translated as meditate.

*“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”* Joshua 1:8 NKJV

*“but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he **meditates** day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”* Psalm 1:2-3 ESV

- **Meditate means to murmur in pleasure or anger, to ponder, imagine, mutter.**

*“Taste and see that the Lord is good;”* Psalms 34:8 NIV

### GOD WANTS US TO ASSIMILATE HIS WORD THROUGH MEDITATION.

*“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”* John 6:63 NKJV

## MEDITATION INVOLVES

- 1) BEING RECEPTIVE
- 2) USING YOUR IMAGINATION
- 3) PARTICIPATION

## MEDITATION REQUIRES BEING RECEPTIVE

*“But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, ‘Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?’ They said to Him, ‘Twelve.’ ‘Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?’ And they said, ‘Seven.’ So, He said to them, ‘How is it you do not understand?’”* Mark 8:17-21 NKJV

*“I remember the days of old; I **meditate** on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah.”* Psalm 143:5-6 ESV

*“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”* John 16:13 NIV