The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind Study Guide

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KEEP YOUR THEOLOGY CONSISTENT WITH GOD'S CHARACTER

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (HEBREWS 13:8).

For I am the Lord, I do not change (MALACHI 3:6).

The great temptation for us during times of uncertainty is to adjust our theology to agree with the circumstance, rather than keeping it in agreement with the written record of who God is. By keeping our focus on what Scripture says about who God is and who Jesus revealed Him to be, we are given anchors that sustain us in the seasons between promise-received and promise-fulfilled. The key is, we cannot allow our theology to bow to our circumstances.

This is not a call to deny reality. In order to see our circumstances transformed and come into agreement with God's Kingdom reality, we must confront them *as they are*. The disease. The brokenness. The hurt. The pain. The need. We must honestly acknowledge what needs to be transformed in order to measure it beside the revealed will of God. We have the Scriptures and we have the example of Jesus Christ. Either one cannot be trumped by our experience or theology. Theology and experience are derived from the Word of God. This is the foundational starting point.

In order to endure uncertainty, we need to build on that which is certain. Jesus is certain. The rock of His Word is certain. The nature and character of God is certain. It is absolutely vital that we identify these certainties so we can be sustained in times of tension. Again, tension exists when there is a promise in God's Word that is yet unfulfilled. Tension exists until the gap no longer exists, and what was promised comes to pass. However, tension makes faith necessary.

Fulfilment does not demand faith. When we receive what God promised, faith is no longer necessary—at least faith for that specific miracle. One day, when we behold Jesus with our eyes in all of His glory, faith will no longer be necessary. What we believed in faith, on earth, will become a visible reality. In the meantime, faith must be in something sure and certain, otherwise, it will shift based on our circumstance. If we are experiencing sickness—and we are not receiving instant healing—it is easy to conclude that God is not a Healer. Likewise, if we are believing for financial provision and it seems like nothing is happening, despite how much we pray, there is the tendency to conclude that God is not coming through.

We make conclusions like this when we do not know how to stand firm in seasons of uncertainty. What keeps us grounded in faith? The truth that our God is unchanging. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

TRANSFORMATION THOUGHT

When we experience seasons of uncertainty—the gap between receiving a promise from God and seeing that promise come to pass—we must remain grounded in the solid, unchanging truth of who God is. His character is eternally unchanging, even though our circumstances change.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to keep our theology rooted and grounded in who God is, rather than letting our circumstances dictate what we believe?

2. How does Scripture and the example of Jesus show us who God is and what He is like? How can you make these your "anchors" in times of uncertainty?

TRANSFORMATION PRAYER

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Father, You are unchanging. Show me how to base my faith on who You are instead of what my circumstance is saying. Regardless of what I am up against or go through in life, I choose to believe You are exactly who You say You are, and who the Word reveals You to be.