



New Life in the Mind

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The Story of Holiness

The Transformative Power Of A Renewed Mind

Romans 12

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be [a]transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

RENEWED =

Refresh

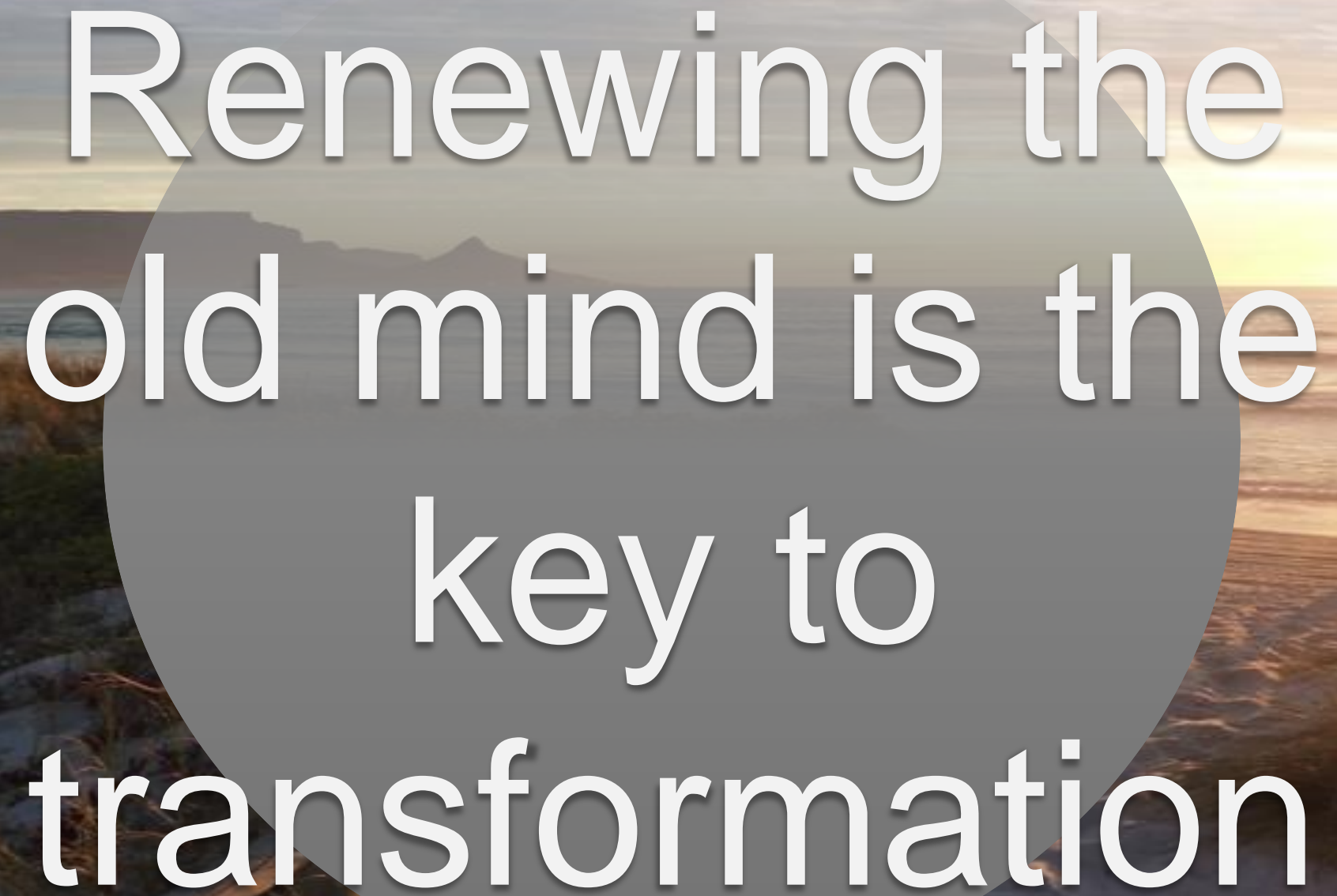
Renovate

Restore

Reprogram



Restoration of what had become faded or disintegrated so that it seems like new.



Renewing the
old mind is the
key to
transformation

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God's Promises Lost Because of Wrong Mindset

Num 13:

Report on the Exploration

30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” **32** And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. **33** We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). **We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.**”

The Consequences Of A Wrong Mindset

Num 14:

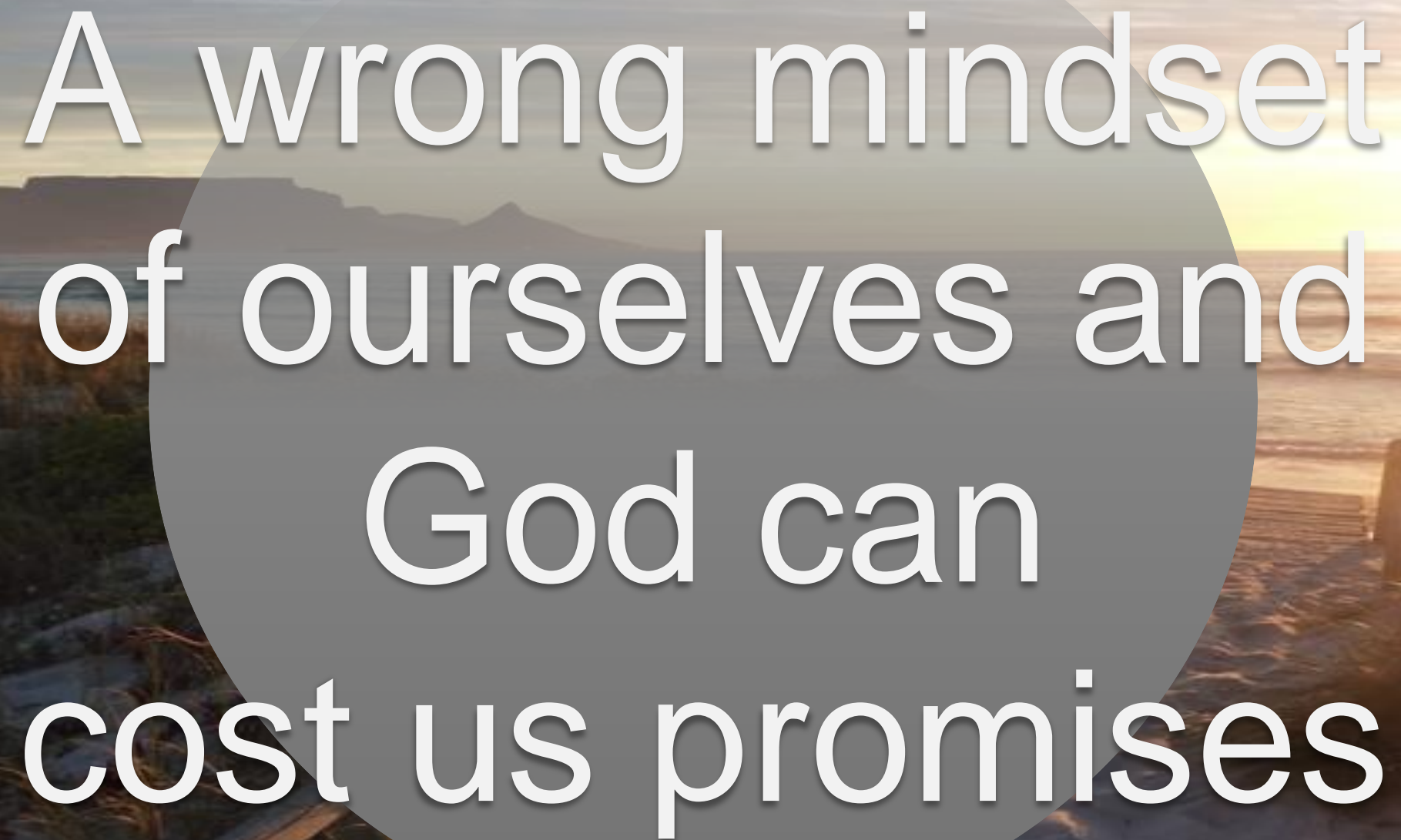
28 Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just what you have spoken in My hearing I will most certainly do to you; **29** your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness, even all who were numbered of you, your entire number from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me. **30** Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, not one of you shall enter the land in which I swore [an oath] to settle you. **31** But your children whom you said would become plunder, I will bring in, and they will know the land which you have despised *and* rejected. **32** But as for you, your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness. **33** **Your sons shall be wanderers *and* shepherds in the wilderness for forty years, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness (spiritual infidelity), until your corpses are consumed in the wilderness. ...**

Exodus 4:

13 But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

14 Then the **Lord’s anger burned against Moses** and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.





A wrong mindset
of ourselves and
God can
cost us promises

2. Holy And Unholy Ways Of Thinking About Ourselves

Unholy Ways of Thinking Highly of Self

Being selfishly ambitious and counting yourself more significant than others (Philippians 2:3). Usually results in “quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder

Holy Ways of Thinking Highly of Self

You are a saint who is part of “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for [God’s] own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). You are a new creation in Christ and no longer that old condemned person (2 Corinthians 5:17). God intends for this to be part of your self-image.

2. Holy And Unholy Ways Of Thinking About Ourselves

Unholy Ways of Thinking Lowly of Self

Chronic sense of failure, underachievement, and shame because compared to others you just are not smart enough, attractive enough, competent enough, gifted enough, organized enough, educated enough, successful enough, rich enough, or prominent enough.

Holy Ways of Thinking Lowly of Self

If you see yourself as having once been the foremost of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15), only being what you now are by the grace of God (1 Corinthians 15:10), you look for the low seat at the banquet (Luke 14:10) because you consider others more important than yourself (Philippians 2:3), and the cry of your heart is “[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease”



A New Mindset about Sin

Sin Through The Eyes Of A Righteous Judge

Romans 6:11: *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Col 3:3: *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

Rom 8:1: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (he expression of very strong disapproval; censure.the action of condemning someone to a punishment; sentencing.*

Rom 6:15: *You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

Rom 6:12-14: *“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”*

1 Cor 15:34: *“Awake to righteousness, and do not sin.”*

Sin Through The Eyes Of A Good Father

Heb 12

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of [a]witnesses [who by faith have testified to the truth of God's absolute faithfulness], **stripping off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily and cleverly entangles us**, let us run with endurance *and* active persistence the race that is set before us, **2 [looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus**, who is the Author and Perfecter of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our **faith to maturity**], who for the joy [of accomplishing the goal] set before Him endured the cross, [b]**disregarding the shame**, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God [revealing His deity, His authority, and the completion of His work]. **3** Just consider *and* meditate on Him who endured from sinners such bitter hostility against Himself [consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

A Father's Discipline

4 You have **not yet struggled to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin**; **5** and you have [c]forgotten the divine word of encouragement which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not make light of the discipline of the Lord, And do not lose heart *and* give up when you are corrected by Him;



Sin Through The Eyes Of A Good Father

For the Lord **disciplines *and* corrects those whom He loves, And He punishes every son whom He receives *and* welcomes [to His heart].” 7 You must submit to [correction for the purpose of] discipline**; God is dealing with you as with sons; for [d]what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 Now if you are exempt from correction *and* without discipline, in which all [of God’s children] share, then you are illegitimate children and not sons [at all]. 9

Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we submitted *and* respected them [**for training us**]; shall we not much more willingly submit to the Father of [e]spirits, and live [by learning from His discipline]? 10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for only a short time as seemed best to them; **but He *disciplines us* for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems sad *and* painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness [right standing with God and a lifestyle and attitude that seeks conformity to God’s will and purpose].**



Ways To Submit Under The Discipline Of A Good Father

- Make Holy Living A Priority (*stripping off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily and cleverly entangles us,*)
- Be open for correction from brothers and sisters - (*1 Cor 5: 11 It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. Gal 6: 6 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.*)
- Focusing our eyes on Jesus, disregarding the shame
- Repent and change your mind quickly (*confess your sins to one another so that you can be healed*)
- Forgive quickly and always



New Mindset About Calling

Our Calling As Christians

<p>“You are the light of [Christ to] the world</p>	<p>Matt 5:16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds <i>and</i> moral excellence, and [recognize and honor and] glorify your Father who is in heaven.</p>
<p>Sent To make disciples (Get people saved)</p>	<p>Matt 28:18 All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you</p>
<p>Steward</p>	<p>Gen 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.</p>
<p>Member of the Body</p>	<p>Romans 12: 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith</p>

Deceptions That Prevent New Life In Calling

- Think old ways of thinking are right (don't want to change)
- Distracted by a picture that looks more preferable than current circumstances
- Held back because of past experiences



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