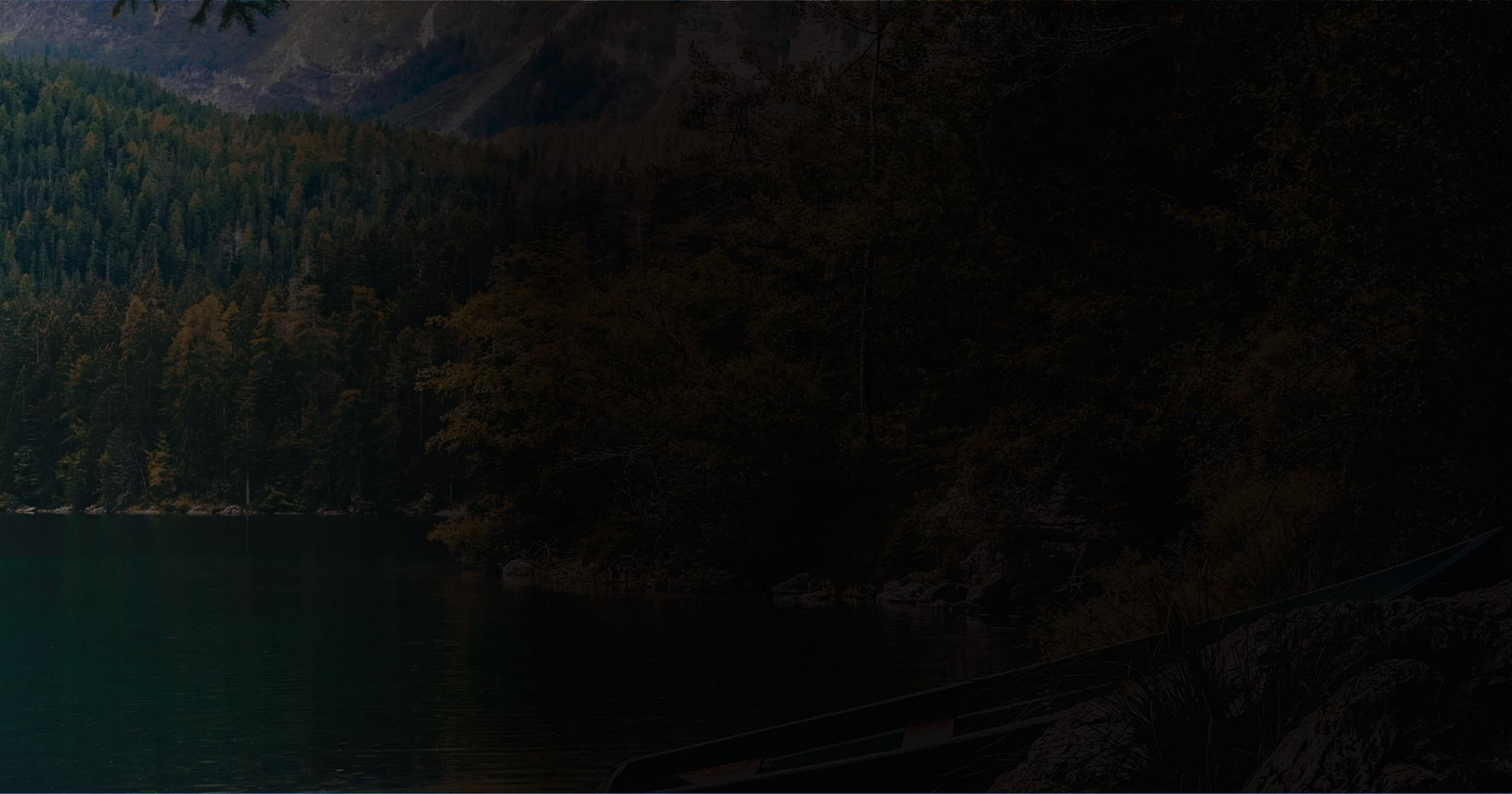




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Transformation 101

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Genesis 12:1-3 – The Call of Abram

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Transforming Abram: A Command and a Promise

- “Go.... And I will...”
The promise is as a result of obedience
- “And I will make of you a great nation....make your name great...so that”
A promise to transform Abram for a purpose
- A promise to protect
- An extraordinary promise.

Abram / Abraham's Faith

- Abram leaves at the age of 75
- ...lets Pharaoh take Sarai as his wife
- ...has Ishmael by Hagar
- Abraham lets Abimelech take Sarah as his wife
- ...has Isaac by Sarah
- ...has his faith tested with the command to sacrifice Isaac

Colossians 3:5, 7-11

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you...

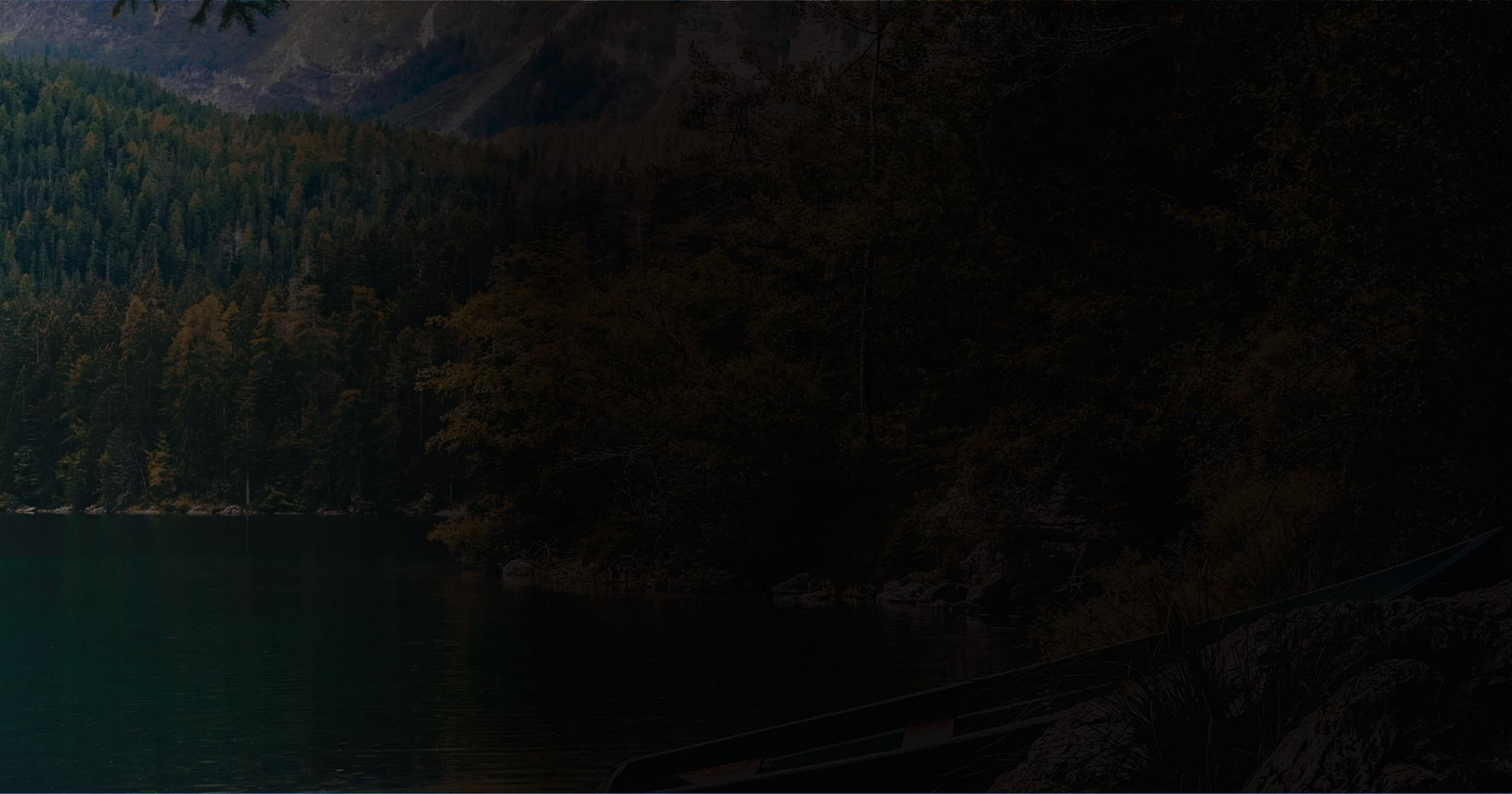
⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹

...seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Luke 2:22-27, 33-35

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.



Luke 2:22-27, 33,36-

²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law...³³ And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him...³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,

Luke 2:22-27, 33-5

³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.^[f] She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Transforming the World

- Joseph and Mary dedicate Jesus
The blessing and the prophecy received as a result of obedience.

Obedience creates the opportunity for God to transform us.

Psalm 139:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts! [\[c\]](#)

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Colossians 3:11-15

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Being Transformed

- We have to allow God to transform us into His image.
We must reflect the nature of God, for His purpose, for the world's sake and for our own benefit.
- Obedience creates the opportunity for God to transform us.
- Kindness, humility, meekness, love allow God to transform the world through us.

Colossians 3:11-15

⁹ ...asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.