

Transformation

Three pictures of Change

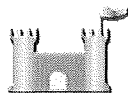
Matthew 4:19

"Come, follow me," Jesus said...



Matthew 8:22

Jesus told him, "**Follow me**" ...



Matthew 9:9

"**Follow me,**" he told him, and
Matthew got up and followed him.



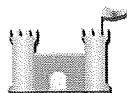
Matthew 10:38

“Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”



Matthew 16:24

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”



Matthew 19:21

“Sell your possessions, give to the poor, then come follow me.”



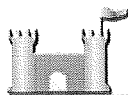
John 8:12

“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”



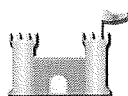
John 10:4

His sheep follow him because they know his voice.



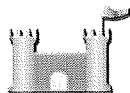
John 10:27

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

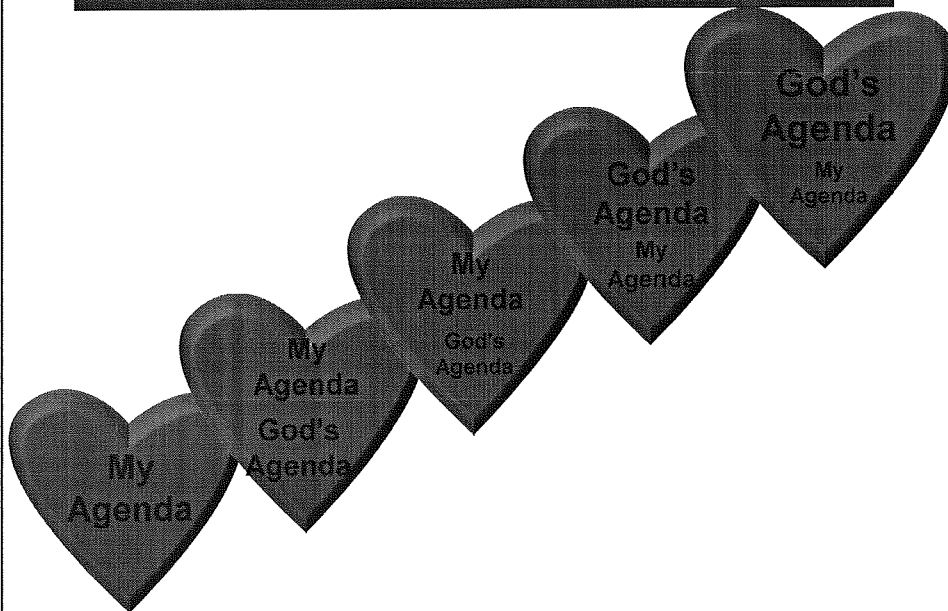


Following Implies:

1. The leadership issue is settled in Jesus' favor.
2. An ongoing process.



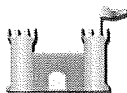
I. The Process of Letting God Lead



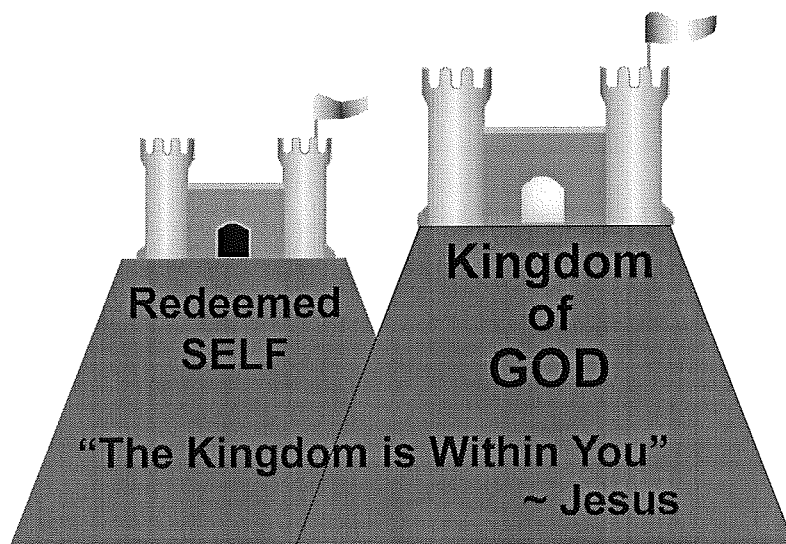
Biblical Transformation Process Vocabulary

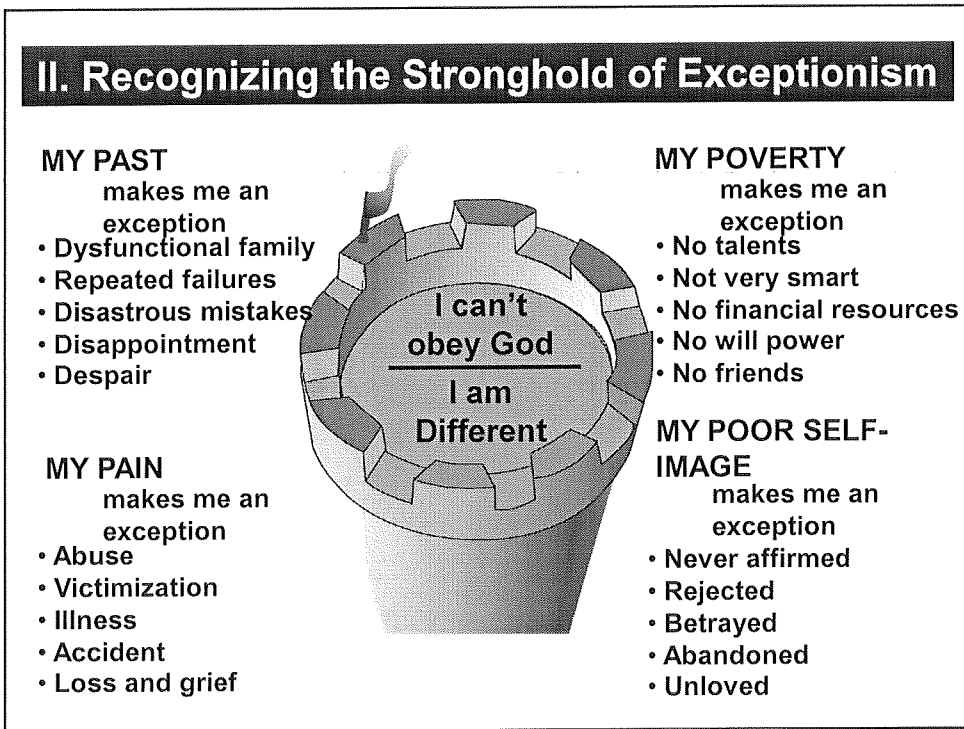
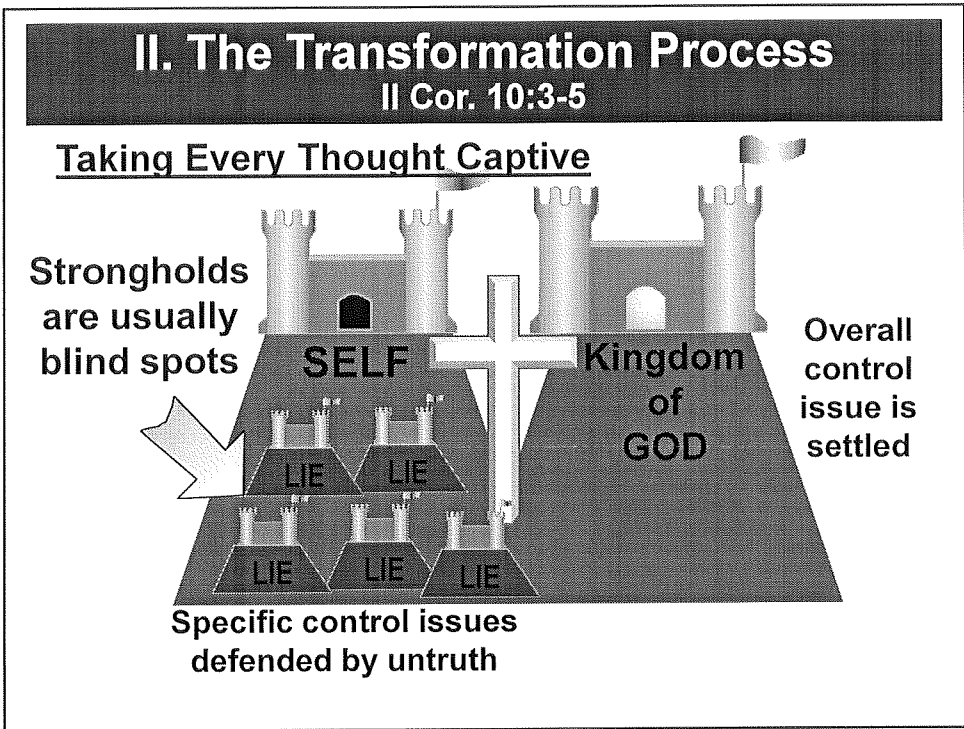
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| Give up | — | Give over | — | Give out |
| Yield | | Be filled | | Make every effort |
| Obey | | Live in | | Grow in grace |
| Submit | | Depend upon | | Stand firm |
| Repent | | Look to Jesus | | Fight the good fight |
| Humble yourself | | Imitate Christ | | Produce fruit |
| Follow | | Be transformed | | Shine / reflect |

LIVE BY FAITH



II. How The Transformation Process Works in a Christ-Follower





II. Another Kind of Exceptionism

MY INTELLECT

- An excellent memory
- Cleverness
- Quickness
- Brilliant deductive ability

MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fine family background
- A five star education
- Successful career
- Wealth
- Power, influence, celebrity status



MY GIFTEDNESS

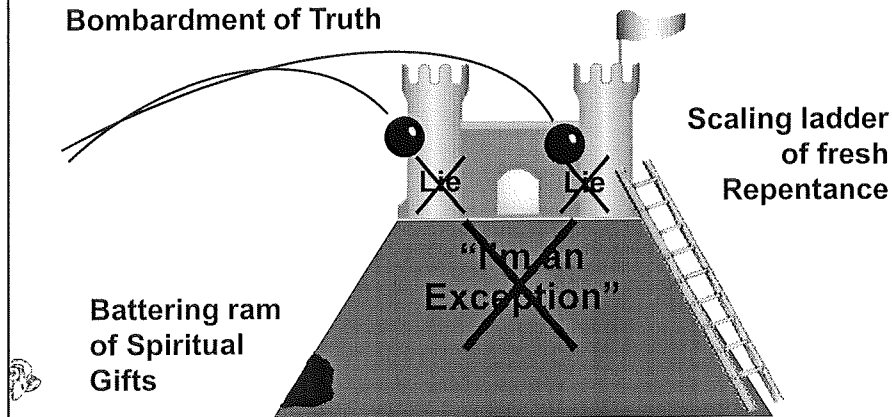
- Enormous talent
- Superior strength, speed, coordination
- Ingenuity
- Artistic expressiveness

MY MORAL GOODNESS

- Never "messed up"
- Consistent wise choices
- Do many good deeds
- Usually find the moral high ground
- Better performance than most

II. Destroying the Exceptionism Stronghold

Bombardment of Truth



"Taking captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ!"

