



# LOVE THAT TRANSFORMS IV

TRA

# MARK 12:28–31 (NKJV)

- <sup>28</sup>THEN ONE OF THE SCRIBES CAME, AND HAVING HEARD THEM REASONING TOGETHER, PERCEIVING THAT HE HAD ANSWERED THEM WELL, ASKED HIM, “WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF ALL?”
- <sup>29</sup>JESUS ANSWERED HIM, “THE FIRST OF ALL THE COMMANDMENTS IS: ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.’”

## MARK 12:28–31 (NKJV)

- <sup>30</sup>AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.
- <sup>31</sup>AND THE SECOND, LIKE IT, IS THIS: ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.”

# LOVE MUST TRANSFORM



- *How?*
  - *KNOW THE SOURCE*
  - *KNOW THE NATURE*
  - *EXPERIENCE THE OUTCOME*

# I. THE SOURCE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- CHRIST IS NOT ONLY OUR SAVIOR—HE IS OUR STANDARD FOR LOVE.
- WHEN WE LOVE LIKE CHRIST, THAT LOVE BECOMES **TRANSFORMATIVE**—IT CHANGES PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, AND THE CHURCH.

# I. THE SOURCE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- BEFORE LOVE TRANSFORMS OTHERS, IT MUST FIRST **FLOW FROM CHRIST.**
- **JOHN 15:12–13**  
“LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU...  
GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAN TO LAY DOWN ONE’S LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.”

# I. THE SOURCE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- JESUS DEFINES LOVE THROUGH THE **CROSS**.
- NOT CONVENIENCE → BUT **SACRIFICE**
- NOT EMOTION → BUT **COMMITMENT**
- NOT WORDS → BUT **ACTION**

# PHILIPPIANS 2:5–8 (NKJV)

- <sup>5</sup>LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS, <sup>6</sup>WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER IT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD, <sup>7</sup>BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION, TAKING THE FORM OF A BONDSERVANT, AND COMING IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. <sup>8</sup>AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.
- JESUS DID NOT JUST TEACH LOVE—HE **MODELED IT.**

# I. THE SOURCE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- THE CROSS IS GOD'S ETERNAL MESSAGE: **"THIS IS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU."**
- EVERY ACT OF LOVE WE SHOW MUST BE MEASURED AGAINST THAT STANDARD.



## SO WHAT?

- LOVE BEGINS WITH **RECEIVING GOD'S LOVE**
- TRANSFORMATION STARTS WHEN WE SAY:  
**"LORD, LOVE THROUGH ME."**

# II. THE NATURE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4–7 (NKJV)
- <sup>4</sup>LOVE SUFFERS LONG AND IS KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY; LOVE DOES NOT PARADE ITSELF, IS NOT PUFFED UP; <sup>5</sup>DOES NOT BEHAVE RUDELY, DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN, IS NOT PROVOKED, THINKS NO EVIL; <sup>6</sup>DOES NOT REJOICE IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH; <sup>7</sup>BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS.

## II. THE NATURE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE IS NOT ABSTRACT—IT IS PRACTICAL AND VISIBLE.
- IT IS:
- PATIENT WHEN PROVOKED
- KIND WHEN UNDESERVED
- HUMBLE, NOT SELF-SEEKING
- ENDURING IN HARDSHIP

## II. THE NATURE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- ANYONE CAN LOVE WHEN IT'S EASY.
- BUT CHRISTLIKE LOVE SHOWS UP WHEN:
  - PEOPLE DISAPPOINT YOU
  - SITUATIONS FRUSTRATE YOU
  - LOVE IS NOT RETURNED

## II. THE NATURE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- LOVE ACTS LIKE A MIRROR. WHEN YOU CONSISTENTLY SHOW PATIENCE, KINDNESS, AND GRACE: PEOPLE BEGIN TO **REFLECT WHAT THEY RECEIVE.**
- ANGER FUELS ANGER. BUT LOVE SOFTENS HEARTS

## II. THE NATURE OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

- ...DO I LOVE PEOPLE BASED ON HOW THEY TREAT ME? OR BASED ON HOW CHRIST LOVES ME?





### **III. THE OUTCOME OF TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE: LOVE CHANGES PEOPLE**

# III. TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE CHANGES PEOPLE

- ...LUKE 10:33–35 (NKJV)
- <sup>33</sup>BUT A CERTAIN SAMARITAN, AS HE JOURNEYED, CAME WHERE HE WAS. AND WHEN HE SAW HIM, HE HAD COMPASSION.
- <sup>34</sup>SO HE WENT TO HIM AND BANDAGED HIS WOUNDS, POURING ON OIL AND WINE; AND HE SET HIM ON HIS OWN ANIMAL, BROUGHT HIM TO AN INN, AND TOOK CARE OF HIM.

# III. TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE CHANGES PEOPLE

- **LUKE 10:33–35 (NKJV)**

- <sup>35</sup>ON THE NEXT DAY, WHEN HE DEPARTED, HE TOOK OUT TWO DENARII, GAVE THEM TO THE INNKEEPER, AND SAID TO HIM, 'TAKE CARE OF HIM; AND WHATEVER MORE YOU SPEND, WHEN I COME AGAIN, I WILL REPAY YOU.'

# III. TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE CROSSES BARRIERS

Race

Culture

Social  
status

# III. TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE ...

- **MOVES FROM FEELING TO ACTION**
  - HE DIDN'T JUST FEEL COMPASSION—HE ACTED
- **REFUSES TO IGNORE PAIN**
  - LOVE SEES SUFFERING AND RESPONDS

# III. TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE CHANGES PEOPLE

- ...OVER TIME, THAT STUDENT CHANGES—NOT BECAUSE OF PUNISHMENT, BUT BECAUSE SOMEONE LOVED THEM CONSISTENTLY. **LOVE REACHED WHERE RULES COULD NOT...**

# III. TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE CHANGES PEOPLE

- SO WHAT?
- SPEAK LIFE INTO SOMEONE OVERLOOKED
- SHOW KINDNESS TO SOMEONE DIFFICULT
- INVEST IN SOMEONE OTHERS HAVE GIVEN UP ON
- **START WHERE YOU ARE**
- YOUR HOME. YOUR WORKPLACE. YOUR CHURCH. YOUR COMMUNITY

# OUR DECLARATION

- I WILL LOVE AS CHRIST LOVED.  
I WILL SERVE SACRIFICIALLY.  
I WILL EXTEND GRACE FREELY.  
I WILL BE A LIGHT IN MY COMMUNITY.  
AND THROUGH GOD'S LOVE IN ME—LIVES  
WILL BE TRANSFORMED.

# NUMBERS 6:24–26 (NKJV)

- 24“THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
- 25THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU,  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
- 26THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON  
YOU, AND GIVE YOU PEACE.” ’



# LOVING ONE ANOTHER

- 1 JOHN 4:7–10 (NKJV)
- <sup>7</sup>BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; AND EVERYONE WHO LOVES IS BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD.
- <sup>8</sup>HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, FOR GOD IS LOVE.
- <sup>9</sup>IN THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED TOWARD US, THAT GOD HAS SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD, THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.
- <sup>10</sup>IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

