



SOUTHBRIDGE  
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## “Lessons from a New Father”

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### Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Lesson #1: Spiritual transformation is not \_\_\_\_\_, but is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to our faith journey.**

### Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT)

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, 22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

**Lesson #2: Renewal happens in God's \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_ choices.**

### Luke 9:23 (NIV)

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

**Lesson #3: Knowing God's will is the \_\_\_\_\_ of applied spiritual formation.**

### I Corinthians 2:11, 12 & 16 (NLT)

No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. 16 "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

### Matthew 11:28-29 (NLT)

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

#### **Transformation Questions...**

1. Am I actively pursuing God's presence through prayer, Bible study, and meditation?
2. Am I making daily choices that reflect a transformed life?
3. Does the potential for knowing God's will motivate me for transformation?