



SUMMER AT JOURNEY

Transformers!
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Isaiah 40:31

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Philippians 1:6

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We *block* the process.

Tweaking is not Transformation

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Romans 12:2

What holds us back?

1. *Seductions*
2. Lack of understanding and practice when it comes to *Spiritual Discernment*
3. Internal Voices of *Resistance*
 - Voice of *Judgment* ("Transformation isn't necessary")
Resource needed: an Open *Mind*

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Matthew 18:3

- Voice of *Cynicism* ("Transformation isn't possible")

Resource needed: an Open *Heart*

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Matthew 19:26

- Voice of *Fear* ("Transformation would mean I'd lose something")

Resource needed: an Open *Will*

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Isaiah 41:9–10a

So, what should we do to experience transformation?

1. It's all about *posture*. Position yourself *invitationally* for transformation.

2. Learn to *Discern*.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1

3. Exercise *Curiosity* toward yourself. What are your Voices of Resistance? What's their "positive intent"?

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