

## **Godly Marriage Brings Spiritual Transformation**

By Ray Hollenbach

Wouldn't it be a shame to stay married to the same spouse for a lifetime and not be changed by the process of sharing life together? Our most important & personal relationships touch us deeply. The rough edges rounded; the abrasive surfaces smoothed: we experience **transformation**. And then there's Jesus. Wouldn't it be a shame to take the identity of "Christian" for most of our lives and somehow remain unchanged?

A marriage which doesn't bring transformation is no marriage at all. Any godly relationship brings transformation at the deepest level. Do we have a relationship with Jesus, or an arrangement? We believe Jesus paid the price for our sin & paved the way to eternal life. The average believer in North America knows how to appropriate the legal exercise of God's forgiveness but has no real expectation of becoming "conformed to the image of Christ." (Rom.8: 29)

In marriage, and our spiritual life, we experience transformation through **love, commitment, and constancy**.

**Love** - The reason I am less of a jerk after thirty-six years of marriage is simple: I love my wife & don't want to cause her pain. When I act selfishly, *she* pays the price. I witness the grief I cause and because I love her, I determine to think of her before I think of me. The same can be true of my relationship with Christ. If Jesus is the passionate love of my life, I will joyfully conform my actions to those things which give him joy. This isn't about following the Law; it's about pleasing my beloved. The question is—do I love him, or do I merely want to use his sacrifice?

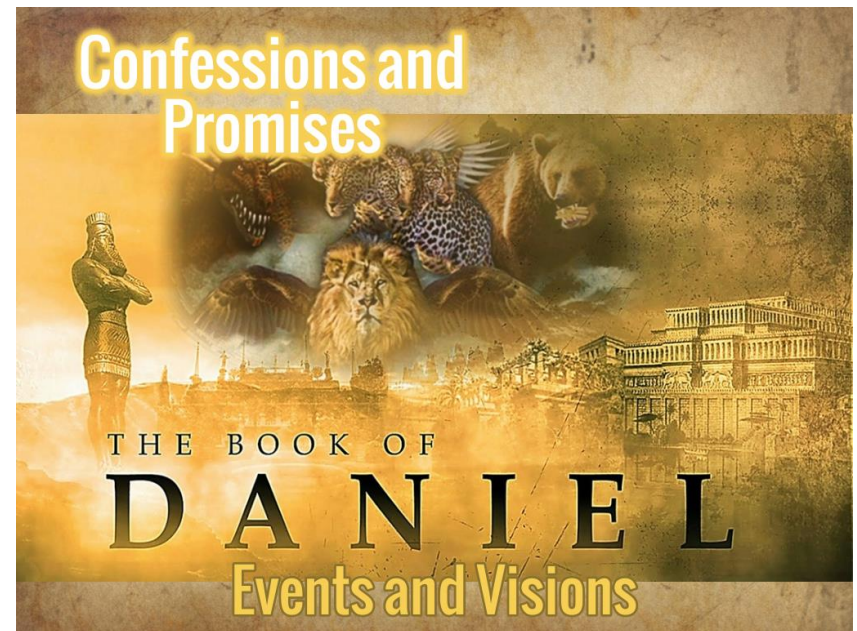
### **Commitment**

Insanity is hereditary—you get it from your kids! How many times in one day can a two-year-old push your buttons? Raising children comes with a twenty-year commitment to the unknown. We stick with our children when they drive us crazy. Commitment stands firm even when love wants to run. If we learn commitment from raising our children, how much more will commitment transform our life with God? When we feel He may be against us, or we don't understand his actions, commitment can hold us firm.

### **Constancy**

Life is so daily. We do the laundry this week, knowing we will do it again next week. Repetitive tasks threaten to overwhelm our desire for whimsy and adventure. Yet those who neglect the everyday matters are regarded as immature and irresponsible. The constant parade of days and weeks, months and years builds faithfulness into our souls. What if the everyday-ness of life reveals something of God's grandeur?

Spiritual transformation begins with relationship, and marriage is a great example. The real question whether our relationship with Jesus rises to the level of our most cherished human ones. No one should settle for marriage, family, or friendship without transformation. Why settle for less with God?



## **WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021 / Worship 10 AM**

Welcome

Invocation

Song

**How Great Thou Art**

Song

**Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)**

Song

**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Announcements

Scripture Reading

**Daniel 9**

Worship Prayer

*Steve*

Sermon

**Confessions and Promises**

*Pastor Dave Havener*

Song

**Hear Us From Heaven**

Song

**When The Stars Burn Down (Blessing & Honor)**

Benediction

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<https://www.lakeviewwego.com>

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## Events and Information

**LUNCH ON THE GO** – We're sorry for any confusion, but there will NOT BE Lakeview Lunch on the Go this Sunday. The Elders and the Loaves and Fishes Team are evaluating the impact and intention for Lunch on the Go and will not serve the meal this month while we clarify our goals and how we can best meet them in the months ahead. Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions or ideas, please talk to one of the Loaves and Fishes Team or an elder. That includes discussing how you wish to be involved in the mission and ministry of Lakeview Chapel!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, July 29th from 1 PM to 6 PM at Lakeview. You can call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment. Please pass the information along to others that might have interest.

**SUMMER JUNIOR CHURCH & NURSERY** – Summer Junior Church is for children who are in Pre-School up to kindergarten. We also have a nursery service for infants up to 3 years old. Older children are asked to remain in church for the service. Thank you!

**JUNIOR CHURCH & NURSERY HELP** – Want to make an impact on a child's life? Why not join the Junior Church or the Nursery Team! Please contact Patti if interested.

## PreK to K., Junior Church, & Nursery

### **This Sunday – July 11th**

Junior Church Worker  
Nursery Workers

Grace  
Sandy & Patti

### **Next Sunday – July 18th**

Junior Church Worker  
Nursery Workers

Kristie  
Holly & Liz



## Youth Programs

**IMPACT** - Teen Group (6th–12th grade) meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 PM – 8 PM at Lakeview.

**SUMMER NIGHTS WITH JESUS** – For kids of all ages including teens! Invite your friends! Please contact Melissa or Patti for more information.

### **NEXT SUMMER NIGHTS WITH JESUS EVENTS:**

**Pizza and Board games this coming Wednesday July 14th 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Lakeview!**

**Water Fun Night Friday July 30th 5:30 PM at Lakeview!** Bring a lawn chair. Sign up before July 18th at the back of the church.

## This Weeks Calendar

Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Small Group
	6:00 PM	DMC Meeting
	6:30 PM	Couples Small Group
Wednesday	6:30 PM	IMPACT Teen Group
	6:30 PM	Summer Nights With Jesus-Pizza & Board Games
	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Friday	7:00 PM	Adult Small Group

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

***John 3:16 (NIV)***

**We are building a community of faith in God that LIVES WELL but not by SIGHT.**