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Be Transformed

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Do not conform 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. (Romans 12:2)

Real change begins from the inside out. Fall Week of Prayer begins tonight with the theme “Be Transformed.” Our guest speaker, Nathan Renner, will address what it means for God to transform our lives from the inside out through the renewing of our minds. Renner has personally experienced God’s transforming power having been called to ministry shortly after his conversion in 1997 and has since preached globally. He currently serves as the lead pastor at Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tennessee and is an instructor at the ARISE institute, a training ministry dedicated to educating and equipping followers of Christ to share the gospel.

Paul highlights in Romans that the world seeks to control our minds by shaping our thoughts. Some of the ways the enemy uses such patterns include misconceptions of freedom, shame, and failure which can cause us to give up and loosen our hold on Christ. However, while the world seeks to control us, God seeks to transform us. Control works from the outside in by applying pressure to dominate and coerce us. But God changes our lives by working from within, not through force but through faith by the renewing of our minds. If the world controls our thinking, we are conformers; but if God controls our thinking, we become transformed. When God changes the way we think, He can change the way we live.

Reflect

- How does the world seek to squeeze you into its mold? In what areas of your life does this seem to be the strongest?
- Write down one area of your life where you need God’s transformation.

Act

If you are seeking to experience transformation in your life, join us for Fall Week of Prayer tonight at the University Church beginning at 8:00 (for enrichment credit be at church no later than 8:00 pm). We will discover what it means for God to renew us so that we can experience fullness in Christ.

RESOURCES

- Follow [@ministryandmissions](#) on Instagram for updates on events and programs as well as encouraging messages and [check out our website](#) for many new resources.
- **Talk** with Chaplain [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#) if you need someone to pray with or have a desire to grow spiritual