

**11 February 2018 - Transfiguration of our Lord. Readings:** 2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6; 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9.

**INTRO:** *ABC Transformation* – **Mark 9:2**, “He was **transfigured** before them.”



**I. ABSOLUTE SURRENDER (to the Word/words of God).**  
**2 Kings 2:2, 4, 6**, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, **I will not leave you.**”

**Romans 12:1-2**, “I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. ”

**Romans 1:16**, “For **I am not ashamed of the gospel**, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.”

**Eugene Peterson**, “The Gospel is concerned not with enlightenment but with encounter. Not just envisioning the light and power of God in Jesus Christ, but with experiencing it. And in experiencing it, to be transformed by it.”



**II. BOLD (Dangerous) PRAYERS.**

**2 Kings 2:9-10**, “When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.’ And Elisha said, ‘Please let there be **a double portion** of your spirit on me.’ And he said, “**You have asked a hard thing.**”

**Luke 11:13**, “**How much more** will the heavenly Father give **the Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!”

**Ephesians 3:14-19**, “For this reason I bow my knees... that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to **be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being**, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have **strength to comprehend** with all the saints what is **the breadth and length and height and depth**, and to know **the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God.**” BP’s lead to bold results:

**2 Corinthians 3:18**, “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image **from one degree of glory to another**. For **this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**”



### III. COURAGEOUS (Mission Possible) ACTION.

**Matthew 28:20**, “teaching them to **obey** everything that I have commanded you.”

#### A. Words.

**Mark 9:9**, “he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead” Now we say, *Jesus is Lord!*

**2 Corinthians 5:20-21**, “**We are ambassadors** for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him **we might become the righteousness of God.**”

#### B. Works.

**2 Kings 2:14**, “Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and **struck the water**, saying, ‘Where is the Lord, the **God of Elijah?**’ And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.” **Cf. 2 Kings 2:8.**

**John 14:12**, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also **do the works** that I do.”

“**Rebuilders**” Generation. **Isaiah 61:4**, “They shall **build up** the ancient ruins; they shall **raise up** the former devastations; they shall **repair** the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.”



**CONCLUSION:** (Cue Vangelis soundtrack) *Chariots of Fire*.

Harold Abrahams: *If I can't win, I won't run!* Sybil Gordon: *If you won't run, you can't win.* Eric Liddell: *Everyone runs in her own way, or his own way. And where does the power come from, to see the race to its end?... From within.* Eric Liddell: *I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure.* Rev J.D. Liddell: *You can glorify God by peeling a potato if you peel it to perfection. Don't compromise. Compromise is a language of the devil. Run in God's name and let the world stand back and in wonder.*