

metamorphosis

The Journey – 10/4/2020

OVERVIEW

Dallas Willard says, "Grace is not opposed to effort, but it is opposed to earning." Grace is God doing something in you that you cannot do for yourself. It's a free gift that only He can give. Through God's grace and His power, we are being morphed. Will you allow yourself to be open to opportunities where you can move toward Jesus? Will you put in the effort to allow God the space to move?

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16

APPLICATION

- Woody shared a Dallas Willard quote that says, "Grace is not opposed to effort, but it is opposed to earning." What does Dallas Willard mean in that statement?
- According to the scriptures above, God gave each of us a special gift. How are you currently using your gift as a functioning member of the Body of Christ?
- Some characteristics of a person who is moving and maturing in Christ are:
 - a. Understanding what is true and what is false (knowing the Word of God)
 - b. Being in authentic community
 - c. Functioning as part of the Body of Christ

EVALUATE: Look at the above list and evaluate the effort and intentionality you are putting toward each section.

BE PRACTICAL: Woody asked a few questions that might help you in your evaluation: Am I regularly involved with the intake of and interaction with the Word of God? Am I regularly participating in authentic Christian community? Am I regularly involved in serving and giving in my Christian community?

TAKE ACTION: It's morphing time...we shall morph indeed. This week as you hear and see opportunities to move toward Jesus, take those steps toward morphing into who God has called and gifted you to be.