

# Men of the Moment Part 2

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So the dictionary word for transact. So I've used this before, the word 'trans' literally means, to cross or to go over, to cross, to cross over. So if you say, "We are transacting." It means you're in the process of making, doing an action that's going to bring you from one place to another. The definition of it is, to carry to completion, to carry on the operation or management of something. So the word 'transact', the etymology of it, is from the Latin word, which is to drive through or to complete an action.

So if you're going to translate, it's *to turn into one's own language or another language. To express in different terms, especially different words. To bear, to remove, or to change from one place, or state, or form, or appearance to another.* Translate. So you have an idea of 'trans', being *moving across*. You are translating, it means you have one set of ideas moving across to another set of ideas. You're translating words, ideas, thoughts, things. You're translating it from what one action is supposed to be to another action.

So 'transform', again, *crossing over from one thought process to another.* That word 'transform' is like *a metamorphosis, to change, to change in composition or structure, to change the outward form or appearance of, to change in character or condition.*

When you are facing spiritual activity all the time, it seems because you're facing the realm of the spirit, which is something the Word tells you and it's something that your spirit man knows, that it's not something that your senses can confirm for you. Right? Your senses cannot confirm for you what you know in your spirit. So what the Word tells you, what your spirit man is telling you cannot be confirmed by your senses. So you're in this spiritual environment where you know, actually, there's something happening, the Word of God is at work, circumstances are happening but your physical senses and all that you know in the realm of your senses, none of it is necessarily confirming it for you. That's what faith is. Faith is going after something that's not yet substance, but knowing the substance of it has already happened in the spirit realm.

What's normal? So normal people cannot, they cannot understand faith but normal people will do normal activities. So if we do the same activities as normal people then our activities are the same as normal people. But we are not normal people because we don't live just in the normal world. We live in a spiritual world.

If I put my identity in having a normal life, then I'm missing what a normal routine is. Because a normal routine or things that we do that are just normal, if you confuse that with having a normal life, you will never achieve extraordinary things because the extraordinary does not fit into the normal. Right? So part of the way that you achieve extraordinary is to understand what your assignment is in life.

Because he (King Saul) wiped out most of the Amalekites but kept the best. So now he set up a monument to himself, not to God. Why could he not set up a monument to God? Because he didn't do everything God told him to do. So he had to set up a monument to himself.

So when God is asking us to have transactions that obey Him, we should resist translating His transactions.

"Why would you not kill all of these animals in obedience? Why do you think it's better to sacrifice, even if your intent was to sacrifice, why do you think a sacrifice is better than obedience?"

So we cannot buy God off with some of our time, some of our money, some of our lives. That's just a sacrifice. I'll make a sacrifice rather than obey completely. Come on, men. If we're going to be warriors for God, men of God, we've got to make some decisions that we are going to live for God and obey Him, and not live on the sacrifices that we make for God.

God's got a transaction for us. He wants us to transact in the Kingdom of God, and in the Kingdom of God, He wants to use your vessel, He wants to use your skill, He wants to use your gifting. If you will just give yourself to God, He will come with a transaction that's going to bless you. It's going to cause you to go after kingdoms, and you will take over kingdoms.

There are some things, people, that when God has decided on it, even though we walk in an area, in a season of, in a time of God's love and grace, there are some things that when God has spoken judgement that those things must stay judged.

You know what I learned hey, is that once God has anointed you and He has appointed you, He will never take back His appointment. He will remove His anointment, but He will never take back His appointment. Which is why Saul had to die before David could become king because God would never change His appointment. He removed His anointment, but not His appointment.

If the zeal of God is upon you to take on the enemies of God, I would say; do a thorough job of it and don't back down. Take the sword to the enemies of God, and that's the sword of the Word of God, it's the sword of the Spirit of God, and it's your obedience in all of the actions that you do that will utterly decimate, destroy, and hack your enemies completely.

What's more important, sacrifice or obedience?

The real value of the relationship is in obedience to God and how you handle the relationship. The long-term impact is often not seen because even though you may sacrifice and think, "I'm doing the sacrificing here." But the real value is in being obedient to God in all the things of life. In particular, and now I'm talking about real transformation, in particular, there are things in our lives that God wants us to utterly take out, kill it because actually it's a compromise to your future. If you say, "I'll kill it 90%, but that 10% I want to keep for myself." It's normally that hidden 10% that no one knows about. No one, no one, only you know about that 10% that you hide from everybody. God is wanting you to kill that 10% because Saul killed all of the children of the Amalekites but the best stuff they kept. But God is wanting you to face that 10% stuff, that may be the sweetest, bestest of what you have for yourself.

David was the king of God because he was a shepherd and he was a servant leader. Because in the end, that's why it's always referred to as the tabernacle of David. Because David wouldn't care what the people thought. When the tabernacle was coming back into Jerusalem, he danced without his regalia of all of his royalty on him. In a sense, he was naked. He wasn't really naked. He just pulled all of his king's regalia off, and he danced before the people and before the Lord when the tabernacle was coming into Jerusalem.

David is now the anointed king but he's not the appointed king. Are you with me? Who? Saul, he's in the palace, he's the king. Who's got the anointing? David. Not him. So he's sitting in the appointed place, but he has no anointing with the appointing. Do you understand how many churches out there have an appointed king but there's no anointing in the king? But because the king has so many things that make him look like a king, people are willing to receive him as a king.

So if you're a shepherd, then you're also a servant leader. Which means if you're leading, you must serve. Isn't that what Jesus taught us? He said, "You cannot do anything for Me unless you let Me serve you. You have no place in Me unless you let Me wash your feet. I need to serve you so that I can show you this is how you're supposed to live, serving."

Don't translate, but integrate. Integrate with His Word, integrate with His Spirit, integrate with His people, then you won't have to translate because you integrate. Amen. Praise the Lord. See how the Body works. So, God doesn't want us to translate. He wants us to integrate. He wants us to obey, and when we obey, then we transform. When you transform, His anointing will come upon you, and there will be a whole new continuous momentum that we have in our lives.

So, personal growth is required all the time. As you are transacting through your life, remember, grow personally. How do you grow personally? You have to keep on obeying God through all of your transactions. If you have everything working towards your assignment and your identity is in Christ, I want to tell you, men, there's so much of your life that's going to work.