

The Sermon

“Open, Honest, and Transfigured”

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God's purpose for me is to: Walk faithfully with others.

Guiding principles:

1. Jesus is my Lord and Savior!

2. Be open, honest, and transparent.

3. Pray unceasingly!

4. Everything I do should be to make my relationship with God and everyone better. If it isn't, ask myself why am I doing it?

5. Respect the opinions of others and try to see the other side of all issues.

6. If it sounds like something I have to do, it isn't grace. It could be love.

Why have guiding principles?

**To help me reflect the glory of
my Lord, Jesus Christ, in my
life. That His reflection is seen
in what I say and what I do.**

Evan Almighty clip

<https://www.wingclips.com/movie-clips/evan-almighty/pray-for-the-opportunity>

In the video she sees God...

Al Mighty

**Paul tells us we all see the glory
of God now! We see God in the
person of Jesus Christ! And we
reflect that glory and are
transformed by that glory!**

***What do I mean by
Changed or Transformed?***

Important point:

We are not called to camp out and hoard the glory all to ourselves.

We don't kick back and enjoy God's glory, play cards for a while, and then go home.

***Faith in Jesus Christ
changes you...it makes a
difference and you can't
control it.***



I CAN REST
in the fact that
GOD IS
IN CONTROL.

Which means I can face
things that are
out of my control and
not act out of control.

If you think that God being in control means that we don't have to do anything or nothing we do matters or makes a difference... I have to assume you have not experienced the glory of God in Jesus Christ. Because that isn't the reaction people have when they experience it.



We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

— *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin* —

***For the most part people
have it backwards.***

***We dismiss this as easily as
we dismiss Jesus' Sermon on
the Plain.***

***"This is my Son, my
Chosen; listen to him!"***

Love our enemies, forgive the unforgivable, and giving of ourselves to the point of dying, lend to people who might not pay us back, and not judging others.



**TRANSFORMED
BY JESUS**

*When Aaron and all the Israelites
saw Moses, the skin of his face
was shining, and they were afraid
to come near him.*

Afraid of Change?



Do not let the
darkness of the
world,



turn off the light
that God has put in
you.

As much as 77% of everything we think is negative and counterproductive and works against us. People who grow up in an average household hear "No" or are told what they can't do more than 148,000 times by the time they reach age 18. Result: Unintentional negative programming.

-Shad Helmstetter in Homemade

**We are called not to be an excuse
but a vehicle for people to
embrace the transformation and
the change that Jesus brings... to
never give up... because our God
has not given up us!**

**Don't get your relationship
with God backwards.**

