The Sermon

"Open, Honest, and Transfigured"

Pastor Mike Conklin

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 is 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/movieclips/evan-almighty/pray-for-theopportunity

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.

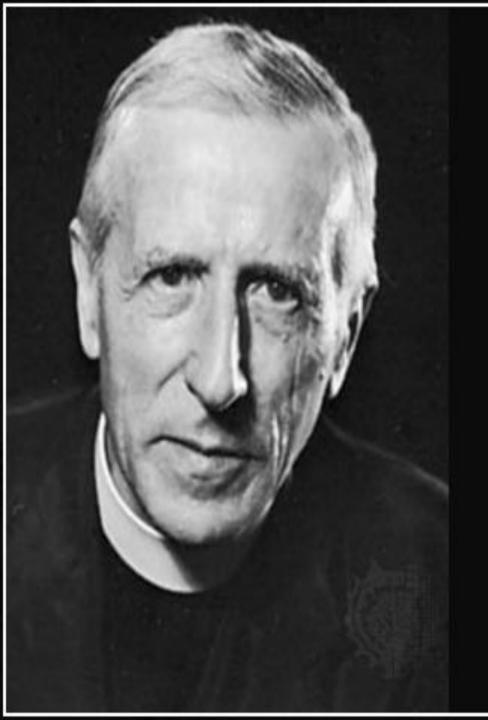
ICAN REST

in the fact that

GODIS 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 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 —

AZ QUOTES

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.

