

Zoe!
Part 4: We are Here to Bring Abundant Life!
Slide Notations

He gave His life to give me mine, am I willing to sacrifice the “self” part of mine to have His? We cannot have divine life as God has it if there is no presence of self-sacrifice in our character! It is not enough to live with a little of God and then die to take on His nature!

Not Enough! To be a person with gifts and talents, nice traits and accomplishments! You were re-created to change the world with gifts that come from God! To operate with strength, sourcing that never runs out and comes from God! All of us should engage transformation that comes from God/causes us to rise...

And transformation, by definition, requires “self” sacrifice!

But the goal of self-sacrifice is not self-sacrifice... but giving yourself to God and the world!

The goal is being free, like Jesus, to go around doing good, changing lives, without one thought of diminished life!

Not Enough! Success stories to tell you about people who got it (concept), dropped it (whatever), and got it (divine life)! People who have a story are usually just living and enjoying it, not talking about it! People who have no story... like... Monkey with hand in a bottle... Scorpion riding on back of turtle...

But some... Man who decided to give up his self-rights to drink/set example for his kids! Gal who culled Potter from “horizon,” to not cause others to stumble! Young leader *sporting* tats, realized self rule getting him in trouble everywhere!

All three hacked by culture/now saying no/ because they are getting it!

Transformation... The process is hard... But rewards, greater abilities worth it... Is the way of God’s creation! “which is why we are given exceedingly great and precious promises that by them we can become partakers...” **2P1.3,4**

“For this is the will of God, that you be conformed into the image of His dear Son... transformed by the renewing of your mind!” **R8.29 12.2**

Isaiah 40.28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? *The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. There is no fathoming of His intelligence! Inspirational! WOW GOD!*

But also looking at the divine life that we have been invited to be a partaker in...!

Isaiah 40.29 *He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Looking at His promises to us from His divine life... Inspirational: “DO IT GOD!” (insp²)*

But also looking at the nature that we are being called to incarnate for sharing!

Isaiah 40.30-31 Even the youths shall tire and be weary, and the choice young men will waiver and stumble, but those that bind themselves to the Lord will renew their vigor; *They will ascend with wings like eagles, They will run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. “YES, LORD, YES... HAVE YOUR WILL... AND HAVE YOUR WAY!” (insp³)*

But may have missed the way...

Isaiah 40.30-31 (again) Even the youths shall tire and be weary, and the choice young men will waiver and stumble, ***but those that bind themselves to the Lord will renew their vigor;*** They will ascend with wings like eagles, They will run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Seeing the incarnational process to materialize the inspirational promises and see His giving/enabling, nature alive in us!

So... God – who never runs out and never gets weary – who gives us power and might to never run out and never run “dry” asks us to sacrifice our “self” to share in His life so we never grow weak in giving others the strength to never give up and never give out...

And our answer is?

It has never been about self-sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice... it has always been about “self” sacrifice for the sake of... abundant life!

If we apply the process of incarnation to the inspirational promise of having life as He has it, we will be able to say... “I have come so that you may have abundant life!”

We are here... *To bring abundant life, as God has it for us, to people around us...* Making us partakers of His divine nature as *our* source and then *their* supply! **2P1 To be blessing of people's lives! Only our enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy... to compete... **J10.10 Do good to all men! G6.10 Mt5.45** Be kind and tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God, *for Christ's sake*, has forgiven you! **E4.32 As defender's of the weak!****

Weapons of warfare! E6.10-17 Bring the kingdom with force! **Mt11.12** Refuge/justice for the oppressed! **Ps9.9 To bring healing to the earth!** “He went about doing good, destroying the works of the devil...” **A10.38 1J3.8** “Go, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely give what you have freely received!” **Mt10.1-8 To bring a sword/not peace! Mt10.34ff**We deliver the word that separates, challenges, makes people think! **H4.12**

We speak the truth in love, but we speak it boldly! E4.15 6.20 As ambassadors, begging people in Christ's place, to come to God! 2Cor5.20

There is no greater character trait of God to share, no more loving and self-less work on the earth, than to call to and bring someone to salvation!

We are here to discover Jesus and rediscover our lives hidden in Him...

And we are here to be like Him and to enter into and change our worlds...

And we can't do that with the lives we've settled for... only with the Zoe life that God has in Him!