



**NEW TO
FOLLOWING JESUS**



READING THE GOSPEL

GODS PLAN AND PURPOSE ACROSS HIS STORY

VIDEO SCRIPT - THE BIBLE TRANSFORMS

When you become a follower of Jesus, you are transformed.

The Bible says there is a fundamental change that takes place. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says...
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

This is a change, first and foremost, in our relationship with God. We are no longer enemies; we are now part of His family. I am no longer my own boss; I am now led by Jesus!

But when we become a follower of Jesus, we also start a process of change, an ongoing transformation that will take a lifetime. A transformation more and more to be like Jesus in character, thinking, and actions.

Often we find ourselves doing things we know we shouldn't or know are wrong. Paul describes it this way in Romans 7:15...

In fact, I don't understand why I act the way I do. I don't do what I know is right. I do the things I hate.

This is because of the spiritual battle that is going on inside us. That battle is described in Galatians 5:17...

The Spirit and your desires are enemies of each other. They are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should.

God knows this and gives us a key tool in helping us win the battles and change more into the likeness of Jesus, the one we follow. He gives us the Bible, and the bible transforms.

God has given us the Bible to tell us who he is, what he has done for us, and how we should live. He uses the Bible to change us so that our lives demonstrate that we are Jesus' followers.

God's Word, the Bible, as we read it, gives us encouragement and purpose each day.

God's Word the Bible, as we read it, grows in us a God given wisdom that helps us make decisions and choices each day. Truth that can guide us.

God's Word, the Bible, as we read it, shows us who God is. His nature, character, heart and desires for us, His children.

God's Word, the Bible, as we read it, shows us who we are. The good, the bad, and the ugly that is within us, that God wants to change.

God's Word, the Bible, as we read it, also gives us hope. It lets us know what our future holds. What we have to look forward to.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 it says...

Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.

God's Word the Bible, as we read it, teaches us. Every part of the Bible teaches us about who God is, who we are, and our relationship with God and others." It teaches us truth.

God's Word the Bible, as we read it, reveals our sin and the ways we fall short of God's expectations on us. It invites us to deal with the underlying cause of our choices, actions and responses. The Bible invites real change, by confessing and turning away from the sin we do.

God's Word the Bible, as we read it, not only shows us where we are wrong, but it shows us the on ramp back to living like Jesus wants us to. It reveals right behaviours; attitudes, desires, and how we can be transformed into these.

God's Word the Bible, as we read it, trains us to live increasingly like Jesus; righteously. We are given instruction to not only get back on the right track, but how to stay there.

Long-term change demands that we allow God to transform our minds and hearts. The Bible isn't ordinary literature. It's God's Word, alive and active. It has the power to transform. It replaces lies with truth

It shifts our focus and fears so that instead of fear, we learn to trust.

It grows a new character within us; a Christlike character of love, happiness, peacefulness, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

God gives us a key tool in helping us win the battle within as we change more into the likeness of Jesus, the one we follow. He gives us the Bible, and the bible transforms.