Engage with Conformed to His Image Assignment

Assignment:

Engage directly with God concerning His Word in Romans 8:29, conformed to His image.

Purpose of the assignment:

- To regard God's word as Christ Jesus inside of you without altering what He says or attempting to "do" it yourself.
- To ask God to fulfill His specific word, conformed to the image of Jesus, in fullness in your life through these words: "Let it be to me according to Your word."
- To intertwine yourself with the Person of God inside of you by the specific layout of all the meaning you can know inside the word found in Romans 8:29.
- To walk in the confidence that Jesus is the completion of all God speaks in you.

General guidelines for Engaging with God:

This is an exercise between you and Jesus. Find a time and place when you are by yourself and where you can speak aloud without interrupting anyone else.

You will not be sharing anything of this experience with God as a class assignment. However, I have placed a forum restricted to your own learning group in the Fellowship "course." Feel free to fellowship there concerning anything specific God made real in you as a result of this exercise.

I will shape the directions for this assignment by our experiences together with God as we go through this exercise.

Specific directions for this assignment concerning Romans 8:29:

- 1. Begin your engagement with God by rejoicing in His presence inside of you, all through you. Know that Jesus is real and alive in your heart.
- 2. Disregard all thought of your own "feelings." God is real and true, your feelings are without meaning in that regard. Even if you "feel" as if God is "far away," what does that mean? God fills you rejoice and give Him praise. We enter into His knowledge by thanksgiving and into His dwelling places with praise.
- 3. Be silent before Him concerning your own self, your own knowledge, your own anything. Accept with abandonment that you do not know who you are. Accept that God alone speaks the truth. Accept that every word God speaks is Christ and Christ fills your heart; thus every word God speaks is spoken directly and personally into you. Say these things aloud in your own words.

- 4. Take this word before God: "Father, You have always been determined to conform me _____ (put your name in the blank) into the image of Your Son."
- 5. Repeat Mary's embrace of God's word in your own words: Let it be to me according to your word.
- 6. Ask God to fulfill this word in you in your own words. Be specific about the things that came alive to you thus far in this course.
- 7. Give God thanks that He has already accomplished all that He speaks and that you are simply waiting upon Him, braided together with Him, until the moment when the cover is removed from your eyes and you see for real that all that God speaks has already been true all along.
- 8. Go through the next days and months and years, speaking in your heart, out loud with your mouth, that God is, in fact, conforming you, has already conformed you into the image of His Son and IS unfolding what that really means into your experience, regardless of how you might "interpret" your circumstances. Never imagine that God thinks you can "do" a word such as this. Jesus, your only life, is the completion already of all that God speaks.
- 9. Disregard all sight of your eyes and all feelings of your own judgement. You will be hit with accusation and scorn from the realms of spirit. Do not "fight against" the accusation; simply continue to speak God's Word personal as you without regard to the accusation. You will be amazed at how easily the darkness breaks.
- 10. Make this word, <u>God is conforming me into the image of His Son</u>, as the definition of your life, of all you think and say and do. Make it the rule over how you hear and see every word in the Bible.