

EKKLESIA

REDISCOVERING
GOD'S INSTRUMENT
FOR GLOBAL
TRANSFORMATION

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Notes

Chapter 1: Church: A Radical Proposition

1. The Romans conquered the Greeks, but Greek culture conquered the Romans, making the Roman Empire Hellenistic.
2. For more information on this, see Young-Ho Park's *Paul's Ekklesia as a Civic Assembly: Understanding the People of God in Their Politico-Social World* (Mohr Siebeck, 2015).
3. *Blue Letter Bible* Lexicon: Strong's G1577, s.v. "ekklēsia," <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=g1577>.

Chapter 2: Transformation Is a Journey

1. For a report on how the 109 towns were evangelized, see the documentary DVD *The Transformation Journey of Ed and Ruth Silviso*, available at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/the-transformation-journey-of-ed-and-ruth-silviso/>.
2. To read more of this story, see page 48 of my book *That None Should Perish: How to Reach Entire Cities for Christ Through Prayer Evangelism* (Chosen, 1995).
3. *That None Should Perish: How to Reach Entire Cities for Christ Through Prayer Evangelism* (Chosen, 1995) was first published in 1994.
4. *Prayer Evangelism: How to Change the Spiritual Climate over Your Home, Neighborhood and City* (Chosen, 2000).
5. *Women—God's Secret Weapon: God's Inspiring Message to Women of Power, Purpose and Destiny* (Chosen, 2010) was first published in 2001.
6. *Anointed for Business: How to Use Your Influence in the Marketplace to Change the World* (Chosen, 2009) was first published in 2002.
7. See <http://thegoodlifehawaii.com/feed-sheep-joyce-kawakami/>.
8. *Transformation: Change the Marketplace and You Change the World* (Chosen, 2011) was first published in 2007.
9. Though the title is provincial mayor, functionally it is equivalent to provincial governor.

Chapter 3: A Fuller Understanding of the Gates of Hades

1. Dick Bernal, senior pastor at Jubilee Christian Center in San José, California, pointed this historical insight out to me. See also http://www.padfield.com/acrobat/history/Caesarea_Philippi.pdf.

2. For more on this, see page 105 in chapter 3 of my book *That None Should Perish* (Chosen, 1995).

3. King James (1566–1625) reigned as King James VI of Scotland from 1567–1625 and King James I of England and Ireland from 1603–1625. See <https://www.britannica.com/biography/James-I-king-of-England-and-Scotland>.

4. *Episcopal* is an ecclesiastical term denoting church government by or related to a bishop or bishops. See <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/episcopal>.

5. Jack P. Lewis, *The English Bible from KJV to NIV: A History and Evaluation* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 1984).

6. For more on Constantine, see <https://www.christianhistoryinstitute.org/study/module/constantine/>.

7. See more on this in Warren Carroll's *The Building of Christendom* (Christendom Press, 1987).

8. James Bryce, 1st Viscount Bryce, *The Holy Roman Empire*, 3rd ed., rev. (London: Macmillan and Co., 1864), 62–64.

9. *The Catholic Encyclopedia: New Advent*, s.v. “St. Francis of Assisi,” <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06221a.htm>.

10. For more on this, see <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Christianity>.

11. As the early Church father Tertullian said in *Apologeticus*, his defense of Christianity.

12. How the Ekklesia is to exercise this authority is the subject of chapter 15, “A Fuller Understanding of Spiritual Authority.”

Chapter 5: A Fuller Understanding of Proclamation

1. For more on this city's transformation, see the Transform Our World DVD *Transformation in Vallejo*, <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-vallejo/>. See also the *Transformation in the Silicon Valley* DVD, from which Pastor Summers's quote is taken: <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-silicon-valley/>.

2. See more on this in the *Transformation in Vallejo* video as well.

3. For more information on this coalition, you can visit them online at <http://www.transformationvallejo.org/index.html>.

4. You can find more on *Adopt Your Street* at <http://adopt.transformourworld.org/en/adopt-your-street/create>.

5. Os Hillman, “Reclaiming the 7 Mountains of Culture, Part 1,” [7culturalmountains.org](http://www.7culturalmountains.org), <http://www.7culturalmountains.org/apps/articles/default.asp?articleid=41492&columnid=>

Chapter 6: A Fuller Understanding of the Cross

1. According to online sources, Guatemala is ranked the fourth poorest country in the Caribbean and Central America. DCAF-ISSAT's article “Guatemala Country Profile: Executive Summary” listed Guatemala as the fourth least secure nation as of 2015 (Haiti is now the fourth most secure nation). See <http://issat.dcaf.ch/Learn/Resource-Library/Country-Profiles/Guatemala-Country-Profile>. Sources also list Guatemala among the bottom five nations

of the Caribbean and Latin American nations when it comes to security and governmental transparency. See also http://www.aneki.com/poorest_caribbean.html?number=all.

2. For more detail, see *Bible Hub*'s text analysis of Luke 19:10 at <http://biblehub.com/text/luke/19-10.htm>. In particular, see the Nestle GNT 1904 entry. Its literal translation reads, "Came indeed the Son of Man to seek and save that having been lost."

3. The Reina Valera Spanish Translation of the Bible (the most widely used version in Spanish) renders Revelation 21:24, "And the nations that have been saved will walk by its light . . ." I vividly remember how the reference to saved nations grabbed my imagination in the beginning of my walk with God. I like to think that my passion to disciple nations was seeded by that insertion. Even if it does not reflect exactly the letter of the original text, it definitely reflects its spirit.

Chapter 7: A Fuller Understanding of the Great Commission

1. Table entries are taken from the *Bible Hub* text analysis of Matthew 28:19, found at <http://biblehub.com/text/matthew/28-19.htm>.

2. I describe this paradigm more fully on page 97 of my book *Transformation: Change the Marketplace and You Change the World* (Chosen, 2010).

3. See Barnes' Notes on Romans 8:22 at <http://biblehub.com/commentaries/barnes/romans/8.htm>.

Chapter 8: A Fuller Understanding of Cooperation with God

1. Rev. Beverly Jaime, an associate pastor at Cathedral of Faith in San José, California, coined this expression.

2. See <http://paranaque.gov.ph>. You can also acquire the documentary DVDs *Transformation in Parañaque City and the Philippines* and *Transformation in Parañaque City Part 2* at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/store/dvds/>.

3. CERESO is an acronym that stands for *Centro de Readaptación Social* in Spanish (Center for Social Rehabilitation). See the DVD *Transformation in El CERESO Prison, Mexico*, <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-el-cereso-prison-mexico/>.

4. The documentary DVD *Transformation in the Marketplace with Ed Silvano* is available that tells the story of Olmos Prison's transformation under the leadership of Juan Zuccarelli, and the birthing of the first "Christian" prison under the leadership of his disciple Daniel Tejada. See <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-the-marketplace/>.

5. The documentary DVD *Transformation in Ciudad Juárez Part 3* is available at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-ciudad-juarez-mexico-part-3/>.

6. For more on this, visit <http://www.larodadora.org/>.

7. Damien Cave, "Ciudad Juárez, a Border City Known for Killing, Gets Back to Living," *The New York Times* online, December 14, 2013, http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/15/world/americas/a-border-city-known-for-killing-gets-back-to-living.html?_r=0.

8. Sam Quinones, "Once the World's Most Dangerous City, Juárez Returns to Life," *National Geographic*, June 2016 issue, and online article at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2016/06/juarez-mexico-border-city-drug-cartels-murder-revival/>.

9. See <http://gadling.com/2012/01/06/worlds-worst-places-top-10-places-you-do-not-want-to-visit-in/> and <http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/21/americas/mexico-ciudad-juarez-tourism/>.

10. Clifford G. Howell in *The Advance Guard of Missions* (Pacific Press, 1912), as quoted in “William Carey: Pioneer Baptist Missionary to India,” WholesomeWords.org, <http://www.wholesomewords.org/missions/bcarey10.html>.

Chapter 9: A Fuller Understanding of New Testament Baptisms

1. Matthew 11:13 states, “For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.” See also John Piper’s message on the Old versus New Covenants, “Jesus: Mediator of a Better Covenant, Part 1,” <http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/jesus-mediator-of-a-better-covenant-part-1>.

Chapter 10: A New Understanding of Baptizing Nations

1. *Blue Letter Bible* Lexicon: Strong’s G907, s.v. “*baptizō*,” <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?t=kjv&strongs=g907>.

2. *Blue Letter Bible* Lexicon: Strong’s G911, s.v. “*baptō*,” <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?t=kjv&strongs=g911>.

3. *Bible Study Tools* New Testament Greek Lexicon, s.v. “*Baptizo*,” <http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/baptizo/html>.

4. W. E. Vine, *W. E. Vine’s New Testament Word Pictures: Matthew to Acts* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2015), 764.

Chapter 11: A Fuller Understanding of *How* to Baptize a Nation

1. *English Oxford Living Dictionaries*, s.v. “training,” <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/training>.

2. *English Oxford Living Dictionaries*, s.v. “culture,” <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/culture>.

3. The documentary DVD *Transformation in Ciudad Juárez Part 3* covers much of this. You can find it at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-ciudad-juarez-mexico-part-3/>.

Chapter 12: A Fuller Understanding of the Ekklesia’s Social Agenda

1. The GNP or Gross National Product is the market value of all the products and services produced in one year by labor and property supplied by the citizens of a country.

2. For a fuller treatment of this subject, see chapters 10–17 in my book *Transformation: Change the Marketplace and You Change the World* (Chosen, 2010).

3. For more on this, see page 115 onward in my book *Transformation*.

4. Nelson Mandela, *Long Walk to Freedom* (Randburg, South Africa: Macdonald Purnell, 1994), Kindle edition, 622.

5. “Top Five Mahatma Gandhi Quotes,” The Borgen Project blog page, August 2, 2013, <http://borgenproject.org/top-five-mahatma-gandhi-quotes/>.

6. Let’s keep in mind that the backbone for both William Wilberforce and Martin Luther King Jr. was the Church acting as the Ekklesia—a legislative assembly standing for righteousness, peace and joy that contributed prayers, people, articulation of righteousness, resources and living examples. And in the case of Ghandi, it was the Christian ethic in the British culture, as defective as the latter might be, that brought the British to dialogue and accept rather than to annihilate (as has happened, and continues to happen, in cultures with no Christian ethic in its fiber).

7. My book *Women: God’s Secret Weapon* (Chosen, 2010) is totally devoted to this subject.

8. I want to credit Pastor Cal Chinen, CEO of Transformation Hawaii, for his valuable insights on this subject of family transformation.

9. *Bible Hub* Concordance: Strong's 3624, s.v. "oikos," <http://biblehub.com/greek/3624.htm>.

10. To preview Ruth's book through a visual tour, or to purchase *Food, Family and Fun: A Glimpse into Our Family's Table, Traditions and Travels*, go to <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/food-family-fun/>.

11. You can watch this moment online at <https://transformourworld.org/2016/09/28/spirit-of-adoption/>, beginning at about 00:42:50 to get the full impact.

12. For more on this story, see the documentary DVD *Transformation in Vallejo, CA*, available at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-vallejo/>.

13. For more on this story, see our documentary DVD entitled *Transformation in Brantford, Canada* at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-brantford-canada/>.

14. According to *Fausset's Bible Dictionary* online, Asiarchs were officers whom cities in that part of Asia chose, of which Ephesus was the metropolis. "Each city chose one deputy, and out of the whole number ten were chosen, over whom one presided, selected by the Roman proconsul." For more on this, see <http://www.bible-history.com/faussets/A/Asiarchs/>.

Chapter 13: A Fuller Understanding of the Incarnation

1. A social compact is "an agreement, entered into by individuals, that results in the formation of the state or of organized society, the prime motive being the desire for protection, which entails the surrender of some or all personal liberties." *Collins English Dictionary*, s.v. "social contract or social compact," <http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/social-contract>.

Chapter 14: A Fuller Understanding of What God Loves the Most

1. This is documented in the documentary DVD *Transformation in Hong Kong*. You can find it at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformation-in-Hong-Kong/>.

Chapter 15: A Fuller Understanding of Spiritual Authority

1. *Wikipedia*, s.v. "Ethiopian Eunuch," last modified October 1, 2016, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethiopian_eunuch.

2. Cal Chinen leads a weekly pastors' meeting that is the functional equivalent of the Ekklesia in Hawaii since, in addition to prayer and fellowship, they devote time to legislate in the heavenlies for the Kingdom of God to expand in the islands.

3. Dr. Clifford E. Daugherty, *The Quest Continues: Light, Life and Learning* (Quest for Excellence Media, 2015), 64.

4. *Ibid.*, 69.

Chapter 16: A Fuller Understanding of the Ekklesia's Operational Methodology

1. I treat this topic in greater detail in my books *Prayer Evangelism* (Chosen, 2000) and *Transformation* (Chosen, 2010), and I recommend that you go to those for the bigger picture. Here I am providing the condensed version to show you how to turn a ministry swamp into a transformation river.

2. You can also see more on this story in the DVD documentary *The Transformation Journey of Ed and Ruth Silvano*, <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/the-transformation-journey-of-ed-and-ruth-silvano/>.

3. I make a distinction between *prayer* and *prayer of faith*. The former is an open-ended desire for improvement that we include in our thoughts and prayers. The latter hangs on to the promises of God and claims them, fully persuaded that God is listening. This is what James refers to in James 5:15–20.

4. The booklet *My City . . . God's City* that Dave Thompson and I coauthored is also a helpful resource. It is available at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/my-city-gods-city/>.

5. It was a “divine coincidence” that while I was studying this subject, God led me to meet Steve Scott, who has done the best job I am aware of highlighting the central and foundational role of Jesus’ teachings. He and his team have developed valuable teaching materials that are available on their website, www.knowinghim.org.

6. The Bible references used for both prayer evangelism and the five pivotal paradigms come from the gospels. The only exception is the verse used for the third paradigm, which comes from Paul’s letter to the Colossians (see Colossians 3:23). Jesus addressed the fact that we are ministers and that our work for Him is worship, however, when He taught that we are the light of the world, when He assured us that we will do the same works that He did and even greater ones, and when He told parables such as the one about the minas and the talents (see Luke 19:11–27).

Chapter 17: The Way Forward

1. Sign up for “Transformation on Demand” at www.transformourworld.org, which will allow you to watch transformation documentaries and access other instructional material. The online instructions to sign up are simple and self-guided.

2. I was greatly enlightened on this point by Bahadir Yahyagil, a brilliant marketplace minister who is also featured in our documentary DVD *Transformational Entrepreneurs*, available at <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/product/transformational-entrepreneurs/>.

3. For more on this subject, see Stephen Mitchell’s *Anatolia: Land, Men, and Gods in Asia Minor Volume II: The Rise of the Church* (Clarendon Press, 1995).