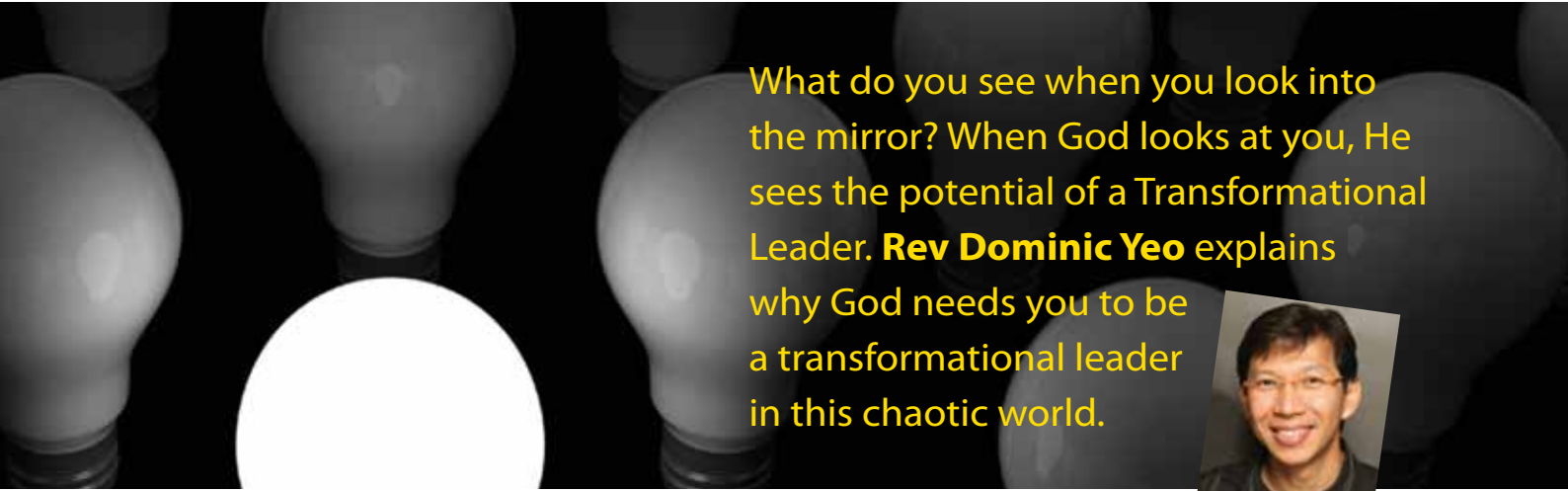


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WHEN GOD LOOKS
AT YOU, HE SEES A

TRANSFORMATIONAL

LEADER



What do you see when you look into the mirror? When God looks at you, He sees the potential of a Transformational Leader. **Rev Dominic Yeo** explains why God needs you to be a transformational leader in this chaotic world.



The greatest need in our world today is hope – hope in the midst of the economic meltdown, in spite of the social degradation that is taking place in our world today, against a backdrop of pestilence, famine and diseases and against the currency of our days, which is chaos and confusion. The world is lost; it is floundering in a state of hopelessness. For those who do not know Jesus Christ, their greatest need is to find a Hope and to know that Hope.

- Hope for the retirees who have lost their entire savings in the wake of the bank collapse. Months ago those investments were yielding great returns, and in the twinkling of an eye, those Notes have become worthless.
- Hope for a man or woman who has just received a prognosis from their doctor, “I am sorry; you have the

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‘Big C’. You have stage 4 cancer; it’s terminal’.

- Hope for the wife who has just received a letter from the man who has decided to abandon her and their children.

As children of God, we have the hope of God residing in us. The Bible calls this “Christ in you, the hope of glory”. While the world’s greatest need is hope, the

greatest need in the church is for transformational leaders to arise. A transformational leader is someone who can effect and impact the atmosphere around him so that radical change can take place.

God is looking down from the portals of heaven, calling you to arise to be a transformational leader. I’m not talking about rising up to be a cell leader; that’s good, but

what is better is when we learn to arise to be God's transformational leader.

Mark 4:35-41 tells us about Jesus Christ – the greatest Transformational Leader ever.



Transformational leaders know the times and the seasons, and know what they should to do

“That day when evening came...”
(Mark 4:35)

Jesus knew what time it was, and what was about to happen. Transformational leaders are able to look at the landscape and the backdrop, and discern the times and seasons they are living in.

The economists and governmental leaders are all saying that the free market economy has failed. When I look at the economic meltdown, I see the fulfillment of the Scriptures, leading us towards what is prophesied in the books of Daniel and Revelations – the One World Economic system with the technological imprint of 666 upon our bodies. This is where the world is heading. We cannot just come to church, sit in our favourite chair, enjoy the air-conditioning and worship, without discerning the times and the seasons. Look at the famines and all the diseases. Look at the wars and the rumours of wars.

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All these point us to the Last Days. A transformational leader will look at the landscape and know what to do. 1 Chronicles 12:32 tells us that “the men of Issachar understood the times and knew what Israel should do.”

I have a friend who had properties in Singapore, Malaysia, China and Indonesia. At the height of the construction and property boom in the 1990s, he decided to wrap it all up and move his family to Vancouver. I went there to meet up with him because I wanted to make sure that he didn't go to Vancouver on a whim or fancy. I spent over an hour grilling him. I asked him, “What is the matter with you? Why are you pulling out all your investments? Don't you know this is the best time to make money?” We came to the point where we both understood the times and the seasons that we were in. There was a prophetic sensing that

a great economic failure was about to happen in Asia, and he sensed it as well. Because he understood the times and the seasons, he was not made a bankrupt. God saved him from experiencing the Asian Financial Crisis.

Wouldn't you want to be a person who can transform your family, your community and environment like that? But you can do it only if you know the times and the seasons. If you don't, give the Holy Spirit an opportunity to speak to you, to give you an impartation of discernment, so that you can arise as God's transformational leader.



Transformational leaders speak into lives

“That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, ‘Let us go to over to the other side’.” (Mark 4:35)

Transformational leaders speak hope to the world around them. As God’s transformational leader, Jesus spoke into the lives of His disciples. He didn’t just walk off by himself, but said to His disciples, “Let us go over to the other side”.

Leaders speak into lives and inspire hope. The Bible tells us that life and death are in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). In Genesis chapter 1, when God spoke, there was creative life – the world came into being. Likewise, **transformational leaders speak life to encourage, inspire and exhort people to go from one level of faith to another.** When you speak life, there is the creative power of God to form and to reform.

Or you can speak destructive elements of death. This is like the parent whose child came home one day with a report book of poor results. If the parent says, “You failed again? Stupid boy! Study harder!”, that boy will be destroyed. Yes, he may have been lazy the whole year and yet at that point, at that kairos moment, you must understand the time and season in his life. What do you do? Speak life. Inspire hope in the boy, that next year is another year. Encourage the boy to move from failure into success, to go from potential to fulfillment.

When Jesus says, “Let’s go over to the other side,” ‘this side’ represents one level of faith, but the ‘other

side’ represents a new level of faith. **‘This side’ represents the glory of a mega church; the ‘other side’ represents the glory of a manifest church.**

When people do not know what to do, when they are at their wits’ end, when they feel hopeless and lost, if you would just arise and speak into lives, your family, colleagues and work environment will be infused with hope. Instead of criticising this and that, speak life just like Jesus did. Immediately there will be a change. There will be an infusion of hope. That’s the effect a transformational leader has.

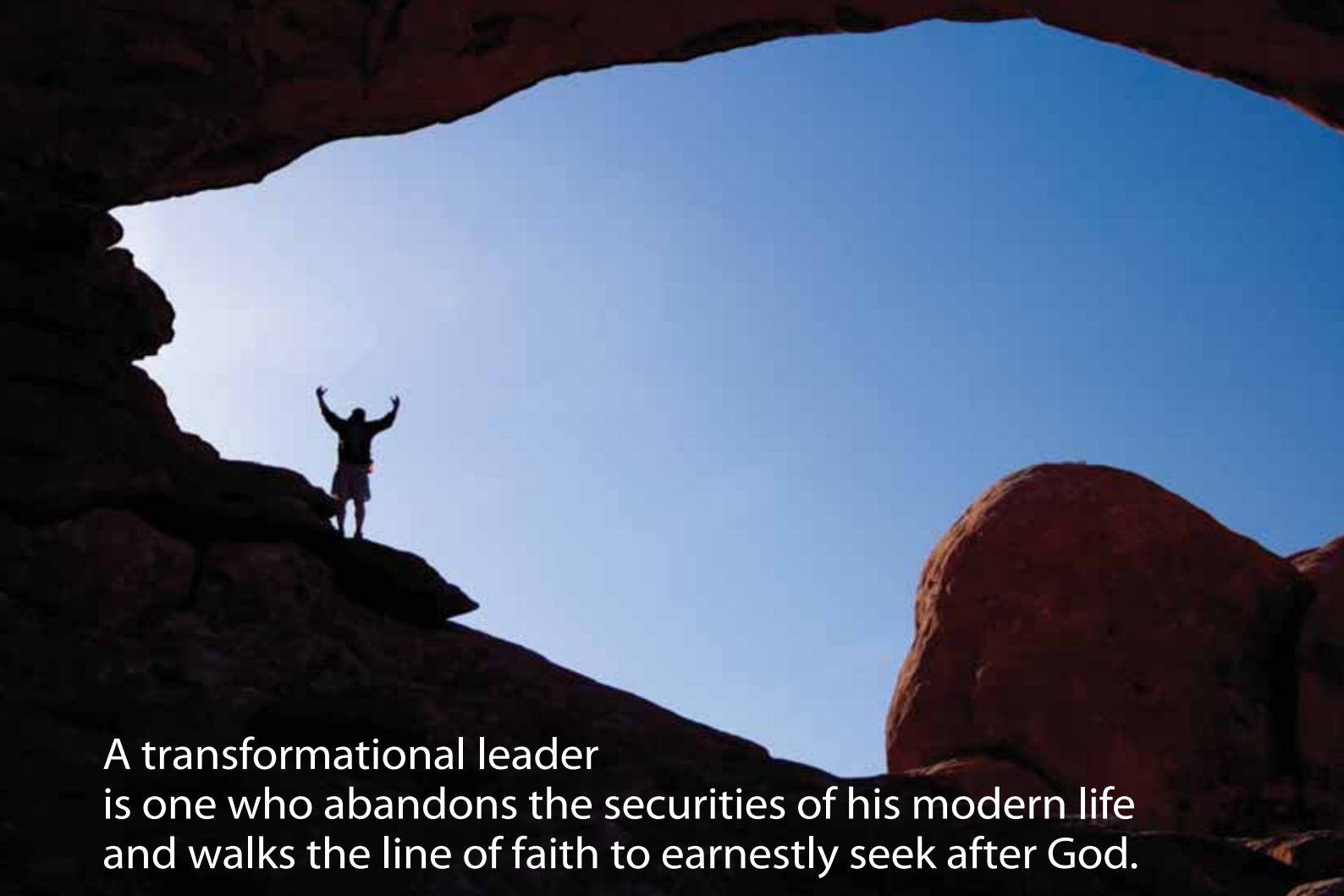


Transformational leaders leave the crowd of security behind

“... leaving the crowd behind” (Mark 4:36)

Jesus was preaching a great service. More and more people came to hear him speak. A small group became a big crowd. A small congregation became a mega church. Jesus could have basked in this mega church service they were having with the crowd. But transformational leaders abandon the securities of life to embrace the faith of the purpose and the will of God.

I think of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22:2. “God said to Abraham, take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love and sacrifice him on the mountain.” This was a tough thing for Abraham to do, because Isaac was his passport, his security, his entire bank account. But God looked down from heaven and said, “Abraham, you are my transformational leader and I am not about to have you hold on to your human security.” Our human



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security can come today and be gone tomorrow, just as we have witnessed in the economic meltdown. **But what you give to God, that line of faith that you walk, will bring you the blessings of God.** The line of faith that you walk will change the environment around you. Transformational leaders let go and let God.

A man was climbing a mountainous cliff when he slipped and fell. As he was falling, he tried to grab on to different things. He managed to hold on to the branch of a tree but it was a very thin.. He held on to it with all of his might. In his desperation, he prayed, "O God, save me! God deliver me!" And a voice from heaven said, "Let go, my son".

That's the way we are. We hold on to the securities of life when God says to let go and let God take over. That's faith! Hebrews 11:6 says "Without faith it is impossible to please God. But anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." A transformational leader is one who

abandons the securities of his modern life and walks the line of faith to earnestly seek after God.



Transformational leaders lead by example

"Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat." (Mark 4:36)

Let's examine this verse for a moment.

Did Jesus take the disciples into the boat, or was it the other way round – the disciples taking Jesus into the boat? Mark 4:1 gives us a clue: "Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around Him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge." Can you imagine the scene? As Jesus continued to preach, more people came, until He had no more land to stand on, so He went onto the boat. Now, let's read verse 36.



“Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him as He was, into the boat.” Jesus was already in the boat, waiting for the disciples!

Transformational leaders lead by example. They are pacesetters. They do not follow the crowd. God has called you to be the head, and not the tail. Headship means leadership. In this world, everybody is following somebody. They follow after the world’s system, the

and buzzing around in a corner. He thought, “Wow, they must be having a swell time.” He flew off in the opposite direction, but not long after that, he felt lonely again. He thought about all his friends having a great time. So he flew back to where the friends were, and saw them still buzzing around. He thought, “Well, maybe not today”, and flew off again. Very soon, loneliness crept in again. He thought, I need to find them. With great velocity and acceleration, he took off – vrooom! -- and landed




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Babylonian culture, the value system of the world. The Bible tells us not to follow after these, but to follow the system and the culture of the Kingdom of God. When you do that, you will become the Head. You will become the Salt and Light of the earth. That’s headship; that’s leadership. God calls us to lead as pacesetters. If you follow the crowd, and stay with the crowd, you will be in deep trouble.

Do you know the story of Harry the Fly? One day, Harry was buzzing around and was feeling lonely. As he passed through a room, he saw all his buddies flapping

– thummm! – onto the spider’s web. That’s when he realised why all his friends were ‘hanging around’ the corner.

Following the crowd will get you into trouble. But if you would just arise to be a transformational leader, you will inspire hope as a pacesetter. Trinity Christian Centre is a pacesetting church. The moment we acquired the land at Paya Lebar, people began to see that it is possible for churches to have large properties. When our zoning was changed (from that of a recreation zone to encompass a ‘place of worship’, ‘sports and recreation’ and a ‘civic and



community institution'), the churches in Singapore were inspired with hope that it can be done. They asked how we did it. I said, "We met with the officials and explained to them what we were about and what we endeavoured to do." They said, 'That's it? If that can be done for you, it can be done for us too.' There was so much hope in that room that day because we chose to be pacesetters.

Today, God is saying, "Will you arise to be my transformational leader? Will you be a role model in the midst of chaos and turbulence?" A transformational leader inspires hope and faith; he causes people and companies to turn around. God is calling you to arise in this hour as His transformational leader.



5 Transformational leaders confront the situations of life

"The disciples awoke Jesus and said, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown? Jesus got up, and He rebuked the wind and the waves." (Mark 4:38-39)

When trouble comes, some Christians bury their head in the ground. Worse still, they run away. As the disciples were tossed to-and-fro, they lost hope. They lost faith. They thought they were about to die. **Transformational leaders never run away.** Jesus got up and confronted the situation.

Acts 4:29 tells us that the early church were under tremendous persecution. But instead of praying for the rapture to take them out of the situation, they prayed, "Oh Lord, enable us to speak Your word boldly."

Transformational leaders arise with the courage of God and confront the situations around them. Instead of listening to all the negative news, they listen to the report of God and speak into the situation. They confront. And when they deal with the situation, they break through. Christians always pray for breakthroughs, but when problems come, they say, "Lord, deliver me". Jesus, the greatest transformational leader, broke through at the Garden of Gethsemane: "Not my will, but yours be done". He broke through.

Today, God is calling you to be a transformational leader. If you will arise and say, "I will be God's strategic leader, a transformational leader", immediately you will inspire hope in those who are hopeless. You will cause faith to arise in those who live in chaos. You will speak into lives, and confront situations with courage. As you leave the security of the crowd behind and walk the line of faith, you will walk in the blessings of God.

The world is looking at you today. It is a world of chaos and confusion, stripped of rational thinking and soul. But you have the hope of God in you. The Christ in you is your Hope of Glory. Will you arise today as God's transformational leader?

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