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Transformers - A few thoughts from Steve Authier

I wish I could speak or write a message which would ensure that every person who has not



experienced a genuine transformational conversion would be compelled to do so. The reality is that neither I nor any

other person can deliver a message that will universally and unequivocally cause such transformation. Even God himself chooses to not speak with such convicting authority. He chooses to leave us free to decide for ourselves. Unfortunately, we do not always choose him. It does not mean that genuine transformation does not exist, that lives cannot really be changed by what we say or do, because they can.

In 2010 Heise Hill started using *LIVES CHANGED HERE* as its tagline on its website, church sign, bulletin, and letterhead. The reason we did this is because stepping into God's kingdom involves having our

lives changed. It is about accepting Jesus Christ and letting him transform us into disciples who live lives which are radically different from the ones we lived without him as the centre of our being. Far too often the focus of conversion is on the eternal salvation aspect, where the emphasis is on saying a *sinner's prayer* and being saved. Then life goes on as usual. It is not *saying* the sinner's prayer, or any other form of *saying* you give your life to Christ that is important—it is not the words; it is the actual giving of your life to him, the surrender, the heart shift that takes place—that is what's important. The mere words without the deep rooted heart shift do not create transformation.

If all we do is *say* we want to give our lives to God, and yet do not genuinely surrender our hearts to him nothing is going to happen. If we have truly surrendered our lives to Jesus we are going to want to start living in manner that reflects that surrender; if we are not passionately wanting to change how

we live, the transformative heart shift has not likely happened.

James says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but no deeds? Can such faith save him?" (James 2:14). This is not a claim that we are saved by our deeds. This is a claim that challenges whether or not a person has

really given their life to God if there is not a corresponding

change in how that person *lives* their life. If things have not changed, have they had that transformational heart shift? James is saying that if we have no deeds, if we are not taking action to correspond to our so called faith, we have not surrendered. That is why he says "Can such faith save?" What he is really getting at is that there is no faith in such a case.

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make away from our selfish and pride filled lives to ones that are focused on responding to God's call on our lives through his son, Jesus Christ. Our lives are transformed because we continue to want to be Christ-like with a relentless passion. Transformation will not happen if we just sit back and think it will happen on its own—it takes intentionality.

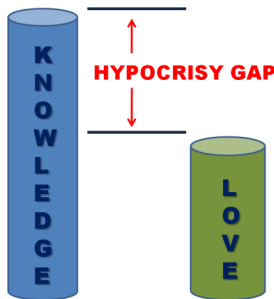
In Romans 3 through 8 Paul talks about how we are saved because of our faith in Jesus Christ, and because of Jesus' sacrifice we are freed from our sins, from our brokenness. Being freed from our sins drives our transformation, Again, in Romans 8:1-2 Paul tells us that we are saved and set free from sin because we are in Christ. It is through Jesus we are transformed into the passion filled disciples God wants us to be.

We can live transformational lives because we do three things. First, we give our lives to Jesus Christ and aim to do what he calls us to, i.e. we make him the one who runs our lives. Second, we are intentional about figuring out the steps we need to take to be his followers. Third, those steps have to become second nature to who we are; which means we have to learn to live like we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbour.

So what does it really mean to live a transformed life, to be a person whose life is changed? The problem the church in North

America faces is that too many of us think living a transformed life merely means that *we found Jesus* and that *OUR* life is now better because of it, and now we are *transformed*—and that's it. We have lost sight of the fact that *finding Jesus* is just the beginning of the journey. We have just stepped into his kingdom. The next step is to live like him, to live like he is the most important thing in our life. John tells us in 1 John 2:3-6 that we do not really know Jesus if we are not doing what God calls us to, if we are not walking like Jesus. How did Jesus walk anyway? He walked with a focus on serving others. He shaped his life around doing his father's will. Is that what our lives look like? Really?

Bruxy has spoken a few times about the *Hypocrisy Gap*, which is the difference between our knowledge and our actions. This applies directly to what James says regarding faith and deeds. Can we really have faith without deeds? Is our faith merely a set of knowledge that far outweighs our actions? If so, then we are living with a hypocrisy gap,



and that is not a good thing. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:2 that we can have all the knowledge, wisdom, and faith we want but if we do not actually have love, we have nothing, and when he speaks of love he is talking about love that is supported with action;

otherwise, it is just hypocrisy. There is no doubt in my mind that LIVES can be CHANGED HERE

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at Heise Hill. I say this because I am fully aware of the transformative power of Jesus Christ when we choose to live a life dedicated to him. The challenge for us is to not be distracted by the multitude of seemingly harmless diversions that take the focus away from our purpose to live for Jesus Christ and let the Holy Spirit lead us accordingly. Ultimately our impact in God's kingdom will be directly related and proportional to our willingness to be transformed and to transform others. We might not be able to speak the words that lead to guaranteed transformation, but we can choose to live transformed lives—that's what Jesus hopes for us.

Blessings, Steve

Thank you from UAC's Master Pantry "We are getting more and more new families each month so the donations are much appreciated."

Current Needs: Cooking Oil, Green Tea, Regular Tea Bags, Cereal, Canned Kernel Corn, Tooth paste, Apple Juice

HELP
Fill the Box
Heise Hill Cares

Weekly Food Collection





AUGUST ~Birthdays

04 ~ Jean Wideman
 04 ~ Eileen Wideman
 10 ~ Nicholas Wright
 13 ~ Glenda Kerr
 13 ~ Dorothy I. Wideman
 20 ~ Krystle Todd
 21 ~ Harold Wideman
 22 ~ Jolana Pettifer
 23 ~ Gladys Stickley
 23 ~ Allison Todd
 25 ~ David Hogg
 28 ~ Milly Sider
 28 ~ Maureen Steckley
 28 ~ Michael Hogg
 30 ~ Margaret Mashinter

JULY ~Birthdays

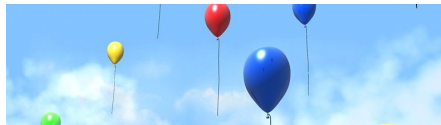
04 ~ Bob Stover
 11 ~ Faye Wideman
 12 ~ Laura Hogg
 17 ~ Tyler Brooks
 19 ~ Laura Deacon
 19 ~ Kaitlin Shropshire
 26 ~ Tara de Zwaan
 26 ~ Beth Foster

~ Anniversaries

07 ~ Glen & Jean Wideman
 10 ~ Gary & Wendy Shropshire
 10 ~ Dale & Cathy Wideman
 11 ~ Tim & Jolana Pettifer
 13 ~ Mike & Connie Masci
 14 ~ Lorne & Elda Ruegg
 20 ~ Harvey & Erma Sider

~ Anniversaries

01 ~ Bill & Francesca Wright
 04 ~ Harvey & Gladys Stickley
 05 ~ Bob & Nancy Stover
 26 ~ Steve & Judi Authier



KIDZ WORSHIP

Things our kids are learning
in July and August!

PERSEVERANCE ~ Refusing to give up when life gets hard.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:31, NIV

- When life seems impossible, remember what others did.
- When life seems impossible, remember what Jesus did for you.
- When life seems impossible, remember what God wants to do in you.
- When life seems impossible, remember what you do can help someone else's faith.

GRACE ~ Getting something great that you don't deserve.

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." Ephesians 2:8, NIV

- Jesus came to rescue everyone.
- Everyone needs to be rescued, even me.
- God will always love me more than I can imagine.
- I should try to love others the way Jesus loves them.

In Isaiah 43 we read, "I am the Lord your God... you are precious in My sight... everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made." The meaning of the word *glory* is "to give the correct opinion of." Can you see how awesome it is to know that you have been created for God's glory? That you are to live in such a way as to give all of creation a correct opinion or estimate of who God is? Your life is to be lived in such a way as to reflect Him, to show the world the character of God—His love, His peace, His mercy, His gentleness. ~ Kay Arthur

BAPTISMS this Summer!

Have you been thinking about being baptized? Well, this summer's your chance.

When a person becomes a believer in Jesus Christ as Lord, then that person is beginning a whole new life. Becoming a disciple of Christ is both a personal experience and a church community commitment. The

celebration of such a significant event and its meaning for life is important.

No date or location has been set for this baptism event. It will in large part depend on who's getting baptized and their availability.

Please contact Steve Authier if you would like to be baptized this July.





Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
 We will be having Home Church during the summer months—every Tuesday evening at 7 PM starting July 5th right here at Heise Hill. Come on out and take part. No need to call, just show up and enjoy.

A Core Value of Heise Hill

We are committed to living lives that reflect the authority of Jesus Christ as head of the church.



We seek to obey His teachings whole-heartedly and submit our lives to Him.

Please pray for



- Krystle Todd
- Drew Hogg
- Kaleigh Todd
- Amber Wideman
- Christie Boake
- Sarah Taylor

Serving at Camp Kahquah this summer

Listen Lord—A Prayer

*O Lord, we come this morning
 Knee-bowed and body-bent
 Before thy throne of grace.
 O Lord—this morning—
 Bow our hearts
 beneath our knees,
 And our knees in
 the lonesome valley.
 We come this morning—
 Like empty pitchers
 to a full fountain,
 With no merits of our own.
 O Lord—open up a new
 window of heaven,
 And lean out far over
 the battlements of glory,
 And listen this morning.
 ~ James Weldon Johnson*

Wednesday, August 6

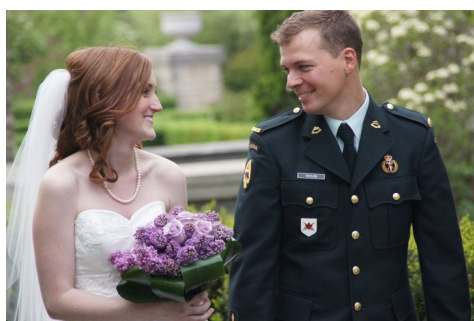


Paul Kiss will be speaking at Heise Hill about his ministry to Muslims — helping them see that Jesus Christ is indeed the “right path” to God.

Pathway

Shining light in the pathway to Jesus.

Sarah Taylor's new phone numbers:
 Cell: 613-312-9028
 Home: 613-685-0174



Mr. & Mrs. Taylor !

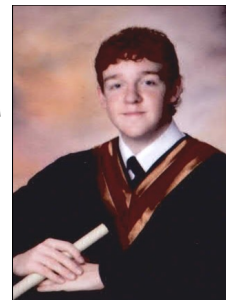
Love and blessings to Vernon & Sarah. Sarah also just graduated from York University with a BA of Education Concurrent Program, Honours French Degree and Honours Health/ Psychology Degree.

Congrats and Blessings!

Kaleigh Todd is graduating from Grade 12 at Stephen Lewis Secondary School. She has been accepted into the Psychology BA program at York University. Congratulations Kaleigh



Congratulations to Travis Foster who is graduating from Grade 12 at Huron Heights Secondary School. Travis is continuing his education (a four year program to apprentice as a red seal carpenter) at the Carpenters Union School in Woodbridge.



July 2011

3	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Steve preaching "Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus"
5	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill
10	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Licence to Sin #9
12	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill
17	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Say What? # 1
19	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill
23	5:30 pm ...	Farewell Fundraiser for Mike Hogg and Ellen Reesor @ Reesor Farm Market
24	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Say What? # 2
26	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill
31	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Say What? # 3

August 2011

3	7:00 pm	Paul Kiss speaking at Heise Hill
7	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service and Commissioning Service - Mike Hogg and Ellen Reesor
9	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill
14	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Say What? # 4
16	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill
19	9:30 am to 3:00 pm	Urban Promise End of Summer Celebration Anchor Park, Holland Landing
21	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Say What? # 5
23	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill
28	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ Say What? # 6
30	7:00 pm	Summer Home Church @ Heise Hill

Repair the Church Campaign



\$35,000. of repair and maintenance work is needed for Heise Hill Church. Prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this campaign. We would like to raise the funds or pledges by July 31st.



On August 7th we will be having a special blessing and commissioning service for Mike Hogg and Ellen Reesor as they prepare for their August 11th departure to participate in MCC's SALT program.

Heise Hill History

In 1876 a great revival broke out without any special services or efforts. It is interesting to note that the first ones to take the step were 3 young girls at a prayer meeting, two sisters and a cousin, one later became the wife of Bishop Peter Steckley. Others kept coming at the regular services; they would tell how the Spirit was working in their lives.

It was the greatest revival that ever took place in this area; 50 were baptized that year. It may be of interest that the late Fred Elliott and wife were in this group. He became deeply convicted of sin at a barn lovefeast under the ministry of Walpole Abraham Winger. Brother Elliott later became an influential preacher and writer.

~ from "100 Years at Heise Hill Church"



**Urban Promise
End of Summer
Celebration**

We would love your help!

On Friday, August 19th people are needed to serve lunch and lead activities (from 9 to 3). You can also help out in preparation ahead of time if you prefer.

To serve these Urban Promise kids please contact Christie Boake at christie_boake@hotmail.com. You can also donate towards this celebration.

Summer reading ideas



Steve

- *Beyond the Veil: entering into intimacy with God* ~ Alice Smith)
- *Jesus Manifesto* ~ Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola
- *The Divine Conspiracy* ~ Dallas Willard
- *Crazy Love* ~ Francis Chan
- *What Good is God?: In search of a faith that matters* ~ Philip Yancey

Harvey

- *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes us Just* ~ T. Keller
- *Wonder O' the Wind: A Common Man's Quest for God* ~ P. Keller
- *Hannah's Child: A Theologians Memoirs* ~ Stanley Hauerwas
- *War Child* ~ Emmanuel Jal - a powerful story of Jesus's redeeming love
- *Son of Hamas* ~ Mosab Yousef - story of conversions, of Jesus' love and peace
- *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* ~ Marjorie Thompson
- *Walking from East to West* ~ Ravi Zacharias - autobiography
- *What Good is God* ~ Philip Yancey
- *Escape from Slavery* ~ Francis Bok - story of a Sudanese Christian escape from Arab Muslim slavery
- *I Shall Not Hate* ~ Izzeldin Abuelaish -- the Israeli - Gaza conflict



enjoy

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- *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* ~ Gayle Tzemach Lemmon - five sisters survive as dressmakers under Taliban rule in Kabul
- *Wilfrid Laurier* ~ Andre Pratte - a short biography
- *Extraordinary, Ordinary People* ~ Condoleeza Rice - influence of Rice's parents on her life
- *Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother* ~ Xinran - searching for mothers who abandoned baby girls
- *The Inn at Angel Island* ~ Thomas Kinkade, author and "Painter of Light"



- *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party* ~ Alexander McCall Smith - latest in the #1 Ladies Detective Agency series
- *The Confession* ~ John Grisham
- *The Book of Negroes* ~ Laurence Hill

Next sermon series...



Thank
you

Kin Villagers want to thank Heise Hill volunteers who helped yesterday at their BBQ and for the delicious cup cakes enjoyed with the hamburger/hotdog buns. On behalf of Kin Villagers, Glenda



No message, truth or philosophy is more life-giving or life-changing than the Good News of Jesus. We will learn how to experience it fully, live it passionately, and communicate it clearly.

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