Becoming Who We Are

IMAGO DEI

For the week of November 16, 2025.

Have you ever had a passion or hobby that took a while for you to become proficient at? What was your mentality like in the early stages? What drove you to keep at it to get better and better?

We reflect what we behold. How do you think people in your life (who know you well) would describe what you reflect (or behold)? What things, good or bad, do you tend to "behold" naturally?

Can you think of a time in your life when you "beheld" something (fear, joy, anger, beauty, love) and noticed it shaping you?

Read 2 Corinthians 3. As you read together, what from the passage strikes you as interesting or potentially important?

Pauls passage in 2 Corinthians touches on a much older passage in the Torah. Read **Exodus 34:29-35**. What are some of the key points Paul is trying to make in his 2nd Corinthian letter, in light of the Exodus 34 passage?

What is the difference between **knowing** the Imago Dei and **growing** into the Imago Dei?

Why is it important that Paul's phrasing is passive: "We are being transformed." What does this passage teach us about the role of the Holy Spirit in spiritual formation?

Looking deeper at **2 Corinthians 3:7-11**, what is the difference between the old "ministry that brings condemnation," and the new "ministry that brings righteousness?"

What does "beholding Christ" look like in a normal week for you? Where does it happen?

Where do you sense a "veil" in your life — a fear, wound, habit, or pattern that keeps you from seeing God clearly?

"Transformation" can take time ("ever-increasing glory"). What aspects of your life do you feel are currently being transformed...slowly? What aspects need to begin the process of transformation? Take a moment to close in prayer, praying for each other as you support the transformative work of Christ in each other's lives!

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