

## WALKING A DIFFICULT ROAD

**Scripture:** Matthew 17:1-3

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*17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.*

How many of us wished at some point in our lives that we could be someone else? Be transformed into a new person, someone new? I know the life I had a child, I was always wishing and praying that I was someone different. I had wished I could have lived with different parents, maybe my aunt and uncle could have raised me. I thought, as a child's mind thinks, if I lived with them things would have been much better. Life would have been easier, simple. Food would have been in abundant supply; my aunt and uncle never beat their children, they never fought. Maybe if I was someone different, the abuse I suffered as a child wouldn't have happened. I had even thought maybe if I didn't cry while my father was beating me, the beatings would stop sooner.

The things you want to change as a child aren't something that you can change on your own. You need help, when I was a child, transforming myself into someone or something new would not have stopped the abuse I suffered. God was the only transforming Grace I had. Without Him, my life would have been much worse than it was.

Trying to be someone other than what God had made you to be won't work. God always had a plan for you, He set that plan in motion long before you were born. My life with my parents was set out for me when the world was made. God knew me before I was born. He knew my life and the struggles I would go through. Should I wish to change what I have been through? Should I wish that I would have had different parents? If my life would have been different, maybe I wouldn't be able to tell my story. Maybe my life was put in place to help someone who has lived the same kind of life I have. The only transformation we need to make is transforming our lives into a life lived for God.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord help us all to transform our lives into the lives you have laid for us. Help us to be your people living our lives for you. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

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