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Transformation

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INTRODUCTION

Jennifer Lau, Executive Director of Canadian Baptist Ministries, reflects on a life-changing moment in New Delhi, where a young girl's plea for change stirred both grief and a call for justice. She highlights the tension between the desire for quick fixes and the long-term commitment required for real transformation. Jennifer challenges us to consider how we, too, must invest in relationships and align our hearts with God's values in the pursuit of justice. Through her experience, we are reminded that lasting change starts within and calls us to actively participate in God's redemptive work in the world.

EXCERPT

""While our sacrificial gifts are an essential part of being co-workers with God in realizing individual and social transformation, He also wants to bring about lasting change within us that results in seeing people not as problems to be solved, but as beings equally deserving of dignity because they are made in His image. Our personal transformation demonstrates to the world that we take the offer of God's redemption seriously."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. How has your own understanding of justice and inequality been shaped by personal experiences or encounters with people who are marginalized?
- 2. In what ways do you feel God is calling you to invest in relationships and transformation, both globally and in your own community?
- 3. Reflecting on the notion of *quick fixes versus long-term commitment*, how might you shift your approach to addressing issues of poverty and injustice?
- 4. How have your own personal transformations—whether in relationships, priorities, or worldview—opened your eyes to the dignity of others and to God's work of redemption in the world?
- 5. In prayer, ask God to show you areas in your life where surrendering your desires to align with His values could bring transformation, particularly in how you allocate your time, money, and love.



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