

# *Breaking the Code*

## **“Transforming Lives”**

### **How Can I Know If I’m a Transformer?**

- 1. If have been *touched by God* and in obedience desire to touch Him.**
  - **Rom. 1:5-6:** *“Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. <sup>6</sup>And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.”*
- 2. If I feel called to be *distinctively different* from the world around me.**
  - **Rom. 1:7:** *“To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

### **How Will I Know If I’m Progressing as a Transformer?**

- 1. When I have a growing hunger for *spiritual excellence* in my life and in the lives of people around me.**
  - **Rom. 1:8:** *“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.”*
- 2. When I pursue genuine and deep, *relational connections* with other Christians and the mutual strengthening & encouragement that accompanies these relationships.**
  - **Rom. 1:9-12:** *“God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you <sup>10</sup>in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. <sup>11</sup>I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—<sup>12</sup>that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.”*
- 3. When I have an *inner yearning* to see unbelieving people touched by God and live in community with other Christians.**
  - **Rom. 1:13-16:** *“I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. <sup>14</sup>I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. <sup>15</sup>That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. <sup>16</sup>I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”*