

# Conformed or Transformed?



“And do not be conformed to this world, but  
be transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
that you may prove what is that good and  
acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2



# Master of Circumstances

In the Bible we can read about a boy called Joseph (Genesis 37, 39-48). He experienced many twists and turns along the road of his life. On the following pages you can read a shap-shot of his life. Tell the story in pictures! Cut out the pictures from cutting page 1, and paste them into the right frame :)

Joseph grew up with 11 other brothers with the famous patriarch Jacob as father. Jacob loved Joseph more than all the others. He made him a colourful coat, which made it look like he was the prince. This was not very smart...

Josephs brothers were jealous, and started to hate him. It didn't get any better when Joseph told them his dream of their sheaves bowing down to his sheave. Once they were alone, they wripped off his coat, threw him in a well, and later sold him as slave...

Joseph ended up being sold on to Potiphar, an officer of the Pharaoh in Egypt, as a slave. Joseph determined not to give up, but constantly pray to God and be faithful in his work. God blessed him, and Potiphar also noticed that...

Potiphar and his family started to like Joseph, but a false report was circulated and Joseph was thrown into prison. Joseph determined to be a light for God in the prison. He interpreted the dream of one of the prisoners, Pharaohs cupbearer, by Gods help...

The cupbearers dream came through, he came back to work for Pharaoh. One night Pharaoh had a dream, and the cupbearer told him about Joseph. Pharaoh was so impressed with Joseph, that he made him the second in command in all Egypt...

God revealed that there would be 7 years of plenty, followed by 7 years of drought. Joseph made storehouses so they could survive the bad years. People came from far to buy corn. Josephs family also eventually came - and he was reunited with his father!

Fill in the blanks of the memory verse:

“I have learned in  
whatever state I am,  
to be \_\_\_\_\_  
I can do \_\_\_\_\_  
things through  
\_\_\_\_\_ who  
strengthens me.”

- Phil. 4:11,13 -

# Integrity and Commitment

Daniel is another young man we read about in the Old Testament of the Bible (Daniel 1-6). He also faced a lot of challenges, but somehow he always remained faithful. What was his secret? Find the right pictures from cutting page 2 to match the Bibleverses!

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." -Dan. 1:8

"...Daniel... went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days." -Dan. 6:10

# Prayer

In the Bible we find a lot of promises concerning prayer -and also conditions for our prayers to be answered. When we speak to God, we do not only speak out in the air, but we connect with One that knows all and is all-powerful. He loves us so much, and wants the very best for our lives. Cut out the Bible-passages about prayer from cutting page 2. Paste the conditions on this page and the promises on next page!

## :: Conditions

:: Promises



# Courage and Determination

From a rough background Hadassa developed into Esther - which means a star. She was a star for God - a courageous, shining light in a critical time of earths histroy. On the following pages you can read a shap-shot of her life. Tell the story in pictures! Cut out the pictures from cutting page 3, and paste them into the right frame :)

Hadassah was an orphan - her mother and father had died. Fortunately she had a good uncle, which loved her and cared for her as his own daughter. He changed her name to Esther - a star. She was a faithful, little girl...

Esther developed into a beautiful, young lady. The king in the country she lived, liked her so much that he wanted to marry her. And so Esther - an orphan Jew - got married to the Persian king, which was the most famous man in the world at that time...

Ahasuerus, the king of Persia, employed a man called Haman as prime-minister. Haman was a very selfish man. He wanted the attention and admiration of all. But Esthers uncle, Mordecai, would not bow down to him. This made Haman very angry...

Haman was thinking about how he could get Mordecai out of the way. He knew that Mordecai was a Jew, and made a law that all Jews would be killed a certain day. The king signed the law, not knowing that his wife, queen Esther, was a Jew...

Mordecai sent a message to Esther, telling her the tragic news, appealing to her to do something for her poeple. She prayed and fasted with her friends, since she knew she would risk her life. God gave her courage to face the chalenge...

God also worked out the circumstances in such a way that the king really understood the evil purpose of Haman. Haman ended up being the one who lost his life, and Esther, Mordecai and the Jews were saved by God's grace.

Fill in the blanks of the memory verse:

“Be \_\_\_\_\_ and of  
good \_\_\_\_\_; do  
\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_, nor  
be \_\_\_\_\_, for  
the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_  
is \_\_\_\_\_ you  
\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.”

- Phil. 4:11,13 -

# The Power of Influence

The story of Joash (2. Chron. 23-24) shows very clearly the power of influence. It means a lot who we choose as our friends, and who we listen to. The Bible has a lot to say about friendship. It encourages good friendships and warns for friendships which will have a bad influence on us. It also tells us how we can be a good influence in other people's lives. Cut out the Bible passages from cutting page 4, and paste them where they fit - describing traits of good or bad influences.

Bad :(

Good :)

Fill in the blanks of the memory verse:

“The \_\_\_\_\_

should \_\_\_\_\_

his \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. For

the \_\_\_\_\_ of the

\_\_\_\_\_ leads them

\_\_\_\_\_.”

- Prov. 12:26 -



Greetings from my friends :)







*If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.  
-Psalm 66:18*

AND YOU WILL SEEK ME  
AND FIND ME...

*If you abide in Me, and  
My words abide in you...*

...WHEN YOU SEARCH  
FOR ME WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART. -JER. 29:13

*...you will ask what you  
desire, and it shall be done  
for you. -John 15:7*

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will...

*If you then, being evil,  
know how to give good  
gifts to your children,  
how much more will  
your heavenly Father  
give the Holy Spirit to  
those who ask Him!"  
-Luke 11:13*

...He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. -1. John 5:14-15

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him...

...But let him ask in faith, with no doubting... -James 1:5-6



A friend loves at all times,  
And a brother is born for adversity.  
-Prov. 17:17

**A MAN WHO HAS FRIENDS MUST HIMSELF BE FRIENDLY. -PROV. 18:24**

Make no friendship with an angry man,  
And with a furious man do not go. -Prov. 22:24

He who covers a transgression seeks love... - Prov. 17:9

**...He Who repeats a Matter Separates Friends. -PROV. 17:9**

A perverse man sows strife,  
And a whisperer separates the best of friends. -Prov 16:28

He who loves purity of heart  
And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend. -Prov 22:11

Ointment and perfume delight the heart,  
And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel. -Prov. 27:9

My relatives have failed,  
And my close friends have forgotten me. -Job 19:14

Faithful are the wounds of a friend...  
-Prov 27:6

...BUT THE KISSES OF AN ENEMY ARE DECEITFUL. -PROV. 27:6