

# metamorphosis

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## OVERVIEW

Woody says, “Revelation without application produces no transformation.” In order to be transformed by God, we must take off our old self and put on our new self. As we continue to look at Ephesians 4, there are five categories where we can allow God to chisel away our old behaviors and transform them into His image. What area(s) do you need to acknowledge, confess, and take off?

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:22-32, 5:3-4

## APPLICATION

- Metamorphosis is compared to a block of marble being chiseled into a sculpture. Michelangelo said, “The sculpture is already complete within the marble block before I start my work. It is already there! I just have to chisel away the superfluous material.” What is God currently chiseling away in your life?
- Salvation in the New Testament is seen as something that happened in the past (the removal of the penalty of sin), present (removing the effects of sin), and future (allowing God to transform you). Woody says we often stop with the first step, just making sure we “get into heaven.” How can we apply salvation to the other two steps--our present and future?
- In Ephesians 4:32, we are called to forgive others as God forgave us. Are there people in your life you haven't forgiven? How does our lack of forgiveness to others disrupt the chiseling process of God in us?

**EVALUATE:** Which of the five areas Woody mentioned (falsehood, anger, resolution, steal, and words) do you need to allow God to transform in your life? Explain why you chose this.

**TAKE ACTION:** Apply Woody's *ACT* acronym to the five categories. First, *ACKNOWLEDGE* which area(s) you need to take off. Then, *CONFESS* it to God through prayer, and *TAKE IT OFF*. Talk to someone you trust and share the area(s) in your life that God is chiseling away at. Confess to one another, pray for each other, and hold each other accountable to new behaviors.