

## THE WORD TRAINING – SESSION 2 – TRANSFORMATION - EXAMPLE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Walvoord	Gal. 1:1	1:2-5	1:6-7	1:8-10	1:11-14	1:15-17	1:18-24

**CONTEXT:** From your commentary, document the book's overall context if you are starting a new book of the Bible.

**Importance:** A defense of Christian liberty against any form of legalism.

**Authorship:** Pauline authorship based on internal (Galatians) and external (church fathers) evidence.

**Original Readers:** The churches in Galatia. North Galatia vs. South Galatia debate (see map below).

**Time & Place:** Approximately A.D. 48, likely the earliest New Testament book written.

**Purpose:** To discredit the Judaizers who were promoting a false gospel. Paul supported a true doctrine of grace.

**TRANSFORMATION (Listening):** 5 minutes per day. Read your daily verse (before reading the commentary) then Listen to God and write down what He reveals or says to you...

**BELIEFS:** Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy beliefs. Listen for Truth to modify your beliefs.

Sometimes I don't **believe** it, but God wants to *reveal* His thoughts and direction to me on a daily basis. (v.12)

**THOUGHTS:** Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy thoughts. Listen for Truth to modify your thoughts.

Sometimes I **think** I first need to seek the advice of men before *first seeking God* about an issue. (v.16)

**EMOTIONS:** Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy emotions. Listen for Truth to modify your emotions.

I often **doubt** God is really in control, but Paul's story shows God's *sovereignty* even with a person who persecuted Christians! (v.13)

**ACTIONS:** Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy actions. Listen for Truth to modify your actions.

Paul got away from men to be alone with God, I need to **actively** *get alone with God* consistently. (v.17-18)

**INFORMATION (Learning):** 5-10 Minutes per day. What new information did you learn? What questions occurred?

**Day 1 (1):** Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

Paul's credentials were being questioned, but claimed equality as an apostle from God (Damascus experience)

**Day 2 (2-5):** Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

Paul mentions support from others, and states Christ's death delivers Christians from the present world system because Christ indwells in me.

**Day 3 (6-7):** Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

A gospel of legalism, which adds work to faith, is not the gospel; it perverted the gospel, was no gospel at all, and confused the Galatians.

**Day 4 (8-10):** Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

Altering the gospel has eternal consequences. Paul was being blamed for teaching freedom from the law so the Galatians would like him better – but Paul is not interested in people pleasing.

**Day 5 (11-14):** Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

Paul didn't receive the gospel from man, human source, or instruction. He received it via a revelation (Damascus Road). Paul's past proves he deeply understood with the Jewish religion and was qualified to opine on it.

**Day 6 (15-17):** Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

God set Paul apart at birth, called Paul, revealed Jesus to Paul, which explains Paul's transformation. Humans did not influence Paul. He first sought after God before seeking the input from Peter and James.

**Day 7 (18-24):** Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

Paul spent 3 years after his conversion before going to Jerusalem, working in Syria and preaching the doctrine of justification.

