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“Where is the hope? I meet millions of people who feel demoralized by the decay around us. Where is the hope? The hope that each of us has is not in who governs us, or what laws we pass, or what great things we do as a nation. Our hope is in the power of God working through the hearts of people; that’s where our hope is in this country; that’s where our hope is in life.”

- Chuck Colson

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A. Knowing that you are saved.

B. Discipleship/Spiritual Formation

C. Daily devotionals

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Are you **aware** of your sinfulness?

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Not perfect, but is there a longing in your **heart to obey God**

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What can your **faith** survive?

Note: this is not faith within you; faith given to you

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The church should not be **complacent** in this charge. We are not called to benefit from the grace God gives, accept His salvation, only to become a cheerleader/spectator for the **Pastor** as he attempts to make more converts.



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Focus: following Jesus, learning and living out his teachings, growing in faith, and guiding others to do the same. Often outward facing, there is a strong focus on missional, evangelism and community building.

Practices: Bible reading and study, sharing faith and living in Christian community.

# What is a Spiritual Formation?

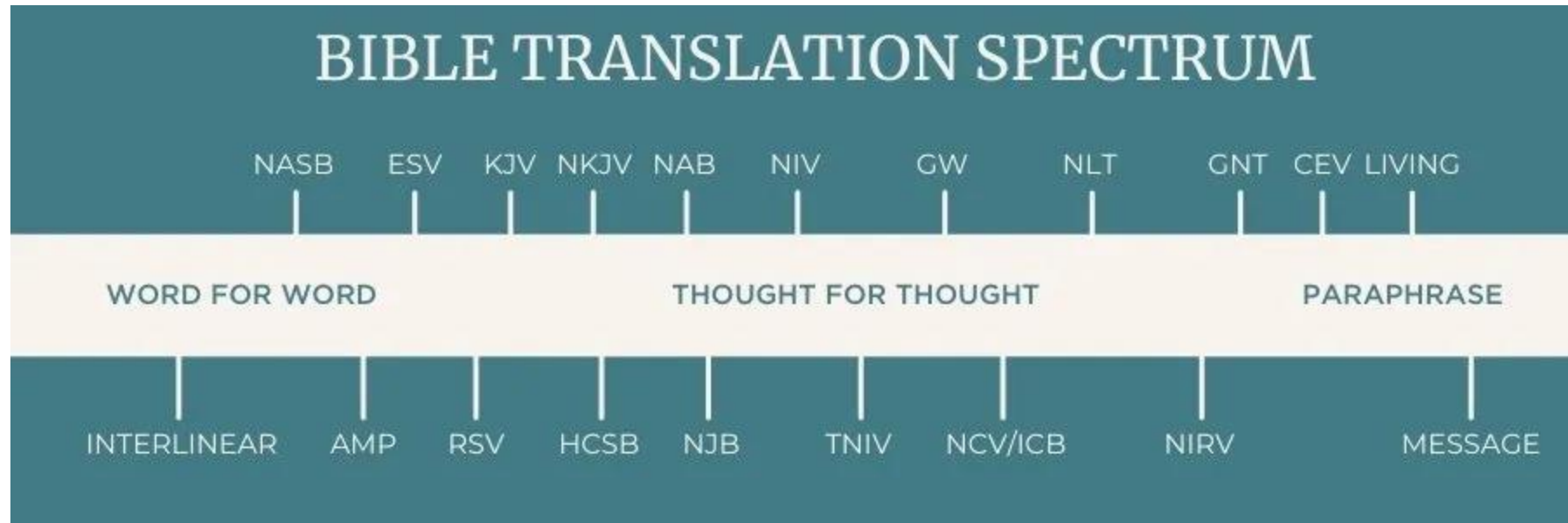
Focus: Being transformed into the likeness of Christ. It is inward, on how the Spirit shapes a person over time. It is about practicing holiness, intimacy with God and spiritual maturity

Practices: Prayer, meditation, fasting, solitude, and other disciplines that foster transformation.



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- Understand your motivation for doing it
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- Choose a time/place that works for you and try to stick with it every time; 21 days leads to habit
- Consider using a plan
- Keep your study simple at first
  - S – Scripture
  - O – Observation
  - A – Application
  - P - Prayer