

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Do you have a mirror? “Well,” you say, “yes, I have some kind of a mirror, but it is a bit difficult to see in it.” Have you ever found that sometimes you think, “Oh my!” I have a friend who says she looks in the mirror first thing, combs her hair, and that is it for the day! Some of us have that attitude, because we do not really like what the mirror shows us! You know, I am going to tell you about an incredible mirror that really works. It is about the mirror that literally changes us as we look in it! “Boy,” you say, “where do you buy that kind of mirror? I could do with that in the days that I just need that little encouragement!”

You see, the Lord Jesus Himself transforms us. There is a verse in **2 Corinthians 3** that says -

**18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory - the character - of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory - another level of character, even from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.** We are being transformed all the time. He does the transforming as we look at Him. Have you ever seen somebody who has been with the Lord and there is something very beautiful about them? When you check out what it is that you think is

beautiful, it is very hard to define. Perhaps the hair is bedraggled and perhaps the face does not have too much going for it, but there is a beauty. This is the beauty: the beauty of the Lord Himself. Did you know, in every situation, we are being transformed? I often look at a crowd of people and I am amazed that I see so many faces but I see no beauty. Now perhaps people have spent a lot of money to turn themselves out to look beautiful, but there is no beauty. The only real beauty, the beauty which absolutely transforms us, is looking into the face of our Lord Himself. Sometimes we try to get this beauty the wrong way around. We work at trying to take in what we can from different people who are sharing the Bible and think, "If I get with that crowd, that is going to help me."

But, you know, to have a mirror that really reflects such beauty, we have to go, first of all, to a place where we sit. "Well," you say, "that is a strange idea. Whatever do you mean?" You see, I am talking about a throne. A throne where the Lord Jesus Christ is seated as King. He is holding the correct position when He sits on that throne. The trouble is with many of us is we want to be on the throne. We say, "I am happy to serve the Lord, but then, I have to have my little bit of time." We somehow allocate to the Lord how much time is for Him. We say, "I have to have a certain amount of independence, because I really do not know what the Lord might ask of me." And before we realize it, we are missing the fact that there is only one King and there is only room for

One on the throne. Where are you today? Are you seated on that throne? Have you allowed the Lord to be the King of your life? Well, you may say “Yes,” but then you hesitate, because somehow you know there are those areas where you are not willing to get off the throne, and let the Lord come on the throne.

Would you take a moment today and really pray about this before the Lord? Until we get it right, that He is the King of our life and He has total right to do what He would do in and through us, we are going to miss the whole idea of what we are going to look like and if Christ is going to come through me. My self life will do anything but surrender my will to the Lord. We will even go around the world for Jesus. We will even get the biggest Bible and impress people with what we have gone through and what we are doing and what we are willing to sacrifice. But we miss the whole point if we are not willing that it should be Him, who is really the King of our life.

Let me explain it this way. When He is seated on the throne of my life, I live by faith. What does that mean? That means in everything I depend upon Him; I report to Him and I am available for what He would do. He will not reproduce His life through me, unless He can have that full reproduction process by His Spirit, that He is in full control and that He gets all the glory. Nothing self can do is acceptable to God. You know, we do not like this, because it really cuts

across the pride of our heart. My self effort, my best ability for God has to be reckoned, counted upon the Cross. It has to be seen that if He is the King of my life, He is going to reproduce His life through me. All the beauty, all the loveliness, all the character of Himself will only be entrusted if I am saying, *Lord, take me right now and deal with the areas that I have tried to hold on to, sitting on the throne with You. Only You and You alone shall be King of my life.*

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*