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The Mission of
FBCWR:
*Connecting People
to God's Life-
Changing Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*

*Therefore
whoever wishes to
be a friend of the
world makes himself
an enemy of God.*

James 4:4

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Break the Mold

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

(Romans 12:2)

The world—used here meaning “mankind united against God” is on a sculpting mission. To what form does the world wish to shape us? The world is literally trying to shape us to look like them. The Greek word for “conform” in the passage above is *suschēmatizō*, which means “to fashion or shape”. Has compromise in any area of your life begun to make you resemble the world?

Image Bearers

We are to look and be like Him in this world— holy, righteous—bold in tak-

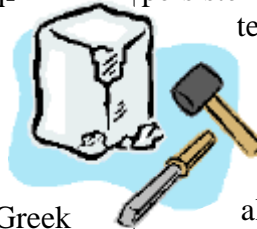
ing on this world system and not backing down because of fear.

The Chisels

What tools does the world use? The chisels of mockery, ridicule, tolerance, lectures and perhaps most of all— persistence. A drumbeat of sitcom jokes, telling scowls of news anchors reporting about scriptural principles, scientific “experts” challenging centuries of common sense and biblical foundations - all these bang away at our resistance. Will we finally accept what we once disdained?

God wants to stamp us with His ideas and will. And as the verse says, His will is *good*. His tools are power, love, goodness and righteousness. He is a gentleman, yes, but don't confuse His kindness with acceptance or His tolerance with permission.

-Joe Fornear



Holiday Gifts & Craft Boutique

Get ready, it's coming!!! Our very first Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique. Saturday, October 26th from 10am-4pm at our church. Sign up for a booth. Tell a friend about it. To get a booth- agree to give 10% of your sale proceeds to the church and donate one item to the church table to sell. Call Terri Fornear for more info.