

# The Message Gathering

## The Five Facets Of Learning Love And Living Life

### Session 4: Living With The Personality Of Christ - Servanthood

#### Recap:

**Session 1:** Living With The Grace Of God - Stooping

**Session 2:** Living With The Purpose of Our Savior - Salvation

**Session 3:** Living With The Humility Of Christ - Submission

**Session 4:** Living With The Personality Of Christ - Servanthood

#### Today:

**Session 5:** Living Everywhere, Everyday - Sacrifice

#### Romans 12:1-2b (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

#### Two Necessary Practices To Living Out Romans 12:1-2:

1. We Need To Have An Active Non-Conformist Attitude Toward This World.
2. There Needs To Be Active Transformation Of The Way That We Think.

**To Connect And Carry On!!**

**Connect To His Word and Carry On His Ways!**

### **Today's Statement Of Truth:**

The Only Way To Really Learn Love And Live Life Is To Be Transformed  
By God's Grace Enough To Personally Serve My World As A Living Sacrifice.

### **Questions:**

- Today, What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- Share What Comes To Mind When You Hear The Term Personal Sacrifice.
- What Percentage Of Christians Would You Say Live Their Lives In View Of God's Mercy And Grace?
- What Do You Think Offering Your Body As A Living Sacrifice Looks Like On A Day In, Day Out Basis?
- What Are The Personal Costs Associated With Living This Way?
- What Are The Personal Benefits Associated With Living This Way?
- What Will You Do This Week To Become A Living Sacrifice Acceptable To God?

## **Series Concluding Scripture:**

### **Romans 12:1-6b (MSG)**

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.<sup>2</sup> Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.<sup>3</sup> I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.<sup>4</sup> In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around.<sup>5</sup> The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body,<sup>6</sup> let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.