

INSIDEout Series

Week 16 outline

5.30.21

Romans 12:1-2

FINDING OUR WAY IN GOD'S WILL

I. Mercy Matters (Romans 12:1)

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

A. Oozing Mercies

1. Therefore, I Urge You
 - beseech, implore; a gentle and winsome instruction, not a command
2. Brothers and Sister
 - not separate wild and cultivated shoots, but one tree, one body, one family
3. In View of God's Mercy (literally His mercies)
 - the Gospel is precisely God's mercy to the inexcusable and underserving
 - the Key word in Romans 9-11... MERCY
 - a. Rom 9:16 -salvation depends "not on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy"
 - b. Rom 9:23 -God's purpose is to "make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy"
 - c. Rom 11:30 -the disobedient Gentiles "have now received mercy" and so to disobedient Israel will "now receive mercy"
 - d. Rom 11:32 -so that God may "have mercy on them all"

"Before we give ourselves away in mercy to man, we give ourselves away in worship to God." - John Piper

OUR GOD IS MERCIFUL;
AND OUR LIVES SHOULD BE WORSHIPFUL

B. Living Sacrifices

1. Your bodies as living sacrifices
 - Sacrifice: set apart and offered to God
 - Living: our lives here and now are acts of worship, holy and pleasing to God
2. True and proper worship [Spiritual act of worship]
 - logikos*: sensible, reasonable/rational
 - the only possible logical response to the mercies of God is a life of worship

WE DO THE SURRENDERING
AND GOD DOES THE SANCTIFYING

II. Conformed to this World or Transformed in God's Will (Romans 12:2)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

A. What are we being Transformed Into?

- the same word used for the transfiguration of Jesus in Matthew and Mark
- It's the fundamental transformation of character and conduct away from the standards of the world and into the image of Christ himself

B. How are we being Transformed?

- "by the renewing of your mind"*

C. How are our Minds being Renewed?

1. By the Spirit of God (**Titus 3:5-7**)

OUR MINDS ARE RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT
AND THE SPIRIT HAS A WEAPON — THE WORD OF GOD

2. Through the Word of God (**Eph 6:17**)

- a. For This Day ...Be Intentional
-Lord, What might you have for me for this day?
- b. Through this Day ...Be Spontaneous
-Lord, Help me be present and aware as I go through this day.
- c. To this Day ...Be Practical
-Lord, how might I apply your Word to this day?
- d. In This Day ...Be Worshipful
-Lord, I rest in you in this day.

MAY GOD'S WORD BE
THE FIRST THING IN, THE LAST THING OUT,
AND IN THE MIDST OF EVERY DAY

III. When God's Word Goes In, His Will Comes Out

"then... you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will"

"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. 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."

Romans 12:1-2- (Message Translation)