

4. What's the relationship of a "living sacrifice," a "spiritual act of worship," and being "transformed"?

Personal Reflection

Why is it important to understand and respond to God in light of his mercy?

In our culture the "pattern of this world" is evident: materialism, consumerism, instant gratification, self-serving attitudes and motives, and a resistance to laying our lives down on behalf of others. In what ways do you resist conformity to this world?

If we are not careful, sacrificial living can result in self-righteousness, piety, and/or merit (trying to earn God's favor by our deeds). How do you guard against these temptations?

In what ways have you been transformed by the renewing of your mind?



Memory Verse: Romans 12:1-2

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. Do not conform any longer 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.

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Thoughts/Questions/Prayer Response:
