



Talk it Over

PASTOR LYLE - ROMANS 12:1-2 – 3/8/26

KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1–2 (NAS)

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 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.

Philippians 4:6 (NASB95)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

START TALKING

How did the transition to Daylight Saving Time affect you? Do you prefer the hour of daylight in the evening (DTS) or morning (EST)?

START DISCUSSING

THEREFORE

Pastor Lyle began his message by referencing a familiar Bible study principle:

When you see the word therefore, ask “what is it there for?”

Read Romans 12:1-2

Remind each other “what the therefore is there for.”

Like a hinge, it opens the door from doctrine to practice.

How is surrender a reasonable or expected response to what precedes chapter 12?

MERCIES

Pastor Lyle mentioned that when people think of sacrifices they often think of earning someone’s favor. However, a foundational reason Paul gives is the mercies of God.” Mercy is not deserved – we earn the opposite response.

What difference does this make in our decision to present ourselves as a sacrifice?

LIVING SACRIFICE

Pastor Lyle pointed out that Old Testament sacrifices were dead, but this one is living. He said one of the problems with a living sacrifice is that it keeps trying to crawl off the altar.

Discuss what it means to present your whole self to God.

Where do you most often crawl off the altar”?

What would daily surrender look like in a very practical way this week?

WHAT CARRIES THE MOST WEIGHT?

Pastor Lyle used several questions to expose the idols of the heart.

How can honest answers to those questions help expose misplaced worship?

What have you been most willing to sacrifice for?

What has made you the most bitter?

Whose approval do you most want?

Where do you go for comfort when life falls apart?

CONFORMED OR TRANSFORMED

Transformation is a process of renewing the mind.

Read Philippians 4:6-8

Discuss how renewing our mind is a life-long process, yet a moment-by-moment discipline.

APPLICATION FOR THE WEEK

If Romans 1–11 gives you the knowledge to face the chaos of life, what truth from these chapters do you most need this week?