

## The Journey Week 4

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy,

### What is God's mercy?

To understand true worship then you gotta understand magnitude, the magnificence of Mercy.

### Mercy is: Withholding consequences and punishment.

Ephesians 2:1-5 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup>You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. <sup>[a]</sup>He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup>All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup>that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

- You can't understand mercy looking down from a platform of prestige and perfection. To understand mercy you gotta look up from the gutter of brokenness, lostness, hopelessness that your sin has caused and realize you need rescuing.
- Other people's failures don't determine how good you are.

Romans 7:24-25 Oh, what a miserable person I am. Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Who will free me from this body of death.

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

What does a living sacrifice look like? It is you crucify your flesh your sinful selfish desires daily.

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Our living sacrifice is: Sacrificing daily our desires so we will without a doubt

- obey God's word

- live righteous or right life with God.
- praise God for his goodness with our lips daily
- give of ourselves to the Cause of Christ rather than the cause of Sam.

Lamentations 3:22-23 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.

<sup>23</sup> Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

- In view of God's mercy every day we give over our minds, our thoughts, our eyes, our ears, our tongue, our hand, our feet as a living sacrifice to be used as an opportunity to demonstrate God's grace and mercy to the world.

—this is your true and proper worship