



**WELCOME** In your family, who typically prays at holiday gatherings?

**WORSHIP** “I Will Boast in Christ Alone / Nothing but the Blood of Jesus (Acoustic)” – Hillsong Worship  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyJa\\_jH0oYQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyJa_jH0oYQ)

**WORD** [Romans 15:1-21](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message and why?
2. **Read Romans 15:1-3.** The example of Christ teaches us to show forbearance (mercy) when he was insulted, dishonored, disrespected, and ultimately crucified.
  - As born-again believers and disciples, how can we, when we are strong, “bear with the failings of the weak”? Discuss what this looks like practically speaking in your life.
3. **Read vv. 4-6.** What is the purpose of God’s Word / Scripture?
  - If dispensing grace is the mission, what should the nature of our relationships be like whether we experience the goodness of God through our ‘freedom’ or our ‘discipline’?
  - And what should the nature of our ministry be like? (The main ministry of the church is the ministry of God’s word.)
4. **Read v.7.** What does it look like to ‘make a decision’ to accept one another (even while still having necessary ‘truth and love’ conversations)? What does it require? (Hint: 1Cor.13:4-7)
5. **Read vv. 8-13.** The grace of God has brought us to place of exceptionalism, but that does not mean we are superior.
  - What point was Paul making to his Jewish audience about being ‘first’ and what is Pastor Bryan teaching us today about our place and purpose in God’s sovereign plan?
6. **Read vv. 14-21.** What is Paul declaring about what he has accomplished, who he can boast in, and his (holy) ambition? How can we apply it to our lives?

**WITNESS** Read Romans 5:13. Make the decision to trust in God in all matters of your life so that the God of Hope may fill you with all joy and peace and you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. May your countenance reflect His image and bear witness to the God of Hope.