## SO WHAT? Romans 12:1-8 CSB

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. <sup>4</sup>Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup>According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:1-8 (CSB)

1. So, what do we THINK? (Vs 1-5)

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Romans 12:12 (CSB)

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD's glory, as the water covers the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14 (CSB)

This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength. Ephesians 1:15-19 (CSB)

And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve the things that are superior and may be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11 (CSB)

For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God... Colossians 1:9-10 (CSB)

I always thank my God when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother. Philemon 1:4-7 (CSB)

For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. <sup>4</sup>Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.

Romans 12:3-5 (CSB)

2. So, what do we <u>DO</u>? (Vs 6-8)

According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:6-8 (CSB)

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head— Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (CSB)

Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another. <sup>11</sup>Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. <sup>18</sup>If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup>Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>But if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. <sup>21</sup>Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

Romans 12:9-21 (CSB)