Romans 12

Romans 12:1-2

- 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.

Romans 12:3–8

- ³ For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
- ⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,
- ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
- ⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;
- ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;
- ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:9-13

- ⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;
- ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,
- ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Romans 12:14-21

- ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
- ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- ¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written,
- "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰ "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

BREAKOUT QUESTIONS:

1. Surrendered to God (Romans 12:1-2)

"Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice... be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Ouestion:

What's one area where God might be asking you to surrender control and trust Him more fully?

2. Serving in Humility (Romans 12:3–8)

"Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought... we, who are many, are one body in Christ."

Question:

What gift or role has God given you that you could begin using—or using more intentionally—for the good of others?

3. Loving Sincerely (Romans 12:9–13)

"Let love be without hypocrisy... be devoted to one another in brotherly love."

Question:

What would it look like this week for you to show genuine, sacrificial love to someone—especially someone difficult to love?

4. Forgiving and Blessing Others (Romans 12:14–21)

 $"Bless\ those\ who\ persecute\ you...\ do\ not\ be\ overcome\ by\ evil,\ but\ overcome\ evil\ with\ good."$

Ouestion:

Why is forgiveness so hard—and what helps you release resentment and choose to forgive and bless?

Read the above scriptures this week. Pray and ask the Lord to speak to you about areas of unforgiveness, and areas of sacrifice.

Journal what you hear Holy Spirit saying and pray for the Lord to show you HIS truth in that area.

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.