



WEEK 2: HOW WORSHIP CHANGES YOU

The Week of February 11th

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1 John 4:8-10 (NLT)

Four Motivations

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I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people. Romans 1:7 (NLT)

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is to be _____

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

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May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

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KEY QUESTION

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OTHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Which of the six changes discussed in this message do you find yourself struggling with most often? How could God's love help?
2. Is there something God is leading you to do, but fear is holding you back?
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