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Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) 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—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

I woke to learn that another major vulnerability was discovered that affected my computer, tablet, and watch. We were urged to update immediately, which I did. As I waited for the update to be installed, I marveled at the process. My device was downloading code via the air and storing it on my device. Once the device was rebooted, the new code would overwrite the old and making it new. Once back online, my device was safe from the malicious attacks from those lurking in the darkness. All I had to do was download the update.

I have commented before that we may debate the truth, alter the truth, or even deny the truth, but we will never be able to escape the truth because it is true. Thus, no matter what people believe about the Lord and His Word, they will never be able to escape His truth for it is the foundation of all creation. Therefore, we will discover that Truth in every walk of our lives. As I contemplated that update process, I saw a reflection of what happens in us. The world would have us fit its definition of fair, equitable, progressive, caring, and acceptable – malicious code. It builds these containers of ideas, movements, and ideologies and tells us to conform our lives to fit them. When they make a new requirement, we add another “room” to our lives and struggle to conform to it by fitting in. God, however, tells us to be transformed by His Word. When we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit begins to “download” the Word into our hearts and minds. It overwrites the old ways of thinking and replaces them with the truth of Jesus Christ. We do not conform to His ways; we become His ways. The old faults and vulnerabilities are replaced with the very nature of Jesus. We are transformed each and every day as the Holy Spirit opens our eyes and hearts to the truth. Our sacrifice is allowing Him to replace the old with the new. Amazing.