



Series: Live by Faith at Christmas: Love in Action (Advent Series)

Title: The Reasonable Response to God's Mercies

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Dec. Scripture Memory: 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers,[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world,[c] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. 9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **Romans 12:1-2, 9-10**

As we live by faith, we:

- 1) Respond to God's Mercies through Total Sacrifice (v. 1)
- 2) Reject the World's Influence and Mold (v. 2a)
- 3) Renew Our Mind through Spirit Transformation (v. 2b)

We renew our minds by staying connected to the Lord through His Word, His Church, and His Mission, by the power of the Holy Spirit and as we do, we:

- Revere and Rejoice in the Lord
- Engage with Christ and Enjoy Him
- Need for Biblical Community and Normalize Accountability
- Expect God to move and Embrace when He does move
- Wait on the Lord and Worship Him through Praise

Are we filling our minds with POISON or are we filling our minds with PROMISE?

- 4) Run with God in Confidence (v. 2c)
 - God's will is always GOOD – For our good and for His glory (Romans 8:28)
 - God's will is always PLEASING – To God and to us (Psalm 37:3-4)
 - God's will is always PERFECT – Lacking nothing, right on time, satisfying (Psalm 107:8-9)