



# A Living Sacrifice: Romans 12:1

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

## **...by the MERCIES of God...**

- Why should we desire to live life sacrificially? Because of His MERCY TOWARDS US!
- Romans 5:8 <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- In what ways is He merciful to us?

\*\*His death on the cross. His affection towards us. His forgiveness of our sins. The accessibility His Word. His desire for relationship with us.

## **...present your bodies as a LIVING sacrifice...**

- Sacrifice means to give up our wants & desires in light of HIS.
- God isn't asking us to do something He hasn't already done...
- Sacrificial living is laying our life down. Everything is His.

\*\*Our time, our money, our screens, our friends, our family...

## **...\_HOLY\_ and acceptable to God...**

- What does it mean to be holy?
- It means to be set apart.
- We are no longer our own, if we are in Him.
- Through prayer and reliance on HIM, our thoughts, actions, and words become more like His rather than ours.

## **...which is your spiritual \_WORSHIP\_.**

- People have always had many ideas about how to worship God.
- Paul says this is the way. Sacrificial Living, in light of the mercies of God.
- What is holding you back from full surrender?

\*\*This is not “second tier” Christianity... this is Christianity. Would you confess your sins before Him? And say “here I am Lord. I am yours... use me how you see fit.”\*\*