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Let

Now that is a very important word. What word? I want you to think about the word, “let.” “Let,” is a very important word. How so? In this case the word “let” will determine one of two choices that you will make. What are my choices? Will you let yourself be conformed to this world and all its values, patterns and practices? Or will you let me renew your mind with my word? How you answer these two questions will determine the entire course of your life. Let's talk about each one. I'd like that.

To let yourself be conformed to the world you really don't need to do anything special. The world is already bombarding you with all its values and patterns and practices everyday. If you do nothing at all you will think and act no differently than anyone and everyone else in the world. You will go with the flow. You will think, say and do what others do just because that is what anyone and everyone else is thinking, saying and doing. You won't stand out. You won't be different. You will blend in with the rest of the world. You will do whatever feels good. You will live for comfort and pleasure. You will live to serve and please yourself. You will not seek me. You will not know me. You will not love me. You will not follow, obey and serve me. You will be on your own in the life you have chosen to live in the world. I definitely don't want this life. I don't want to be conformed to the world and all its values, patterns and practices. I want to seek you and know you and love you with all my heart. **Let's talk about the other choice then. That would be great.**

You can let me renew your mind with my word. As you meet with me in my word I will change your heart and transform your mind. I will teach you. I will train you. I will guide you with my word. You will think my thoughts and walk in my ways. You will seek me and you will find me. You will love me with all your heart and mind and soul. You will want to know and do my will. It will be your desire to please me. You will want to give yourself fully to me as an act of worship. You will follow and obey and serve me not because you must but because that has become the desire of your heart. Your greatest joy will be to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. Is this what you want? Is this the life you want to live? Yes Lord, it is!

Lord, I know that there is a battle going on. There is a war that is raging over my mind. Will I allow myself to be conformed to this world or will I allow you to renew my mind with your word? Renew my mind with your word so I can both know and do your will. Amen

Knowing God*Be Transformed*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer 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.

NIV

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Be Transformed*

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. Do not be conformed to this world, 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.

ESV

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Let God Transform You*

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

NLT

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Be Transformed*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

NKJV

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Be Transformed*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

NRSV

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Be Changed*

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

MSG

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Be Transformed*

I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

AMP

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God *Be A New And Different Person*

And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.

TLB

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Be Transformed*

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. 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.

NASB

Romans 12:1-2

Knowing God*Be Changed Within*

So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

NCV

Romans 12:1-2

Let God Transform You

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Knowing God – Romans 12:1-2

In Context: *Read Romans 12*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What are influences from the world that will attempt to conform you to its patterns?

How can you eliminate from your life some of the more obvious and dangerous worldly influences?

When have you taken steps to eliminate a dangerous worldly influence from your life?

How are you allowing God to renew your mind with His word on a daily basis?

How has having a renewed mind helped you to give yourself fully to God as an act of worship?

When has God used a specific portion of His word to change the way that you think?

How has having a renewed mind helped you to both know and do the will of God?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God to use His word to renew your mind so that you will be able to know and do His will.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will use His word to renew your mind so that you will be able to know and do His will.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are allowing God to use His word to renew your mind.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow God to use His word to renew your mind so that you can know and do His will.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to renew my mind with your word so that I can know and do your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use your word to renew my mind so that I can know and do your will today?
