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## **Inside Out**

You gave yourself as a sacrifice for me. You died on the cross as payment for my sins. You set me free to live a new life with you. I didn't deserve your grace and mercy. You showed me your love even while I was living in open rebellion to you. You drew me to yourself when I was living and walking on a path far away from you. You are my Father. You made me to be your child. I am so grateful and thankful for all that you have done for me. I love you now only because you first loved me. I can never thank and praise you enough. **What then do you want to do with your life now?** I want to live my life fully and completely with and for you. In every way I want to please you. I have nothing to earn. I am yours. All I have from you is a gift. **That's right.** My desire to give my life to you as a living sacrifice does not come from any sense of obligation on my part. It is my joy to love you with all my heart and soul and mind. I'm doing what I want to do. Nothing makes me happier than to know that I am doing what pleases you. It is my prayer that my life will be given fully to you as an act of worship. I know that I do not worship you perfectly with my body. But, I know that you will help me every step of the way as I follow you. **Yes, I will.**

**I am not finished with you.** That's very good news. What do you want to do with me? **What do you think I want to do with you?** I know that you want to change my heart and transform my mind. I know that I am a work in your hands. You are molding and shaping my life. **Yes, I am.** The world is continually trying to squeeze me into its mold. You don't want me to allow that to happen. **No, I do not. What do you think I will use to change your heart and transform your mind?** You will use your word to change me from the inside out. You will change my heart and transform my mind with your word. **Yes, I will. How often do you think it would be good for us to meet together in my word?** That's an easy question to answer. **Why is that?** There is not a day that you don't want to speak to me. There is not a day that I don't need to hear from you. You want your word to dwell in me richly. You want to use your word to set me free. You want us to meet together in your word everyday. **Yes, I do.**

**As we meet together in my word what do you think I want you to know?** You want me to know you. You want me to know your thoughts. You want me to know your will. I can only know your will and your ways as I meet with you in your word. You want to speak to me. You want me to listen to what you have to say. You want me to obey what you ask me to do. **Yes, I do.** Nothing could be more exciting than to know that you want me to know you, your will and your ways. So, I'm giving myself fully to you. I'm inviting you to change my heart and transform my mind with your word. **That is exactly what I will do for you.**

*Lord, I am giving my entire being to you as an act of worship. All I am, all I have, and all I hope to be is yours. Change me from the side out. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind so I can know and do your will. Amen*

**Promises***God's Will*

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NIV

Romans 12:1-2

**Promises***God's Will*

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

**Promises***Will Of God*

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

**Promises***Will Of God*

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

**Promises***Will Of God*

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

**Promises***The Will Of God*

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

**Promises***Will Of God*

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

**Promises***What He Wants*

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

**Promises***His Ways*

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

**Promises***What God Wants*

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

# God's Will

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – 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?)***

Lord, I am giving my entire being to you as an act of worship. All I am, all I have, and all I hope to be is yours. Change me from the side out. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind so I can know and do your will. Amen

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

How are you continually offering your entire being to God as an act of worship?

**What does the world use to try to squeeze you into its' pattern of practices, values and behaviors?**

How has God's word been protecting you from being squeezed into the world's mold?

**When are you meeting with God in His word so He can change your heart and transform your mind?**

What has God used from His word to change your heart and transform your mind?

**How is God changing your heart and transforming your mind making you able to know and do His will?**

Why will living according to the patterns of this world make it impossible for you to know and do God's will?

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

Meet with God in His word on a daily basis so that He can use it to change your heart and transform your mind.

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

Have faith that God's word will change you from the inside out so that you can both 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 God's word is changing your heart and transforming 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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you meditate on and memorize God's word so that He can change your heart and transform your mind.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, change my heart and transform my mind so that I can both know and do your will.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what from your word do you want to use to change my heart and transform my mind today?*

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