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Becoming a Romans 12 Trailman

August Topic: Giving Our All

Romans 12 is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. It speaks about our response to the great gift of salvation and how we are to live our lives in the joy of our salvation. Trailman, in Christ we have been given everything we need, so we are free to give everything we have. But what does that really mean? And, what does that look like in our everyday lives? How do we live in a way that reflects the new creation we are in Christ, and how do we live in a manner that brings honor and glory to Him?

Jesus gave everything for us, when He sacrificed Himself on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. We are to do the same for Him. We are to give everything for Him. Romans 12 speaks of trust. It speaks of a complete surrender of self. And, it speaks of putting total faith in God. When we understand what Jesus has done for us, His immeasurable love for us, we can understand that He is worthy of our love and devotion, our surrender and our sacrifice. Therefore, there is nothing that He can't ask of us. Presenting ourselves a "living sacrifice" is our "reasonable service." Now that might sound kind of scary, but when we remember that He is good and loving and faithful, we can trust that whatever He asks of us, He will also provide to us what we need to accomplish. According to the gifts God has given us, He will call us. And, according to the power of His Spirit indwelling us, He will qualify and equip us. Finding rest in the Lord's faithfulness will enables us to trust and surrender. Then He can work through us, in ways that we could never imagine. When we lay down our lives for the Lord (Romans 12:1) and remember that it is by His power we are raised up, equipped and empowered to live godly lives and serve Him. So today commit to being a Romans 12 Trailman, reflecting the transformation of new life that you have been given in Christ and fueled by the Holy Spirit to reflect Christ and share His love with others. Surrender yourself to the Lord's will and be transformed to live for Him.