FLYING RIGHT-SIDE UP

Romans 12:1

• Our new orientation to life is to live for <u>GOD</u> in complete <u>SURRENDER</u>.

• We ought to live for God in surrender because of God's <u>MERCIES</u> to us.

 A life lived for God in surrender is the true and LOGICAL way to worship God.



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- 1. Have you ever experienced spatial disorientation or any other sort of disorientation? What was it like? How are we morally disoriented apart from Christ (see Romans 1:21-32)?
- 2. What comes to your mind when you think of a "living sacrifice"? How do you think this was received in Paul's day?
- 3. Why do you think Paul emphasizes us presenting our "bodies" as a living sacrifice? What does this look like in terms of practical living? (see Matthew 6:24-25, Romans 6:12-13, 19)
- 4. How does the story of the rich young ruler in Mark 10:17-22 help us to wrestle with surrender? What are some areas of your life that have been a challenge to surrender to God?
- 5. What could be the danger of reading Romans 12 without understanding Romans 1-11? What is the importance of seeing God's mercy as the basis for living for Him?
- 6. What does it mean in Romans 12:1 when it says describes surrender as that "which is your spiritual/rational/logical/reasonable worship?" How is it illogical to live in partial surrender? How does God feel about half-hearted devotion to Him (see Malachi 1:6-2:3)?
- 7. This week how can you live surrendered to Jesus?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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