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TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

Romans 12:3 – 11 (NIV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

Pour out our LIFE ...

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. – Romans 12:3 (NIV)

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ... – Romans 3:23 – 24 (ESV)

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 (ESV)

... rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. – John 13:4 – 5 (ESV)

Pour out your life as the CHURCH ...

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. – Romans 12:4 – 5 (NIV)

Pour out your life as the church using your GIFTS ...

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: ... – Romans 12:6 (ESV)

... If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. – Romans 12:6 – 8 (NIV)

Pour out your life as the church using your gifts with LOVE ...

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. – Romans 12:9 – 10 (ESV)

Pour out your life as the church using your gifts with love and PASSION.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. – Romans 12:11 (NIV)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?
- Read John 13:4 – 5. How does Christ's act of washing the disciples' feet reflect the heart of the message in Romans 12:3 – 11?
- What are some common roadblocks that prevent us from using our gifts as part of the body of Christ? What do you think is the most frequent excuse, and what is the best way to overcome it?
- Read Romans 12:5. What does it mean to "*belong to each other*" as part of the body of Christ? What are the implications of this for how we live and serve?
- Read Romans 12:6. What are some characteristics of people who allow God to use their lives to shine brightly for Him?
- Read Romans 12:6 – 8. After reviewing the list of spiritual gifts, go around your group and have each person share at least one gift they recognize in another member of the group.
- Read Romans 12:9. Why do you think Paul uses such strong language in commanding us to "*hate what is evil*" and "*cling to what is good*" as followers of Christ?
- Read Romans 12:10. In the context of using our gifts, why is outdoing one another in love and honor foundational to serving God?
- Read Romans 12:11. "*Keeping your spiritual fervor*" means being set on fire by the Spirit. In what area of your life might God be calling you to invite Him to raise your spiritual temperature and burn brighter for Him?
- Pray for the ministries of ENCOUNTER as God leads you.