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Sermon Title: "What does God want from me?"

Text: Romans 12:1-2

Series: True Blue Christian

ESV:

"¹ 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. ²Do 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"

Phillips Translation:

"With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity."

The Message Paraphrase:

"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."

What Does God Want from Me?

1. A Living Sacrifice (vs.1)

(Reference Genesis 15 and Genesis 22, Heb. 10:4-10)

2. A Renewed Mind (vs.2a)

(Ref. Colossians 3:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:26)

3. The Will of God Being Done (vs.2B)

(Ref. John 10:4, Matthew 6:10)