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**Joyful Surrender:**  
**The Context and Content of Our Worship**  
Romans 12:1-2  
Series: Living a Worship Full Life

### Central Passage

*Romans 12:1–2 (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. 2 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.*

**Central Thought:** A life of worship, joyfully surrendered to God in all areas, is the most reasonable, rewarding life possible.

### The Context of Our Worship

- ❖ We can offer ourselves joyfully and sacrificially to God, because he offered himself joyfully and sacrificially to us in Christ.

*Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV) — 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.***

*Romans 5:8 (ESV) — 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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### The Content of Our Worship

- ❖ A Living Sacrifice: Total submission to the will of God in Christ Jesus.

*Matthew 16:25 (NLT) — 25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*

- ❖ A Renewed mind: Internal transformation by the Spirit and the word of God.

*Ephesians 5:15–21 (ESV) — 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit, 19** addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

*2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT) — 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (See also, Hebrews 4:12)*

### Homework

- ❖ Ask God to reveal to you the idols in your life – those people and passions taking priority over his presence and purpose in and for your life.
- ❖ If you haven't yet, begin a regular habit of Bible reading and prayer. Check out the following tools for help.
  - The Youversion Bible app.
  - 24-7 Prayer - [www.24-7prayer.com](http://www.24-7prayer.com)