

# RELATIONAL SURVIVAL GUIDE



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## Relating to God

### What to Do With the Greatest Gift You've Ever Been Given: Romans 12:1-2

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#### What to Do With the Greatest Gift You've Ever Been Given: Two Points.

##### 1. Present Your Bodies to God.

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What would happen if we conceived of giving our bodies to God – not just our hearts?

## 2. Transform Your Mind.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Romans 12:2** 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.

νοῦς - sum total of the whole mental and moral state of being.

a) Transform your mind... *in order to* understand and love the Will of God.

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### Digging Deeper into Our Relationship With God

#### This week's passages:

**Monday** – Romans 12

**Tuesday** – Romans 3

**Wednesday** –Ephesians 4

**Thursday** –Colossians 3

**Friday** – 2 Corinthians 3

**Weekend** – Review the most meaningful passages or insights of the week.

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This week, pay attention to the ways Scripture might be calling us to both use our bodies and transform our minds.

This week our study leads us into further discovery of the Way of Jesus, specifically his way with spiritual conversation. Each day you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. **Read** the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. **Record** or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you, staying especially alert to the ways of Christ.
3. **Reflect** and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. **Respond** by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word ("*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*" James 1.22).