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**Romans 8:28-29:** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to the image of His Son.

**Romans 12:1-2:** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### **LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:**

In this new series, Transform, we are examining the process of spiritual growth as we discover God's Will for our lives: to be like Christ. Once you know Jesus, you begin to work out what He has worked within you. When you make the decision to partner with God, you can gain the discipline needed to press into Him every day in order to live your life at the next level. And what a difference that transformation will make in your life and the lives of those you interact with. We need to be different to make a difference.

#### **Read Romans 8:28-29:**

1A) PERSONAL: Recall a time when you experienced something that wasn't good, but God saw you through it. What blessings resulted from it?

1B) PERSONAL: What does it mean to you to know that God foreknew you and His inevitable plan for you is to be in the image of His Son?

#### **Read Romans 12:1-2:**

2) PERSONAL: In what ways can you offer yourself as a living sacrifice to God?

3A) Using a dictionary, define the following:  
Conform:

Transform:

3B) PERSONAL: Describe the difference between these two words and any correlation you see regarding God's desire for Christ-like living.

4) How does verse 2 suggest you are to be transformed?

5A) What do you learn from the following verses?

Romans 8:5-6:

Philippians 4:8:

5B) PERSONAL: Brainstorm ways that you can renew your mind instead of conforming to the patterns of this world.

**Read Galatians 5:16-26:**

6A) Paul describes the two forces fighting within us. What are they?

6B) What are the fruits produced by the Holy Spirit?

7A) PERSONAL: Circle any of the above Fruits of the Spirit that you feel are strong within you. Underline those qualities that need to be nourished. Pray for their growth.

7B) PERSONAL: In order to be like Jesus, we must know him, love him, remember him, and imitate him. What can you start doing today to take your relationship with Him to the next level?

**ACT:** God's ultimate goal for us is to make us like Christ. God does not want us to conform to the ways of this world, but to be transformed in His image. How can we become more like Jesus? By reading and obeying God's Word, by learning about the life of Jesus as presented in the Gospels, by spending time in prayer and by serving others as Jesus did. Partner with God and put it into practice.

**Daily Devotional:** It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's explore passages that reveal God's purpose for us, which is living a Christ-like life.

## **Monday:**

### **1 John 2:6 NLT**

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

## **Tuesday:**

### **1 Peter 2:21 ESV**

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

## **Wednesday:**

### **Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV**

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Thursday:**

### **John 13:13-17 ESV**

You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

## **Friday:**

### **Galatians 2:20 NIV**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **Saturday:**

### **2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT**

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

## **Sunday:**

### **Philippians 2:5-8 NLT**

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

