Be Restored in '24: Passion

Romans 12:1-10

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Romans 12:1 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. [3] 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. [4] For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, [5] so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. [6] We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; [7] if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; [8] 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. [9] Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. [10] Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. _____ the power of a passion for God

_____offering: 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.
Romans 12:1 (MSG)

_____ transforming: Stop conforming to the shifting sands of broken humanity! Instead, be transformed by renewing your mind through seeking God's will for your life. You will discern what is good and pleasing to God. This will make you complete and mature!
Romans 12:2 (JOT)

2. _____ the right passion

_____ your attitude: Because of the grace given to me, I say to all of you: Don't elevate your importance above others. Instead, get your mind aligned with God's process of giving a portion of faith to each person in order to serve him together…many are one in the body of Christ.
Romans 12:3,5a (JOT)

_____ commitment: if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.
Romans 12:8 (MSG)

_____ excellence: Love without hypocrisy. Reject the obvious evil that will drag you down! Hold tight to whatever is good in thought, word, and deed, and be devoted to loving one another as brothers and sisters!
Romans 12:9-10 (JOT)

3. God's constant _____

Be _____: And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.
Romans 5:5 (NLT)

Spiritual Action Step:

How will offer yourself to God? How will you choose transformation? Where do you need to be refilled today with God's love? Jesus said*: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33 NIV) Allow the power of Jesus Christ to recharge your life. Begin by asking for God's help and seeking to offer all you do to God. Focus on what you can do for God rather than what God can do for you! This week read Romans 5 and 12 to empower the Holy Spirit to recharge your life.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; MSG: The Message; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: New Living Translation.