

P.O.V. WEEK ONE



Key Scripture-

Romans 12.2

GROW-

Romans 8.29 // Galatians 1.4 // 1 John 2.15

LIVE-

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.

The Greek word for “conform” is the word *syschēmatizō* (sū-skhā-mā-tē'-zō), meaning to pattern oneself after another. And it wasn't just part of the person to try to pattern, but the whole individual; how they thought, their character, and lifestyle. To conform meant you adopted their world-view. What they believed, about philosophy, education, religion, and the Scriptures, became what you believed. And the problem wasn't that people wanted to change, the problem was in what they wanted to change into. They wanted to be great philosophers and thinkers, or courageous warriors and soldiers. They saw their heroes in uniform, or how people would gather around a teacher, and their desire was to have that power, or command that attention. To conform also meant to put on an act, and to display on the outside something different than what was on the inside. And on the inside of the people of the church in Rome was the Holy Spirit. A fire of change and transformation that would not only renew their minds, but allow them to know the will of God for their lives. Paul's reminder is that, you are not the same as the rest of the world. You are different. You are set apart. And you are called to tell others about Who has set you apart.

LOVE-

Jesus invites us to become like He is. The true and complete form of what humanity was supposed to be. He is our example of what is possible when we surrender our life to God. And just as He did, we are invited to leverage our lives for God's glory, the advancement of His gospel and His kingdom. To no longer conform to the desires and dreams we have for our lives, but to die to those and make room for the God-sized dream He has for us.

LOOK-

What or who are you conforming to? Who are you following?

Who are you trying to keep up with?

And do you like the person you are becoming?

What are your habits? Good and bad.

What are your thoughts? And where are they taking You?