



Corona Virus: Get Through It or Grow Through It

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

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.

1. "Growing through it" takes the proper motivation.

- The greater our comprehension of what God has done for us, the greater our commitment should be.

2. "Growing through it" means dying daily!

- Sacrifices are no longer about taking lives but giving our lives.
- Living sacrifices embrace surrender daily!
- Being a living sacrifice is merely a logical response to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.
- Total surrender is the channel through which God's best and biggest blessings flow.

3. "Growing through it" means embracing the new normal: gospel transformation. (Romans 12:2)

- Gospel transformation is about recognition and renewal. (1 John 2:16)
- Transformation occurs when we start daily winning the mind game. (Colossians 3:1-2)

Getting God's best is not simply a matter of saying no to the world and its values; it's saying yes to the truth of God's Word.

A. Hear God's Word

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

B. Read God's Word

Revelation 1:3 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

C. Study God's Word

D. Memorize God's Word

Psalms 119:9-11 (NIV)

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

- When your mind is renewed God's will is revealed!