



*What does it mean to follow Jesus?*

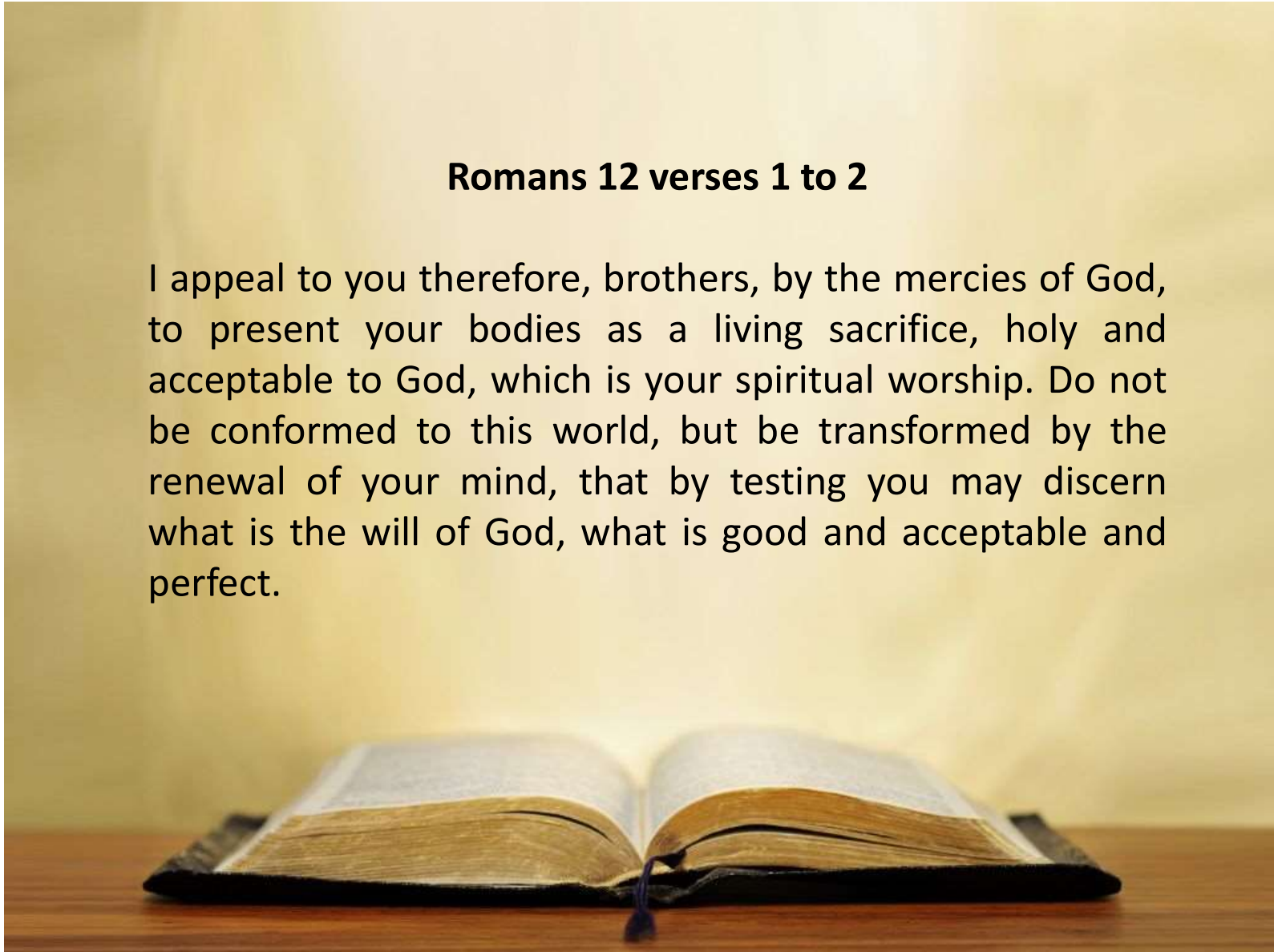




Following Jesus means ...  
Faith in Action

## **Romans 12 verses 1 to 2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 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.



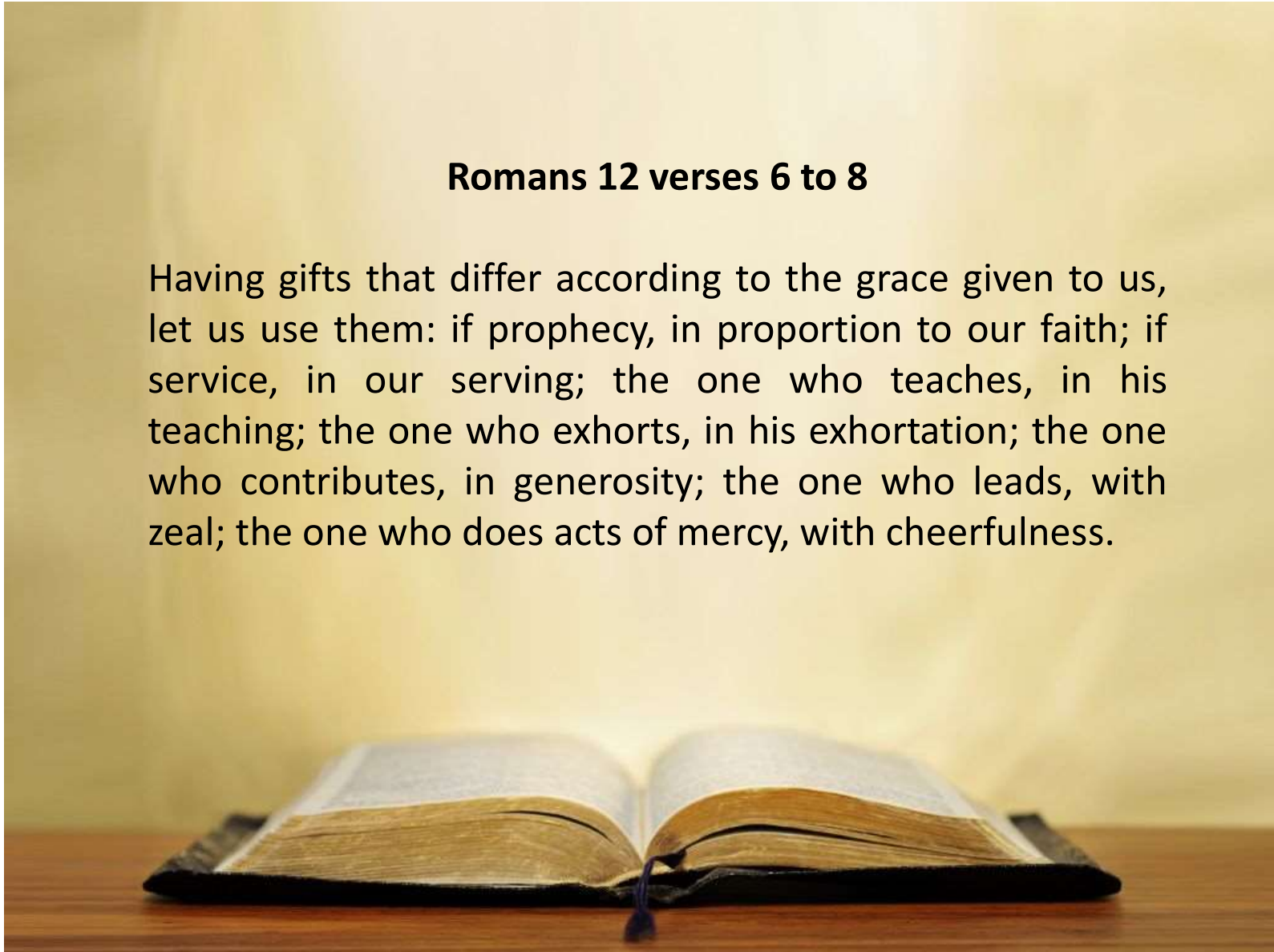
### **Romans 12 verses 3 to 5**

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.



## **Romans 12 verses 6 to 8**

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.









Faith in Action involves

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being a living sacrifice  
(verse 1)

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# John F Kennedy at 1961 Presidential Inauguration said



“Ask not what your  
country can do for you;  
ask what you can do for  
your country.”

Adapting John F Kennedy's words .....



“Don’t always ask what  
Jesus can do for you,  
ask Jesus what you can  
do for Him.”



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being conformed is a  
bit like.....

being a leaf blown  
about in the wind,  
never knowing quite  
where you are going  
next – or why.





Being transformed  
leaves us .....

with our feet firmly on the ground,  
anchored and steady

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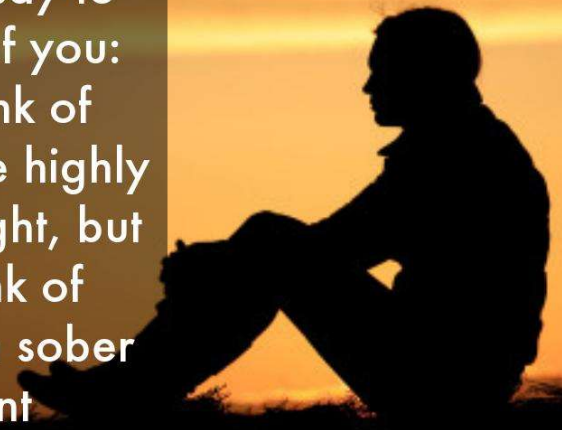


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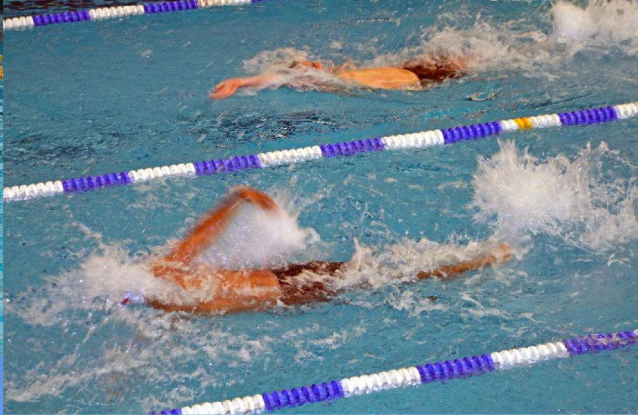
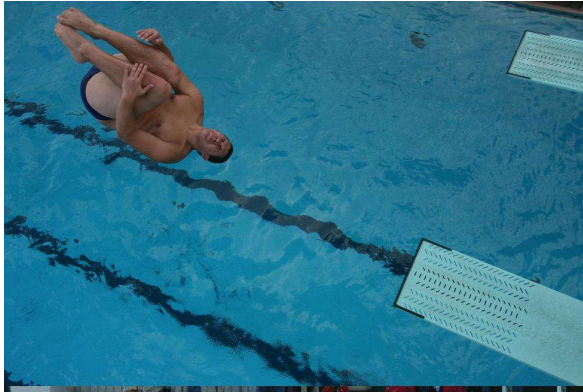
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having a humble view  
of ourself (verse 3)

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Romans 12:3





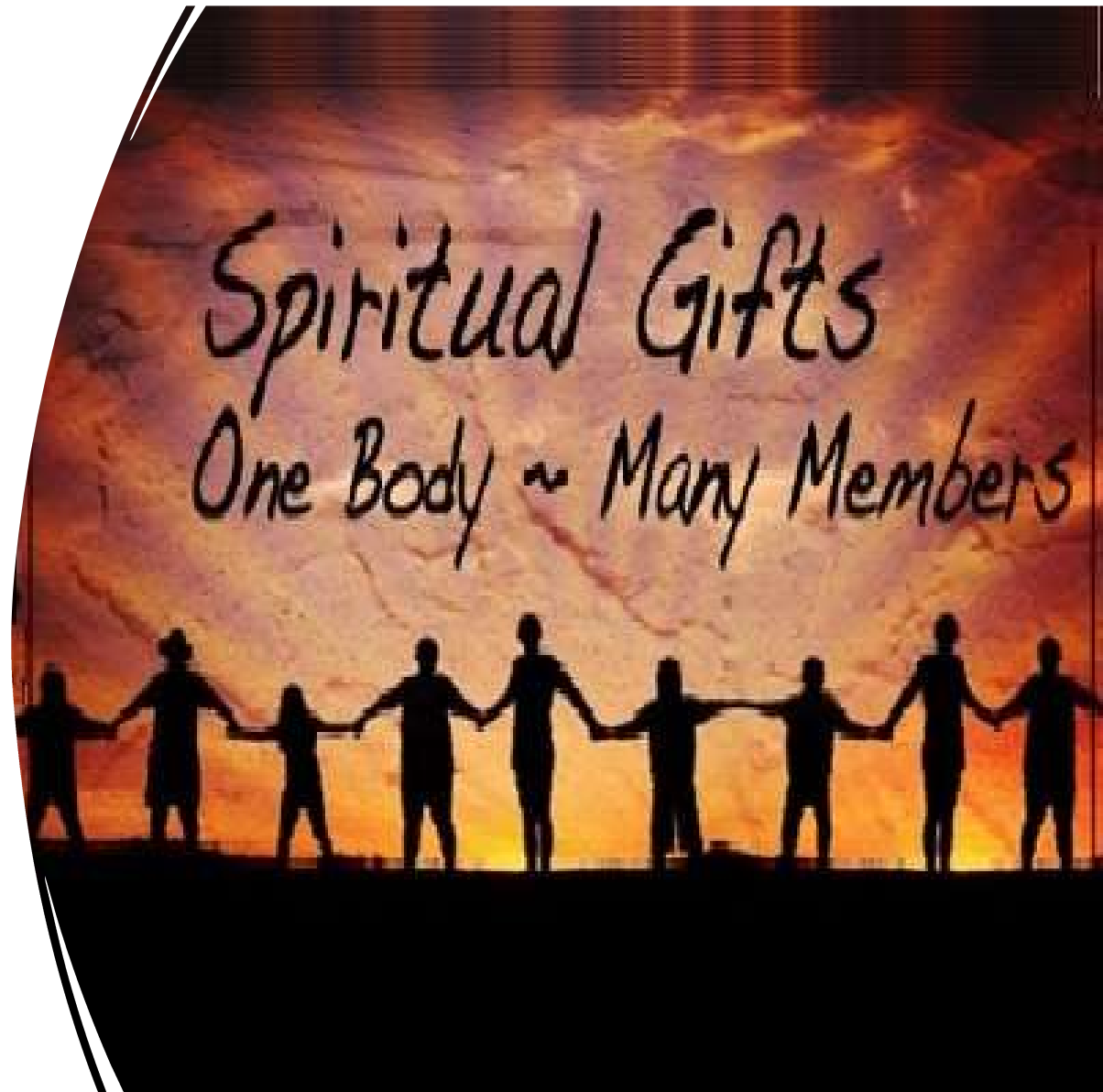




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involves.....

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using our gifts for the  
building of the body  
of Christ  
(verses 4 to 8)











Let's follow Jesus, putting  
our faith into action by ....

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- being a living sacrifice
- being transformed, not conformed
- having a humble view of  
ourselves
- using our gifts to build up  
the body of Christ

