



***“Embracing the Life”***  
Embracing Community pt. 4

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**Sermon Notes**

**Embrace the Life (Goal).**

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (New International Version)**

<sup>18</sup>And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

**#1: Offer Yourself.**

**Romans 12:1 (New International Version)**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

**#2: Do Not Conform.**

**Romans 12:2 (New International Version)**

<sup>2</sup>Do not conform any longer 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: Do Not Think Yourself More Highly Than Another.**

**Romans 12:3 (New International Version)**

<sup>3</sup>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 measure of faith God has given you.

**#4: Share Your Gift.**

**Romans 12:4-8 (New International Version)**

<sup>4</sup>Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

## **Conclusion**

- 1. Offer yourself to the Lord and to others.**
- 2. By not conforming to the pattern of selfishness in the world.**
- 3. By getting over our pride and arrogance and embracing all as equals.**
- 4. By sharing our gifts with others, this will produce a line of believers who will do the same.**