



PUT ME IN, COACH

SERIES OVERVIEW

For the month of November, we are going to dig in to just 18 verses in Paul's letter to the Romans. In this crucial turning point in his letter (Romans 12:1-18), Paul tells his readers how vital it is for each of them to dedicate themselves wholly and completely to the body of Christ and the mission of God. Throughout the month we will explore practical applications for what our value "Put me in, coach" means within our church, within our community, and within ourselves.

These provocative verses will serve as a cause for introspection for the people of Grace. Am I "all in" for Jesus with my life? To what degree am I sacrificing my time, energy, and resources for the things God cares about? If everyone at Grace was giving/serving/attending as much as me, how would this church be doing?

WEEK 1 - A LIVING SACRIFICE OVERVIEW

To Paul, faith in Christ cannot be a half-hearted affair. It must be a whole-life endeavor – one in which we are rejecting the "behavior and customs of this world" and instead offering our entire lives as "living sacrifices" to God. The New Testament scholar NT Wright once said, "Paul's whole written work, in fact, could be seen as an extended application of Romans 12:1-2." The question is, do our lives reflect the all-consuming passion of ones wholly dedicated to Christ? Or is our faith merely an add-on to a life full of other priorities?

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable.

Romans 12:1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Give examples of what it would look like to follow Christ half-way.
2. What does it mean to you to be "all in" for Jesus? What about "all in" with your church? ([Romans 12:1-2](#))
3. Read [1 Peter 2:5](#); [Hebrews 13:15](#); [Romans 15:16](#); [Philippians 2:17, 3:3, 4:18](#). How do these scriptures illustrate the lives we are to lead (since Christ freed us from the requirements of the Law of Moses)?
4. What has changed (or is changing) in your life as you become more like Jesus?
5. Tell about a time when you used your gifts or resources to help heal the broken world in Jesus' name.
6. Read [Ephesians 2:10](#). How has this truth impacted your life?
7. Are you a weirdo? Would someone be able to tell any difference between you and an average person in our culture?

Grace Church Value: Put Me In, Coach

We will not sit on the sidelines when God's Spirit is moving. We are activist, engaged, and passionate about using our gifts and resources to heal this broken world in Jesus' name.