

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How does the Holy Spirit change us when we trust in Jesus?
- How does God want us to treat one another? Why?
- How did God show love and friendship to us?



A Transformed Mind

Romans 12:1-18; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 1:3-7

MAIN POINT: GOD WANTS US TO SHOW FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER.

Paul wrote a letter to the believers in Rome about how they should live differently than people who do not trust in Jesus. Paul said that God calls believers to be friends with one another and to show love to everyone.

Paul reminded the believers that God is merciful. He shows us love even though we are sinners and do not deserve His love. Paul said, "So live in a way that pleases God. Do not let the unbelievers around you change how you think. Let God change how you think. The Holy Spirit lives inside you. He shows you the right way to live, and you will know God's good plan for you."

"Do not think you are better or worse than you really are. Not every believer is the same. God gives faith to all believers, and not everyone has the same amount of faith. God gives each believer different gifts. Believers must work together, like different parts of a body working together. We are all one body in Jesus."

Our job is to love one another like a family. Paul wrote, "If someone is happy, we are happy with him. If he is sad, we are sad with him. Get along with one another as much as possible."

Later, Paul was in prison in Rome. He wrote a letter to Christians in Philippi. The Christians helped Paul by sending him money and praying for him. Paul knew that God was changing them to be more like Jesus.

Christ Connection: God wants us to show friendship and love to one another. As believers, we all belong to Jesus. His death and resurrection bring us together. The Holy Spirit changes the way we think and live so we can love one another as God has loved us.