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### Series Theme Verses: Romans 12:1-2 MSG

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. *You'll be changed from the inside out.* Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

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and quickly respond to it...

### 1. His grace sustains us.

*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.* Mark 4:15

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.* Hebrews 12:1

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*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.* Ephesians 3:20

### 3. His presence goes with us.

*So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.* Mark 16:19-20

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.* Deuteronomy 31:6

### 4. His love never fails us.

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.* Psalm 136:1

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