

MSG: THE RHYTHM OF HIS BODY
SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:3-5 NLT
SZN 1: REVIVAL THROUGH RHYTHM

Romans 12:3-5 NLT

“Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”

INTRO: GROWING UP DANCING
EARTH WIND AND FIRE

Like all the different dancing styles within the art form, the body of Christ is very similar in that we have many different parts, different appendages that make up of the body, all of these systems of the body functions in a different way to create this masterful creation that can be useful, beneficial & helpful. But anytime there is a move, a process or a cadence that is off or even that is too technical, when there is not enough room for the moves to “breathe”, the body just looks “off”

This part of the book of Romans, begins a new and final section of this entire of the Paul’s letter to the Roman Church.

Remember, the first part of the book in chapters 1-4 describe our need for salvation, our need for the Gospel. The second part of letter Chapters 5-8 highlight the benefits of the gospel-mercy, grace, faith and the love of God! Then the third part of the book, chapters 9-11 talk about the amazing plan of restoration that God has for Israel. But now in final section of the letter, chapters 12-16; Paul shifts to talk about the glory of the Church and what it means to be the church, to be the Body of Christ, in light of this incredible gospel that he has laid out in the last 11 Chapters.

You see there is a RHYTHM to His body and when the body is out of rhythm, the presentation, the syncopation and the organization becomes distorted and is just is not pleasant to watch or experience! or even the moves become distracting and actually move people away from becoming apart of the body.

Today, let’s learn and discuss the Rhythm of His Body

1. THE RHYTHM OF HIS BODY IS A LIVING SACRIFICE

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

“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. This is truly the way to worship him.

A LIVING SACRIFICE TO BE MADE HOLY

-Holy -Set apart, different

BURNT OFFERING

IN LIGHT OF HIS MERCY, REASONABLE SERVICE

Ex: Grilling/Smoking meat

A LIVING SACRIFICE TO BE AGAINST CONFORMITY

Romans 12:2 NIV

“Do not conform 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.”

GOD’S MOLD WILL NOT FIT INTO THE WORLD’S MOLD

A LIVING SACRIFICE BY A TRANSFORMED MENTALITY

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

RENEWING YOUR MIND

DOING VS THINKING

FEELING VS THINKING

FEELING AND DOING

-YOU WILL BE TRANSFORMED BY SPENDING TIME WITH HIM

2. THE RHYTHM OF HIS BODY IS LENDING GIFTS

Romans 12:6 NLT

“In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.”

GIFTS ARE TO BE USED HUMBLY

GIFTS ARE TO BE USED DIFFERENTLY

Romans 12:7 NLT

“If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.”

GIFTS ARE TO BE USED EXCELLENTLY

IF YOU GOT THEM, YOU GOTTA USE THEM WELL!

3. THE RHYTHM OF HIS BODY IS LOVING EACH OTHER

Romans 12:9-10 NLT

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”

LOVING EACH OTHER GENUINELY

FAKE, PHONY, HYPOCRITICAL

LOVING EACH OTHER REQUIRES LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

-Hospitality means to love strangers!

LOVING EACH OTHER BY DOING GOOD FOR YOUR ENEMIES

Romans 12:20-21 NIV

“On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”