



## Introduction

What you naturally want is often in conflict with what you ultimately value. But your heavenly Father knows what you need. He wants for you what you really want. So, how do you put aside those natural wants and pursue what you ultimately value?

## Discussion Questions

1. Did you have a chance to do the eulogy exercise that we talked about last week? If so, what did you discover?
2. Do you think your parent's generation had an easier time focusing on what they valued versus what they merely wanted? How did this play out in your family of origin?
3. Read Romans 12:1-2 What comes to mind when you see the words "living sacrifice"? What is the scary part about "dying to self"?
4. What is the pattern of this world? In what ways is there pressure to conform to that pattern? How do you change the way you think?
5. Does the idea that God's will can be characterized as "good, pleasing, and perfect" strike you as odd? Why or why not?
6. Read Ephesians 4:22-24 What does taking off the old and putting on the new look like? What happens if you just put new over the old? What is so tempting about that idea (just adding the new)?

**Shaping Your Mind** ...*be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2b*

**Moving Forward** – The kingdom of this world won't provide you with what you really want. It will distract you from what really matters. It will rob you of what you value. What you were created for is connected to who you were created by. The way to get what you really want is to surrender to your heavenly Father and renew your mind.