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- **We are to happily use the variety of our individual gifts for the growth of one another.**

In our journey from faithlessness to Jesus, our lives are fundamentally and radically transformed forever.

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Our lives before Jesus.

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- **The way we used to think. FUTILY!**

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- The way we used to think. **FUTILY!**
 - **Futile** - serving no useful purpose : completely ineffective

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Our lives before Jesus.

- **The way we used to think. FUTILY!**
 - We were alienated from God
 - Our thinking was ineffective
 - Our understanding was unclear
 - Our knowledge was insufficient

“I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it’s not the answer”.

- Jim Carrey

Our lives before Jesus.

- The way we used to think. FUTILY!
- **The way we used to feel. CALLOUSED!**

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Our lives before Jesus.

- The way we used to think. FUTILY!
- **The way we used to feel. CALLOUSED!**
 - Empty
 - Self-Centered

Our lives before Jesus.

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- **The way we used to live. RECKLESS!**

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- **The way we used to live. RECKLESS!**
 - Short-term pleasures
 - Lesser joys

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Romans 12:1-2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Colossians 1:15,19-20

¹⁵ He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God...For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross...

Our lives in Jesus.

- **The way we think. JESUS!**
 - Jesus makes our thinking is effective
 - Jesus makes the way clear
 - Jesus is abundantly sufficient

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- The way we think. JESUS!
- **The way we feel. RENEWED!**

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Ephesians 1:15-18

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom** and of **revelation in the knowledge of him**, ¹⁸ having the **eyes of your hearts enlightened**, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Our lives in Jesus.

- The way we think. JESUS!
- **The way we feel. RENEWED!**
 - Opposite of hard-hearted and calloused
 - Humbled and loved
 - Happily restored

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 - Enjoying creation with the Creator
 - With pleasures in perspective
 - Fixed on Jesus!

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