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① **CHANGE:** *Come as you are – but for God's sake, don't stay that way!*
1 Peter 2:9-12/ Romans 12:1-2

② **SERVICE:** *Find your role and fill it!*
1 Peter 4:10-11/ 1 Corinthians 12 & Romans 12:3-8

③ **SACRIFICE:** *Love one another AND love non-Christians sacrificially!*
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Food for Thought

For the week of August 19, 2007
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

This weekend we heard about "Three Huge Responsibilities" we have as followers of Christ. The study questions below will guide us in further study on these topics.

If you're a follower of Jesus, God's Spirit is working in your life to change and grow you (Philippians 1:6). Fortunately, God doesn't turn us into robot-type creatures and make this happen without our participation and responsibility in the process. What do the verses below say about how we allow or hinder the way God wants to change and grow us? Are there any that you need to refocus in your life?

Proverbs 4:14, 15

Isaiah 59:2

James 1:2-4, 12

Hebrews 10:24, 25

Loving others sacrificially can be no small challenge with all that life throws at us. What motivation and guidance do the following verses give when it comes to putting this kind of love into action? Is there anyone you know that has been a model of this kind of love for you? Could sending a note or email of thanks be an encouragement to them?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Galatians 5:13-15

Philippians 2:3-5

What importance does Ephesians 4:11-16 give to Christians serving and fulfilling their role? How does this passage make all roles important? Is there a form of service or role God might be calling you to take on or continue? Is there someone in your sphere of influence that you can help get involved in serving or finding their role?