

Title: Me Me Me - Romans 1 24-32

Read:

²⁴⁻²⁵ So God said, in effect, "If that's what you want, that's what you get." It wasn't long before they were living in a pigpen, smeared with filth, filthy inside and out. And all this because they traded the true God for a fake god, and worshiped the god they made instead of the God who made them—the God we bless, the God who blesses us. Oh, yes! ²⁶⁻²⁷ Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either—women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it—emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches. ²⁸⁻³² Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose. And then all hell broke loose: rampant evil, grabbing and grasping, vicious backstabbing. They made life hell on earth with their envy, wanton killing, bickering, and cheating. Look at them: mean-spirited, venomous, fork-tongued God-bashers. Bullies, swaggerers, insufferable windbags! They keep inventing new ways of wrecking lives. They ditch their parents when they get in the way. Stupid, slimy, cruel, cold-blooded. And it's not as if they don't know better. They know perfectly well they're spitting in God's face. And they don't care—worse, they hand out prizes to those who do the worst things best!

Think:

Me, me, me, it's all about what I want. I want to be fed, I want to be entertained. Actually I don't want to have it all, I deserve to have it all, and if that affects you well frankly I don't care. Do you know guys at school, or college who seem to act that way? People that don't care if throwing rubbish on the floor means someone else has to pick it up. The next guy up the block takes it one step further and doesn't care if dumping his rubbish from his house in the road hurts anyone. But not to be outdone the guy with the chemical factory up the road starts dumping his waste into the river. OK it's a bit extreme, but it's an example of the mess we can get ourselves into if we only care about what feels good for us, and ignore everyone else. And that's what happens when we humans are left to look after ourselves. But thankfully we were not left to look after ourselves. Thankfully God sent his Son to die for us. Thankfully God left his Bible so we have a guide on how to live. If we look at eh Bible and try to do what Jesus teaches we see that it's not all about me, me ,me. Actually it's all about others, others, others.

Pray:

Lord I am so grateful that you did not just think of yourself but sent Jesus for me. Thank you for all that you do for me. Amen

Action:

So if life is about helping others, who have you helped recently. Why not see if you can find someone to help today.. Bye.