Session 2: Why Should We Live in Obedience? Jerry Bridges

I. Introduction.

- A. If Jesus' righteousness covers us, why should we live in obedience?
- B. Text: Romans 12:1-3.
- II. When anyone in Bible times thought of sacrifice, they would have thought of the Mosaic sacrificial system.
 - A. The burnt offering symbolized atonement for sins and dedication of self to God.
 - B. The whole burnt offering used the entire animal.
 - C. The priests performed two burnt offerings a day, one in the morning and one in the evening. This meant that there was continually a burnt offering before God.
- III. Paul meant to say that we are to consecrate our whole beings to God. We are to give ownership of ourselves to God both legally and emotionally.
 - A. Objectively, God already has ownership of us. (1 Corinthians 6:19; Titus 2:14)
 - B. We need to emotionally recognize that fact by offering ourselves to God. (Philemon 8)

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to give "emotional ownership" of ourselves to God?