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Speaker: Pastor Tim McCardel **Message Series:** Love Reigns

Today's Message: Love Reigns Over Our Present

Powerful Life-Changing Truths:

1) <u>God's great mercy</u> became a <u>Transforming Reality</u> thru the <u>life</u>, <u>death</u>, and <u>resurrection</u> of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:10

2) His resurrection gives me <u>new life</u>, <u>His life</u>, the <u>very life</u> of the <u>Risen Lord</u>, I am now His son or daughter.

Romans 6:4

3) I can—here and now — "live a new life"!

Ephesians 5:8, 9

Romans 6:5, 6

4) <u>As A Serious Christ Follower</u>: The <u>Holy Spirit</u> is not merely allowed to one room—He <u>invades</u> all of my life!!

Romans 6:11-13

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Romans 12:1, 2

1. My Choices Reveal Who Reigns In My Life

Think: The decisions I make today determine who I will be tomorrow.

♦ "Direction, not intention, determines my destination."

<u>Action</u>: <u>Determine</u> the current <u>patterns</u> of my life that are <u>destructive</u> and <u>replace</u> them with <u>God's ways</u>.

Proverbs 3:5, 6

Romans 12:1

Romans 2:4

Psalm 51:16, 17

Romans 12:2

2. Changing Your Patterns Will Change Your Life

Destructive Patterns:

<u>Self talk</u>: a <u>pattern of listening to lies</u> and <u>repeating them over</u> and <u>over again</u>

Hiding: telling lies to look or feel better, a deceptive lifestyle

<u>Laziness</u>: grow <u>apathetic</u> about your <u>work</u>, <u>marriage</u>, <u>family</u>, and <u>failure</u>

3. Trade Your Will For God's Will

The Results of Romans

- ♦ A <u>sacrificial life</u> and a <u>renewed mind</u> enables you to <u>know</u> the <u>will of God</u> in your <u>present life</u>.
- ♦ We must trust God's love for us and let His love Reign in our lives and over our Present.

Bill Borden: No Reserves... No Retreats... No Regrets