*Love Reigns* – Week 3

“Over Our Present”

1. Our choices reveal who reigns in our lives.

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.* Romans 12:1

1. God desires the changes to be in us.

*You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.* Psalm 51:16-17

1. Two changes we can make:

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.* Romans 12:2a

* The patterns of our lives.
* The way we think.

1. The result is:

*Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Romans 12:2b

* God will guide us.
* We will know how good God’s will is.
* We will be transformed.

1. The first step is to trust Jesus.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;   
 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.* Proverbs 3:5-6