

Rooted

THE BRIDGE CHURCH 2019

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2019-2020 VISION

As shared at Annual Vision Night

FROM PASTOR ETHAN

During this season, God has led me and our leadership to follow a vision of being "Rooted" as a church, specifically for this fiscal year.

God is on the move. God is growing our church. God is changing our city. I believe our church is the healthiest it has ever been. We are ready to move forward into the next season and steward the growth God is bringing and the growth God will continue to bring through our church. We know God is advancing his mission and wants to multiply our reach as a church.

In order to remain healthy and best steward the fruit God is bringing, we need deep roots. Much fruit requires deep roots. We are praying and believing that God will allow us to be "Rooted" in four primary ways:

- Rooted Spiritually
- Rooted Leadership
- Rooted Ministries
- Rooted Systems and Structures

CURRENT REALITIES

1. Rooted Spiritually

- We need to deepen and strengthen the spiritual atmosphere and climate of our church. We need to call people to be meaningfully invested in the mission of God.
- Intentional Discipleship—23% of our church is currently composed of people who have been active in a church less than one year. This is amazing, but it also means we have significant work to do in the area of discipling new people.
- Intentional Equipping—We need to make the move from merely engaging our people to equipping our people. God has brought us people who are hungry and ready to be equipped and trained for ministry.
- Intentional Evangelism—Thousands of people around us are far from God, and we need to be awakened to a sense of gospel urgency.
- Intentional Giving—Only 40% of our church gives financially on a regular basis.
- Intentional Community—Only 40% of our church is active in a community group.
- Intentional Serving—Only 30% of our church serves at The Bridge in some capacity.

2. Rooted Leadership

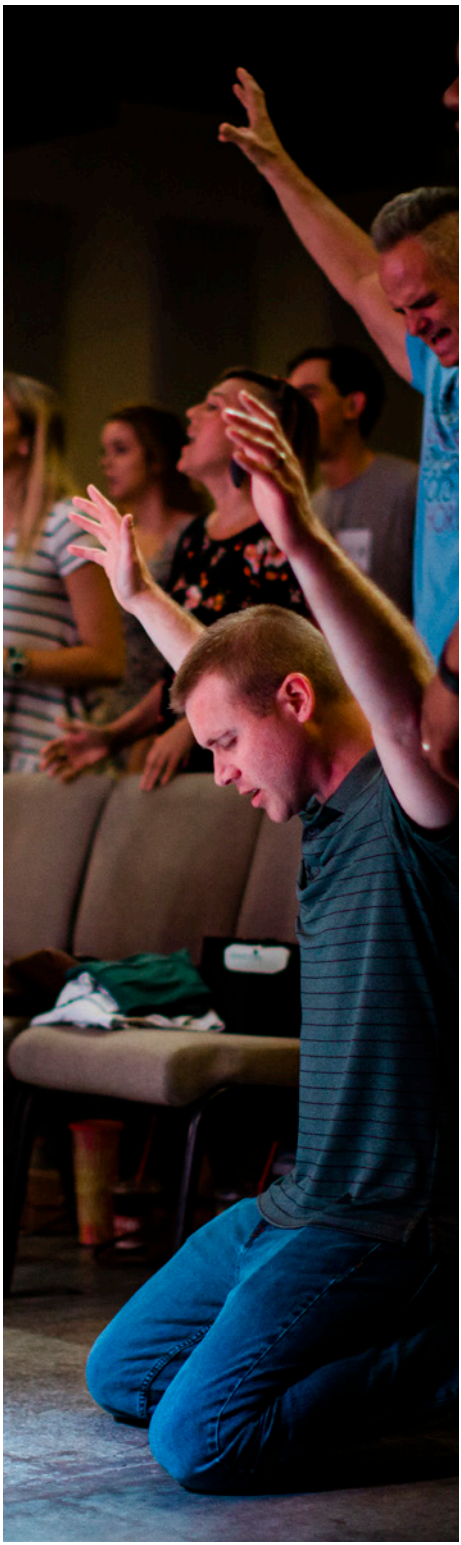
- God has given us amazing leadership at The Bridge, and we need to make the necessary steps to continue to deepen and strengthen our leadership across the board.
- Multiplication of Church leadership teams
- Multiplication of Community Group leaders
- Multiplication of Deacons

3. Rooted Ministries

- Many of our ministries are experiencing incredible growth right now, and they are stronger than ever. The future is wide open for these ministry areas. We need to continue to deepen and strengthen a number of ministry areas in order to be able to grow and move forward into the next season.
- Bridge Worship
- Bridge Production
- Bridge Kids
- Bridge Students

4. Rooted Systems and Structures

- We have been working to deepen and strengthen the systems and structures that will allow our church to reach more people.
- We increased our fiscal budget by 13% in order to achieve all that God has called us to in this season. This will require our entire church, not just a percentage, to be active in the mission of God through faithful financial giving to the local church.
- We are out of space and are thinking critically about the next facility for The Bridge Church. We need a new facility for future expansion, but we are not in a position to make that move.



ROOTED SERIES VISION

FROM PASTOR ETHAN

God is calling us to a season of radical faith, radical sacrifice, and radical surrender.

This vision will not be realized unless the church chooses to invest their lives into the mission of God—specifically with their time, talent, and treasure. We cannot do what God has called us to do if our engagement and investment in the mission of God remains at the current levels. The time is now for all of us to be rooted in the mission of God. We have a decision to make. We can take a step of faith and increase our levels of engagement and investment as a church, or we can just stay comfortable with where we are for years to come.

I believe God is calling our church to a faith moment—stepping out in faith and believing God for his mission and what he wants to do in our city. We've never done anything quite like this before. This is going to be a defining moment in the life of our church. What we decide to do in this moment will determine what we could see God do for years to come. We must decide whether we will become complacent or courageous.

SERIES STRATEGY

ROOTED–IN OUR TIME

We will be rooted with our *time* (time investment) in the following areas:

Spiritual Formation
Prayer
Devotional Life

Discipleship
Worship Gatherings
Community Group
Discipleship Relationships

Mission
Gospel Urgency
Gospel Relationships





ROOTED–IN OUR TALENTS

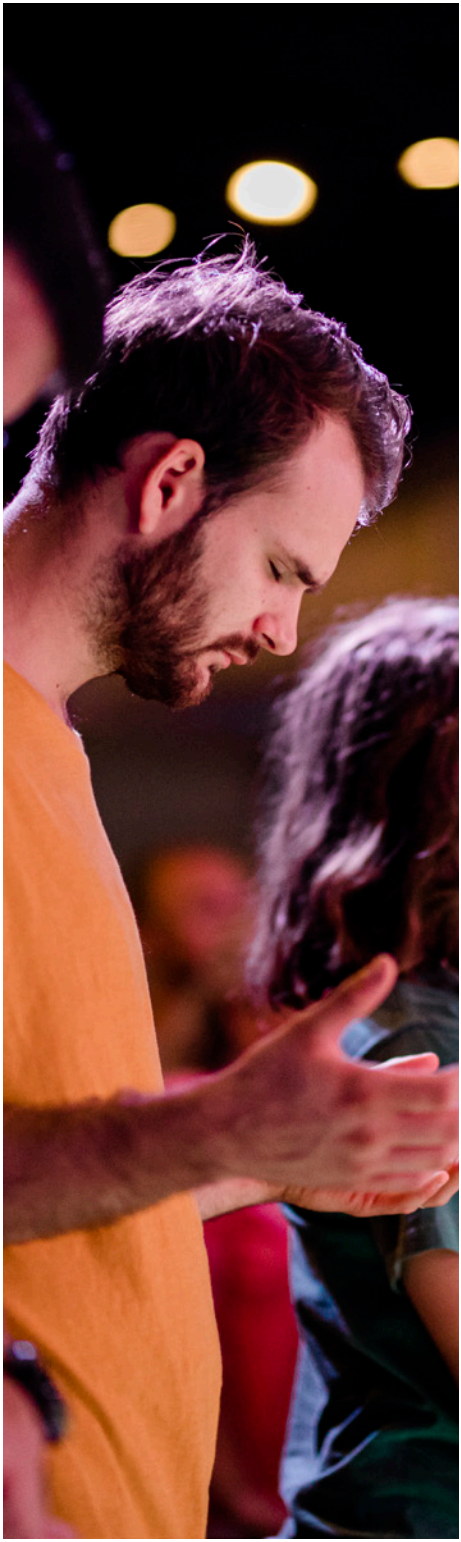
We will be rooted with our *talents* (spiritual gifts) in the following areas:

Serving on the Weekends
Using your talents and spiritual gifts to serve the body on Sundays during worship gatherings.

Serving on the Weekdays
Using your talents and spiritual gifts to serve the body outside of worship gatherings.







ROOTED–IN OUR TREASURE

We will be rooted with our *treasure* (financial giving) in the following areas:

Regular Financial Giving
Using your treasure and resources for the mission of God to the church on a regular basis.
Using your treasure and resources for the mission of God as needs of those in the church arise.

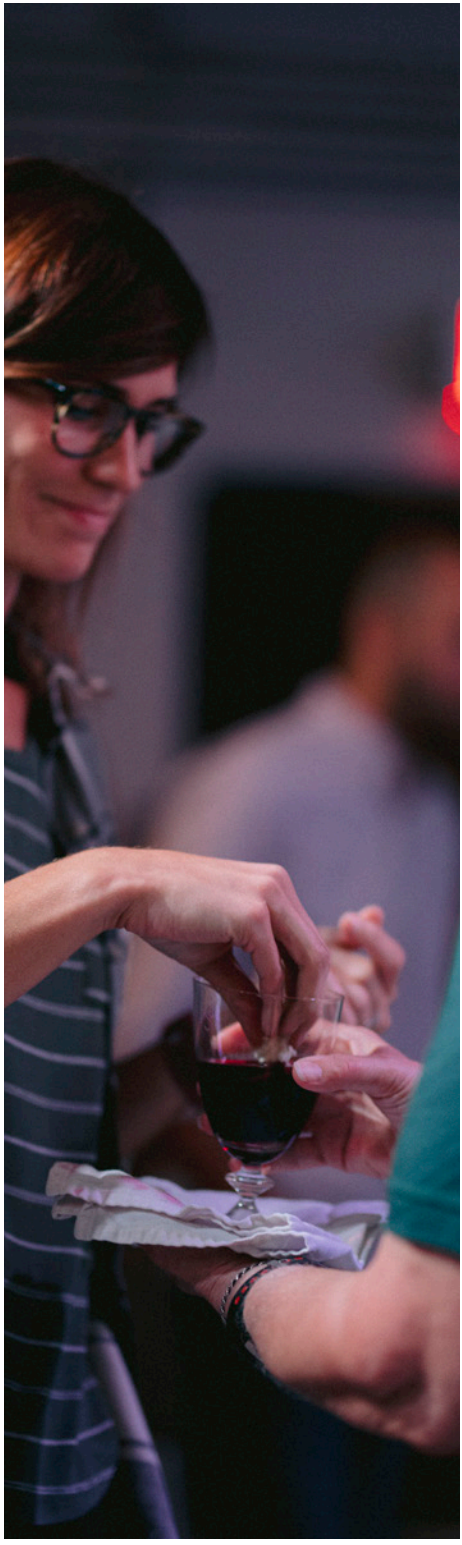
One-time Radical Faith Giving
Using your treasure and resources for the mission of God to the church through a one-time financial contribution on Faith Commitment Sunday on December 8th. This is a radical giving above and beyond your regular giving.











PERSONAL ROOTED FAITH ASSESSMENT

TIME ASSESSMENT

Am I operating from faith in the use of my personal time?

Spiritual Formation
Regular rhythm of prayer and time with God
Regular rhythm of time in the Word (Bible)

- ○ Healthy
- ○ Needs Growth

Discipleship
Regular participation in Worship Gatherings
Regular participation in a Community Group
Active in a Discipleship Relationship

- ○ Healthy
- ○ Needs Growth

Mission
Intentional relationships with Non-Christians

- ○ Healthy
- ○ Needs Growth

How is God calling me to step out in faith in my time?

TALENTS ASSESSMENT

Am I operating from faith in the use of my personal talents?

Serving on the Weekends

Regular schedule/rotation of serving and using my gifts on a serving team during Sunday worship gatherings

- ○ Healthy
- ○ Needs Growth

Serving on the Weekdays

Regularly serving the church during the week through my gifts in my community group

Regularly serving the church during the week through my gifts as opportunities arise and as I interact with brothers and sisters in Christ

- ○ Healthy
- ○ Needs Growth

How is God calling me to step out in faith in my talents?

TREASURE ASSESSMENT

Am I operating from faith in the use of my personal treasure?

Regular financial giving to the church

Regular generosity to others as needs arise

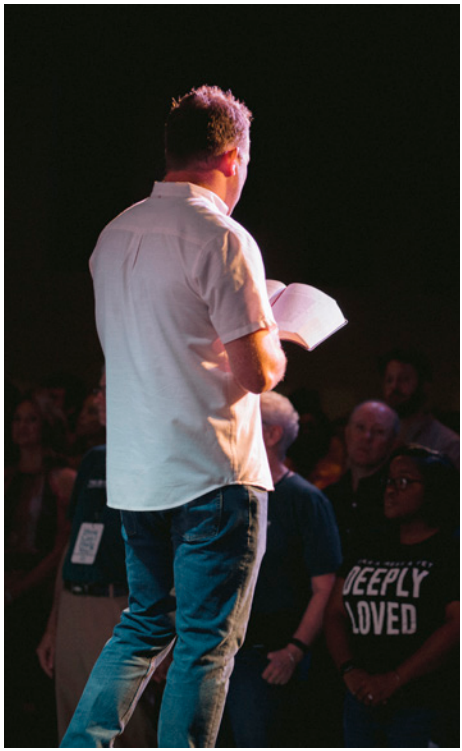
- ○ Healthy
- ○ Needs Growth

How is God calling me to step out in faith in my treasure?






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FAITH COMMITMENT INITIATIVE

On Sunday, December 8th, our entire church will participate in a faith commitment where we step out in faith. Between now and then, be in prayer and seek the Lord to discern how he is leading you to give above and beyond in your regular giving, in faith, towards these areas.



FOR OUR FAMILY

We are believing God for radical generosity "for our family" in the following areas:

Ministry Growth and Multiplication
Anticipated Church Growth and Multiplication

FOR OUR CITY

We are believing God for radical generosity "for our city" in the following areas:

Serve the City
Local Schools
Local Partnerships



FOR OUR WORLD

We are believing God for radical generosity "for our world" in the following areas:

Church Planting
Global Partnerships
International Missionary Support

What about Christmas for the City? (See page 44)







DAILY DEVOTIONALS

INTRODUCTION

At the Bridge Church, we have decided to collectively participate in weekly devotionals during our Rooted series. In each section, we provided the scripture passages. Our desire is for God's Word to encourage, challenge, and equip our church. Use the provided passages as weekly devotionals prior to our weekend worship gathering.
We have provided space below each passage of scripture for journaling, sermon notes, and community group reflection. Your time alone will catalyze our faith together! We are devoting time every week to hear our risen Saviour speak through his written word! Just in case this is new to you, here are a few tips to get you started.

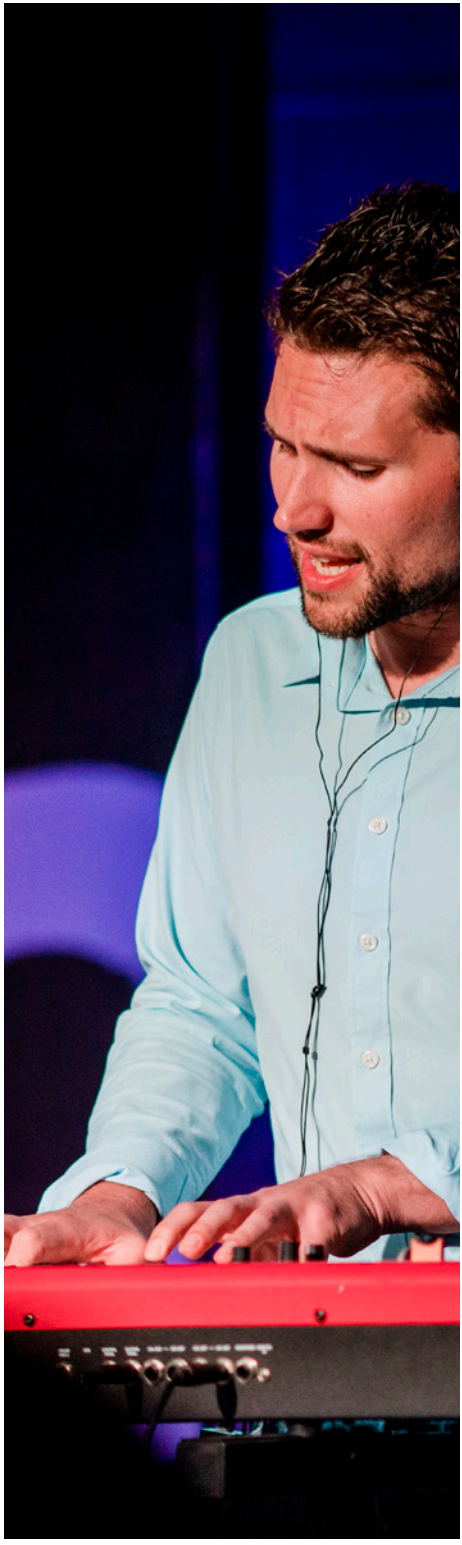
Schedule the time. When you set aside a weekly time in advance, (doesn't have to be the same time weekly) you will be less prone to skip it! Early morning, during lunch, or right before bed could be great options. At minimum, we suggest devoting 15- 30 minutes for this, but don't feel obligated to that specific time frame.
Pray before you read the passage. Always ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding before your engage the text; because he inspired its writing (2 Peter 1:19-21).
Highlight the passage. First, simply read & reread the text several times - some passages will be better understood when read in context of the entire chapter(s). Feel free to mark, highlight, and underline word repetition, similar phrases, characters, action words, or simply what jumps off the page for you. You may also desire to dig deeper by finding similar passages throughout the Bible.
Journal your thoughts. It can be a good practice to reflect on these 3 simple questions: What did I learn about God? What did I learn about people then & now? How can I respond to this text with my time, talent, and treasure?
Pray the Scripture. After you have journaled your thoughts, end your devotional time, using that specific text and your notes to pray for our church, our city, and yourself.

Take a look at the provided example for Week 1's devotional time.









WEEK 1 EXAMPLE

Opening Devotional Prayer - *"Father, open my eyes to understand your written Word. Holy Spirit, thank you for inspiring this text, and help us apply it to our lives. Jesus, I pray to grow closer to you and remain actively involved with your Kingdom mission. For your Glory, Amen."*

EXODUS 14:10-18, 30-31

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. **11** They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? **12** Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." **13** And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. **14** The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

15 The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. **16** Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. **17** And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. **18** And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **31** Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

JOURNAL NOTES

What did I learn about God?

God fights the battle for his people. God has the ultimate authority over what/who opposes us, even the hearts of his enemies. God is faithful, even when his people are faithless. God loves to deliver and save his people. God always shows up right on time. God deserves all the glory.

What did I learn about people then & now?

Israel doubted God's plan for them. They were scared, and they felt like their plans were better than God's plan. Moses' obedience to God blessed the people. The people's obedience to God through Moses revealed God's power and fueled their faith in God. Nowadays, I feel like we often doubt God's plan, especially if what's ahead looks uncomfortable. God's delivering and saving power should build trust in him and the leaders he places over us.

How can I respond to this text with my time, talent, and treasure?

I know that I need to spend more time in God's word in order to build trust in times of need. I should speak to God and my leaders about areas of fears and uncertainty. I should also step out in faith with discovering more of my talents through serving at my church, and asking people in my community group to weigh in on where they see my faith in God. I need to take time out to examine how my finances reflect my trust in God.

Praying the Scripture - *"Lord, I thank you for always being the same. You don't change. You are the same God who fought for Israel and still fights for my family now. We have victory over everyone and everything that opposes your will & your mission through us. I repent from doubting your plans for us. Thank you for delivering us from our past, and help us to reject the false belief that we're better off in "Egypt". Lord, give us a healthy dose of fear for you and increase our faith from you. Teach us how to be silent when we need to be silent and to be bold when we need to be bold. We pray that our watching world will give you glory and honor through our faithfulness in you. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen."*

ROOTED, WEEK 1

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 3rd

Pastor:

Scripture:

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Discussion Notes:

WEEK 2

Opening Devotional Prayer - *"Father, open my eyes to understand your written Word. Holy Spirit, thank you for inspiring this text, and help us apply it to our lives. Jesus, I pray to grow closer to you and remain actively involved with your Kingdom mission. For your Glory, Amen."*

NUMBERS 13:25-33

25 At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

REPORT ON THE EXPLORATION

26 They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. **27** They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. **28** But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. **29** The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." **32** And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. **33** We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

JOURNAL NOTES

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about people then & now?

How can I respond to this text with my time, talent, and treasure?

Pray the scripture:

ROOTED, WEEK 2

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 10th

Pastor:

Scripture:

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Discussion Notes:

WEEK 3

Opening Devotional Prayer - *"Father, open my eyes to understand your written Word. Holy Spirit, thank you for inspiring this text, and help us apply it to our lives. Jesus, I pray to grow closer to you and remain actively involved with your Kingdom mission. For your Glory, Amen."*

MATTHEW 14:22-33

JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. **25** And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. **26** But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. **27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

JOURNAL NOTES

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What did I learn about people then & now?

How can I respond to this text with my time, talent, and treasure?

Pray the scripture:

ROOTED, WEEK 3

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 17th

Pastor:

Scripture:

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Discussion Notes:

WEEK 4

Opening Devotional Prayer - *"Father, open my eyes to understand your written Word. Holy Spirit, thank you for inspiring this text, and help us apply it to our lives. Jesus, I pray to grow closer to you and remain actively involved with your Kingdom mission. For your Glory, Amen."*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-12

THE CHEERFUL GIVER

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. **9** As it is written,

"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. **12** For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

JOURNAL NOTES

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about people then & now?

How can I respond to this text with my time, talent, and treasure?

Pray the scripture:

ROOTED, WEEK 4

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 24th

Pastor:

Scripture:

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Discussion Notes:

WEEK 5

Opening Devotional Prayer - *"Father, open my eyes to understand your written Word. Holy Spirit, thank you for inspiring this text, and help us apply it to our lives. Jesus, I pray to grow closer to you and remain actively involved with your Kingdom mission. For your Glory, Amen."*

HEBREWS 11:1-2, 6, 32-40

BY FAITH

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— **33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **34** quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **35** Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. **36** Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— **38** of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, **40** since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

JOURNAL NOTES

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about people then & now?

How can I respond to this text with my time, talent, and treasure?

Pray the scripture:

ROOTED, WEEK 5

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, December 1st

Pastor:

Scripture:

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Discussion Notes:

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HOW TO GIVE GOD'S WAY

As followers of Jesus, one of the greatest joys and privileges we have is to be financially generous. This is a core, defining trait of those who love Jesus and live like him. When we think about financial generosity, it's not that we're being generous with our money; rather, we're being generous with God's money. . .

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PSALM 24:1

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

HAGGAI 2:8

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine," says the Lord.

So, how should we be generous with God's money? How does the Bible instruct us to steward the resources God has provided us? How much should we give? All these can be complicated for the Christian who is trying to discern what the Bible says about giving. We don't believe there is a formula for giving, but we do believe there are clear biblical guidelines for how we should give.

Here are 5 biblical guidelines for how we should be generous with God's money:

JOYFUL GIVING

First of all, our generosity should be joyful. That means, we give out of joyful hearts that have been changed by the gospel. Because Jesus has been generous to us in the gospel, we are generous to God and others. This is a gospel-based, gospel-centered model of giving rather than a guilt-based model of giving.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:8-9

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

God loves a cheerful giver.

RADICAL GIVING

Secondly, our generosity should be radical. The call to follow Jesus is a radical call. It's not a safe call. It's not a comfortable call. It's a radical call to "take up your cross and die" (Matthew 16:24). When we look at

the early followers of Jesus, they were radical and extravagant in their generosity. They sometimes even gave beyond their means, and on occasion, they gave away everything they had!

This means there will be moments and seasons in which Jesus calls us to give radically and extravagantly, even when it doesn't make sense…even when no one else understands it.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-3

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord.



ACTS 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common… There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

REGULAR GIVING

Thirdly, our generosity should be regular. Scripture clearly indicates that we should give to God out of our first fruits. That means every time we are blessed with financial resources, our first use of those resources is giving back to God and his mission.

PROVERBS 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce.

Paul teaches that Christians should excel in financial generosity just like we would excel in any other discipline in the Christian life—faith, speech, knowledge, zeal, and love.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

What that means is that generosity shouldn't be an occasional idea we consider from time to time. It's not an afterthought. Rather, it's a discipline we pursue as regularly as we pursue love and faith and knowledge.

PRAYERFUL GIVING

Fourthly, our generosity should be prayerful. Though we see the concept of the "tithe" (10%) mentioned throughout the Bible, we don't believe the "tithe" captures the full intent of the Bible's teaching on giving. Rather, we see that financial giving should be prayerful and led by the Holy Spirit.

Paul instructs us that every believer should prayerfully consider how he or she should be generous. It's a matter of the heart.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion.

For some of us, that means God may compel us to give away 50% of our income in certain seasons. For others, it may mean that $50 is appropriate. We each have to pursue God and make a prayerful, personal decision about how we should be generous.

LOCAL GIVING

Lastly, our generosity should be local. Local means to the local church or local congregation. When we look at the early church, there were times where they clearly gave to needs and causes outside of their local church, but their primary demonstration of generosity was towards one another—the Christians they were committed to in their covenant community of believers—their church.



What that means is that we should see our own local church as the primary recipient for generosity. We certainly have freedom to give to other opportunities and causes in our city and around the world, but our primary demonstration of generosity should be towards our local church—our brothers and sisters in Christ we are committed to serve and support.





ACTS 2:42-45

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

GALATIANS 6:10

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

CONCLUSION

Our hope is that you will do the hard work of balancing all five of these biblical guidelines for your financial giving. At the end of the day, we believe there is great blessing in being a financial blessing. Operating from a heart and life of generosity is one of the greatest gifts a believer can possess. After all, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

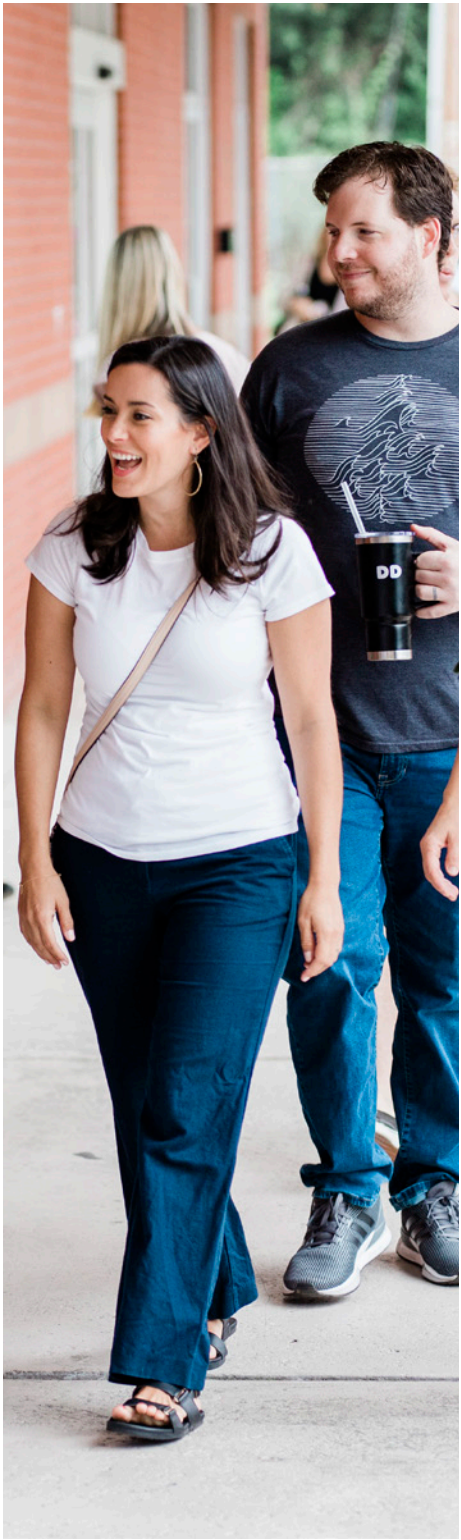
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In previous years, we have participated in a financial initiative called "Christmas for the City" near the end of the calendar year. Through our faith commitment initiative we will be expanding and increasing what we have done in the past through Christmas for the City.

In the past, Christmas for the City was our way of recognizing God's mission outside our church. We demonstrated generosity towards his mission in the city and around the world. We believe Christmas for the City was formative for a season in the life of our church; because it cultivated a heart for God's mission outside our church. We are excited that this new faith initiative is going to expand and increase what we've done in the past through Christmas for the City. Through this, we get to do everything we've done in the past through Christmas for the City and more.

This is a new season where God is calling us to recognize God's mission in a new way—not just outside The Bridge Church but inside The Bridge Church as well. We believe this is a season to commit to God's mission in the local church, our "Family", The Bridge Church. Everything we do as a church is the mission of God. As God grows our church, we know every investment in the church will actually fuel and multiply our ability to impact the mission of God outside of our church. We will forever be a generous church, and this is our next step to expand and increase our investment to the mission of God.

Our plan moving forward is to participate in a faith initiative at the end of each year, similar to this year's faith initiative. The reason is because we need an annual way to stretch our faith, make sure we are invested in the mission of God, and seeking first the kingdom of God.








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