

## BE A BLESSING: Grow!

Scripture used: [Genesis 12:1-2 \(NIV\)](#); [Proverbs 11:25 \(NIV\)](#)

### OVERVIEW

This week, Pastor Hurmon concluded our seven-week “Be a Blessing” series with a powerful reminder: growth is the natural outcome of living in God’s flow of blessing. Throughout this journey, we’ve learned that Jesus meets us in both the graveyard and the garden—rescuing us from hopelessness and then inviting us to become conduits of hope for others. Just as God uprooted Abram from Haran to lead him into greater purpose, God calls us to keep moving, stretching, and growing. The goal isn’t only to *be blessed* but to *be a blessing*. When Jesus blesses us, He immediately begins blessing others through us. That flow can be uncomfortable—it requires trust, generosity, and surrender—but it’s also where transformation happens. Last weekend, NBCC embodied this truth by taking worship beyond the church walls: over 1,200 new clothing items and 3,000 hygiene kits were distributed, hundreds received free services, and more than a dozen people said “yes” to Jesus. As we refreshed others, we ourselves were refreshed. The flow is where you grow.

### KEY POINTS

1. **Growth happens in God’s flow.** To “refresh” in Hebrew means to water or nurture. When we pour into others, we ourselves are renewed. Generosity isn’t about obligation—it’s a rhythm of life rooted in abundance. The Hebrew phrase for “a generous person” literally means “a blessing soul.” God designed us to live in this rhythm—constantly being filled and poured out.
2. **We are born for this season.** None of us are here by accident. God has intentionally placed us in this generation, this city, and this church to play a role in His redemptive plan. Just as God called Abram to complete the journey his father Terah never finished, God calls us to continue His work in our time. Abram was already prosperous in Haran, but he was missing the *greater* blessing that came from obedience. When he listened to God’s voice and stepped out in faith, he not only received new blessings but became a blessing for generations. Likewise, when we respond to God’s call, we step into the larger story He is writing through our lives. We are not random—we are chosen, called, and positioned for this moment in history.
3. **We are designed by God to be a blessing.** From the beginning, blessing has been woven into creation itself. God’s design for humanity is not simply to survive, but to live lives that nourish others. The Hebrew word for “prosper” originally meant “to be fat,” describing a life so enriched by God’s presence that it never runs out. A “blessing soul” isn’t defined by possessions but by posture—a life open to giving, serving, and nurturing. When we align ourselves with God’s design, we become living channels of His generosity at home, at work, and in our communities.
4. **Growth requires community and commitment.** We grow best when we grow *together*. Abram’s story was one of faith, but it was also one of family and community. NBCC’s value—“*What God has called us to do, we can only accomplish together*”—reminds us that none of us can live out God’s calling alone. Blessing flows through relationships. That’s why being planted in community matters—attending regularly, joining a Life Group, reaching out to new people, and forming meaningful friendships. Growth begins when we choose to show up and stay connected. Then, as [James 1:19–20 \(NLT\)](#) reminds us, we learn to truly *listen*—sitting with people, being curious, and hearing their stories. Listening opens the door to love, and love opens the door to blessing.
5. **Growth requires stretching.** Every blessing comes with an invitation to stretch. Abram had to leave behind his comfort zone before he could inherit the promise. The same is true for us. Spiritual growth begins when we step beyond what feels safe or familiar—when we give, serve, or forgive beyond what’s convenient. Stretching builds capacity, and capacity leads to growth. This is true both individually and as a church family. As we push toward our \$100,000 goal to bless local nonprofit partners, we’ve already given \$86,000—evidence that when we stretch in faith, God meets us in abundance. We don’t just grow by receiving; we grow by giving. The more we pour out, the more God fills us. Growth is not found in comfort—it’s found in the stretch.

### DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - How have Life Groups or community relationships helped you grow spiritually? What’s one practical way you can lean deeper into community this season (e.g., listening, reaching out, showing up)?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Where might God be calling you to move beyond “Haran”—beyond what’s comfortable—to step into His greater blessing?
- 3) **DO** - Pray daily, “*Lord, make me a blessing.*” Join NBCC’s community of refreshment, serve others, and live in the flow. Because the flow is where you grow!