



# GENEROSITY

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Sacred Practices

# Prologue

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**G**enerosity is a sacred practice that helps us draw closer to God. Generosity is less of something God wants from us and more as something he wants for us. Jesus understands how easily money, time, and talents can become our security, and give us a sense of control, and he invites us into a different way of living, one rooted in trust rather than anxiety. As we practice generosity, even when it feels uncomfortable, our hearts slowly loosen its grip and we begin to experience real freedom. Generosity reshapes our relationship with God as our provider, deepens our compassion for others, and moves us from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance, where we learn that life with Jesus is marked by open hands, growing joy, and a quiet confidence that God will take care of us.



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## Wk 1 Time

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Time is one of the primary ways that we can be generous. God did not give us time to simply live out our days for personal gain, rather, he gave us time to show His love to others. Being generous with our time shows others that they are valuable to us and to God. Time is also crucial for developing meaningful relationships. Jesus models this concept throughout the Gospels.

## Wk 2 Treasure

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As Christians, we recognize that everything we have ultimately belongs to God, and we are simply stewards of the resources He has entrusted to us. Generosity with our treasure is an act of worship that reflects our trust in God's provision and our gratitude for His grace. Scripture reminds us that our hearts follow our treasure (Matthew 6:21), and when we give freely, we align our hearts more closely with God's kingdom rather than the temporary things of this world. Generous giving also allows the mission of the church to move forward, meeting practical needs and helping others experience the love of Christ. As we invest our resources in what God is doing, we participate in something eternal, demonstrating that our hope is not in wealth but in the God who provides for us and calls us to bless others.

## Wk 3 Talent

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We are all part of the larger church and in scripture we are told that the church has different parts. Likewise, each member of the church is given specific gifts and developed talents that can be used to expand the Gospel. Each gift/talent is valuable to the body of Christ and has an important part to play in the health and success of the church. As Christ followers, we should identify what our gifts and talents are and mobilize them to serve others.

## Wk 4 Testimony

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One of the most powerful gifts God has given every believer is a story, our testimony of how Jesus has worked in our lives. We often think sharing the gospel requires special training or extraordinary knowledge, but God frequently uses the simple story of a changed life to point others toward Him. Your testimony is a reminder of God's grace, faithfulness, and transforming power. When we are generous with our story, sharing how Christ has saved, changed, and continues to shape us, we become witnesses to His goodness. God can use even the ordinary moments of our lives to open hearts and lead people toward Jesus.

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# TIME

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Set aside intentional time to sit and talk with someone. Not for personal gain but to show them that you care.

Life is busy and most of the time we fill our entire week with tasks. We rarely stop to ask, 'Who does God want me to invest in this week.' Or 'How does God want me to spend my time this week.'

At the beginning of the week take some time to ask God to reveal an opportunity for you to be generous with your time.

Intentionally respond to that ask by opening your schedule and being generous with your time.

Approach the week with an openness to adjust your plans for God's plans as he reveals opportunities to be generous with your time and be with others.

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# JESUS SPENT TIME WITH THE TAX COLLECTORS

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## **SCRIPTURE:**

📖 Luke 19:1-10

📖 Luke 5:29-32

## **DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:**

Jesus made time for people. Even people who were considered to have low standing in society. Jesus being generous with his time led to life change in those that invested in.

## **REFLECTION QUESTION:**

What does Jesus being generous with his time to sit with Zacchaeus reveal about the importance of giving our time to others? What was the result?

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# JESUS STOPS TO MOURN WITH OTHERS

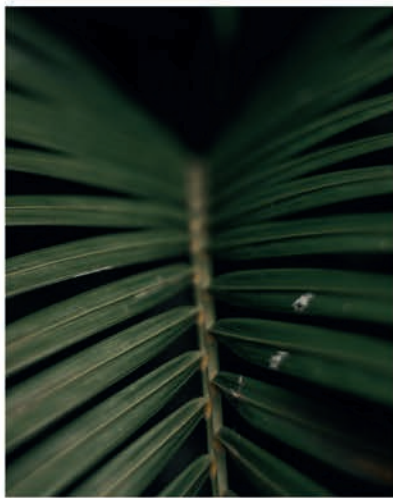
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## SCRIPTURE:

 John 11:32-38

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Even though Jesus knows resurrection is coming, Jesus pauses to grieve with them, showing that compassion is never rushed.



## REFLECTION QUESTION:

How did Jesus pausing to show compassion with his use of time towards Mary and Martha? Why did Jesus choose to spend time mourning with them even though he knew that Lazarus would be resurrected?

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# MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY

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## SCRIPTURE:

📖 Ephesians 5:15-16

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Followers of Jesus are called to be intentional with their time. Paul reminds believers that opportunities to live for Christ are limited, so wisdom means recognizing and using those moments well.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

What opportunities do you have in your life to be more generous with your time? How can you begin shifting those areas to be more intentional with living for Jesus?

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# USE TIME TO DO GOOD

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## SCRIPTURE:

 Galatians 6:10

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Time provides opportunities to do good. Using our time well means investing in others and living out the Gospel.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

God has provided you with time to share the good news of Jesus and do good so that others may experience that good news. Who in your life might you be able to spend more time with and share the good news of Jesus with? What tangible things could you do with your time to actively show God's love to that person?

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# **GROUP QUESTIONS**



What kept you from being generous with your time this week?

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What action steps could you take to eliminate those obstacles?

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What are some practical ways you could be more generous with your time for the sake of the kingdom?

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Using your time to do good doesn't save you but it does reveal a work that Jesus has already done inside of you. Who in your life could you be more generous with your time to serve?

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Read Ephesians 5:15-16 and Psalm 90:12. How does recognizing that our days are limited shape the way we prioritize our time?

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Read Mark 10:45 and Luke 19:5-7. How did Jesus make time for people, and what can we learn from the way He interacted with others?

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Read Mark 1:35 and Psalm 63:1. Why is it important to prioritize time with God before serving others?

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Read Galatians 5:13 and Hebrews 10:24-25. How can giving our time to encourage and serve others strengthen the church?

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Read Luke 10:41-42. What can we learn from Jesus' interaction with Martha and Mary about choosing what matters most?

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Read 1 John 3:18 and Philippians 2:3-4. Why is time one of the most meaningful ways we can show love?

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Read Colossians 4:5-6 and Matthew 9:37-38. How can investing time in relationships open doors for spiritual conversations?

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Read Matthew 6:19-21 and John 9:4. How can focusing on eternal priorities shape how we spend our time today?

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Read Matthew 25:35-40. How might simple acts of service with our time become ways of serving Christ Himself?

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Read Galatians 6:9-10 and 1 Corinthians 15:58. How could consistent faithfulness in giving our time impact the people around us?

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# TREASURE

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Develop a Rhythm of Being  
Generous with your Treasures.

Evaluate the treasure you have and assess how you could better use them to expand the kingdom. Then begin to execute that plan:

1. Pray and ask God to reveal how He would like you to be generous with the things He has entrusted to you.
2. Evaluate your budget, how you use your resources, and look at the other treasures you have in your life. Begin to dream about how God could use those things to bless others. (No matter how small those treasures may seem).
3. Develop and execute a plan to be more generous with the things entrusted to you.

Holding our treasures loosely and choosing to be generous with them loosens their grip on our hearts and redirects our focus back to God.

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# EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD

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## SCRIPTURE:

☞ Psalm 24:1

☞ 1 Chronicles 29:14

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Generosity begins with recognizing that everything we have ultimately belongs to God. Our money, possessions, and resources are not truly ours, they are gifts entrusted to us by a generous Father. When we view our resources through this lens, generosity becomes less about losing something and more about stewarding what God has placed in our hands. Instead of asking, “How much should I give?” we begin asking, “God, how would you like me to use what you’ve entrusted to me?” Living with this perspective frees us from a mindset of ownership and moves us toward a posture of stewardship and gratitude.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

Do you tend to view your resources as something you own or something God has entrusted to you to steward?

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# YOUR HEART FOLLOWS YOUR TREASURE

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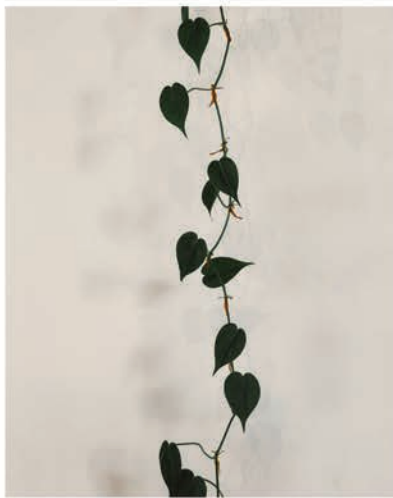
## SCRIPTURE:

👉 Matthew 6:21

👉 Luke 12:34

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Jesus makes a powerful connection between our treasure and our hearts. Our money and resources reveal what we truly value. Generosity is not simply a financial decision, it is a spiritual one. When we invest our resources in God's kingdom, our hearts begin to align more closely with His priorities. Giving becomes a way of training our hearts to value what God values. Instead of being consumed with accumulating more, we begin to experience the joy of investing in things that have eternal impact.



## REFLECTION QUESTION:

What do your spending and giving habits reveal about what your heart values most?

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# TRUSTING GOD AS PROVIDER

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## SCRIPTURE:

- 📖 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- 📖 Philippians 4:19

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

One of the biggest obstacles to generosity is fear, fear that we might not have enough if we give. But generosity grows when we learn to trust God as our provider. Scripture reminds us that God is faithful to meet our needs. When we give generously, we are declaring that our security is not found in our bank accounts but in the faithfulness of God. Generosity becomes an act of faith that says, “God, I trust you to provide.”

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

What fears or concerns sometimes hold you back from being generous?

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# GENEROSITY REFLECTS GOD'S HEART

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## SCRIPTURE:

☞ John 3:16

☞ Acts 20:35

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Generosity is at the very heart of the gospel. God demonstrated the greatest act of generosity by giving His Son so that we could experience life and forgiveness. When we live generously, we reflect the character of the God we follow. Giving becomes more than an obligation, it becomes an opportunity to mirror God's love to the world. Through generosity, we meet needs, bless others, and participate in the work God is doing in people's lives.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can your generosity become a reflection of God's love to someone around you?

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# INVEST IN WHAT LASTS FOREVER

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## SCRIPTURE:

- ☞ Matthew 6:19-20
- ☞ 1 Timothy 6:18-19

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Everything we accumulate in this world will eventually fade, but what we invest in God's kingdom lasts forever. When we use our resources to support ministry, care for those in need, and advance the gospel, we are investing in eternal things. Generosity shifts our focus from temporary wealth to lasting impact. Instead of living for what we can gain today, we begin living for what will matter for eternity.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

What step toward forgiveness might God be inviting you to take?

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# **GROUP** **QUESTIONS**



What stood out to you most from this week's devotional about generosity, and why did it resonate with you?

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How might God be inviting you to respond with being generous? What are do you specifically feel God wanting you to grow in your generosity? (Giving, helping others, your stuff, reducing your debt so you can be more generous)

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What is the biggest barrier you face when you think about being more generous? Is there any fear around being more generous? Write those down and ask God to take those fears.

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Read Psalm 24:1 and 1 Chronicles 29:14. How does understanding God as the true owner of everything shape the way we view our money and possessions?

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Read Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34.  
How might our giving and spending habits reveal what we truly value?

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Read Philippians 4:19 and Matthew 6:31-33. How does trusting God as our provider free us to give more generously?

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Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. What does it mean to be a cheerful giver, and how does our heart posture matter in generosity?

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Read Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35. What can we learn from the way the early believers shared their resources with one another?

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Read Proverbs 19:17 and 1 John 3:17. Why is caring for those in need such an important part of biblical generosity?

Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10 and Luke 12:15. How can generosity help protect our hearts from becoming consumed by wealth?

Read Matthew 6:19-20 and 1 Timothy 6:18-19. How might giving our resources toward God's kingdom create eternal impact?

Read Proverbs 3:9 and Hebrews 13:16. How does honoring God with our resources reflect gratitude for His provision?



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# TALENT

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Take some time to identify your gifts and talents. For many people, it's hard to recognize their gifts or they think that their gifts are too small for God to use. The reality is, God has uniquely gifted you for ministry right where you are.

Here is an easy way to begin identifying some of your gifts.

1. Pay attention to what you enjoy.
2. Identify areas that others have affirmed in you or told you, you're good at.
3. Identify areas of your life that bring you fulfillment.

Often, your gifts and talents are located where those three areas intersect. Take some time to write down those areas of giftedness, no matter how small they may seem.

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# EVERYONE HAS GIFTS AND TALENTS

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## SCRIPTURE:

☞ 1 Peter 4:10

☞ Romans 12:6

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Every believer has been given unique gifts by God. These abilities are not meant only for personal success but to serve others and build up the church. When we use our talents to help, encourage, teach, create, or lead, we become channels of God's grace in people's lives.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

What talents or abilities has God given you that could be used to serve others?

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# YOUR GIFT MATTERS

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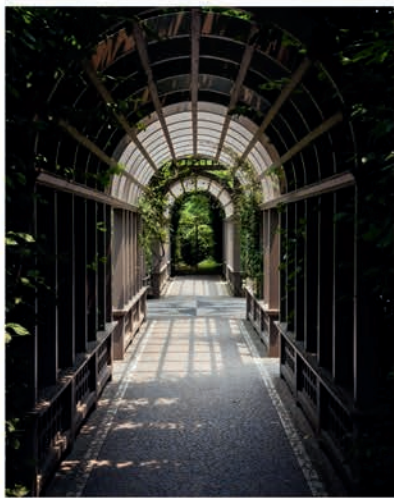
## SCRIPTURE:

📖 Luke 16:10

📖 Matthew 25:21

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

God is not asking us to have the biggest gifts, but to be faithful with the ones we have. Sometimes generosity with our talents simply means showing up and using what God has placed in our hands. Faithfulness honors God and allows Him to work through us.



## REFLECTION QUESTION:

Are you currently using the gifts God has given you, or have you been holding them back?

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# USE YOUR GIFTS TO SERVE OTHERS

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## SCRIPTURE:

☞ Galatians 5:13

☞ Mark 10:45

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

God uses Jesus modeled a life of serving others. In the same way, our talents become most meaningful when they are used to bless people. Whether big or small, every act of service reflects the love of Christ. Truth spoken in community to guide, correct, and strengthen His people.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

Who in your life could be blessed this week by the gifts God has given you?

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# YOUR GIFT CAN POINT TO CHRIST

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## SCRIPTURE:

☞ Colossians 3:23

☞ Matthew 5:16

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Our talents ultimately point people to God. When we use our abilities with humility and generosity, others see God's goodness through our lives. The goal isn't recognition for ourselves, but that God would be honored through what we do.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

What is one way you can use your gifts this week to point others toward God?

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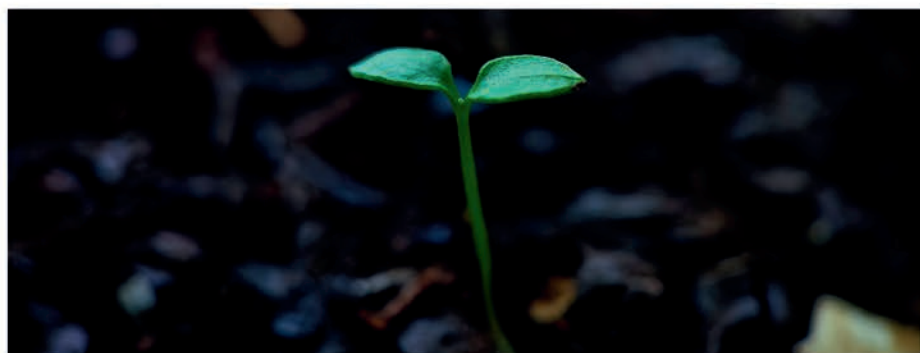
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# **GROUP QUESTIONS**



What is one specific talent, skill, or ability God has given you that you could intentionally use this week to serve someone else?

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Where in your church, workplace, or community is there a need that your gifts could help meet?

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What has prevented you in the past from using your talents more freely (fear, busyness, comparison, uncertainty)?

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What is one practical step you can take this week to start using your gifts more intentionally for God's kingdom?

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Read 1 Peter 4:10 and 1 Corinthians 4:2. God describes our gifts as something entrusted to us. How does thinking of your talents as stewardship rather than ownership change how you use them?

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Read Matthew 25:14-30. Why do you think the servant who buried his talent was rebuked? What might this teach us about risk, faithfulness, and obedience with the abilities God gives us?

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Read Romans 12:4-6 and 2 Corinthians 10:12. How can comparing our gifts to others discourage us from serving? What does Scripture say about valuing the unique gifts God gives each person?

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Read Mark 10:45 and John 13:12-15. What do these passages reveal about Jesus' approach to service? How can His example shape the way we use our abilities?

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:2-27. Paul describes the church as a body with many parts. What happens when believers do not use their gifts? What happens when they do?

Read Philippians 2:3-4 and Romans 12:3. Why is humility important when using our talents? How can pride or insecurity both become obstacles to serving?

Read Galatians 5:13 and 1 John 3:18. In what ways can using our abilities become a practical expression of love toward others?

Read Colossians 3:23 and Matthew 6:1. How can the desire for recognition sometimes distort our motives for serving? What does Scripture say about serving for God rather than for applause?

Read Ephesians 4:11-13. How do different gifts work together to build up the church and help people grow spiritually?

Read Ephesians 2:10 and Matthew 5:16. What impact could happen if every believer actively used their gifts to serve others and reflect Christ?



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# TESTIMONY

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Write down your testimony and practice sharing it. Try to keep your testimony to 5 minutes or less and include three main parts:

- Your life before Christ
- How you found Christ
- Your life after Christ

This is a great starting point for sharing your testimony and helps you process through how God has changed your life. Sharing your testimony in this way often opens the door for longer conversations and next steps.

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# YOUR STORY DISPLAYS GOD'S GRACE

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## SCRIPTURE:

☞ Ephesians 2:8-9

☞ 1 Timothy 1:15-16

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Our testimonies are not primarily about us, they are about God's grace. When we share our story, we are highlighting the mercy, patience, and love of God. Even our weaknesses and struggles can become powerful reminders that salvation is entirely a gift from Him.



## REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does your story reflect God's grace and faithfulness in your life?

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# GOD USES PERSONAL STORIES TO REACH OTHERS

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## SCRIPTURE:

📖 John 4:28-30

📖 John 4:39

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

The woman at the well simply told people about her encounter with Jesus, and many came to believe because of her story. God often uses personal testimony as a bridge for people to encounter Christ. When we share honestly about how Jesus has worked in our lives, it opens doors for others to explore faith.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

When was the last time you shared part of your story about what God has done in your life?

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# YOUR TESTIMONY GIVES GLORY TO GOD

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## SCRIPTURE:

- ☉ Psalm 66:16
- ☉ Revelation 12:11

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Sharing what God has done in our lives brings glory to Him. Our testimony reminds others that God is still at work today, saving, restoring, and transforming lives. When we generously share our story, we join the ongoing story of God's work in the world.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

What part of your testimony might encourage someone else who is searching for hope?

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# **GROUP QUESTIONS**



What part of your testimony feels most meaningful or impactful when you think about sharing it with others?

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Who in your life might be open to hearing your story about how Jesus has worked in your life?

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What fears or hesitations sometimes keep you from sharing your testimony?

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What is one intentional step you could take this week to be more open about your faith story?

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Read Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19-20.  
How does sharing our testimony connect with the mission Jesus gave His followers?

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Read Psalm 107:2 and Mark 5:19. Why does Scripture encourage people to openly tell what God has done?

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Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and Galatians 6:14. What does it look like for our testimony to point people to Jesus rather than to us?

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Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. How might God use even the difficult parts of our story to encourage others?

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Read Romans 1:16 and 2 Timothy 1:7-8. What fears can keep believers from sharing their story?

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