


## Say Yes: Give
## Put Your Yes in Motion
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Because Jesus gave Himself for us, we can freely give what we have.
Grace RECEIVED. Generosity RELEASED

**Read 2 Corinthians 8:8-15**

<u>God's grace comes before God's people give</u>

God's grace stimulated the Macedonian church's giving

1. **How does receiving God's grace stimulate generosity?**

2. **Does the grace you have received from God stimulate generous giving in your life? Why or why not?**

<u>Generosity is our response to what God gives</u>

Jesus gave Himself for us. Our generosity is a response to that gift.

3. **What are some of the 'gifts' you have received because you know Jesus?**

4. **How have you become more generous, not just monetarily, since you have known Jesus?**

<u>Generosity is personal, not comparative</u>
We are not all in the same place. Some of us have financial margin. Some of us are doing okay, but need to make thoughtful decisions. Some of us are rebuilding. Some of us are looking at the next bill and wondering how we will cover it.

5. **Do you measure your giving against someone else's giving or someone else's expectations of what you should be giving?**

**6. Do you need to make a thoughtful decision about your giving?**

Give yourself first
The Macedonian church gave themselves first to the Lord. That is bigger than a financial decision.

**7. Have you given yourself first to God's purposes?**

**8. How can putting God's purposes first affect your generosity?**

Give your intention a next step
Bridge the space between 'I want to' and 'I will.

- You can pray.
- You can learn.
- You can build relationships.
- You can give to support a faithful ministry.

**9. What will be your intentional next step?**

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