



MORE > THAN

SUNDAY. US. NOW.

JOURNEY GUIDE

Now to Him who is able
to do immeasurably
MORE THAN
all we ask or imagine,
according to His power
that is at work within us,
to Him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, for ever and ever!
Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



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DEAR GRACE FAMILY

We are living in a significant season in the life of our church.

For more than fifty years, God has been faithful to Grace Covenant Church. He has saved, shaped, healed, sent, and sustained His people through this local body. Generations have gathered here to worship, study Scripture, build friendships, raise families, serve our city, and grow together in Christ.

And now, by God's grace, we find ourselves in another important moment. Our mission has not changed: guiding people to become like Christ in all of life. That is why we gather on Sundays. That is why we disciple children, students, and adults. That is why we send people into their homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and the nations. That is why we open the Bible week after week and seek to obey whatever God says.

As our church continues to grow, so does the opportunity in front of us.

We believe God is inviting us into a season of deeper trust, greater generosity, and renewed commitment to His work through Grace.

This is not simply a building campaign. It is not primarily about bricks, budgets, or square footage. It is a discipleship journey. It is about asking God to do something in us so that He might do more through us.

That is why we are calling this initiative More Than.

Because what God is doing among us is about more than Sunday. We need space that serves the life of the church not only when we gather for worship, but throughout the week as people are disciplined, counseled, equipped, and sent.

It is about more than us. We want to continue growing as a church that looks outward by blessing our city, strengthening ministry partners, supporting mission work, and investing in needs beyond our own walls.

By doing so, we hope to reflect Christ's love in tangible ways and make a lasting impact both in the community we call home and in nations that need the hope of our Lord.

And it is about more than now. We are thinking not only about what Grace needs today, but what faithfulness requires for the next generation. Many of us are here because others sacrificed before us. Now it is our turn to steward what we have received.

Throughout Scripture, God's people are repeatedly invited to trust Him with what He has entrusted to them. Not because God needs our resources, but because He wants our hearts. Generosity has always been one of the ways God loosens our grip on lesser things and teaches us to seek first His Kingdom.

I am inviting you to join us on this journey.

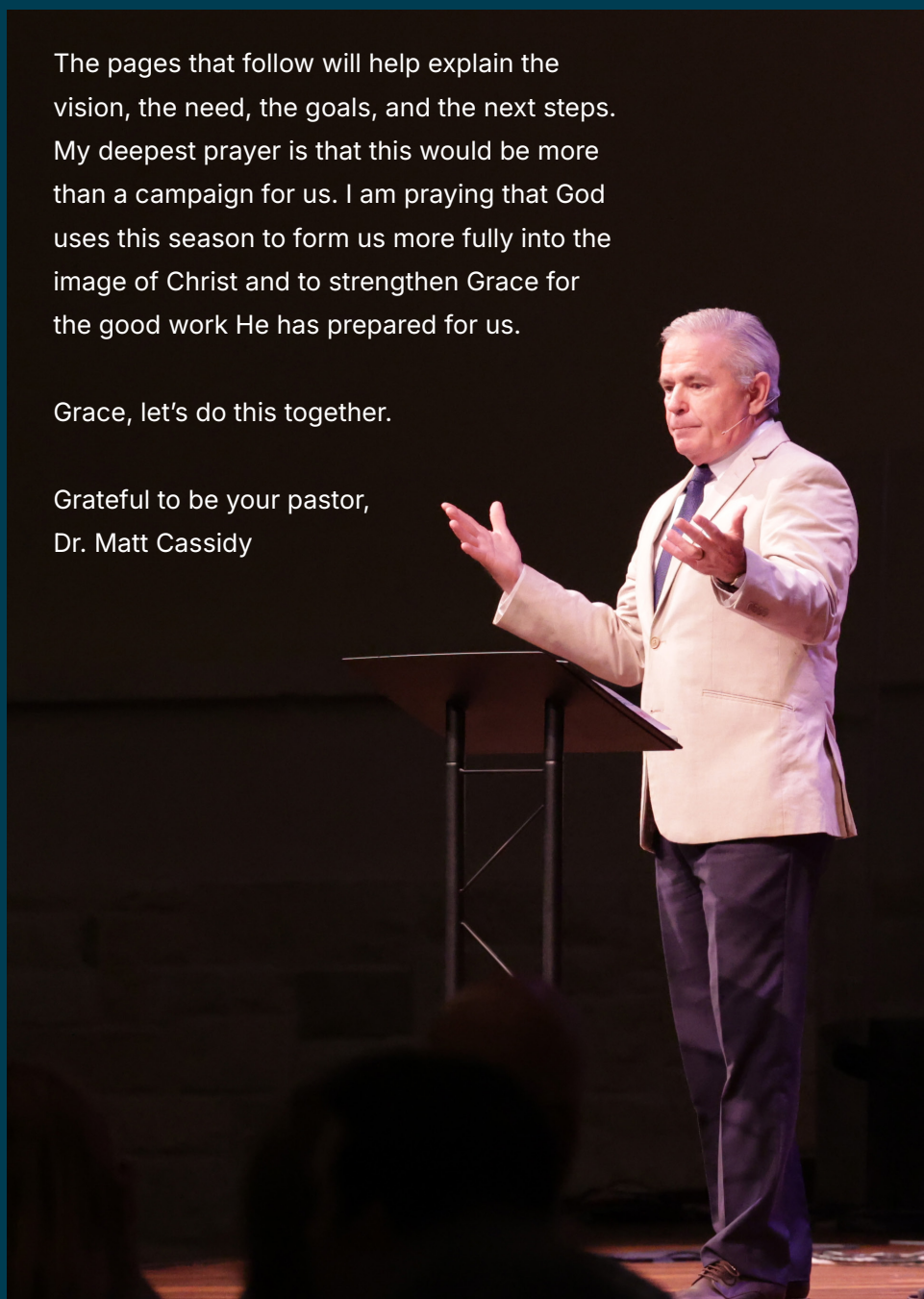
Pray honestly. Listen carefully. Talk with your spouse, your family, your small group, and your friends. Ask God what faithfulness looks like for you in this season. Ask Him to grow your trust, deepen your joy, and shape your generosity.

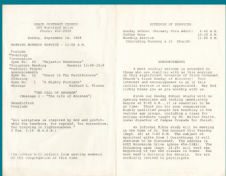
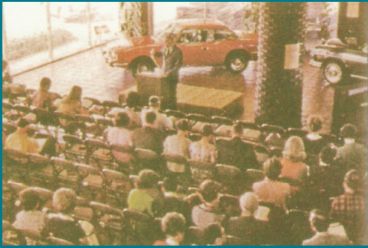
We serve a God who is able to provide, able to lead, and able to do more through surrendered people than we could ever plan, organize, or manufacture.

The pages that follow will help explain the vision, the need, the goals, and the next steps. My deepest prayer is that this would be more than a campaign for us. I am praying that God uses this season to form us more fully into the image of Christ and to strengthen Grace for the good work He has prepared for us.

Grace, let's do this together.

Grateful to be your pastor,
Dr. Matt Cassidy





After beginning as a home Bible study with thirteen people, Grace Covenant Church holds its first worship service in the Continental Cars Showroom located on Huntland Drive near the old Highland Mall.

Volunteers would push cars out of the way to set up seats for teaching time.

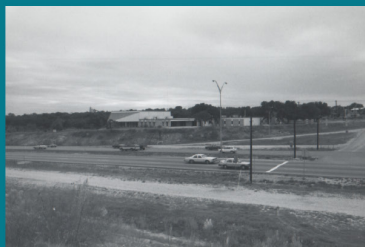
1969



Grace becomes home to many multi-generational families. Members also turn their attention to bringing other Bible-based churches to the area and plant churches in Westlake and far North Austin.

1978

1980s



As the church grows, Grace purchases land "out in the country" on the corner of Highway 183 and Capital of Texas Highway.

The Old Auditorium opens, and the first Grace missionaries relocate overseas to spread the gospel.



The current Worship Center opens its doors. The over 1500 seat facility is a testament to the goodness of God and the faithfulness of His people.

1990s

The Lord continues to prosper Grace with increased growth and reach. The number of missionaries Grace supports swells to 80.

Ministries on campus reach maximum capacity and the need to expand becomes evident.



2009



2020 and beyond...

After more than half a century as a church in Austin, TX, Grace continues to be a city on a hill, a Gospel light for Christ and wholly committed to guiding people to become like Christ in all of life.



NOW IS THE TIME

We are grateful for all God has done in our past.

Grace Covenant Church exists today because generations before us prayed, gave, served, sacrificed, and followed Christ with faithfulness.

Now it is our turn to build on that foundation and follow Christ as He leads us into the future.

We believe we are standing at a crossroads.

The need is real.

The opportunity is clear.

The mission is unchanged: Guiding people to become like Christ in all of life.

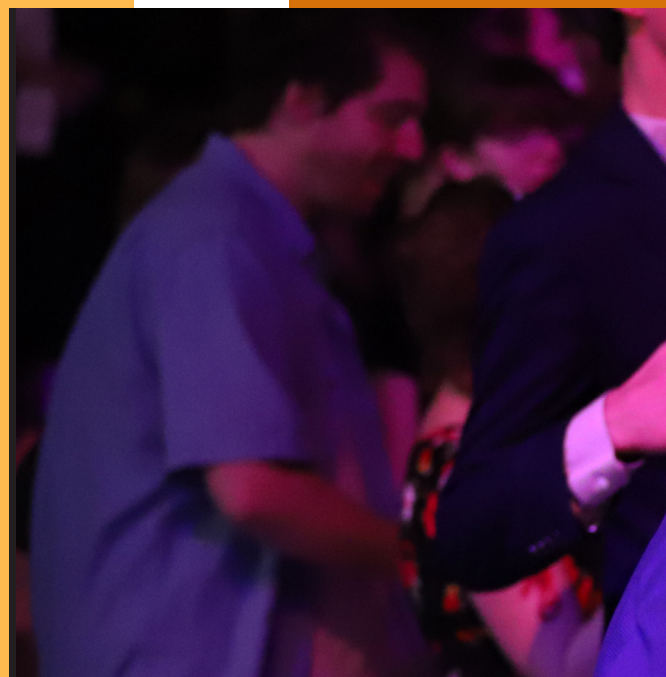
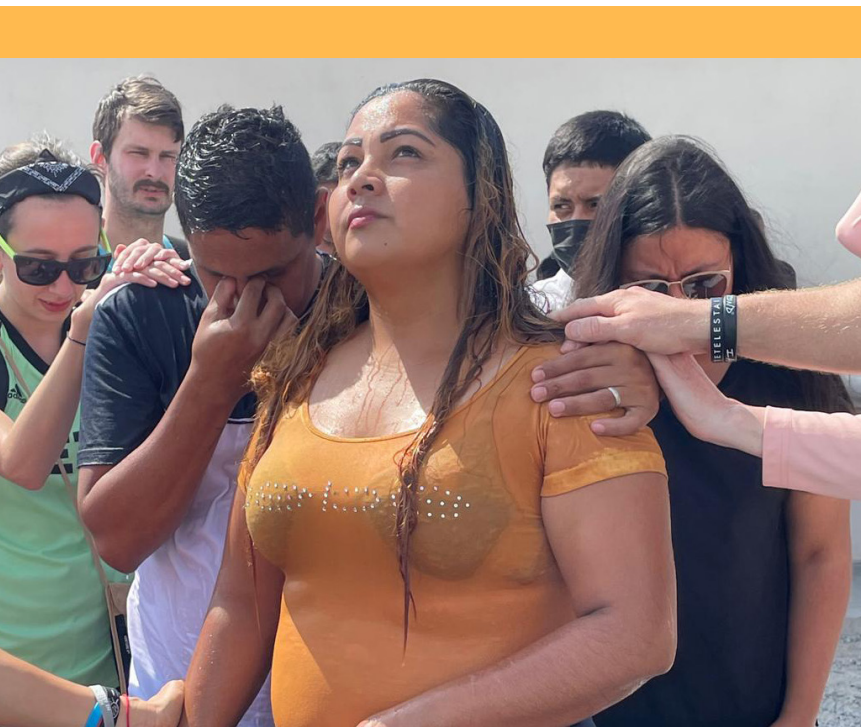
It's time to make more room.

It's time to look beyond ourselves.

It's time to invest in what God is doing next.

MORE THAN: SUNDAY

Our buildings are currently at capacity and in use most evenings throughout the week. Our need is for additional space to support existing ministries that are already stretching beyond our current facilities and to allow for future opportunities to serve more people effectively. Expanding our space is not simply about accommodating programs but engaging in Kingdom growth, spiritual growth, and meaningful ministry to flourish for years to come.



MORE THAN: US

We believe God's grace is meant to be shared beyond our walls, not just for us, but for all people. Yet each year, we decline more than 300 requests from partner organizations because our facilities are at capacity. We long to say "yes" more often. Our unique location creates opportunities for people to gather, build relationships, and be discipled, allowing lives to be transformed through the hope of Christ.

We will also fund a Bible translation for an unreached people group so that more people around the world can encounter God's Word in their own language. We see this as an opportunity to steward what God has entrusted to us for the sake of others and for His mission both locally and globally.

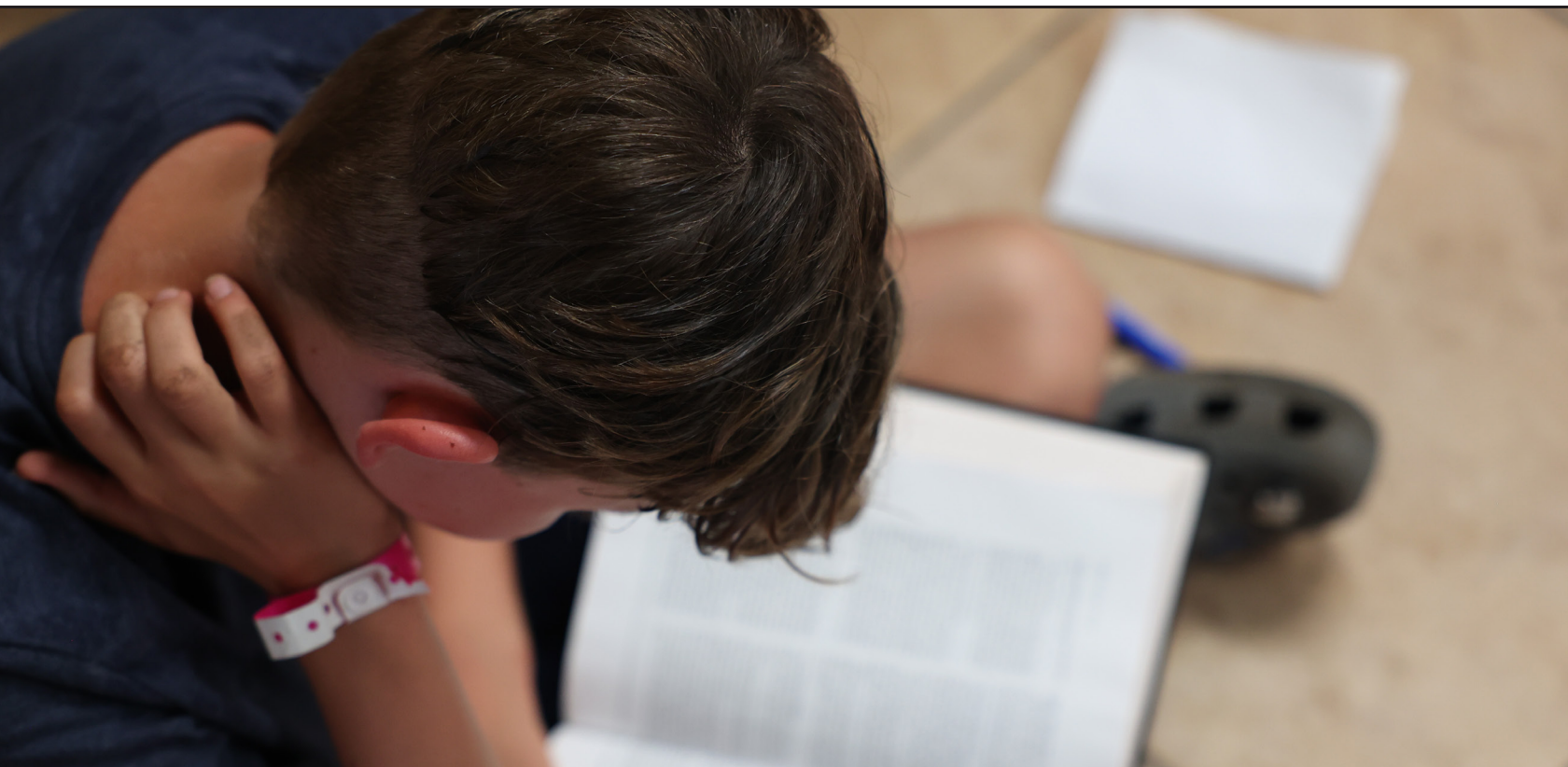


MORE THAN: NOW

This initiative is more than a vision for today; it is a step of faith toward the future God is preparing for us. Throughout Scripture, God called His people to prepare before they could fully see what was ahead, and we believe He is calling our church to do the same now.

What might God be preparing us for? Greater ministry impact, deeper discipleship, and new opportunities to reach people with the hope of Christ. We believe there are lives yet to be changed and generations yet to encounter Jesus through this church.

This is a once-in-a-generation moment to step forward in faith, preparing today for the opportunities God has already ordained before the foundations of the world.





1 100% ENGAGEMENT

EVERYONE GETS INVOLVED

More Than is, first and foremost, a discipleship initiative.

We are inviting every person in our church to pray fervently, to examine their soul, and to follow God's leading so we can become more like Christ in every area of life – including in generosity. By the grace of God, we hope to accomplish more than we ever dared to imagine possible in our lives, this church, and in the world.

2 JOYFUL GENEROSITY

\$60 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS

Our goal is \$60M in generous giving over the next two years.

Through prayer, discernment, and unified leadership, we believe God is calling Grace Covenant Church to step into the next chapter of ministry He has placed before us. This vision will allow us to continue strengthening the ministries God is already using, expand our impact beyond ourselves, and make room for the discipleship needs of our growing church family.

We are inviting every person at Grace to join us on this journey, investing in the Kingdom of God and in the future of our church. As we step forward in faith-fueled generosity, we are trusting God to provide what is needed for the work He has called us to do.

Thanks to the generosity of several committed individuals and families, \$25 million of this goal has already been reached.

FUELING OUR FUTURE MINISTRY

We will continue to invest in women, men, youth, kids, marriages, parents, grandparents, singles, the hurting, the needy, the broken, missions and more to be a light in the darkness of this world. We believe by the Spirit's drawing and through relational discipleship, people will continue to come to a saving faith in Christ and become more like Him in all of life.



Equip Children and Families

Provide children and youth with a foundation of God's Word, both through weekend teaching and worship and resources for the family during the week. We seek for every young person to know the gospel truth from a young age by helping them discover God's story and their place in it.

Worship and Learn Together

We create spaces of Spirit-led worship and teaching that honor God with our words, our hearts, and our minds by seeking His truth in both Bible literacy and our everyday circumstances.



Take the Gospel to the Nations

We fervently and regularly go to people in our city, in our state, and in our world. Whether it be Waco, Houston, Mexico, Ecuador, or the Himalayas, the people of Grace are proclaiming who He is and what He's done for anyone with ears to hear.



Raise up the Next Generation

Through intentional and prayerful inter-generational discipleship, we seek to ready leaders and evangelists of the next generation who are bold and compassionate in their faith.



Lives Changed

Time and again, we hear of people who walk through our doors and encounter God's majesty and His forgiveness, and we see their lives, and often their family's lives, radically transformed by grace.



REPLACING THE EDUCATION BUILDING



TO DO MORE KINGDOM MINISTRY

EXPANDED MINISTRY

We will replace our current Education Building with a four-story, 47,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility designed to serve both our church family and the broader community. The new building will feature small, medium, and large gathering spaces suitable for classes, discipleship groups, meetings, banquets, concerts, and a variety of other events. To enhance its role as a community resource, the facility will include showers on the lower level and it will be generator-hookup ready, enabling it to serve effectively during citywide emergencies. This new building will provide expanded ministry, fellowship, and discipleship opportunities for the Grace community while also creating avenues to serve and engage the surrounding area.





A CHAPEL FOR GENERATIONS

We will replace our current Auditorium with a campus chapel, creating an approximately 11,000-square-foot facility, including a rear mezzanine, that will serve as a beautiful and flexible space for worship services, funerals, banquets, and other special events. Designed for year-round ministry use, the chapel will also host Sunday morning classes and a variety of activities throughout the week. The existing mudroom will be converted into a commercial kitchen to support church functions and other ministry opportunities. The facility will also include several multipurpose meeting rooms that can serve as a bride's room, family room for funerals, or conference space, along with the potential for an audiovisual studio to support worship and teaching ministries.

BIBLE TRANSLATION: UNREACHED, NOT UNREACHABLE



We will partner with The Seed Company to fund a Bible translation for a currently unreached people group. Our desire is to be part of bringing the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to people in their native language, allowing them to hear and understand God's Word in a deeply personal way. We are confident in the promise that the Lord's Word will not return void but will accomplish His purposes and transform lives for His glory.

 **SEED COMPANY**

ONE MISSION.

ONE CHURCH.

ONE FUND.

ONE SHARED STEP OF FAITH.

Our Giving Vision: The Next Two Years

You may have been part of church campaigns where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your regular giving to complete a special project. You may have continued giving to a “General Fund” while also giving separately to a “Building Fund” or campaign fund.

More Than will function differently.

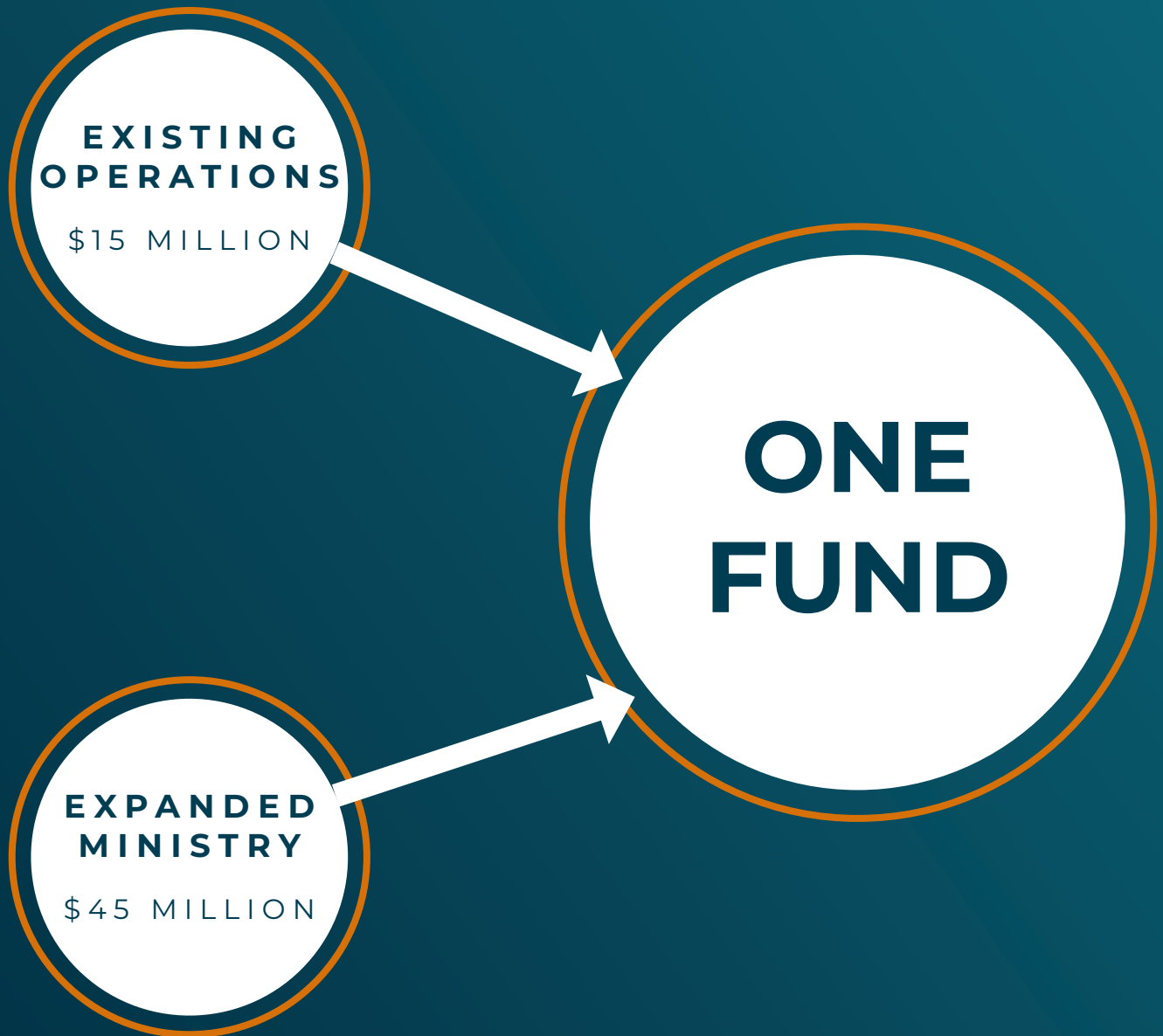
The More Than initiative will last two years. During those two years, every gift given to Grace Covenant Church will go into one unified fund that supports the full ministry and mission of our church.

This One Fund will allow us to continue the ministry God has already entrusted to us, invest generously beyond our walls, and make room for the people and discipleship opportunities God is bringing to Grace.

Because More Than is not simply a building campaign, it is a discipleship journey for our entire church. We are asking God to grow us in generosity, trust, and joyful stewardship, regardless of where each of us is beginning.

For some, the next step may be giving regularly for the first time. For others, it may mean growing in consistency, sacrifice, or surrender. Wherever we are starting, we want every person at Grace to take a meaningful step of faith.

We do not want ongoing ministry, outward mission, and future facilities competing with one another. They are not separate visions. They are all part of the same calling God has given Grace.



Later in this guide, you'll find a sample commitment card to help you envision how your personal giving could align with the More Than > initiative.

GENEROSITY PRINCIPLES

IT'S ALL GOD'S

We believe that everything belongs to God. Everything we have is a gift that He has entrusted to us. We honor Him by wisely stewarding and using our resources to advance His purposes in the world.

Psalm 24:1

1 Chronicles 29:11-14

BLESSED TO BLESS

We believe God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. His desire is for us to share His love and provisions with those around us. We share what He has given us in order to bless others and point them to Him.

2 Corinthians 9:11-14

We believe that everything belongs to God. Everything we have is a gift that He has entrusted to us. We honor Him by wisely stewarding and using our resources to advance His purposes in the world.

FOR OUR GOOD

Proverbs 11:25

Matthew 6:19-24

We believe God faithfully provides what His people need to live for Him and abound in every good work. We choose to adopt a lifestyle within our means that enables us to be generous toward God's work through His church. We prioritize the local church in our giving, and we give cheerfully, give consistently, and grow in our generosity.

GROWING IN GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Philippians 4:19

GENEROSTY JOURNEY

Generosity is not just about how much we give; it reflects who we are becoming.

As disciples of Jesus, we believe all of life, including our resources, belongs to Him. He is shaping us to become more like Christ, including how we view and use money.

"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 8:9

INITIAL GIVER

An Initial Giver is someone who chooses to give for the first time in response to God's Word.

This first step of faith involves trusting God with what they have and recognizing that their resources are entrusted to them for His purposes.

As they begin putting Jesus' words into practice, they experience the joy of giving.

CONSISTENT GIVER

A Consistent Giver chooses to give regularly as a spiritual discipline.

Rather than giving only occasionally or in response to specific needs, this person makes generosity a regular part of life, often through a recurring gift or planned giving.

This step cultivates trust, faithfulness, and worship. The Consistent Giver is learning that generosity is not separate from discipleship; it is part of it.

INTENTIONAL GIVER

An Intentional Giver considers giving alongside every other financial priority.

This person evaluates their budget and asks, "What does my giving reveal about what I value and trust?" Giving is no longer an afterthought but a deliberate act of worship and obedience.

For many, this is the stage where tithing becomes a regular practice and giving a percentage of income to the local church is a way of honoring God and supporting His work through His people.

SURRENDERED GIVER

A Surrendered Giver recognizes that everything belongs to God.

This person asks not only, "What am I giving?" but also, "What am I keeping for myself and why?" Giving begins to influence spending, saving, lifestyle, and priorities.

A Surrendered Giver understands that generosity is not just changing how they use money—it is changing them.

This step reflects a desire to honor Christ with all He has entrusted, using finances, possessions, abilities, relationships, and other resources for His purposes.

ETERNAL GIVER

An Eternal Giver views generosity through the lens of eternity.

This person understands that giving does more than meet immediate needs. Rather, it shapes hearts, blesses others, advances the Gospel, and invests in what lasts forever.

An Eternal Giver makes decisions about money, possessions, and priorities with God's Kingdom in view.

They have embraced the call "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share," and to "take hold of that which is truly life." - 1 Timothy 6:18-19

MAKING YOUR COMMITMENT

2-YEAR GIFT CHART

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR TOTAL GIFT	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT
1	\$17,000,000	\$8,500,000	\$708,333
1	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$250,000
1	\$4,500,000	\$2,250,000	\$187,500
1	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$125,000
1	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$62,500
2	\$750,000	\$375,000	\$31,250
4	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833
8	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417
15	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250
30	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167
50	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125
70	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083
80	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458
90	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042
100	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625
100	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417
150	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313
150	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208
150	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104
Many	\$2,500	<\$1,250	<\$104
TOTAL GOAL:		\$60 MILLION	

MY / OUR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT

OCTOBER 2026 – DECEMBER 2028

\$

+

\$

=

\$

x 2 years =

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Additional gifts from stored resources

By faith, I / we intend to give for the two-year *More Than* initiative

\$

I / we plan to give accordingly:

☐ weekly

☐ monthly

☐ annually

☐ once

NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

Please plan to bring this card to Commitment Sunday, September 27.

MAKING **YOUR COMMITMENT**

In preparation for Commitment Sunday on September 27, 2026, we've provided the following exercise and reflection to help you prayerfully identify the gift God may be leading you and/or your family to dedicate to More Than.

Let's step forward together in faith, trust, and surrender – believing that God is able to provide, able to lead, and able to do more than we could ask or imagine.

READ

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. Pray that God would align your heart with His desires for you as His child and follower of Jesus. Ask Him for wisdom, discernment, and direction as you consider the amount you will purpose in your heart to give.

WRITE

Write out the commitment you are considering for More Than. This may include what you would normally give over the next two years, any expanded generosity God may be leading you toward, and any resources He may be prompting you to give.

ASK

Ask what your financial commitments reveal. If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you value? Would that be true about you? Is there anything that needs to be reordered or modified?

IMAGINE

Imagine what God may form in you over the next two years. If you keep this commitment, what spiritual transformation might God bring about in you?

What might He loosen?

What might He strengthen?

What might He teach you to trust?

LIST

List your current financial commitments. Write down your recurring payments, expenses, and obligations, such as your mortgage/rent, car payment, cell phone plan, tuition, subscriptions, travel, savings goals, insurance, and other regular commitments.

EVALUATE

Evaluate where this commitment falls among your financial priorities. Are there spending habits or commitments that need to change to fulfill your More Than pledge? Is anything taking priority over giving in a prayerful, surrendered way?

REFLECT

Reflect on your discipleship. With your current priorities, are you fully engaged in Grace's God-given mission to guide people to become like Christ in all of life? How might this commitment help you grow in trust, generosity, contentment, and surrender?

CONSIDER

Consider your influence.

How could this step of faith shape others — your spouse, your children, your friends, your co-workers, your small group, or others in your circles of influence?



RETHINKING GENEROSITY

CREATIVE WAYS TO

Give More Generously

As you prayerfully consider your More Than commitment, we encourage you to think beyond what may be immediately obvious or comfortable. Generosity is not simply a financial decision. It is a discipleship decision. Because we belong to Christ, every resource we have has been entrusted to us by God. Our income, savings, possessions, time, home, opportunities, and future earning potential are all part of our stewardship before Him.

This season is an invitation to ask: Lord, what would You have me do with what You have entrusted to me?

Generosity often grows when our financial priorities are shaped by our spiritual priorities. In other words, as God forms us to become like Christ in all of life, He also forms the way we spend, save, give, and plan.

One way to think about this is lifestyle stewardship. Do we give in a way that affects the way we live? David said, "I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24). A gift that honors God should first matter to the giver.

As you pray, here are several practical ways to consider growing in generosity.

1

PRACTICE PRIORITY BUDGETING

Many individuals and families may choose to rearrange current financial priorities to give more generously. This could mean postponing a planned expense such as a vacation, home project, vehicle purchase, furniture upgrade, or other significant purchase. It may also mean reducing discretionary spending for a time so that generosity becomes a greater priority. The question is not simply, "What can I afford?" but, "What would it look like to put God's Kingdom first in this season?"

2

Redirect Current Expenses

Some commitments or expenses may change during the two-year initiative. A loan may be paid off. A child may finish school. A subscription, activity, or recurring expense may come to an end. A temporary cost may no longer be needed. As you look ahead, consider whether money currently assigned to one purpose could be redirected toward your More Than commitment.

3

Give from Increased Income

Some people may receive raises, bonuses, commissions, tax refunds, or other increases in income during the next two years. Often, when income increases, our lifestyle expands to match it. But this can also be an opportunity to grow in generosity rather than simply increase spending. Consider whether God may be inviting you to dedicate a portion (or even all) of an increase to the work He is doing through Grace.

4

Give from Stored Resources

Generosity may involve more than monthly income. Some may have savings, collectibles, vehicles, land, real estate, business interests, or other assets that could be used for Kingdom purposes. Others may have money set aside for a future purchase or personal project and sense God leading them to redirect it. This is not about pressure or guilt. It is about prayerfully asking whether there are resources God has already given you that He may now be asking you to steward differently.

5

Commit Unexpected Resources

Sometimes God provides in ways we did not anticipate. An inheritance, gift, refund, sale, bonus, or unexpected financial provision may become an opportunity for generosity. As you pray about your commitment, ask God to make you attentive to resources He may provide along the way. A More Than commitment is made in faith, trusting that God may lead and provide in ways we cannot fully see at the beginning.

6

Sacrifice Extra Time

For some, increased generosity may come through additional work. This could mean taking on extra hours, a temporary job, freelance work, consulting, selling items, or using a skill in a way that creates additional income for a season. This kind of giving can be deeply personal because it represents not only money, but time, energy, and sacrifice offered to the Lord.

7

Donate Appreciated Assets

Some may choose to give appreciated assets such as stocks, mutual funds, real estate, or other investments. These gifts can be a way to give from stored resources and may have tax advantages.

By giving an appreciated asset directly to the church, a donor may be able to avoid capital gains taxes and receive a charitable deduction for the full market value of the gift. Before making a commitment of this kind, please consult your CPA, tax attorney, or financial advisor.

A Final Word

Your giving does not need to happen in equal amounts over the two years.

Some may give more in the first year. Others may give more in the second year. As you consider your More Than commitment, think not only about your ability to give right now, but also about how God may lead you to give over the full two-year journey.

You may also consider how generosity fits into long-term planning. Many faithful believers have never thought intentionally about including the Lord's work in their estate planning. This season may be a good time to consider how your resources can continue serving the mission of Christ beyond your lifetime. However God leads, the goal is not equal gifts. It is faithful stewardship.

Let's ask God to grow us in trust, reorder our priorities, and make us generous people - for His glory, for the good of others, and for the future mission of Grace.

SERIES > GUIDE

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As disciples of Jesus, we believe all of life, including our resources, belongs to Him. He is shaping us to become more like Christ, including how we view and use money.

"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 8:9



WEEK ONE

Owner & Manager

August 23



BIG IDEA

Everything we have comes from God and is entrusted to us for His purposes.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

1 Chronicles 29:10–14

As you read 1 Chronicles 29:10–14, notice how David's prayer begins with worship. Before he speaks about what the people gave, he remembers who God is. God is the One who owns all things, gives all things, and invites His people to participate in His work.

Generosity begins with that kind of worshipful perspective. If we see ourselves as owners, giving can feel like loss. But if we see ourselves as stewards, giving becomes an act of trust, gratitude, and worship. This is where our journey begins, not with pressure or comparison, but with open hands before the God who has entrusted everything to us.

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, everything I have comes from You. Teach me to see my life, resources, and opportunities as gifts entrusted by You. Help me hold them with gratitude instead of fear and use them with faithfulness instead of control. Shape my heart to worship You with all that You have given me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, make us a church that begins with worship. Remind us that all we have belongs to You, and all we give comes first from Your hand. Form in us humble and grateful hearts as we walk through this season together. May every gift, every act of service, every prayer, and every faithful response become an offering that honors You. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Beginning with Worship: David's prayer begins with worship before it focuses on what the people gave. What does this teach us about the proper starting place for generosity?
1. From His Hand: David says, "Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand." How does this truth challenge or encourage the way you think about your money, time, abilities, relationships, and opportunities?
2. Owner or Steward: There is a meaningful difference between living as an owner and living as a steward. Where do you most naturally live with a sense of stewardship, and where are you more tempted to think, "This is mine"?
3. Posture of Giving: Generosity can feel very different depending on the posture of our hearts. When does giving feel like worship and joy to you, and when does it tend to feel more like loss, pressure, or obligation?
4. More Than Money: God has entrusted each of us with more than financial resources. What gifts, experiences, influence, skills, relationships, or opportunities has He placed in your life that could be used to bless others?
5. Honest Before God: A season like this can bring up different responses: excitement, hesitation, gratitude, fear, curiosity, or even resistance. What response do you notice in yourself right now, and how might God be inviting you to bring that honestly before Him?
6. Open-Handed Trust: The goal is not simply to increase giving, but to become people who trust God with open hands. What might God want to loosen, deepen, or form in your heart as you begin this journey?
7. One Faithful Step: Generosity often begins with one faithful step rather than a fully formed plan. What is one step you could take this week to acknowledge that what you have belongs to God and is entrusted to you for His purposes?



WEEK TWO

Where's the Treasure?

August 30



BIG IDEA

Our giving, spending, and saving are quietly shaping our hearts.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Matthew 6:19–21

Jesus teaches that our treasure and our hearts are closely connected. What we value, protect, pursue, and invest in has a way of pulling our hearts along with it. Most of us understand that our money reveals something about what we love. We spend on what matters to us and make room for what we value. But Jesus presses even deeper. Our treasure does not only reveal our hearts, but over time, it also shapes them.

That means generosity is more than a financial choice. It is one of the ways God trains our hearts to love what He loves and value what lasts. Every choice to give, spend, save, or sacrifice is forming something in us. So, the question is not only, “Where is my treasure going?” but “Where is my treasure leading my heart?”

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, teach my heart to treasure what You treasure. Help me see beyond what is temporary and invest my life in what lasts. Use generosity to shape my loves, my priorities, and my trust in You. Give me the courage to follow where You are leading my heart. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, shape our church into a people whose hearts are set on eternal things. Help us invest together in discipleship, mission, ministry, and future generations with joy and faith. Train our hearts to love what You love and value what matters most to You. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Heart Direction: In Matthew 6:19–21, Jesus shows us that our treasure and our hearts are deeply connected. What does this passage help you notice about the way your giving, spending, and saving can shape what you love?
2. Honest Patterns: When you look at your current habits with money, time, and attention, what do they seem to be teaching your heart right now?
3. Competing Treasures: What temporary things most often draw your attention, affection, or sense of security, and why do you think they can have such a strong pull?
4. Formed by Giving: Where have you seen your heart become more invested in something after you gave your time, energy, money, or care to it?
5. Lasting Investment: What does it look like to invest in what lasts while still honoring the real responsibilities and needs of everyday life?
6. Open Invitation: Where might God be inviting you to redirect your treasure in a way that gently moves your heart closer to Him?
7. Growing Desire: How can generosity become less about duty and more about growing in love for what God loves?
8. Faithful Practice: What is one simple practice this week that could help train your heart toward what matters most to God?



WEEK THREE

Citizens of a Better Country

September 6



BIG IDEA

Heaven is our true home, and that hope helps us invest in what will last.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

**Hebrews 11:13–16
Philippians 3:20**

The people of faith in Hebrews 11 lived with their eyes fixed beyond this world. They trusted God's promises, even though they did not receive everything in full during their lifetime. They were described as strangers and exiles, not because this world didn't matter, but because this world was not their final home. They were looking for what Hebrews calls "a better country," a heavenly home prepared by God.

That kind of hope changes the way we live our lives on earth. Heavenly citizenship does not make us careless about life on earth; it teaches us to live here with faithfulness, courage, and purpose. Because our deepest security is not found in comfort, success, possessions, or control, we are free to give generously, sacrifice joyfully, serve patiently, and invest wisely. When we remember where we truly belong, generosity becomes less about losing what we have and more about making an eternal investment with what God has entrusted to us. After all, our lives are anchored in a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, remind me my true citizenship is in heaven. Help me live faithfully here without making this world my final hope. Loosen my grip on comfort, status, security, and control. Teach me to see the opportunities before me and invest my life in what will last, with joy and trust. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

God, make us a people who live as citizens of heaven while serving our city and world faithfully. Keep us from settling too deeply into temporary things. Give us courage to sacrifice, wisdom to steward what You have entrusted to us, and joy to invest together in Your kingdom. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. **A Better Country:** Hebrews 11 describes men and women who lived by faith, looking ahead to what God promised. What stands out about their willingness to trust God without receiving everything in full? What does that reveal about the faith God wants to form in us?
2. **Home and Hope:** How does knowing heaven is your true home reshape how you think about comfort, money, possessions, and future plans? Where might God be inviting you to invest more intentionally in what will last?
3. **Faithful Here:** Living for heaven does not mean ignoring earthly responsibilities. What does it look like to keep eternity in view while being faithful to the people, work, and needs God has placed before us?
4. **Security Check:** Most of us look for security in what we can see, save, build, or control. Where are you most tempted to seek security, and how might God be inviting you to trust Him more deeply?
5. **Kingdom Citizenship:** Philippians 3:20 says, “our citizenship is in heaven.” What earthly loyalties, comforts, ambitions, or priorities compete with your identity in Christ? What helps you remember your first allegiance belongs to Him?
6. **Living Lighter:** What would it look like to loosen your grip on something temporary so you can invest more freely in God’s kingdom? What might God be asking you to hold more loosely?
7. **Eternal Investment:** When you hear “eternal investment,” what comes to mind? Where do you see opportunities to invest through giving, serving, discipling, encouraging, praying, or hospitality?
8. **Sacrifice and Joy:** How does eternity help you see sacrifice not simply as giving something up, but as joining with joy in what God is building?



WEEK FOUR

Dot & Line

September 13



BIG IDEA

An eternal perspective gives us courage to practice present faithfulness.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

2 Corinthians 4:16–18

So much of life pulls our attention toward what is right in front of us: the needs, pressures, decisions, bills, schedules, and uncertainties of today. Those things are real, and Scripture does not ask us to ignore them. But Paul reminds us that what we can see is not the whole story. There is a greater reality, an eternal one, that gives strength, perspective, and purpose to the way we live right now.

That kind of perspective matters greatly when we talk about generosity. Giving often asks us to make decisions in the present that are shaped by what we believe about the future. If this life is all there is, then comfort, security, and control will naturally become our highest priorities.

But if eternity is real, and it is, then present faithfulness carries lasting significance. Generosity becomes one way we say, “Lord, I trust that what lasts forever matters more than what I can see right now.”

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, help me see my life in light of eternity. When the present feels urgent or uncertain, teach me to trust what You are doing beyond what I can see. Give me courage for faithful decisions, wisdom in how I steward what You have entrusted to me, and a heart that values what will last for eternity. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, give our church eternal perspective. Help us not be shaped only by what is immediate, visible, or comfortable. Teach us to invest in what lasts, to trust You with the fruit we cannot yet see, and to take faithful steps together for the good of others and for Your glory. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. **Eternal Perspective:** What does this passage teach us about the kind of perspective Christians need when making decisions about life, faith, and generosity?
2. **Present Pressures:** The needs and pressures right in front of us can easily become the loudest voice in the room. What tends to pull your focus most strongly toward the present, and how does that shape the way you think about generosity?
3. **Greater Purpose:** Eternal perspective does not make present life less important; it helps us live the present with greater purpose. How might that change the way we think about our money, time, comfort, and future?
4. **Unseen Fruit:** Generosity often asks us to trust God with outcomes we may not fully see. Where have you seen a faithful investment, financial or otherwise, bear fruit over time?
5. **Lasting Impact:** Sacrifice can feel difficult in the moment, even when it is connected to something meaningful. What helps you remember that faithfulness can matter beyond what you can immediately measure?
6. **Future Generations:** A campaign season invites us to think not only about what is needed now, but also about what God may do through this church in the years ahead. How does thinking about future ministry, future disciples, and future generations shape the way you view generosity?
7. **Guided Faithfulness:** The goal is not to be driven by pressure, but to be guided by eternal perspective. What might God be inviting you to see, strengthen, or reframe as you consider what faithfulness looks like in this season?
8. **One Step:** Living for what lasts often begins with one faithful decision in the present. What is one step you could take this week that reflects trust in God's eternal purposes more than confidence in what you can see right now?

WEEK FIVE

The Antidote

September 20



BIG IDEA

Generosity helps us enjoy God's gifts without being ruled by them.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

1 Timothy 6:17–19

Materialism rarely feels dangerous at first. Most of the time, it just feels normal. We live in a world that constantly tells us we need more, deserve more, and will finally be satisfied when we have more. Scripture does not shame us for receiving God's good gifts, but it does warn us not to place our hope in wealth. Money and possessions can be useful gifts, but they were never meant to carry the weight of our security, identity, or joy.

Generosity is one of God's gracious ways of freeing us. Giving helps loosen our attachment to more and turns our hearts toward a greater Person and a greater purpose. It teaches us to enjoy God's gifts without being ruled by them. The visible gift may be financial, but the deeper gift is freedom. What kind of freedom? A heart becoming less controlled by fear, comparison, accumulation, or the constant pull to keep more for ourselves.

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, free my heart from the pull of more. Teach me to enjoy Your gifts without placing my hope in them. Help me practice generosity as an act of worship, surrender, and freedom. Make me rich in good works and ready to share what You have entrusted to me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, make us a church that finds our hope in You, not in what we have. Free us from materialism and form us into a generous people. Help us use what You have given us to serve others, strengthen ministry, and point people toward true life in Christ. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. True Hope: Paul invites believers to place their hope in God, who richly provides. Why do you think wealth can so quietly begin to feel like a source of security, identity, or confidence?
2. Pull of More: The desire for more can be hard to recognize because it often feels normal in the culture around us. Where do you most often feel that pull, and how does it affect your contentment?
3. Grateful Enjoyment: Scripture invites us to enjoy God's good gifts without asking them to become our hope. What is the difference between receiving those gifts with gratitude and looking to them for security?
4. Loosened Grip: Generosity can turn our attention outward and upward. How have you experienced, or seen in someone else, the way giving, serving, or sharing can bring greater freedom?
5. Ready to Share: Paul calls God's people to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. What could that look like in ordinary life, beyond a single financial gift?
6. Honest Response: A campaign season can bring a range of honest responses to the surface. As you think about generosity, what do you notice in yourself right now: freedom, resistance, fear, joy, hesitation, curiosity, or something else?
7. Reordered Hope: The goal is not to feel guilty about what you have, but to let God draw your hope more deeply into Him. What might He be inviting you to see or reframe so you can enjoy His gifts with greater freedom?
8. Concrete Obedience: Generosity often grows through one concrete act of obedience. What is one practical step you could take this week to practice generosity as freedom, worship, and trust?



WEEK SIX

Raise the Standard

September 27



BIG IDEA

Together, our generosity becomes worship, trust, formation, and participation.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

2 Corinthians 9:6–11

Generosity is not merely about funding a project. It is about participating in what God is doing in and through His people. Buildings, ministry space, and practical resources matter because people matter. They serve children, students, families, neighbors, new believers, future leaders, and people we may never personally meet. Some of what is given today may bear fruit in lives and stories we may not fully see, but God sees it all.

As we continue together on this journey of generosity, the invitation is not pressure, comparison, or guilt. It is shared faithfulness. We began by remembering that everything comes from God. We considered how treasure shapes the heart, how eternity changes our perspective, how present faithfulness matters, and how generosity frees us from the pull of more. Now we respond together, asking the Lord, “What would joyful, faithful generosity look like for me in this season?” The visible gift may be financial, but the deeper gift is worship, trust, formation, and participation in what God is building among us.

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, thank You for inviting me to participate in what You are building. Show me what joyful, faithful generosity looks like in this season. Help me respond with trust, gratitude, courage, and love. Continue forming my heart for all the days of my life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, unite us around Your purposes. Help us participate together with joy, humility, and faith. Use what we give, what we pray, and who we are becoming for the good of others and for Your glory. May this season strengthen our church and bless future generations. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. **Shaped Understanding:** This devotional journey has invited us to see generosity as more than a financial response. How has your understanding of generosity been shaped, stretched, or clarified over these weeks?
2. **Faithful Response:** Paul connects generosity with faith, joy, provision, and thanksgiving in 2 Corinthians 9:6–11. What phrase or idea from this passage feels most important as you consider your own response?
3. **Shared Participation:** Generosity is not merely about funding a project; it is about participating in what God is doing. How does that distinction change the way you think about this campaign and your role in it?
4. **Future Fruit:** Some of what we give today may bless people and ministries we may never personally see. What makes it meaningful to invest in future disciples, future families, future leaders, and future gospel impact?
5. **Shared Faithfulness:** The goal is not equal gifts, but shared faithfulness. How does that truth help us move away from comparison and toward a more prayerful, personal response?
6. **Church Witness:** A shared response becomes part of our church's worship and witness. What could God form in our church if we respond together with humility, joy, courage, and trust?
7. **Heart Revealed:** God often uses seasons of generosity to help us understand our hearts more clearly. What have you learned about your trust, fears, priorities, or hopes during this journey?
8. **Prayerful Step:** The final question is not simply, "What will I give?" but "Lord, what does joyful faithfulness look like for me?" What is one prayerful step you believe God is inviting you to take as this devotional ends?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are you asking me to do?

We are asking every person at Grace to prayerfully consider three things.

First, **Pray**. Pray for our church, for our leaders, for this initiative, and for what God may be inviting you personally to give.

Second, **Participate**. Participate, not as a spectator, but as part of the body. More Than is a shared act of worship, trust, and investment in what God is doing in and through Grace.

Third, **Give**. Give in a way that stretches your faith and reflects a heart surrendered to the Lord.

We are not asking everyone to give the same amount. We are asking everyone to seek the Lord honestly and take the step He puts before them.

Who decided on this vision and financial goal?

This vision has been shaped over many years by our Elders and Leadership Team through prayer, planning, conversation, and discernment.

We have looked back with gratitude at what God has already done through Grace, and we are looking ahead to where He may be leading us next.

The financial goal reflects both the real cost of the work before us and what we believe is possible as our church family steps forward together in faith.

Will we go into debt?

Potentially. Our Leadership is committed to a conservative, responsible approach to managing our finances, including debt. We do not view debt as inherently bad and have taken on loans in previous building campaigns. We are currently debt-free and we will not take on debt that compromises Grace's ongoing ministry or financial health.

It feels like we already have extra space. Why do we need more?

When you look around the Worship Center on a Sunday morning, it may seem like we have plenty of room. But Sunday morning is only part of the story.

Grace is active all week long. Our midweek ministries are growing, our discipleship spaces are stretched, and we regularly have to turn down outside ministries and community partners who ask to use our campus. When we built the Worship Center, we thought beyond what Grace needed at that moment.

We are not building simply because we need more seats on Sunday. We are building because God is giving Grace the opportunity to do more ministry.

How will the money be managed and reported?

Because More Than is a One Fund initiative, all giving will flow through Grace's regular financial systems. Your gifts will support the full ministry of Grace, including our ongoing ministries, mission commitments, and the building project. Our finance team, elders, and church Leadership will oversee how funds are allocated.

We are committed to stewarding these resources with integrity, wisdom, and transparency.

What is current giving like at Grace?

We are deeply grateful for the faithful and ongoing generosity of our church family. God has used the giving of His people to sustain and strengthen the ministry of Grace for many years.

At the same time, we realize that as a church we all have an opportunity to grow in this area of discipleship - from those who have never trusted God in this area of financial giving to those who have been giving for a long time.

Even if we were not building anything, we would still want to call our church to grow in generosity, because trusting God with our finances is good for us. It loosens our grip on what was never really ours to begin with and helps us become more like Christ in all of life.

When will construction begin?

Our current best estimate is early 2027.

As with any major project, the timeline will depend on permitting, design, construction planning, giving, and other factors. We will continue to communicate updates clearly as the process develops.

How will Sundays and midweek ministries be affected during construction?

This will be a major project and there will be some inconvenience and disruption during construction. We are carefully thinking about how to use our existing spaces well, how to minimize the impact on Sundays and midweek ministries, and how to keep ministry moving forward throughout the process.

We will communicate clearly and well in advance of any major changes. And as we walk through this season together, we will ask for patience, flexibility, and a shared commitment to the mission God has given us.

What if I am new to Grace?

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

The More Than initiative is an invitation, not a requirement, for membership or participation in the life of our church. We encourage you to pray and ask God how He may be leading you to participate.

Keep getting to know Grace – our people, our mission, our ministries, and what God is doing here. Then ask the Lord what role He wants you to play.

What if I am currently in debt? Am I still supposed to give?

Scripture takes debt seriously, and so do we. If you are carrying significant debt, your first step may be to make a plan to pay it down. We don't want anyone to give in a way that creates financial distress or neglects responsibilities.

At the same time, generosity is a matter of the heart. Pray about what is wise and faithful for your situation. That may mean starting small, giving consistently, or asking God to provide as you trust Him. If you need help, let us know. We have people at Grace who would be glad to pray with you and help you think wisely about budgeting and stewardship.

What if I am not currently employed or my finances are limited?

Your value to God and your participation at Grace are not tied to what you can give. The widow's two coins were precious to Jesus because of the heart behind them (Mark 12:41–44). If finances are tight, the most faithful thing may be to pray and trust God for His provision.

If God leads you to give, even a small amount, do so joyfully and without feeling forced. If you are experiencing hardship, we would love to support you with prayer, encouragement, and practical help.

What if I do not want to give to the church?

If you have questions, concerns, or hesitation about giving to More Than, we would genuinely welcome a conversation. Whether your hesitation is about the vision, money, past experiences with church, or something else, we would be glad to sit down, listen, answer what we can, and pray with you.

We do believe giving to your local church is a meaningful part of belonging to that church family. If you consider Grace your church home, giving here should be an intentional expression of worship, trust, and shared commitment to the mission that God has given us together.

Our desire is not to pressure anyone, but to help each of us follow Jesus with greater honesty, freedom, and faith, and to experience the gift of generosity as we become more like Christ together.

KEY DATES

MORE THAN SERIES BEGINS

Sunday, Aug. 23

ADVANCE COMMITMENT EVENING OF WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept. 13

COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Sunday, Sept. 27

CAMPAIGN RESULT CELEBRATION

Sunday, Nov. 1

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