

Growing Together

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

A Note from the Pastor

On August 29, 2021 many of us were privileged to gather in the new Fellowship Center to celebrate the opening of our new expansion. It was a long-anticipated and remarkable moment in the history of Calvary Bible Church to see a room full of God's people gathered to **WORSHIP**, **GROW**, and **SERVE** God and one another for the advance of Christ's Kingdom. So many of you prayed and contributed to help fulfill the vision of meeting the space needs of our growing discipleship ministries. We were reminded that although many faithful servants at Calvary have sacrificed to see this project to the goal line, it was God who has brought this to pass. **God did this.** Calvary Bible Church is God's church and grasping God's ownership of our lives and church is foundational to what it means for each of us to be faithful stewards. Jesus calls his people to spiritual stewardship when he says, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19). We can't take our treasures with us to heaven, but we can send them on ahead by investing in His Kingdom! When grace-saturated, eternity-oriented disciples lovingly utilize God's money and possessions, we are storing up treasures in heaven and advancing Christ's Kingdom on earth!

Storing up treasures in heaven requires sacrifice. It requires giving above and beyond what we're already giving to the Lord's work. We don't all have the ability to give great sums of money, but we all have the opportunity to give meaningfully and sacrificially of what we have. With this in mind, we are asking each member of the congregation to pray this prayer daily throughout our capital campaign:

*"Lord, how would you have me invest in what you are doing at Calvary Bible Church?
Please help me discern a sacrifice for our capital campaign that is meaningful and joyful."*

We look forward to seeking the Lord, and **Growing Together** as a church as we enter our next season of ministry.



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Note: Check out the last page of this devotional guide to review our reasons for this project.

Growing Together

Day 1 - Called To Be Living Stones

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24—READ COLOSSIANS 4:12-13

“Epaphras is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, and be mature.” (Colossians 4:12)

Wrestling is an ancient sport. In the first century, wrestlers struggled for their lives, not for television ratings. In the language of the day, the wrestling ring was called the *agone* and the wrestlers were called antagonists. This is the word-image that Paul uses to describe the work of prayer from Epaphras, a spiritual leader of the Colossian church. Paul tells the church that Epaphras wrestles in prayer for them. We understand Paul’s wordplay if we say that Epaphras agonizes in prayer for them. What a powerful, biblical image. Jacob wrestled with the angel all night for a blessing (Genesis 32:24-31). And Jesus prayed so fervently in the Garden of Gethsemane that his sweat became like drops of blood (Luke 22:41-44). What is so important that Epaphras would pray so passionately? That the Colossian church would grow in their knowledge of God’s will and in their maturity of faith.

1 Peter emphasizes that God calls us to be living stones. “You yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5). The process of life lived as living stones will not be, nor should it be, short-lived. Like Jacob, you may spend more than one restless night wrestling for an answer from God. The church flourishes when people earnestly pray to seek God’s will. Would you be willing to pray, to wrestle hard, for the future of our church and your role in it? How is God calling you to be a living stone at Calvary Bible Church?

This capital campaign is a call to prayer. Over the next few weeks, we will be encouraged to reflect on a simple question, “**Lord, what would you do**

through me to make Your will happen at Calvary Bible Church?” Genuinely reflecting on this question will mean prayerfully wrestling with God’s will for our individual lives and His will for the body of Christ here at Calvary Bible Church. This is an opportunity to exercise your faith more fully. By its nature, the struggle to respond faithfully will not be easy. As Paul would later say of Epaphras, “I vouch for him that he is working hard for you.”

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, lead me in prayer to wrestle hard to seek Your will. May I, like Jacob, hold fast to You so I may understand how You want me to be a living stone to build Your church.

ACTION ITEM: As part of this campaign, will you decide now to make a prayerful decision about your role as a living stone in our church? Set aside specific time (at least 15 minutes) every day during this campaign to spend in prayer and reflection using this devotional guide. Make an appointment with yourself and God to pray as you work through this devotional for the next 20 days.



Day 2 - Ask, Seek, Knock

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25—READ LUKE 11:9-11

“And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.” (Luke 11:9)

Jesus offers His disciples a model for a significant prayer journey: Ask. Seek. Knock. These requirements involve taking time, giving attention, listening, looking, and searching through prayer. A journey of prayer leads us deep into new paths of seeking God’s plan for our lives. Along those paths, we discover doorways—places where choices and decisions are made.

What is the vision that we believe God has laid out for building His Church? In our recent preaching series about the church, Pastor Keith highlighted Acts 2:42, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers.” Throughout the book of Acts, we see the church gathering and scattering. They gathered to **WORSHIP** together, to **GROW** spiritually, and to **SERVE** one another. They scattered throughout the world to **SHARE** the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

At CBC, we have always been passionate about worshipping together, studying God’s Word, celebrating communion together, and praying with one another. However, we have often lacked the space to do this. With the recent expansion, we have the ability to fellowship together on Sunday mornings and throughout the week in ways we never imagined. We now have room to serve and grow through the various ministries that benefit from these new spaces. This is very exciting! But this is not the end; it is just the beginning. We need living stones to participate, lead, teach, serve others, scatter and share the gospel, and financially support it all. These are the doorways that we are

asking you to pray and ask how God will use you as a living stone. Ask. Seek. Knock. Search for God’s will in your life.

Knocking on the doors that God would open to us may lead us down paths we never imagined. We do not know what God has in store for us when we begin such a journey, but one thing is certain: such a journey of prayer will change our lives!

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, I seek Your will and Your way in my life. Lead me down Your paths for Your name’s sake. Show me how I can be a living stone to build Your kingdom.

ACTION ITEM: Capture your journey of prayer commitment by journaling your adventure. Record the process as you ask, seek, and knock in your prayer time with the Lord over the coming weeks.



Day 3 - The Sower

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26—READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

“The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

When a church has a capital campaign, many people have similar questions. What are we building? What will the building look like? What amount of debt is involved? What is the benefit to me or my family? What is being asked of me? All of those “what” questions are understandable, but they are the least important questions to ask. In this campaign, the most important question is not what, but **WHY**. Why did we expand facilities? Why are we expanding ministries? Why are we willing to invest so much into our ministry? Why is our church here? Why am I here?

Our desire at CBC is not to build structures just to have a nice building or expand ministries to simply be a bigger church. Rather, we give our lives to a God-given purpose, a higher calling. Our ministries help prepare the soil of our hearts to receive the seeds that God plants in our lives. We are planting seeds in order to reap the great, eternal harvest.

The agricultural reference of sowing and reaping appears throughout Scripture. We sow the seeds of the gospel everywhere we go. As a farmer knows, the seed must be sown generously in order to receive the blessings of a great harvest. Our desire is to sow the seeds of the gospel generously and grow in our faith as we lead our friends and family to become disciples of Christ.

Like seeds, we grow together spiritually as we study God’s Word, serve one another in our ministries, and bear fruit through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The seeds of the gospel conform us to His likeness. The harvest comes as non-believers give their lives to Christ, we see lives transformed, and

we are sanctified to become more like Christ. The resources raised provide the necessary space and tools to help us gather together to **WORSHIP, GROW,** and **SERVE**. Once we become equipped together, we seek to change lives as we scatter to **SHARE** the gospel of Jesus Christ.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, grow my passion to sow the seeds of the gospel generously. You have brought me here for a reason. Show me what You would do through me. Help me to sow eternal seeds for Your kingdom in order to be a part of your great harvest.

ACTION ITEM: As you think about gathering as a church to **WORSHIP, GROW,** and **SERVE** together, make a list of why this is important. How do you believe people will be blessed and changed through the ministries of Calvary Bible Church? When you focus on the why question, how important do these ministries and activities become to you? How are you sowing seeds in order to be a part of the great, eternal harvest?



Day 4 - God is Calling

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27—READ 1 SAMUEL 3:1-11

“Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.” (1 Samuel 3:9)

In the time of Samuel, the Bible says, “The word of the Lord was rare in those days, and visions were not widespread.” People often feel the same way today. Who has heard God call their name? Who has heard God speak a word to them? What great, godly vision drives your life? Like those days, many people think that the word of the Lord is rare. They think the word of the Lord only comes to people like pastors who are somehow specially called. Oftentimes, people think that God has no word, no calling, no vision for us. However, like the boy Samuel, we may not be listening well. We believe there is a word from the Lord for each of us in this campaign. Through His Spirit, He will specially call each one of us to contribute to accomplishing His will at Calvary Bible Church.

God speaks to us in many ways. Through the Bible, He reveals Himself and His will. In Acts 2:42, God reveals through His Word that a primary purpose of the church is to gather together in order to **WORSHIP**, **GROW**, and **SERVE** as a community of believers. When we worship God, we focus on who He is, what He has done for us, and how He is building His kingdom. Through worship, we pause, reflect, and ponder God’s power and majesty. In response, we devote our heart, mind, and soul to Him. When we draw close to God in worship, we become prepared to listen for His call and recognize how we can be a part of His plan.

Every Christian has a calling. In fact, every Christian has several callings as well as God-given gifts, graces, and blessings to respond to those callings. Every Christian is called to be a faithful steward of the talents, time, and resources God has blessed

upon them. Being a faithful steward is a personal calling, revealed to us through the Scriptures. It is a calling that comes with our name attached. Responding to God’s call is actually part of our worship. We acknowledge who He is, what He has done, and then we join Him in His work. Recognizing who God is causes us to wake up and listen for God’s voice. In response to His call, we **GROW** in our faith, **SERVE** one another, and scatter to **SHARE** the gospel.

God is worthy of our worship. He is the all-powerful creator of the universe, yet He loves each of us beyond measure! Worship leads to gratitude which causes us to ask, “How can I be a part of the eternal harvest?” and “How can I be a sower in His Kingdom?”

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, teach me not only to say Samuel’s prayer, “Speak, for your servant is listening,” but to listen and do Your will.

ACTION ITEM: List where you hear God’s word (in Scripture, in worship, in prayer, through other faithful people, etc.). In your daily prayer time and your journaling, make note of the ways that God is revealing His will to you and how He wants you to **worship**, **grow**, and **serve** at Calvary Bible Church.



Day 5 - When Little Becomes Much

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28—READ MATTHEW 14:13-21 AND JOHN 6:1-11

“There is a boy here with five loaves and two fish, but what are they among so many people?” (John 6:9)

Jesus had been with the crowds all day, ministering to people’s needs. It was getting late, past supper-time, and frankly, the disciples were tired of dealing with all the people. “Send the crowds away,” the disciples told Jesus, “Let them go home and take care of themselves for a while. Surely you do not expect us to be responsible for all of their needs?”

When a church is challenged with growing needs, it is easy to say, “Just send the crowds away. Surely it is not our responsibility to minister to all of these people.” It is easy to say that to your fellow disciples who are also ready to go home for supper. Don’t try saying that to Jesus! Jesus’ response was clear: “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” The disciples looked at a crowd of more than 5,000 wondering, “how can we meet that kind of need?”

Calvary Bible Church has a long history of people being called by Jesus to meet the needs of the crowd both voluntarily and vocationally. Ministries like AWANA, Children’s Ministry, Women’s Ministry, Men’s Ministry, C-Team, SWAT, New Commandment, Blended and Blessed, Grief Share, Equipping Classes, Threads of Hope, Villages of Hope, and more exist because humble, willing people have responded to God’s call and stepped out in faith. Rather than sending the crowds away, faithful people have stepped forward to meet the needs of those around them. We are so grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of those who have gone before us at CBC! God has used them in immeasurable ways.

Meeting the needs of the crowd can be overwhelming. As Philip says in John’s account,

“Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them even to get a little!” Seeing the need and determined to do what he could, a boy gave five loaves and two fish. What was his gift among so many people? Jesus took the gift, blessed it, and the crowd of more than 5,000 was fed. Needs are met when a person makes a gift of the best they can offer and asks Jesus to bless and use that gift.

The need may seem overwhelming. Your gift may appear to be inadequate. But all Jesus asks is the best that you can offer. When you give your best to Jesus, expect a miracle. Expect God’s grace to work in and through you, and in and through other people, to accomplish more than you imagined.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, I humbly offer myself to be used by You in the _____ ministry. With Your blessing and Your grace, multiply my gifts to make more difference than I can imagine.

ACTION ITEM: Begin now to think about your part, your gift, both in our church and in this campaign. Start the conversation that asks, “Lord, what would you do through me to meet the needs of the crowd?”



Day 6 - Eternal vs. Temporary Treasures

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29—READ MATTHEW 6:19-21 AND LUKE 19:1-9

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

We tend to grow uncomfortable when the church talks about our time or our money. Why? Are decisions about how we live and how we use these resources unimportant? Is our faith supposed to be separate from our time or finances? God desires that our time and finances be spent on eternal things. He challenges us to an eternal perspective. He wants us to believe in Him, pray, love one another, and give of ourselves towards His work. Look at a revealing count of these New Testament words:

Believe, Believing: 275 times
Pray, Praying: 371 times
Love, Loves, Loving: 714 times
Giving, Give: **2,162 times**

Jesus knew that our treasures and our hearts are inseparably linked. For Him, talking about treasure was to reach for the full allegiance of people’s hearts. Jesus knew that dealing with our treasure is one of those critical places where the rubber meets the road—where the practicality of our faith is tested and where what we believe becomes tangible and real.

Remember the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19? We have no idea what happened between Jesus and Zacchaeus other than they had dinner together. But we know that Jesus dramatically changed that man’s heart. How do we know that? Follow the money! It reveals the change in his heart. Look at what happened with Zacchaeus’ treasure. Half of what he possessed he gave immediately. Every wrong he set to make right. Seeing where the treasure went, Jesus exclaimed, “Today salvation has come to this house!”

Maybe we are uncomfortable with talk about how we spend our time and money because that conversation reveals the actual trajectory of our heart and faith. Maybe we are uncomfortable because we are afraid our fleshly desires won’t be met, rather than recognizing the real treasure Christ provides. Where are your treasures being laid up? In temporary earthly things? Or are they being laid up in heaven by building God’s kingdom?

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, teach me to love You with all my heart and with all my life. Let my giving and my time reflect a treasure that has eternal value in Your sight!

ACTION ITEM: Sketch out a simple budget of where your treasures are—where your time, talents, and financial resources go. Evaluate how you are spending them. Now write down your current investment in God’s eternal kingdom. How does your giving to God’s work and the time you invest in the ministries of the church compare to your investment in other treasures? What type of legacy do you hope to leave based on the use of your time and resources? What adjustments are in order?



Day 7 - A Great Act of Faith

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30—READ MARK 12:41-44

*“Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned.”
(Mark 12:43)*

After a long morning of teaching in the temple courtyard, Jesus took a break with his disciples. Sitting right across from the treasury, their gazes drifted over to observe many people who were making their offerings. Never one to miss a teachable moment, Jesus asked his disciples about what they had seen: “Who put in more?” is the implied question. The answer is obvious to anyone reading or watching—those who gave the greatest sums put in more. Jesus turns the tables on the obvious, teaching His disciples an important principle of giving. Giving is not measured by dollar amounts. Giving is measured by how much we step out in faith to give a portion of our resources and of ourselves back to God to build His kingdom.

Those who gave large sums offered out of their surplus—gifts they would never even miss. Although it was just a penny, this widow’s offering meant the world to her. Her gift affected her life. Her seemingly small gift is the one Jesus singles out for praise. She put in more of herself than all of the others. She must have had incredible faith to believe that God was calling her to something eternal and would provide for her every need!

Commitments are not about equality, but about stepping out in faith to trust that our sacrifice for God is far more important than anything else we can do. Not everyone has the resources to make what the world would describe as a large gift; but every person has the ability and opportunity to meaningfully step out in faith and invest themselves in what God is doing in and through our church. After all, “The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord” (Psalm 24:1).

Did the widow’s gift have a greater impact toward the needs of the temple or did it have a greater impact on her own faith in God? Giving our time and resources for God’s purposes requires an extra measure of faith. It asks us to trust God’s plans and commands for our lives and rely on Him no matter what the cost. Those who gave out of their abundance were not changed by their gift. The widow’s gift was an act of great faith that showed her willingness to walk according to God’s plan, no matter what the perceived cost.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, each and every gift makes a difference in Your church. Teach me to have the faith to trust You and give in ways that make a difference in Your eternal kingdom.

ACTION ITEM: Whether you measure the gift of your time, talents, or treasures to be large or small, stop trying to compare to others. Put that kind of measuring away! Every gift from every person is immeasurably significant if that gift represents a commitment to the Lord’s eternal work. Begin to ask this question: Lord, what sacrificial gift would you have me give toward your eternal work?



Day 8 - Conformed or Transformed?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31—READ ROMANS 12:1-2

“Offer yourselves as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is.” (Romans 12:1-2)

These verses in Romans demonstrate that we are the living body of Christ. Peter called us to be living stones, and now Paul calls us to be living sacrifices. Living objects are active, growing, and reproducing. If not, these living objects will move towards a state of decline and eventual death. Paul calls us to be living sacrifices, actively being transformed through God’s Word and through doing God’s will for our lives. This is contrasted with being conformed to the world.

What values do you conform to? Where do you reshape yourself in order to fit in? Anything advertised to make us the greatest, the most successful, the most satisfied, or the most comfortable can capture us and conform us to its particular set of values. When we are conformed, we take the shape of the object we are emulating. But when we are transformed by God, we take the shape of a new object—Jesus Christ!

In the Old Testament, sacrifices required a lamb to die and the result was only temporary. Jesus offers us the opportunity to be a *living* sacrifice. What a contrast! Instead of needing to die, we are offered life—eternal life. True life comes through being a living sacrifice as we transform our lives to be like Jesus and live with eternal purpose in all we do. How do we do this? In part, it’s through living life in Christ together as a church body. We gather to **WORSHIP**, **GROW**, and **SERVE** together and then scatter to **SHARE** the good news of the gospel. As Paul tells us in Romans, we renew our minds through the study of His Word. Just as a seed transforms into a plant or tree and then bears fruit, as we grow together we are transformed into a living sacrifice for Christ.

Paul calls us to give ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice. A sacrifice, by definition, gives its all—it gives everything. Otherwise, it cannot be called a sacrifice. How are you being transformed to give your all for Christ and live out His will? What standard are you using in your life to know whether you are truly being transformed? How is God’s Word entering your mind and changing you? Are you conformed to this world or are you being transformed?

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, lead me to be a living sacrifice. Help me to grow spiritually by being transformed by Your Word and the power of Christ’s redemptive work on the cross. Reset my priorities to align with Your will. Transform my mind and my life to Your eternal purposes!

ACTION ITEM: Think about the things you are currently being conformed to. What are you stubborn about? What is so important to you that it keeps you from doing things according to God’s plan? Write those things down, and then make a commitment to be transformed by God’s Word to His will for your life.



Day 9 – One Body But Many Parts

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1—READ I CORINTHIANS 12:4-31

“For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body – so also is Christ.” (I Corinthians 12:12)

Have you ever had an injury, a surgery, or even lost an important part of your body? Most people have experienced some sort of injury or pain that caused them to marvel at how important an organ, appendage, or joint is to a healthy, fully-functioning body. Even something as simple as losing a big toe can radically change a person’s life! Whether it be a loss of hearing, joint pain, diminished eyesight, a missing tooth, or even a splinter, the rest of our body suffers when one part is missing or not functioning properly.

The Bible goes to great lengths to describe how the church is a body. This body has many parts even though it is one body. Our passage makes several important points: We all belong to the body of Christ (vs. 14-17). God has arranged each part of the body just as He wants (vs. 18). We all need each other (vs. 19-21). There should be no division in the body regarding our roles (vs. 22-25). And finally, when one member of the body suffers, we all suffer. If one member rejoices, we should all rejoice (vs. 26).

Why is this concept of being the body of Christ, the Church, so important? Let’s explore this through the word *synergy*. Synergy is a word best understood when parsed. *Ergo* is Greek for work, while the prefix *syn* means together. When merged, the words mean “working together.” However, there is more. Synergy is better understood to mean that the result accomplished together is greater than the individual parts. Sports teams demonstrate the meaning of synergy. Playing together makes them better than competing individually. In contrast, one team member’s failure can cause everyone to lose. One musician not in concert with the orchestra can ruin

the song. The most important piece of a jigsaw puzzle is the piece that is missing; every part is important in order to see the whole picture. The same is true of a body. A body can be greatly diminished, or even experience death, when one organ is not functioning properly or is missing!

What does this mean in the church? It means we each have a vital role to play. There are endless distractions that might keep us from ministering in the church or participating in a capital campaign. Whether it be the distractions of technology, the busyness of life, a lack of confidence, past experiences, conflicting priorities, the list could go on and on. Yet, without each member, we are not the body of Christ. Your participation in the mission of this church is unquestionably significant. Together we are the church, not individually. We cannot be the body of Christ if we are missing parts of the body! God has a role for you.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, help me to see the importance of building our church together with fellow believers as I am an important part of the body of Christ.

ACTION ITEM: Write down what part of the body you are in this church. How has God gifted you as an important part of this body? How does He want you to use your gifts?



Day 10 - Joy Leads to Generosity

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2—READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-11

“They gave themselves first to the Lord, and, by the will of God, then to us.” (2 Corinthians 8:5)

Over the years, many from our congregation have participated in mission trips to the Villages of Hope in Zambia. This ministry provides housing, food, clothing, education, and vocational training to orphaned children who have lost both parents to the ravages of AIDS. Every time a team returns, we always hear the same thing: “I couldn’t believe how joyful the children were! They have nothing and have suffered so much loss, but I’ve never seen such joy-filled people in my entire life!” In 2 Corinthians 8:2, Paul states, “During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.” In verse 5 we see, “They gave themselves first to the Lord, and, by the will of God, then to us.” From these passages, and from the children at the Villages of Hope, we learn a fundamental principle: Joy rarely comes from great abundance and lack of trials. Instead, great joy comes from faith rooted in Christ and through serving others in their need. These are our spiritual riches! As verse 9 goes on to say, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” We could write a mathematical equation, or recipe, for 2 Corinthians 8:2 like this:

Trials + Affliction + Poverty + Great Joy = Generosity

But how can this be? This goes against everything we are taught by the world. This isn’t exactly the American dream. Let’s think about this another way. Have you ever seen a child who has been given everything, is never told no, and never receives any discipline?

Shouldn’t a child like this be the happiest person in the world? Yet the exact opposite is true. These are some of the most miserable, joyless children you’ve ever met. And, you certainly don’t want to be around them!

Getting back to 2 Corinthians 8, Paul challenges us to rediscover our source of joy and the privilege of giving to the work of the Lord. Rather than wait for abundance and lack of trials to get involved in kingdom work, let’s do as the Macedonian church who “gave themselves *first* to the Lord, and by the will of God, then to us.” A stewardship decision is first and foremost a faith commitment, not a financial calculation. It’s a commitment to **SERVE** together in God’s kingdom through the ministries of the local church. They gave themselves first to the Lord. That is the place to begin a stewardship decision.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, first let me give myself more fully to You. Then, let me give generously, despite my trials and afflictions, as my joy in the hope of Christ radiates through my life.

ACTION ITEM: Instead of rushing to the calculator or the budget, answer these questions: What is the source of joy in my life? How do my trials and afflictions draw me near or away from God? Am I giving myself to the Lord first and then serving others whenever possible? How can I give myself more fully to God in order to build His church?



Day 11 - Stewardship Prayer

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3—READ MATTHEW 6:5-19

“This, then, is how you should pray. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:9-10)

Throughout the Bible we see the use of the term steward. This isn't a term that is used very often these days, and most of us don't have a good word picture of what it means. In Genesis 43-44, when Joseph was second in command to Pharaoh, he had a steward who carried out his every request. The role of the steward was to manage his household and ensure that everything was being taken care of according to Joseph's expectations. Whenever Joseph gave the steward a command, he carried it out faithfully. A good steward faithfully manages a house or a business for the benefit of the master. As part of our **Growing Together** spiritual journey, we are seeking God in order to become good stewards of His house—the church.

God asks us to step out in faith and become stewards of His house. When we choose to make a stewardship decision by faith, then the next step is to seek His will. “They gave themselves first to the Lord, and, by the will of God, then to us” (2 Cor. 8:5). Seeking God's will means aligning your decisions and your life with His. Seeking God's will means understanding God's input and guidance and then submitting to His plan for you. It means genuinely asking, “Lord, what do you want me to do as part of causing your will to happen in our church?”

Where does one ask for God's guidance and seek God's will? How does one seek God to understand their role as stewards in His house? These things happen as you spend time in intentional prayer. A stewardship decision is a prayerful commitment centered on what God wants. It becomes much more than just giving money; it means taking ownership of God's house and managing it

according to His plan. A good steward takes time in prayer to listen and learn what God's will is for His kingdom. The steward submits to the Lord's will, jumps to action when called, and takes ownership over the responsibilities and gifts he's been given to manage.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, I want to honor Your name. Speak to me! Let Your will be done in me and through me as Your steward. Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done in my life and in our church.

ACTION ITEM: Listen well over the next week as a good steward. Make notes in your journal of the ways you sense God leading you to be a good steward of His house as you seek Him in prayer and through the Scriptures.



Day 12 - Excel in Everything

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4—READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-8

“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in the love we inspired in you—see that you abound in this gracious work of giving also. I am not speaking this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love.” (2 Corinthians 8:7-8)

Stewardship is the point where our faith and our actions intersect—where what we believe and what we do join together. To put it simply, it means walking the walk as well as talking the talk. Now that we have made a faith commitment and are earnestly seeking God’s will in prayer, it is time to turn what we are learning and hearing into practice. We are on a spiritual journey—finding ways to be sowers of the seeds of the gospel, finding ways to **WORSHIP**, **GROW**, and **SERVE** together, and seeking the eternal harvest that comes from being a part of God’s kingdom. Let’s ask, “Okay Lord, what have you equipped me and blessed me to do?” What resources have you entrusted to me? How can I think creatively about giving—beyond the narrow box of my income and expenses—in order to give of myself fully? Are there assets beyond my monthly income that I can give? Can I find ways to serve with my time, talents, and gifts? Am I using my time wisely? What are my priorities? How are they changing through this spiritual journey?

NOTES:

Does my faith commitment lead me to reprioritize my life, evaluate my time, and thus, free up resources for serving and giving?

Talking to the church in Corinth, Paul knows giving is not the starting point. The great joy that comes from a life of growing and serving with Christ changes our heart. Giving is one of the fruits that is produced in our lives out of this great joy. But, as Paul understands, giving is a test of the heart in action, a test of the genuineness of love. Giving is where what we believe gets real. It is time to be a good steward.

PRAYER: Lord, I have heard Your Word. Help me to be a doer of Your Word.

ACTION ITEM: Make two lists. First, identify and give thanks for all that God has blessed you with. Second, list ways you can be a good steward of all that God has given to you. How can you step out in faith and “abound in this gracious work of giving also?” Use this list as a worksheet to help you determine your stewardship and giving commitments over the next week.



Day 13 - Sacrificial Stewardship

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5—READ 2 SAMUEL 24:18-25

“I will not offer a sacrifice to the Lord my God that costs me nothing.” (2 Samuel 24:24)

We are beyond the halfway point of our devotional journey. We have been learning from 2 Corinthians 8 that God wants us to first commit our lives to Him and then give generously to His kingdom as we serve one another in His church. Paul tells us that “Though he [Jesus] was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). He did this out of obedience to the Father. Following Jesus’ model, we first give ourselves to the Lord. We then pray for God’s will to be done in our lives. We become stewards of His house—the church. We examine our resources to find every way to make our faith real with our gifts. These gifts are part of a stewardship decision that reshapes our life—we are growing in “the gracious work of giving.”

A financial gift will make some difference to the church, but a stewardship decision is a gift that makes an eternal difference in you *and* the church. Through your stewardship, God is actually growing your faith and your commitment to Him. Stewardship is your gift back to God of what is already His. Such a gift will certainly cost you something. The prophet Gad commanded King David to offer a sacrifice so that God would hear their prayers and relent from the plague that was upon them. King David had an opportunity to make an easy sacrifice (or offering) to God. Araunah was going to give him everything—the threshing floor for the altar, the oxen, and even the wood for the sacrifice—for nothing. What a deal! But David realized that such a deal was really no sacrifice at all. It did not represent worship that honored his Lord and God. “I will not offer a sacrifice to the Lord my God which costs me nothing,” David said.

Offering yourself to God, giving sacrificially, does not come easy. It will cost you something. Does your stewardship and giving model the kind of commitment that would honor and worship God? Like Jesus, though we are rich, are we becoming poor so that others may become rich? Stewardship requires us to give up our earthly riches (time, talents, treasures) in order to invest in others (with our time, talents, treasures) so that they may become rich in Christ. God is calling us to exchange the temporal for the eternal, but it will require sacrifice.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, help me to give of myself in ways that mirror the sacrifices You have made for me. Let my sacrifices honor and worship You. Let my stewardship and my giving honor You as my Lord and my God.

ACTION ITEM: Reflect on this question: Does the stewardship of my time, talents, and treasures reflect the life of sacrifice that Jesus gave for me? Will others become rich through the sacrifices I am making for Christ?



Day 14 - Pruning = Fruit

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6—READ JOHN 15:1-9

“Every branch that bears fruit (God) prunes to make it bear more fruit.” (John 15:2)

How can I be a good steward? Maybe I need some pruning to cut back some overgrown areas of my life in order to bear better fruit for God’s kingdom. If you have ever grown grapes, then you will know that grapevines will naturally overextend themselves with prolific branching and leaf growth every year. If they are not pruned, all of the branching and leaf growth can completely cover an arbor in as little as two growing seasons. Unchecked growth, while great for covering up space, is terrible for bearing fruit. Such overgrown grapevines will bear tiny, unusable fruit—if it is able to bear fruit clusters at all. The extensive branching and leafing drain the resources and energy of the vine from its primary purpose: bearing fruit. Look at pictures of a well-kept vineyard whose purpose is to bear good fruit. You will see thick, decades-old grapevines pruned back to no more than four short branches so that all the energy of the plant is focused on growing great grapes.

Likewise, regular, heavy pruning is necessary for bearing good spiritual fruit. How overextended are the branches of your life? What have you branched out into? We often don’t realize how our branches have expanded as we try to cover all the bases in life. But in truth, such unmanaged growth can keep us from bearing eternal fruit. Ask yourself, “Where can I cut back so I can invest the time, energy, and resources available to me in order to bear the kind of good fruit in my life that matters?” Examine the pattern of growth of the branches of your life. How does this growth lead you to grow together with others in the ministries of the church? How does it help you serve one another in the ministries of the church?

No wonder Jesus says that God will prune our branches so that we bear much fruit.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, help my branches to abide more fully in You. Prune my branches to conform to Your will for my life. Re-shape my life to bear good fruit that would glorify You and build Your kingdom.

ACTION ITEM: Make a list of areas in your life that are overgrown or branching into temporal things. What branches need pruning? What might these resources be better invested in?



Day 15 - Untying Our Donkey

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—READ LUKE 19:29-35

“The owners said, ‘Why are you untying the donkey?’ (The disciples) said, ‘The Lord has need of it.’ (Luke 19:33-34)

Our prayer during this spiritual journey and capital campaign is that God would call people to the ministry of His church. We are asking our congregation to pray and consider being a part of the biblical model of gathering together as a church in order to **WORSHIP, GROW, and SERVE** while we scatter to **SHARE** the good news of Jesus. This requires us to first commit our lives to Christ and then serve others. Like Jesus, we become poor so that others become rich. You may be thinking, “I already serve in the church. I already give to the church. How can I find ways to serve or give more?”

Proverbs 3:9 encourages the faithful to “honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce.” Your time, talents, or treasure (your produce) may not be the only resource in your life to make a gift from. People often have valuable assets (your substance) beyond their income stream. By looking at all of your resources, not simply your income stream, you may discover assets or substance in your life which, if untied, can help you to give a far more substantial gift than you thought possible. In our expansion project, we have had members make significant contributions by finding equipment at auctions. Others have made a significant contribution by giving of their time and labor for the remodel. We have seen others donate their gifts of decorating or organizing. Some have donated other assets. Others have given up activities or amenities in order to redirect their resources to this project. Some have had garage sales and turned unused belongings into a gift for the project. Why did these people give of their time, talents, and treasures that had real value to them? It is simple—the Lord called them to do it. What

they were giving to meant far more to them than what they were giving up.

These people freed up resources that were tied up in the substance and activities of their lives. Untied, the substance which they had been blessed with could now be an even greater blessing as a gift. The owners in Luke’s gospel provided Jesus with a way into the city of Jerusalem. They had a donkey, and the Lord had need of it. Maybe it is time to untie your donkey; to free some of your substance for His kingdom purposes.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, help me to see how much I have been blessed in my life. Help me to see how giving of myself and my things to Your kingdom may allow Your work to grow.

ACTION ITEM: Do an inventory of your time, talents, and substance. Are there assets in your life that you could untie in order to broaden your giving?



Day 16 - Encouraging Others

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8—READ ACTS 4:32-37

“There was a man named Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”).” Acts 4:36

The name Joseph is such a fine name. In Hebrew, the name means “God’s added blessing.” This was the name for the cherished son of the patriarch Jacob. This was the name for Jesus’ earthly father. So why would the apostles give Joseph of Cypress a nickname like “Barnabas?” Barnabas, as described in Acts, means “son of encouragement.” Apparently, this Joseph was such an encourager that a new name was in order. When the early church needed money to underwrite its ministries, Joseph sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles. When Saul of Tarsus (renamed Paul) needed a friend to welcome him into the church he once persecuted, it was this Joseph who nurtured Paul into a ministry of his own. When the church needed to send someone to encourage the new believers among the gentiles, they sent this Joseph. When young Mark needed someone to believe in him and give him a second chance to serve as a missionary, Joseph encouraged him. Is it any wonder that all of Joseph’s friends called him Barnabas, “son of encouragement?”

Barnabas was able to encourage the brethren because he was available, he was faithful, and he actively loved others. Barnabas clearly gathered with the church to **WORSHIP, GROW, and SERVE**; and he scattered to **SHARE** the gospel. The church thrives when it has people like Barnabas—people who will be available to encourage and love others, participate in ministries, and generously underwrite the needs of the church. Our church needs leaders—people who will speak up, step up, and help encourage others to passionate ministry and generous giving. Each gift makes a difference to

the church, but so does your faith, your story, and your passion. Be a Barnabas! Not in order to boast, but in response to what Christ has done for you. Look for ways to encourage the faith of others by sharing your witness, your passion, and your faith. By doing so, you multiply God’s grace and influence the faithful response of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, help me to be so joyful about what I am doing to make a difference in Your kingdom that I become a bold witness and encouragement to others.

ACTION ITEM: Make a list of your spheres of influence—people with whom you connect regularly and whom you have the opportunity to encourage. Find at least one way to share your passion and your faith in Christ with them this week.



Day 17 - He Must Increase

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9—READ JOHN 3:22-30

“The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must increase, and I must decrease.” (John 3:29-30)

John the Baptist was a great man. In fact, Jesus stated in Matthew 11:11, “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one greater than John the Baptist has appeared.” That’s an amazing statement! John was the last of the prophets. When people heard him preach, they trembled. He attracted disciples, crowds, and the attention of the people. He even attracted the attention of kings and queens. But when Jesus came, John never forgot his place. Despite being goaded by his disciples to be jealous of the early success of Jesus’ ministry, John remained steadfast in his sense of place within God’s plan. He rejoiced in the following that Jesus attracted. He even encouraged his disciples to join with Jesus. John 3:22-30 is John’s explanation of his role to his disciples. “Now my joy is complete. He (Jesus) must increase, and I must decrease.” Have you discovered this truth yet? Most of us think that joy increases as we increase—as our wealth, our prestige, our influence, our ease, or our power increase. But in fact, just the opposite is true. Lasting joy is not found at the top of the corporate mountain, at the pinnacle of social status, or in a life of ease. Joy is not a reward of accomplishment. True joy is found where John the Baptist found it—in following God’s call in his life.

Are you desiring to find true joy? Jesus must increase in significance and Lordship of our lives while we—our plans and ambitions—must decrease.

NOTES:

*“O soul are you weary and troubled,
no light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of his glory and grace.”*
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, by Helen Lemmel

PRAYER: Lord, lead me to find joy and abundant living through giving my life completely to You.

ACTION ITEM: Make a list of the things that really bring joy to your life. You will find that the things that bring joy are not things at all, but rather gifts given by God to you like salvation, family, health, a sunrise, or a friend. Perhaps the way to discover more joy is to allow Christ to increase in your life.



Day 18 - Anointing Jesus

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10—READ MARK 14:3-9

“But Jesus said, ‘Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me.’” (Mark 14:6)

Can you picture the scene? This was a tense setting. Word was that the authorities were looking for a way to arrest Jesus. This was a place for serious conversation and for invited guests only. Then came this woman with her perfume. Who invited her? Who gave her permission to pour the entire contents of a perfume jar on the head of the guest of honor? Can you imagine the smell? You know the way to use perfume: just a little dab will do. But she poured out the perfume like football players dousing their coach with the Gatorade bucket. Why waste so much expensive perfume? It could have been sold and the money given to the poor. We do not know this woman’s heart. Perhaps she had experienced the forgiveness of Jesus and felt so grateful for Him that she had to find some way to bless Him. Whatever the reasons, Jesus defended her heart and her lavish act. And her gift is recorded in Scripture!

One could debate that the resources our church needs to invest in ministry could be spent on any number of things. Sometimes people complain, “A capital campaign? I want to give money to people, not to buildings. Don’t we have enough space?” Investing in bricks and mortar is an important way to invest in the lives of people. Doing ministry effectively requires such tools. Our buildings enable and support almost all of the ministries of our church. We have already seen how our building expansion is opening new doors of ministry and is facilitating fellowship in exciting ways. Perhaps we should ask a different question. Is what we are doing honoring God? Is what we are accomplishing furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ? Is what we are doing glorifying Christ?

Soon after this woman anointed Jesus, he was arrested, given a mockery of a trial, tortured, and put to death by crucifixion. And on the cross, He took the wrath of God for our sins, the wrath that we deserved. He poured Himself out completely for us. Now we have a chance to give back to Him in response to Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, give me the grace to give to You as lavishly as You have poured Yourself out for me. Let me be a blessing to You, even as You have blessed my life.

ACTION ITEM: Make a list of the ways that your gifts, and these projects, might bless others and become a fragrant aroma lavishly poured out to anoint Jesus.



Day 19 - God Loves a Cheerful Giver

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11—READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

A capital campaign...above and beyond giving... sacrificial giving. Someone will describe capital campaign giving this way: “I know what that means, it means give until it hurts!” Give until it hurts? Making a sacrifice actually means giving up something of value to you in order to give to something that means even more. It is giving something you care about to something you love even more. The lasting effect of such giving should not be hurt, but rather joy discovered by giving to the things that are most important to God. Give until it hurts? Try giving until you discover joy through cheerful giving. The joy of making a difference in a God-given calling. The joy of aligning your life with God’s grace and will. The joy of a life committed to Christ’s eternal purposes. The joy of doing your part along with a whole community of faithful people. The joy of helping to make miracles, large and small, happen. The joy of seeing people’s lives change because of seeds you planted and nurtured. The joy of glorifying God.

It’s interesting that 2 Corinthians 9:7 is preceded by the following verse, “The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.” Why do farmers and gardeners prepare the ground, plant their seed, pull weeds, and harvest? It’s because farmers and gardeners know the great joy that comes from a great harvest! Their joy is fulfilled as they sit at the table and enjoy the results of their work after a great harvest. Indeed, as Paul says to the church in Corinth, “you will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:11). The cheerful giver is

cheerful because they recognize the great harvest that will come at the end of the age when Christ comes to rule and reign. We have the privilege of being a part of God’s eternal purposes.

Give until it hurts? No one is being asked to hurt in this campaign. If that is where you are heading, then you are going about this decision in the wrong spirit. Instead, sow generously and discover the great joy that comes from Christ’s abundant harvest as we invest in His kingdom. Cheerful giving will lead us to sow abundantly, which in turn, will yield an eternal harvest. Now that’s something to be cheerful about!

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, help me to be a cheerful giver and to sow abundantly. Open my eyes to see the eternal fruit that comes from the Lord of the Harvest.

ACTION ITEM: Make a list of the reasons why you are GLAD to give—your own litany of rejoicing and thanksgiving.



Day 20 - Finish the Task

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12—READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9-15

“For you know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)

There it is—the model for our giving—in the grace and the sacrifice of Christ himself. The most familiar and perhaps most important words in the New Testament are found in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” God so loved you that He gave his Son that you might have eternal life. This is the greatest example of sacrificial giving.

Has this church blessed, shaped, and changed your life? Maybe you have never been a part of a capital campaign in this congregation. This church exists with the tools and the facilities to serve you in Christ’s name only because of the sacrifice and the gifts of those who have gone before you. For them, you were worth it. Maybe you have been a part of this church for a long time. Maybe you have made sacrifices in the past so that this church could minister to people in Christ’s name. If so, then no doubt you have seen the lives of many people change because of your sacrifice. Was it worth it? You know it was, and you know that this new commitment will be translated into stories of faith beyond anything that you could ask or imagine! Eternal investments in God’s kingdom are always worth it.

We learned on Day 10 that in 2 Corinthians 8, the Macedonian church had suffered great trials, tribulations, and poverty. Yet they earnestly desired to give to the work of the Lord. They did this out of their great joy! Later in the passage, Paul commended them for their great work and how they excelled in everything. He gives them this exhortation: “Now finish the task, so that your

eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has” (2 Corinthians 8:11-12). What is the gift God is leading you to eagerly give?

Thank you for joining this spiritual journey these past 20 days. As a church body, God calls us to gather together in order to **WORSHIP, GROW, and SERVE**. He scatters us to **SHARE** the good news of the gospel. God is doing a new thing at Calvary Bible Church! We have seen Him work miraculously over the past three years. Let’s “finish the task” together as the body of Christ. “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Let’s commit to being His workers and reap an eternal harvest together for His kingdom!

NOTES:

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for the inexpressible grace You have given to me. Bless my services and gifts, and use them to help us finish the task together as the body of Christ.

ACTION ITEM: Follow through! Make a commitment to sow the seeds of the gospel, give cheerfully, and serve as God calls you. In years to come, as you see God’s grace work wonders in people’s lives, you will reap the rewards of an abundant, eternal harvest for God’s kingdom.



WHY DID WE BUILD?

We designed our recent building project to support four key ministry areas at Calvary: Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, and Relational Connection & Hospitality. These spaces are crucial as we **GATHER** to **WORSHIP, GROW,** and **SERVE,** and **SCATTER** to **SHARE** the gospel.

Children's Ministry

In the past, our Children's Ministry was spread throughout the building. This was confusing for newcomers and frustrating for families with children of different ages. Our project consolidates our Children's Ministry into one wing of the building, providing more space, increasing security, and creating a simpler and more welcoming process for families.

Youth Ministry

Previously, our campus had no place that young people could call their own. Our new youth room provides more space for our thriving Youth Ministry. This space is well suited to the relational and active nature of student ministry, and most of all, it creates an environment where young people feel like they belong as they grow in Christ and make their faith their own.

Adult Ministry

We are thrilled that our church building is constantly in use! However, sometimes our ministries have conflicting needs. Previously there was often not enough appropriate space for everything we wanted to do—especially during the weekday. We are pleased that our new Fellowship Center provides a fantastic home for our thriving Women's Ministry and has already enabled us to launch our new Legacy Ministry, both of which meet during FVCA's school day. It also offers a versatile venue for special events and large group gatherings.

Relational Connection & Hospitality

Gathering together in fellowship is a core part of God's design for the Body of Christ. Before our expansion, we had very little space conducive to this type of relational interaction. Our new space provides a wide variety of contexts for fellowship and interaction. From conversation over a cup of coffee in the Café, to newcomer Meet & Greets in the Connection Room, our addition is already facilitating meaningful relational connection within our church family and a warm welcome to visitors who walk through the door!

Growing Together Giving Commitment

Our hope in this campaign is for God to work in us and through us to build His kingdom. Through prayer and seeking God, I/we are led to make a gift to the **Growing Together** campaign at Calvary Bible Church over and above our regular giving.

I/we plan to give \$ _____

- Weekly (x 156 weeks)
- Monthly (x 36 months)
- Annually (x 3 years)

Our total gift is \$ _____

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**Lord, How would you have me invest
in what you are doing at Calvary Bible Church?
Please help me discern a sacrifice for our capital campaign
that is meaningful and joyful.**

Save the dates for Growing Together:

- **Sunday Services, October 24, 31 & November 7, 14**—Sermon Series: The Cheerful Giver
- **Sunday Evening, October 24**—Night of Worship & Prayer at 6pm. This is a family friendly event!
- **Friday, October 29 & Saturday October 30**—Growing Together Banquets—Join us for a free, formal meal with limited seating in the Fellowship Center. **RSVP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.**
 - ◊ To RSVP: visit our website, cbcneenah.org/GrowingTogether; text “BANQUET” to (920) 247-2778; or call the Church Office at (920) 725-3896.
 - ◊ Childcare will be provided on Friday night for those who reserve space in advance.
 - ◊ If COVID concerns prevent you from participating in the banquets, contact the Church Office for alternate arrangements.
- **Sunday, November 21**—Celebrate the culmination of our spiritual journey together during the Middle Hour (9:30am).
- **November 14-20**—Make your pledge at: cbcneenah.org/pledgenow.

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