



Sermon Resources

Sermon: The Measure of Generosity

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

2 Corinthians 8:1-12

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) The most generous people aren't the ones who have the most to give, but the ones who are willing to give the most of what they have.

WILLINGNESS MATTERS MORE THAN WEALTH

GRACE FUELS SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

GOOD INTENTIONS DON'T ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION

MEMORY VERSE

But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them.

2 Samuel 24:24

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

- ICEBREAKER: What's the most meaningful gift you've ever received (not necessarily the most expensive)? Why did it mean so much to you?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. How did the Macedonian churches demonstrate generosity despite their circumstances?
- According to verses 6-8, Paul is urging Titus to complete the act of grace. What is important about **completion** in giving, not just **intention**?
- What barriers can make it difficult to move from good intentions to completed action in generosity?
- Do you feel like you are currently living with the same eagerness and willingness to give as described in the Macedonian churches? Why or why not?
- What would it look like for you to give in a way that reflects willingness, not wealth?
- The Macedonians **pleaded** for the privilege to give. How does this challenge your perspective on generosity?
- Read the memory verse (above). How does David's statement shape the way we think about generosity.
- What opportunities do we have as a group to practice sacrificial generosity for others in our church or community?