Unlimited is a campaign to become resilient in your faith and courageous in your generosity. It's a two-year commitment to make a two-decade impact here in the state of Maryland.

ITS TIME TO DREAM AGAIN

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

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A NOTE FROM JONATHAN

Maryland is my home—and has been for nearly my entire life. Naturally, my heart breaks for the pain, loneliness, addiction, and injustice in our state.

Jesus said he came to seek and save the lost; to bring light to the darkness; to give rest to the weary. But all-around, we don't see life lived to the full—we see languishing. Oftentimes, it doesn't feel like there's much we can do about it. But here's my conviction: The needs of our time are too great, and the gospel of Jesus is too good, to accept limits on our faith and dreams for the local church.

What if we became unlimited in our faith as individuals—unleashed into the world to step into the dreams God put inside us? What if Mosaic was unlimited in our impact—to say yes to every opportunity God brings us to reach more people with the gospel of Jesus?

I want Mosaic to be a force for good. I want to be here, for good—in a state where it's common to move away.

I know I can't be the only one who's wondered, "Why do I even live in Maryland?"

What if it were for such a time as this?

For the past 16 years, Mosaic has been a place where the lost get found and restored. We've pushed forward to take new ground and bring hope to the hurting, even when it comes at a cost to us. And while these last two years have produced so much momentum in our church, I do not believe we're in the middle of a move of God, I believe he's just getting started.

Now is the time for us—individually and collectively—to step into two years of radical generosity, so we can experience two decades of unlimited impact. Now is the time to break through the limits in our homes, in our hearts, in our church, and in our state. Now is the time to reach the lost, renew the hurting, and release the church to make an impact in Maryland like never before.

Grounded in the truth of Ephesians 3, we are calling this journey The Unlimited Campaign, and I want you in it with me.

I'm eager to see how God moves next. But even more, I can't wait to hear stories of radical faith, resilience, and risk that shape our hearts, our homes, and our church, to be an unstoppable force for good in Maryland.

Part of the Mosaic, Jonathan Moynihan Lead Pastor







In the 1700s, a man named George Whitefield traveled the country, making observations about the people and the opportunity to reach those far from God.

"Maryland, as far as I can hear, seems to be a place as yet unwatered with the true Gospel of Christ."

He got a feel for Maryland's spiritual state, making assessments of the colony's cultural and intellectual climate that were similar to those of modern historians. "I fear," he wrote, "Deism has spread much in these parts. I cannot say I have met with many here who seem truly to have the fear of God before their eyes."

In the end, he could only, "trust the time will come when God will visit these dark corners of the earth." If Maryland was a "corner of the earth", materialism and skeptical rationalism was its darkness.

"Because the people were spread far apart and large gatherings would be difficult," there was, "no likelihood of much good being done in Maryland, unless one abide there for some time."

Now is that time.

Whitefield's writings are still relevant today. Our corner of Maryland is not only dense in population, but a population that is unchurched and hurting, without hope.



MCSAIC HSTORY

2008

Carl and Lindsay Kuhl are sent to Maryland to start a church for people who don't go to church.



SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

Mosaic's first service launches in Theatre 19 at Arundel Mills Mall.

Mosaic's first baptism (March 3, 2009)



DECEMBER 4, 2011

Mosaic moves to a new location on Troy Hill Drive in Elkridge, MD.





OCTOBER 11, 2015

Mosaic opens a second campus at Arundel High School. 73 people are baptized at this location.

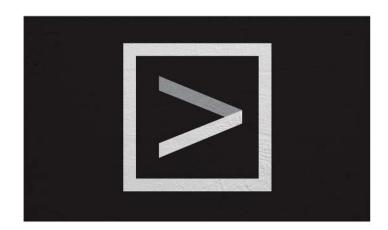
> Mosaic baptizes 100 people in a year for the first time.



In August, the people of Mosaic rally for "Love Week": 7 days of organized service projects to benefit the community. Today, Mosaic partners year-round with local organizations for what we call "Impact."



During the Greater Campaign, Mosaic commits \$2.5M to reach more people and increase the gospel's impact in Maryland.



NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Mosaic moves into our newly renovated location at Exit 7, combining two campuses into one.

Mosaic regathers in -----person post-COVID.
(2020)



JULY 17, 2022

Jonathan Moynihan becomes Lead Pastor of Mosaic.





2023

Mosaic celebrates 1000 total baptisms.





The Tables Initiative helps people bridge the gap of faith with their friends through radically ordinary hospitality. (2023)



A third Sunday service launches to make room for more people. (2024)

TODAY

Write down the things that you hope to be true over the next two decades:

DREAM AGAIN



WHERE WE ARETODAY

ATTENDANCE

1907

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

1024

TOTAL FIRST-TIME GUESTS

We moved to 3 services to make room for people!



COMMUNITY



701 **GROUPS OPENED**

1,114 PEOPLE IN GROUPS

664 TOTAL IMPACT **WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS**

2,498 **HOURS SERVED** IN THE COMMUNITY



MOSAIC KIDS

390 **AVERAGE KIDS' ATTENDANCE**

455 FIRST-TIME KIDS



STUDENTS





AVERAGE ATTENDANCE STUDENTS

152 94 FIRST-TIME

STUDENTS AT CIY

BAPTISMS

PEOPLE BAPTIZED







1 MORE







WRITE THE NAME OF A PERSON YOU WANT TO SEE BAPTIZED AT MOSAIC:



MOSAIC IMPACT PARTNER:

an organization Mosaic supports, within our area, that impacts the lives of people in need.

→ 10:12 SPORTS

10:12 Sports addresses fatherlessness in west Baltimore and builds up young men to be leaders in their community.

→ WELLSPRING LIFE MINISTRIES

Wellspring Life Ministries supports men and women facing unplanned pregnancy by offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support while empowering them to make healthy and life-affirming decisions.

→ THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children's Home is a residential care facility for abused, abandoned, and neglected teens. It offers many different therapeutic programs and a safe place to live so they can feel secure, loved, and know they belong.

→ MOUNT CLARE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Mount Clare Christian School was started for grades K-12 at a time when 80% of students in southwest Baltimore were dropping out by the 8th grade. It's a safe space for kids to learn, grow, and know they are cared for while living in a neighborhood that is plagued by drug abuse, prostitution, violence, and poverty.



"I was depressed, scared, alone, and I didn't want anyone to know."

CHRIS DAVIS

"In 2019, my marriage blew up, leaving me feeling betrayed, devastated, and scared of losing everything. Then the pandemic hit. I couldn't find a counselor and I

didn't want my friends to know about what was going on. I was depressed, scared, and alone. I came to the first service Mosaic held post-pandemic because there were a lot of dark thoughts in my head and I needed help. After 3 or 4 months of being anonymous, a sermon about pain left me feeling ready to ask for help. I joined a men's group and I shared my story for the first time. The men gathered around me and prayed for me. It was the community that I needed. During the Blood Stained Pews Journey, we were asked to share a time we were wronged. We were asked a question that knocked the wind out of me, 'how long are you going to be the victim?' I decided then that I was done being a victim—I was going to step up. I made the decision to get baptized and live my life fully for Jesus. We set the date for March 27th—a day I was dreading—my wedding anniversary. It was like Jesus was saying to me, 'I'm gonna make this a good thing.' After I was baptized I was able to forgive the people who hurt me and show them the same grace I was shown."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE UNLIMITED CAMPAIGN?

JOT DOWN SOME THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND QUESTIONS.



GOALS & COMMITMENT

CAMPAIGN GOAL

CELEBRATION GOAL \$3 MILLION

DREAM GOAL \$6 MILLION



Sacrifice:

the act of giving up what I want now for what I want most.

NOT EQUAL GIVILE, EQUAL SACRIFICE.

COURAGEOUS GIFT

Plan to give your kickoff gift on Commitment Sunday, Nov. 10.



CONSISTENT GIFT

Over the next 25 months, this is the amount you will consistently give, above and beyond your normal giving.



This is the value of any non-cash gifts; stocks, cars, land, boats, collections, real estate, etc.



MITED TO

Add all three gifts together to reflect your total 25-month commitment to Unlimited.

*This commitment is above and beyond what you already give to Mosaic.

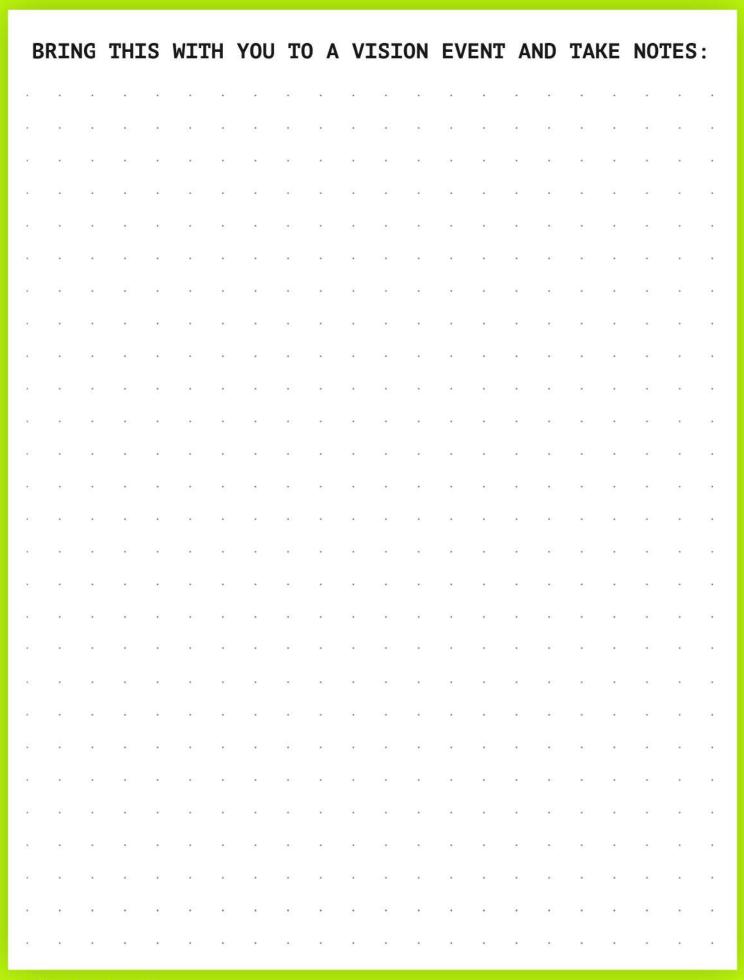
In order to reach our goal it is important that every person who calls Mosaic home is involved. Every gift will not be the same, but each gift is vital.

> Use this chart to get an idea of how a monthly gift can make a massive difference.

Gifts Needed	Total Gift Amount	Monthly Gift
1	\$600,000	\$24,000
1	\$400,000	\$16,000
2	\$200,000	\$8,000
3	\$100,000	\$4,000
4	\$75,000	\$3,000
9	\$50,000	\$2,000
12	\$35,000	\$1,400
25	\$25,000	\$1,000
40	\$15,000	\$600
55	\$10,000	\$400
70	\$7,500	\$300
90	\$5,000	\$200
100	\$2,500	\$100



WHAT'S NEXT?



OCTOBER 28

Location: Mosaic

Time: 6pm

OCTOBER 29

Location: Mosaic Time: 6pm

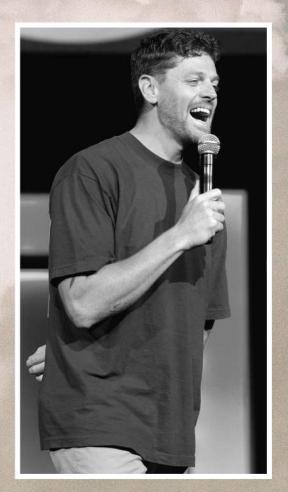
NOVEMBER 2

Location: Mosaic Time: 9:30am

INCLUDING A LIVE Q&A



Let us know you're coming! RSVP at MOSAICUNLIMITED.ORG









HOW TO PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE

Over the next five weeks, we are going on a journey. Through it, we'll take time to look back at who we were, where we came from, the stories that shape us, and the faith we hold on to. We'll explore what it means to live life unlimited and hopefully, we'll discover a path to get there together.

This is not a life hack or a self-help routine to get us where we want to go. This is a journey about how we can align ourselves to be on mission with God and see how he wants to release us to impact our state, families, and ourselves. Ephesians 3:16 tells us that God has "glorious, unlimited resources" and that he wants to bless his people with them.

The truth is people have limits, God does not. This journey is about tapping into those unlimited resources. It's about addressing the limits of our own lives and the walls we've built that keep us from impacting our world.

Attend Mosaic Each Sunday

Committing to attend Mosaic each week for the next five weeks won't just build a healthy rhythm in your life, it will help you catch the vision behind everything we're doing at Mosaic. It will give you opportunities to worship, reflect, and be challenged to grow.

Complete This Journey Guide

Completing the personal work each day will provide you an opportunity to reflect on your own story, consider your life in light of the gospel, and dream together about where God is leading you. Regardless of the day of your group, set aside 60-90 minutes ahead of time to complete the "Weekly Challenge" as a family before going to your group. If you are single, we encourage you to grab a close friend or two and do the challenge together.

Connect in a Group

Participating in a group each week ensures that you aren't doing life alone and enables you to grow together with the people around you. Life is better together and so is this journey. Get in a group and show up each week.

Commit to Give Financially

Committing to contribute financially has the power to unleash Mosaic in the state of Maryland.

THIS JOURNEY WILL HELP YOU DISCOVER HOW A TWO-YEAR SACRIFICE CAN MAKE A TWO-DECADE IMPACT IN YOUR HEART AND IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Our prayer is that through the sacrifice of the people of Mosaic, God will:

- > Release the church by empowering the individuals of Mosaic to run after their God-given calling.
- Revive the hurting by increasing our agility and ability to meet the needs of people in Maryland.
- Reach the lost by equipping Mosaic with greater resources to be a church for people who don't go to church.

If you have any questions about this content or how to best engage with this journey guide, email our team at info@mosaicchristian.org and we're happy to help.



Worship Playlist

Scan for songs that match the theme of the week and will be sung on Sunday.



UNLIMITED

We're not done.
We're just getting started.

WEEK ONE

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his spirit.
(Ephesians 3:16 NLT)

SONG OF THE WEEK

"I've Witnessed It" By Passion Worship

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WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Before going to your group this week, spend time together as a family thinking and talking through the timeline of your life. Then, take what you've written down on these pages and add them to Mosaic's timeline on page 9.

→ Moments that make you smile

What were the most significant moments for you and your family? Are there a few things that make you smile when you think back on them? Was it getting married or having kids? Was it an awesome trip or holiday? Was it the moment you knew you had a true friend?

Write down 2-3 moments:		

→ Moments that brought sadness or pain

What times in your life have brought you pain or sadness? Was it something you experienced or something you did that caused them? Thinking back on those times, what did you lose in those moments? Was it trust in someone or your chance to be a kid anymore? Was it something else altogether?

Write down 2-3 momen	ts:		

→ Significant moments of your faith journey and your time at Mosaic

Write down 2-3 moments:	
When were you baptized?	When was your first time at Mosaic?
Date:	Date:
In your time at Mosaic, was there a cer differently and stuck with you?	tain message or series that hit
Is there anything you grieved or celebrate because of the crew you found here?	ated in community, rather than alone,

→ Put it all together

Take what you've written down on these pages and add it to Mosaic's timeline on page 9.

YOU ARE PART OF THE MOSAIG

¹⁴ When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. 16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

READ Ephesians 3:14-21 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Earlier in this chapter, Paul (the writer of Ephesians) described the goodness of the gospel and how grace is available to everyone. When he thinks of that goodness of God, it causes him to pray and be grateful.

ACT

As you start this journey, what are you grateful for today? Is it something this week or month or
maybe something that's happened over the past 10 years? What in your life makes you smile and
drives you to gratitude? Take a few moments now to write down three things you're grateful for and
then thank God for those things.

Day 2

READ Ephesians 3:16 NLT

UNDERSTAND

We, as people, are limited in our resources of time, energy, money, etc. According to this verse, God is not bound by those same limitations AND he wants to empower us.

ACT

Spend a minute or two in prayer letting God know all the ways you feel limited. Be honest. Where are you at the end of your rope or the end of your ability? Where do you need God to step in and fill the gaps of your limitations with his unlimited resources? Take a few moments now asking God to move in those situations.

READ Ephesians 3:17 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Verse 17 teaches that Christ wants to make his home in our hearts, the center of our lives, and it says that his love will be rooted in us and make us strong. All of that is dependent on our decision and ability to trust in Christ.

ACT

In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God? Is it your dating life or your finances? At your
job or in your home? Why is it difficult for you to trust in this area? Has God or someone else let you
down? Have you been waiting and feel like you have no answer? As you pray, call out the areas of
life where it's hard to trust God and ask him to use this journey to increase your faith.

Day 4

Ephesians 3:18-19 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Regardless of your doubts and struggles, God loves you. Paul's prayer is that you'd begin to grasp how great and vast that love is for you. Paul wants you to know that God loves you deeply and desires a relationship with you above all else.

ACT

As you begin to pray, consider if there are any parts of you and your life that feel unlovable? What causes you to feel that way? Is it a sin or struggle in your life that you need to repent of? Is it the way you see yourself in the mirror or the marketplace? Take a few moments to talk to God about the parts of you and your life that feel unlovable.

READ Ephesians 3:20-21 NLT

UNDERSTAND

God is able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. One version of Scripture says he's able to do infinitely more than we can ever imagine. A big part of the problem for many of us is that we don't take the time to truly ask, think, or imagine what God could actually do in our world.

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Did you...

Listen to the sermon
Attend group
Memorize Ephesians 3:16
Worship by listening to "I've Witnessed It"

Megan Humphrey attending Mosaic

Megan started in December 2021

after being invited by some friends at her CrossFit gym. Although it was her first time at Mosaic, she'd grown up with parents that instilled the value of having faith in God and attending church. She placed a high value on faith and Mosaic challenged her to take it to the next level. Listening to sermons and asking questions, she began to consider getting baptized as a way of obeying Jesus. On May 8th, 2022, she got in the tub and made her faith her own.

While her faith has always been part of her life, life hasn't been perfect. Megan married her husband Stephen in 2016 and looked forward to starting a family as they began to build their lives together. The only problem was, having kids wasn't happening. She and Stephen tried; they prayed, they worked with doctors, tried more, did multiple rounds of IVF, grieved the pain of a miscarriage, and grieved the pain of not having children.

Megan has prayed for children and feels God has answered that prayer with the answer she didn't want. For Megan and Stephen, it would've made sense for them to get angry with God, blame him for their pain, limit their involvment, and walk away from faith. Instead, Megan has leaned in and made the most of her time. She serves throughout the week to support Mosaic Kids. She helps her sister as she parents a six-year old with special needs and severe medical concerns.

When many of us would have written off serving and making a difference, Megan doubled down. She reshaped the burden she carries into a blessing of time that she's able to give as she continues to trust God and her community with the deepest pain of her life. She talks about her pain in community, trusts God with her challenges, and creates room for others to experience the hope of the gospel through her serving. Both Mosaic and Mosaic Kids are better because she says yes to God each and every day.

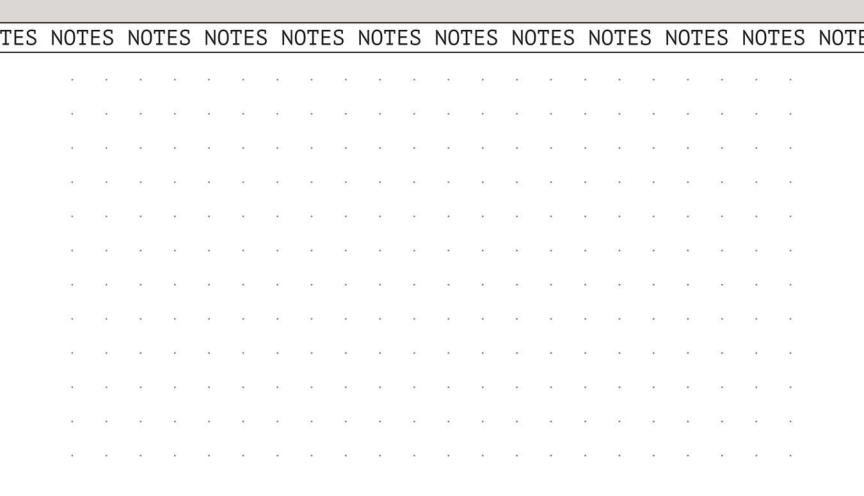


GROUP

We'll give each group leader a marker and a roll of white paper to spread out. Take what you've done for the weekly challenge and share with your group by plotting it on the timeline your group creates.



Scan here for group discussion questions.



CONGRATULATIONS!

You've officially completed week one of the Unlimited Journey Guide.





Did you miss being in group this week?

It's not too late... but it's about to be!

Remember what you learned earlier this week: Life is better together. Make an intentional decision now to live in community and get in a group.



View all groups & sign up for one today.



EMPOWERED

We could run the play, but we want more.

WEEKTWO

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

(Ephesians 3:19 NLT)

SONG OF THE WEEK

"Gratitude" By Brandon Lake



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Last week, we studied Ephesians 3 and learned a few truths:

- God is unlimited in his resources and wants to empower us.
- God is able to give us infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
- → A problem for many of us is that we don't spend time imagining or asking.

If we combine those three truths, many of us have never taken the time to imagine what we'd do if we had access to unlimited resources. This week's challenge is going to be an exercise in dreaming because dreaming is a discipline. Take the next 60 minutes to start dreaming about what God could do through you if you were unlimited.

IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU HAD AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF MONEY

For some context, think closer to billions than millions. If you and your family had access to an unlimited amount of resources for the next 36 hours, what would you do to bless yourself, your friends and family, and the world around you? Remember, anything you don't spend or give away in the next 36 hours disappears. Investing for retirement isn't an option in this exercise.

What would you do first? Get out of debt? Upgrade your stuff? ...but then what? Remember, you have access to unlimited resources. Who do you bless? Is there anyone you want to thank? Is there a cause you want to invest in? It's time to dream!

Sit down with your family or a friend and budget what you'd do with it.

Use this page to budget what you'd do with unlimited resources:

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Notes:

- ¹⁴ Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. 15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last-dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.
- ¹⁶ The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. ¹⁷ The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. 18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.
- ¹⁹ "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'
- ²¹ The master was full of praise. "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"
- ²² The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, "Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more."
- ²³ The master said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"
- ²⁴ Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, "Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. ²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back."
- ²⁶ But the master replied, "You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, 27 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it."
- ²⁸ Then he ordered, "Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. ²⁹ To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away."

READ Matthew 25:14-29 NLT

UNDERSTAND

In the verses you just read, Jesus tells a story to help people understand the Kingdom of Heaven and God who is in charge of it. He gives an example of people being blessed with large amounts of silver to invest on the owner's behalf. Two of the people invested and one froze in fear. The master returns and honors the two but rebukes the one because he did nothing.

ACT

Take a few moments to think about how God has blessed you with resources of time, money, and
relationships. How have you used them? Have you stewarded them well, wasted them, or frozen in
fear? Take a few moments now to write down a few resources God has given you. Is it time? Maybe
it's money? What relationships has he given you as a blessing to steward? Once you have a list, take
a few minutes to thank God for how he has resourced you and ask for wisdom and courage to use
those resources well.

Day 2

READ Matthew 25:14-15 NLT

UNDERSTAND

As people, many of us get preoccupied with the pursuit of fairness. If we're not careful, we'll even sacrifice wisdom in the pursuit of being fair. The master in this story represents God and seemed much more concerned with wisdom. He divided the investment, "in proportion to their abilities."

ACT

Spend a minute or two thinking about your own ability to handle the resources you've been given. Where have you invested your resources well? Where have you been wasteful? Take some time now to thank God for what he's entrusted to you and reflect on how you've handled it.

READ Matthew 25:16-18 NLT

UNDERSTAND

The word the Bible uses for people who manage resources is "steward." It's not a word meant to describe the amount of wealth or resources someone has. Instead, it's a reference to how they manage them. Followers of Jesus aren't called to be rich or poor, they're called to be good stewards and managers of what God has given them. In the scripture we read, the resources belonged to the man who gave them. The servant simply had to manage them well. In 2024, our resources belong to God. We simply have to manage them well.

ACT

Thinking about the three servants, which one are you? Are you a skilled investor with a proven track record of success in managing resources? Are you still growing and figuring it out? Do you have fear when it comes to managing money or time or limited resources? As you pray, ask God for the wisdom needed to steward his resources well. Talk with him about any feelings you have when it comes to money.

Day 4

Matthew 25:19 NLT

UNDERSTAND

One day, the master returns and asks for his people to give an account of what they've done with his resources. Throughout the Bible, we see this principle repeated over and over: Everything is God's, and he entrusts it to us, expecting us to be intentional by using it well for our good and the good of those around us.

ACT

As you begin to pray, are there any ways you need to repent for how you've managed your resources? Have you wasted a relationship or squandered your money? None of us are perfect, but we can be honest and own our choices. Take time now to repent of the times when you've been lazy or fearful instead of intentional and deliberate.

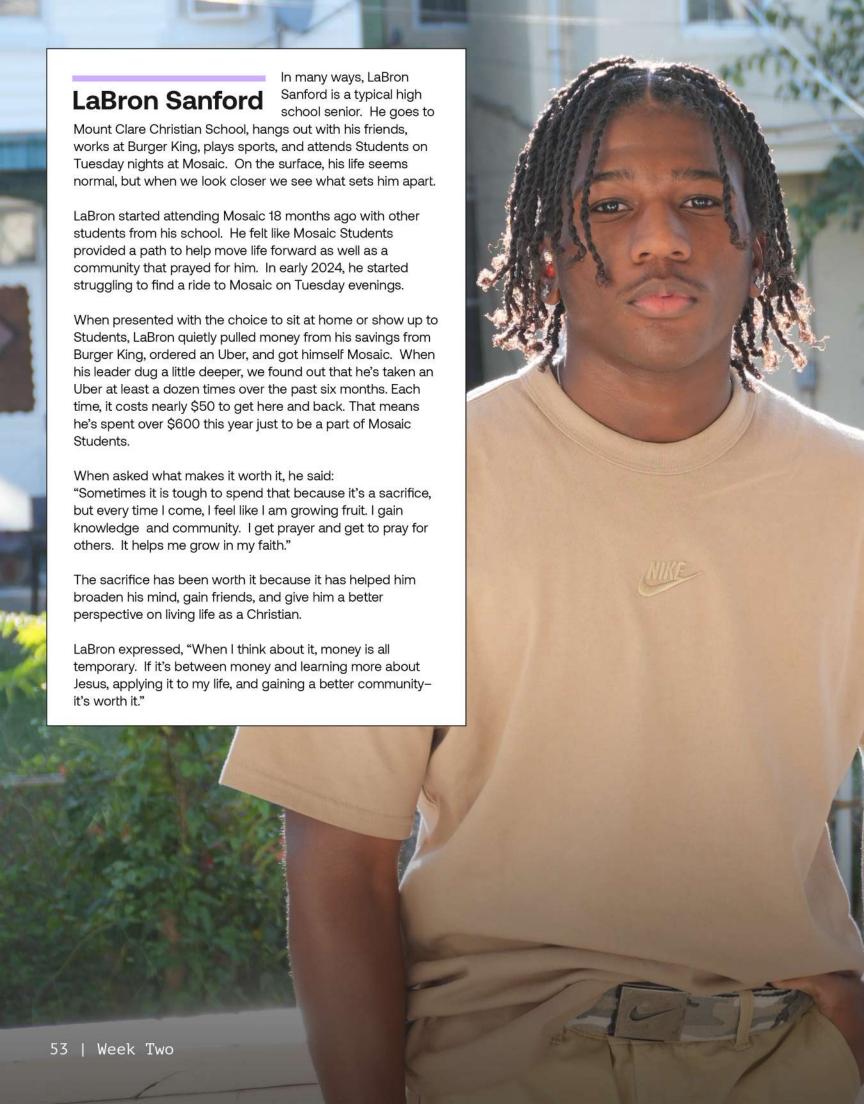
READ Matthew 25:20-21 NLT

UNDERSTAND

When the master hears about how his servant invested and used his resources, it says he, "was full of praise." As you work hard to manage your resources and responsibilities, God is watching, waiting to celebrate with you, and is ready to entrust you with more.

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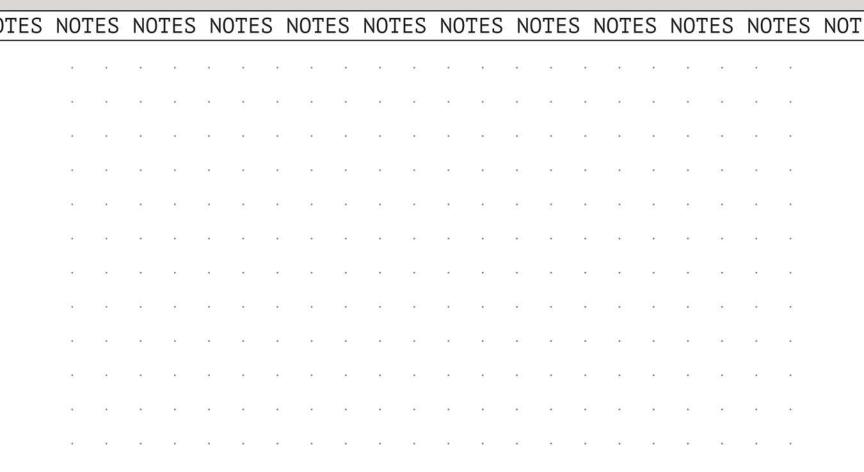


GROUP

At the start of group, do a short walk around the neighborhood talking about the weight you carry and the things that limit you. Once the group completes a lap, take off the weight and do another lap. Discuss how it feels to walk without the weight and limitations.



Scan here for group discussion questions.



SOLEMENTS

OCTOBER 28

Location: Mosaic Time: 6pm

OCTOBER 29

Location: Mosaic Time: 6pm

NOVEMBER 2

Location: Mosaic **Time:** 9:30pm

Three opportunities for Mosaic to rally around the campaign including a live Q&A with Lead Pastor, Jonathan Moynihan.



Let us know you're showing up! RSVP at mosaic UNLIMITED.org









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INFINITELY MORE

The Church is the hope of the world. This pain is not forever.

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Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20 NLT)

SONG OF THE WEEK

"Graves Into Gardens" By Elevation Worship

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WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Have a family conversation or talk with a friend about **fasting** and try it this week.

For early Christians, fasting was a regular practice to pursue God as a means of increasing their reliance on him. Today, we're much more likely to hear about fasting from a fitness perspective than a faith perspective. However, fasting is one of the best tools we have to deepen our dependence on God and increase our connection with him. Oftentimes, we see fasting connected with prayer. The first one increases our hunger for God and the second satisfies it.

In this series, we are going to practice fasting as a way of denying ourselves something we want now (food) to experience something much greater long term (deeper connection with God). This week, your challenge is to have a family conversation or talk with a friend about fasting and how you can try it this week.

MORE ABOUT FASTING

For over a thousand years, **fasting** was one of the central practices of the way of Jesus. It was common practice for apprentices of Jesus to fast twice a week until sundown—on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as during the 40 days of Lent. Similar to essential spiritual disciplines like prayer or the reading of Scripture or church on Sunday, fasting was simply one of the things that practicing Christians did.

After all, Jesus began his life's work with 40 days of fasting, a practice he continued throughout his lifetime and he said, "Follow me."

Fasting is one of the most essential and powerful of all the practices of Jesus and one of the best ways we have to integrate our entire person, including our body, around God.

But remember, the ultimate aim of **fasting** is to get in touch with our hunger for God. Hunger is the state of wanting or needing something you do not have. When we fast, we awaken our body and soul to its deep yearning for life with the Father.

From Practicing The Way by John Mark Comer

We are aware that some people may have medical issues or concerns that keep them from fasting. If this is you, please check in with your doctor before participating in this challenge.

Set a Goal

Take a look at your week and pick a day to practice fasting. Avoid days with long workouts and big meetings. Decide on a length of time to fast and pray as you prepare. You can do this collectively as a group, a family, or each individual can fast for a different amount of time. For example, kids may give up their afternoon snack, while the adults may start fasting at noon. If you're experienced with fasting, maybe you fast the whole day or a few days in a row. Whatever it is you decide, write it down and commit to fast.

Be Wise

Drink plenty of water and ask God to increase your dependence on him as you give up the practical need for food. If you are someone who has struggled with food disorders in your past or present, be wise by setting a shorter goal and talking about your struggles with a trusted friend. Do not just attempt to add this practice without considering your struggle.

- ⁵ When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. ⁶ But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.
- ¹⁶ And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. ¹⁷ But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. 18 Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.
- ¹⁹ Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Matthew 6:5-21

READ Matthew 6:5-6, 16-21 NLT

UNDERSTAND

In the verses you just read, Jesus is reframing the way his followers think about their spiritual habits. Many people viewed things like praying, fasting, and giving as ways of impressing people and getting God's attention to bend his will towards theirs. Instead, Jesus taught the people that God already saw them, and that by being obedient with those habits they would open themselves up to experience the full life God had for them.

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Day 2

READ Matthew 6:16-18 NLT

UNDERSTAND

It's easy when we fast to find ways to talk about it. After all, we're skipping the thing we do most consistently each day. As you fast this week, try replacing the time to eat with a time for a prayer walk. This can allow you to have private time to pray without making a show of fasting.

ACT

As you begin your prayer walk or drive today, take stock of what you notice. What's going on near your home or workplace? What's the environment like? Is it hurried or calm? Mistreated or manicured? What physical needs may the people who work or live here have? Where does this area need the goodness of God to intersect with the broken parts of the community? What spiritual needs may the people in your workplace or neighborhood be experiencing? Pray for God to begin to move through you in that location.

READ Matthew 6:6, 18 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Jesus taught that God sees what we do even when we do it privately. On one hand, that can be encouraging because it's a reminder of truth even if we feel unseen or alone. On the other hand, that teaching can be unsettling because it implies that God also sees the things we try to hide.

ACT

Thinking about the teaching of Jesus and those two feelings of encouragement or fear, which one
do you feel the most? Do you feel something else altogether? The beauty of what Jesus taught in
these verses is that God sees us because he desires a relationship with us. Take a few minutes to
evaluate your relationship with God and talk to him about it.

Day 4

Matthew 6:5-6 NLT

UNDERSTAND

In these verses, Jesus teaches us to pray by going somewhere private for only you and God to hear. He wanted the people to understand that God saw them when they were praying and rewarded them for their faithfulness. It was a call to let down the expectation of being showy or fake and instead simply show up as they talk to God.

ACT

Spend a minute or two today praying in private. Talk to God about what you need, how you appreciate him, and the things that bring you joy. When Jesus taught on prayer, he showed that prayer starts with adoration, moves to confession, goes on to asking, and then ends with trust. Try praying like that today.

READ Matthew 6:19-21 NLT

UNDERSTAND

As Jesus taught the people healthy spiritual practices, he included generosity in the mix. For him, giving wasn't another thing to do, it was part of following God and centering our lives on him. It's interesting to note that Jesus taught the people that their treasure led to their heart, not the other way around. That means we choose to invest in the things that matter, not just the things we feel in the moment.

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Nish Patel

In the early 2000s, life was good for Nish. He was an investment banker,

restaurant owner, and on top of the world; Nish could buy anything he wanted. Then, the market crashed in 2008. Not only did the crash destroy his dreams of running a restaurant, it destroyed his life. He lost the restaurant along with hundreds of thousands of dollars. Without any real hope, Nish turned to the bottle to cope. That coping mechanism turned into an addiction and that addiction ruined his career, his marriage, and his relationships with his sons. For years his alcoholism was like a shadow, bringing darkness wherever he went, no matter how much he tried to find the light.

In 2019, a friend invited him to Mosaic and he figured, "why not?" Nish started coming fairly consistently in 2020 until Covid hit. As you might guess, one of the worst things for someone struggling with alcoholism is isolation. Once again, the bottle came calling and Nish stumbled in and out of sobriety. He watched our digital broadcast, but it just wasn't the same.

When we regathered as a church in the fall of 2020, Nish came back. Week after week, he attended with his friend and even got a good streak of sobriety under his belt.

Then in the beginning of 2022, Nish faced a setback and started coping again with alcohol. Only this time, because of the relationships he had built at Mosaic, he did not face that downward spiral alone. He had men, recovering alcoholics in this church, who refused to let him isolate and be pushed aside. In the midst of that darkness, he began to see that every time he tried to take control of his own life, it led to destruction. However, every time he opened himself up to God and the community of the church, though it did not magically fix him, he had peace, joy, and hope.

Just a few months after that setback, Nish placed his faith in Christ, repented of his sin, and got baptized. He continues to lean into the power of community and participates in multiple groups at Mosaic. When asked why he signs up for so many groups, Nish highlights two things:

- Since he has time on his hands, he wants to make the most of it.
- 2) His community keeps him centered on Christ. He'd tell you, "When I look at my life and my time, I'd rather be in a group than at a bar."

Now here's the thing- there is no bow on his story. Nish is fully redeemed by the blood of Jesus but he is not fully healed. He is still struggling with addiction and he is still repairing his relationships with his sons. One day at a time he is seeing God use his pain for good and has hope for the future.

Here are some anonymous one-liners from people who practiced fasting with their group this past year:

"Fasting is very personal... suffering shows me how small I really am. It's also very calming. I thanked God for all the blessings and gifts he has given me."

- A previously burned Christian who's rediscovering meaningful faith

"I am reminded of how feeble I am as a human."

"Fasting has taught me that I am capable of denying my desires, allowing space for me to trust while God is at work."

- A wife learning to trust her husband again

"If you chew your water, it helps..."

- A dad of 3 kids

Notes:

GROUP

This week we're challenging ourselves to rely on the strength Jesus can give us. One way you've already done that is through the practice of fasting.

How'd that go? Have you done it yet? If not, grab someone in your group and fast together.

Be ready to talk about your experience with fasting and the sermon in your group this week.

As you start your group, have someone read this aloud:

Sometimes we fast and we experience spiritual breakthroughs and miracles, but other times we just feel tired and hangry. That's okay. Our goal isn't to control our spiritual formation, but to surrender to Jesus.

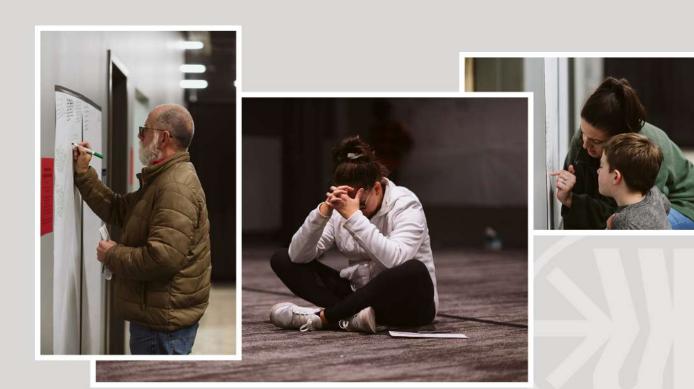


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60 HOURS OF PRAYER



This event will be hosted at the Mosaic building from Thursday. November 7th through Sunday, November 10th. Our team is putting together several prayer stations to make it simple for anyone who shows up to pray. It will be an immersive experience that helps you pray to God on behalf of your family, your church, and your state.



Each time we've hosted a extended prayer event, God has moved in big ways for both individuals and Mosaic as a whole.



Get all the details for 60 Hours of Prayer.



INNER STRENGTH

We see the problems, and we can do something about them.

WEEK FOUR

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

(Ephesians 3:18 NLT)

SONG OF THE WEEK

"Firm Foundation" By Cody Carnes

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WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This week, we're exploring how to tap into the resources God has already given us. The Unlimited Journey is all about our faith. Often, one of the biggest challenges to growing in our faith is our attachment to our wallets. For many of us, our wallet is a wall around our hearts.

One of the ways that the Bible instructs and invites us to break down that wall is through sacrificial generosity. That's the act of giving up good things for the sake of investing in something better. Biblically, the act of investing in what God is doing is a spiritual practice that builds our faith.

Spend the next hour thinking about what you have and consider what you may be able to sacrifice over the next two years that will lead you to greater generosity.

COURAGEOUS

What can you give right now? Start with your current resources. What courageous gift can you give to jump-start your generosity for the next two years?

CONSISTENT

Think about your monthly expenses and what you can sacrifice consistently. Is it Netflix or Disney+? A round of golf each month, or trip to the nail salon? Starbucks?

CREATIVE

Lastly, is there a way you can give creatively? Maybe it's stock you own or an extra car you have. Maybe it's a simpler vacation or spending less on Christmas and birthdays in the next two years.

Use this page start a draft of your unlimited commitment:

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COURAGEOUS GIVING: What is the largest gift you can give right now?	\$
CONSISTENT GIVING: What can you give per month over the next 2 years?	\$
Subscriptions	\$
Luxuries (golf, mani/pedis, travel etc.)	\$
Conveniences (coffee, eating out, etc.)	\$
Entertainment	\$
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CREATIVE GIVING: What else can you give?	\$
Investments	\$
Property (Boat, Car, etc)	\$
Delayed plans or projects	\$
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KID'S SACRIFICE	\$
ADULT'S SACRIFICE	\$

TOTAL GIFT \$	
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Notes:

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ Jesus sat down near the collection box in the temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

⁴³ Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44

READ Mark 12:41-44 NLT

UNDERSTAND

In the verses you just read, Jesus observes people bringing their tithes and offerings into the temple. A variety of people contribute different amounts but Jesus chooses to honor the widow who brought a few cents. He doesn't honor her for the monetary value of her gift, but instead, for the percentage of her sacrifice. The woman sacrificed what she depended on and trusted God to provide for her needs.

ACT

through sacrificial generosity. Ask God to help you see what you can sacrifice to help his kingdom move forward.																			
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Take a few moments to think about how you can continue to increase your dependence on God

Day 2

READ Mark 12:41 NLT

UNDERSTAND

It may seem weird to us today that Jesus would watch people bring their tithes and offerings into the church, but that would have been normal in his culture. In fact, many people used giving as an opportunity to show off their wealth. Some would quite literally get their money in smaller denominations and coins so it would make more noise and look like more when it was added to the offerings. Jesus wasn't impressed by the size of the gift, instead, he focused on the size of the sacrifice.

ACT

Spend a minute or two thinking about your own generosity over the past year. Whether it be to a friend or family member, charity or church, think about the posture you've taken when giving. Ask God to reveal to you any time that you've been generous with the wrong motives.

READ Mark 12:42 NLT

UNDERSTAND

According to many historians, each coin the widow donated was 1/64 of a regular day's wage. Fast forward to 2024 and the widow's contribution would roughly equal \$7.50. In other words, it wasn't very much. Jesus understood that God didn't need her money but he wanted her heart. When Jesus saw her sacrifice, he knew that she truly trusted God.

ACT

W	Where in your life has your wallet been a wall around your heart? Spend a few minutes today asking																			
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Mark 12:43 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Another way to understand Biblical generosity is by looking at the percentage we give. Throughout the Bible, God's people were instructed to bring a tithe (tenth) of everything they made and give it to the local church. Anything above that was considered an offering. Both tithes and offerings were leveraged to further the mission of the local group of believers and bless the world around them. The widow in the passage was too poor to divide her money by 10 so she gave all that she had. As followers of Jesus, we have to choose, like the widow did, to trust God with everything.

ACT

As you begin to pray, are there any views or behaviors that you need to shift as you manage your
resources? Have you become more relaxed as you've begun to earn more? Pray for God to give you
clarity on a percentage of your income that you can give back to him.

READ Mark 12:44 NLT

UNDERSTAND

For thousands and thousands of years, people have obeyed God by giving sacrificially to their local church. This is no different today. When people who follow God want to be obedient financially, they give first to the local church because it's the place that Jesus said would stand strong against the powers of Hell. (Matt 16:18)

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d	don't trust anyone when it comes to handling money. As you think about your own level of sacrifice in this journey, pray that God would increase your trust in his church along the way.																				
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Discuss something that you could give up for a month. Whatever the sacrifice, calculate what you save. Your task this week is to use these resources to bless someone in your life. This could be a friend or family member that you want to see attend Mosaic. It could be someone in need you meet on the street. It may empower you to buy lunch for the coworker you've committed to praying for. Regardless of who it is, take time this week to be a blessing to someone with the resources entrusted to you. Once you've done it, take a few minutes to journal about what you did and your experience. Next week, we'll start by discussing the impact our generosity had on both the recipients and us.



Scan here for group discussion questions.

Notes:		

Money changes your community and makes a difference in ways you never thought possible.



What is the first thing you'd do with unlimited resources?



"We would immediately start a rehab project for row homes we are in the process of purchasing. We want to rehab them so we can have a more consistent presence in the community and make a deeper and lasting impact."

Jeff Thompson
Executive Director





ASK AND IMAGINE

Faith is spelled R-I-S-K.

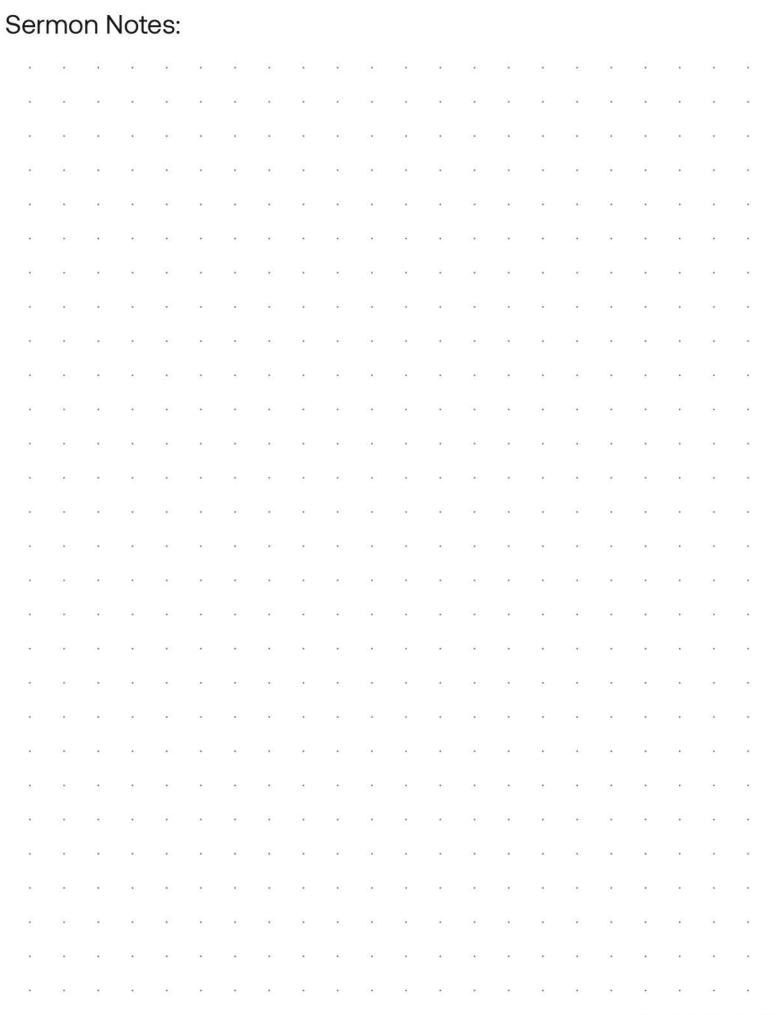
WEEK FIVE

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

(Ephesians 3:17 NLT)

SONG OF THE WEEK

"Take You At Your Word" By Cody Carnes



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Last Sunday, your family committed to sacrifice and give over the next two years. We're praying that God uses that sacrifice to continue to reach people around us with the hope of Jesus.

Have each person in your family make a list of people in their life that they know are in need of the gospel or would benefit from being part of the local church here at Mosaic. If you need a minimum, start with at least 5 people. If you're looking for a maximum, think about how many relationships you can realistically invest in on a monthly basis.

In order to model faith and hope to a broken world, we have to live in close proximity to our people. It would be awesome if we could live in proximity and relationship with hundreds of people a week, but for many of us that isn't possible. So you have to ask yourself, "How many people are close to me but far from Jesus?" How can you begin to create intentional environments to build relationships that could lead to an invite to Mosaic?

Now is the time to be intentional and plan ahead. Christmas is around the corner, and more people are willing to say yes to a church invite at Christmas than at any other time of the year.



Make a Plan

Use this page to make a plan. Make a list of your people. Pick a few days between now and Christmas that would be good proximity-builders. Last, send the text to actually set it up. People's schedules fill up during the holidays so start early!

Make a list of people:
Pick out a few dates:
Brainstorm ideas of what to do together:

If you need some ideas, think about baking cookies or looking at Christmas lights. Ride to the Christmas party together or grab a seasonal coffee once a week. Whatever you're into, whatever you have in common, leverage it this month to increase proximity and intentionally invite them to Christmas at Mosaic.



Scan here for tips on how to prepare for this time together.

Pray & Send an Invite

Write out a prayer for the people you are planning to spend time with:

Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Growth

¹⁶I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

⁴Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

Ephesians 3:16-21

& Ephesians 4:1-4

READ Ephesians 3:16-4:4 NLT

UNDERSTAND

If you've spent time memorizing the Bible in this journey, the first half of the scripture today was very familiar to you. Even if you didn't, it's our passage from Week 1. In the second part of the scripture, Paul challenges followers of Jesus to live out their calling because of how great God is to you. In other words, grace is too good to be wasted.

ACT

Take a few moments to think about your life and the ways God has shown you grace. What are the
secrets and shame you hold on to? God's offering you grace instead. What relationships have you
damaged? God offers you grace and wants to redeem them. Take a few moments to thank God for
grace and ask him to help you fully receive it.

Day 2

READ Ephesians 3:20-21 NLT

UNDERSTAND

God blesses humanity and moves through his people to accomplish his will in our world. He doesn't need us, but he desires a relationship with us and invites us to be part of his mission. When we say yes to God's invitation, he leverages our sacrifice and his power to accomplish more than we ever thought possible.

ACT

Is there any part of your life that you hold back from God? Maybe it's your past or plan for your future? Your dating life or your income stream? Maybe it's a practical step like baptism or serving that you know you need to step into. Whatever it may be, talk to God about what has held you back and ask for the courage you need to move forward and accept his invitation.

READ Ephesians 4:1 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Yesterday, you explored areas of your life that you may be holding back from God. Whatever you came up with, in the verse you just read, Paul is calling and challenging you to address them so you can live a life worthy of the great calling God has for you.

ACT

Take a few moments to consider what your life would be like if you took the practical step of faith
that you know you need to take. What would be true of you if you addressed your past or submitted
your future to God? What if you surrendered your dating life or income stream to the one who is
Lord over all things? What could God do with your life if you were obedient? Pray and ask God to
help you dream with him about your future.

Ephesians 4:2 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Sometimes practical and clear can be great, and other times, it can be annoying because it's exposing. This verse doesn't need explanation and isn't confusing. It says we should be humble, gentle, patient, and forgiving.

ACT

As you begin to pray, are there any ways you need to repent for how your life isn't in line with this verse? Neither Paul or God are looking to shame you for the struggles you have in living out this verse. However, they are inviting you to something better than pride, brashness, impatience, and holding grudges. Confess your sin to God if you need to and accept the grace he offers you.

READ Ephesians 4:3-4 NLT

UNDERSTAND

Paul doesn't expect us to be perfect as we follow Jesus and live in community, but he does call us to "make every effort" to live in peace with the people around us, especially those who follow Jesus. He wants to make sure we understand that there is one Body, one Spirit, and one glorious Hope for our future.

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Cortney Baylor

Five years ago, Cortney was an atheist with no interest in faith or religion. She was simply on a pursuit for truth. Fast forward to today and she's one of the best bringers we have at Mosaic.

Cortney works as a hair stylist and uses nearly every opportunity she has to talk to people about her faith in Jesus. In her pursuit of truth, she was captivated by the Bible and now, she takes its truth to everyone she knows. In her opinion, she has unlimited potential through her business to reach more people with the hope of Jesus than she ever thought possible. She's seen God open more doors and create more fruitful conversations about faith than she could have ever imagined.

Cortney has brought so many people to Mosaic's "Black Tent" that we've joked about making her a punch-card. God is using her to help redeem the people around her at work and in her community as she takes a risk and invites. However, there's one group of people that Cortney has struggled to reach.

For years, Cortney's family has avoided church and avoided her whenever she talked about it. They were skeptical of her faith and didn't have an interest in following Jesus. That was the case for years until Cortney's sister passed away early in 2024.

In their confusion, her family started to question Cortney about her faith as they pursued the truth on their own. Those conversations led to her family checking out Mosaic and starting to explore faith.

Even though they haven't come back or started following Jesus, Cortney's excited to have Gospel-centered conversations with her family and can't wait to see how God uses the pain they all experienced as a path to bring them to faith.

Notes:

This week, have a group feast, celebrating the end of your Unlimited Group. Have an extended time of prayer for the people you wrote in this week's challenge.



Scan here for group discussion questions.



BAPTISM

This week you dreamed and planned about how you can reach people who don't know Jesus.

It's possible that you may not follow Jesus yourself. If that's you, we want you to know that God desires a relationship with you over everything else.

If you've never made a decision to submit your life to Jesus, the most significant decision you could make during this campaign is to surrender to him.

