



SV LIFE RECOVERY MEETING

IF YOU WOULD YOU COULD

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- **2 Corinthians 8:1-15** **TRUSTING GOD ABOVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES**

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹²For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

BREAKDOWN OF THE TEXT

- **Luke 16:10a** **HIS GRACE SHOULD BIRTH YOUR TRUST**

¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much,

- **Luke 12:48b** **HIS GRACE HAS REQUIREMENTS**

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

- **Romans 12:6-10** **HIS GRACE IGNITES THEIR GIVING**

⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

- **James 4:6** **HIS GRACE REQUIRES YOUR HUMILITY**

⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

- **Luke 6:38** **THEY LOOKED AT GIVING AS A PRIVILEGE**

³⁸Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

- **Ecclesiastes 11:4** **THEY FOCUSED ON GOD NOT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES**

⁴If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

- **Acts 3:3-6**

HOW LONG ARE YOU WILLING TO STAY IN THE SAME PLACE?

³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. ⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

- **Proverbs 11:24**

ARE YOU GAINING OR LOSING GROUND IN LIFE?

²⁴ Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.

- **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

ARE YOU CONSISTENTLY DOING WHAT GOD LOVES?

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- **1 Corinthians 15:10**

ARE YOU WASTING HIS GRACE TO SACRIFICE?

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

- **Matthew 6:19-21**

WHAT WILL BE IN HEAVEN WAITING FOR YOU?

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- **Matthew 15:8**

IS YOUR HEART SEEN IN YOUR RECOVERY BY HELPING PEOPLE?

⁸ "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

- **Proverbs 3:4-5**

ARE YOU TRUSTING GOD OR YOURSELF?

⁴⁻⁵ If you want favor with both God and man, and a reputation for good judgment and common sense, then trust the Lord completely; don't ever trust yourself.

IN CLOSING

- **Revelation 2:2-5**

IT'S TIME TO IGNITE LOVE IN YOU AGAIN!

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.