



2 CORINTHIANS

Sufficient in Christ

PART 2 | SUFFICIENT TO GIVE
CHAPTERS 8-9

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Jimmy Gann exhorted us from Revelation 5:9-10 to live daily on mission as “priests to our God” through Jesus Christ. We also heard testimonies from Crosspoint members and from our gospel partners throughout the world about how God is using them to live daily on mission. Praise the Lord that he has sovereignly chosen us to know him and take his gospel to the ends of the earth.

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

This Sunday we will return to our study of 2 Corinthians, beginning a brief series called: “Sufficient to Give.” Pastor Ken Lewis will preach from 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, and we will consider the truth that God’s grace motivates and makes us sufficient to give our time, resources, and our very selves to others for the glory of God. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let this devotional from Milton Vincent further develop a generous, gospel-love for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Reflect: “Loving My Brothers and Sisters”

The more I experience the gospel, the more there develops within me a yearning affection for my fellow-Christians who are also participating in the glories of the gospel. This affection for them comes loaded with confidence in their continued spiritual growth and ultimate glorification, and it becomes my pleasure to express to them this loving confidence regarding the ongoing work of God in their lives (Philippians 1:3-7).

Additionally, with the gospel proving itself to be such a boon in my own life, I realize that the greatest gift I can give to my fellow-Christians is the gospel itself. Indeed, I love my fellow-Christians not simply because of the gospel, but I love them best when I am loving them with the gospel (1 Thessalonians 2:8)! And I do this not merely by speaking gospel words to them, but also by living before them and generously relating to them in a gospel manner. Imparting my life to them in this way, I thereby contribute to their experience of the power, the Spirit, and the full assurance of the gospel (1 Thessalonians 1:5).

By preaching the gospel to myself each day, I nurture the bond that unites me with my brothers and sisters for whom Christ died, and I also keep myself well-versed in the raw materials with which I may actively love them in Christ.

“Loving My Brothers and Sisters,” in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Joyful, Joyful)," Arr. Shane & Shane
2. "Sing to Jesus," Arr. Shane & Shane
3. "Christ Be All," by Grace Worship

SONG LYRICS

"PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY (JOYFUL, JOYFUL)"

Catherine Winkworth | Joachim Neander

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is your health and salvation
Come all you hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under His wings and so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Chorus

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

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SONG LYRICS

"SING TO JESUS"

Fernando Ortega | Rich Nibbe

Verse 1

Come and see
Look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe
Nailed to a tree
Christ our God
Spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish
His sacred head

Chorus 1

Sing to Jesus
Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus
Honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness
Pouring His life out unto death

Verse 2

Come you weary
And He will give you rest
Come you who mourn
Lay on His breast
Christ who died
Risen in paradise
Giver of mercy
Giver of life

Chorus 2

Sing to Jesus
His is the throne
Now and forever
He is the King of heaven
Sing to Jesus we are His own
Now and forever
Sing for the love our God has shown

Chorus 3

Sing to Jesus Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus honor His name

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SONG LYRICS

"CHRIST BE ALL"

Andrew Murray | Kevin King

Verse 1

Oh to be empty and lowly
Meek and unnoticed and unknown
And to God a vessel holy
Filled with Christ and Christ alone

Verse 2

How great is God His grandeur endless
How frail I come before his throne
I am lost in love relentless
That Christ be all and I his own

Chorus

May Christ be all
And I be nothing
His glory shines
In vessels weak
May Christ be all
And I be nothing
This is my hope Not I but Christ in me
This is my hope Not I but Christ in me

Bridge

Bring me low
My heart lower still
That your grace my pride relieves
May these words
Resound loud until
Every tribe and tongue believes (can sing)

Verse 4

On golden shores of sure salvation
I will run to meet my King
Freed from shame and all accusation
He'll give Himself Nothing I'll bring
He'll give Himself Nothing I'll bring

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SUFFICIENT TO GIVE

GIVING IS AN ACT OF GRACE

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Big Idea: God's grace encourages and enables us to give.

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to complete their commitment . . .

1. By the example of God's grace in the Macedonian churches (8:1-5).

a. Grace experienced (v. 1).

2 Corinthians 8:1

We want you to know, brothers, about the **grace** of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,

Giving is not something we do, but something we are. Giving is a way of life for the Christian who understands the grace of God.

- *Wiersbe, W. W.*

- ***The power for giving is God's grace.***

b. Grace expressed (vv. 2-5)

(1) They gave joyfully (v. 2a).

2 Corinthians 8:2a

for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2) They gave generously (v. 2b).

2 Corinthians 8:2b

and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

Romans 12:8

the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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(3) They gave sacrificially (v. 3a).

2 Corinthians 8:3a

For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means.

(4) They gave willingly (v. 3b-4).

2 Corinthians 8:3b-4

of their own accord, [4] begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints

(5) They gave themselves totally (v. 5).

2 Corinthians 8:5

and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Exhortations (vv. 6-8):

- Finish what you started (vv. 6, 10-11).

2 Corinthians 8:6

Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.

2 Corinthians 8:10-11

And 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. [11] So 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.

- *Giving is an act of grace (8:6, 7, 19).*

- Excel in giving (v. 7).

2 Corinthians 8:7

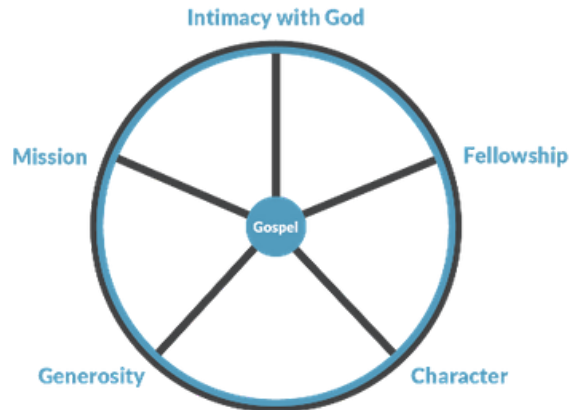
But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace [also](#).

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2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Gospel Wheel



- Prove your love (v. 8).

2 Corinthians 8:8

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

- *Giving is an expression of love.*

2. By the example of God's grace in Christ (8:9).

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

- a. He was rich (v. 9b).

2 Corinthians 8:9b

that though he was rich,

- b. He became poor for our sake (v. 9c).

2 Corinthians 8:9c

yet for your sake he became poor,

- c. He made us rich through his poverty (v. 9d).

2 Corinthians 8:9d

so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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GIVING IS AN ACT OF GRACE

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

- The pattern for giving is God's Son.

Exhortations (vv. 12-15):

- Give what you have to meet a need (vv. 12-14).

2 Corinthians 8:12-14

For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. [13] For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness [14] your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.

- Trust God to provide what you need (v. 15).

2 Corinthians 8:15

As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

- Giving is an expression of faith.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

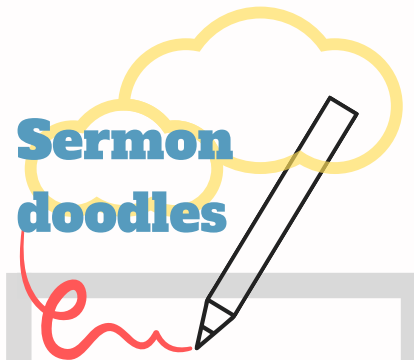


Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVE: TO SEE THAT GOD'S GRACE MAKES US SUFFICIENT TO GIVE

DISCUSS

- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- Describe the two examples of generosity (vv.1-5,9) that Paul puts forward in this passage. Describe the two exhortations Paul gives from these two examples (vv.6-8,12-15).
- How did Paul describe the Macedonian churches in this passage? What was motivating the generosity of these churches?
- How does knowing that God owns all things affect our generosity toward Him and others?
- Restate verse 9 in your own words. How does a right understanding of the gospel increase our love for God and others while decreasing our love for self and possessions?
- Looking at verses 6-7, why is it important to grow as a complete disciple, not neglecting any one aspect? Why steps can you take to grow in the grace of giving?
- Are there any needs among your group that together your group can joyfully meet this week? Are there any needs of others you know outside of your group that your group could meet?

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For larger groups, consider the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. You may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

Paul encourages the Corinthians to meet one another's needs by displaying generosity toward one another as Christ has toward them. Paul shares the encouraging example of generosity from among the churches of Macedonia and even shares how Christ himself is our example and source of joyful generosity.

READ: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

- How have you experienced joy from either giving or receiving generosity?
- What is the "grace of God" that Paul refers to in these verses? How is generosity an "act of grace" (v.7)?
- What defined the churches in Macedonia? How were they able to give generously despite not having much to give? How can there be joy in being generous?
- How does Jesus enable us to joyfully be generous toward others?
- What opportunities do you have even today to be generous towards others?

PRAY

- Praise God for His infinite generosity towards us by sending Jesus to pay for our sins and give us spiritual life in Him.
- Pray that God would grant you a heart of generosity toward others as you reflect on His generosity toward you.
- Pray for God to show you opportunities to be generous to others in your life even today.

SING: "My Worth Is Not In What I Own," by Keith and Kristen Getty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05jKxv8Apul>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

FELLOWSHIP MEANS PARTNERSHIP

What comes to mind when you think of the word fellowship? The word fellowship is a very colorful word that is rich in meaning. It describes the closeness Christians have in relationship with one another as we together are members of Christ's body. One aspect of fellowship is the idea of partnership. In fact, the very word for "fellowship" (koinonia) is the same word for "partnership." The apostle Paul, writing from prison, celebrates the Philippian's partnership with him through their financial support of him in his ministry.

READ: Philippians 4:14-20

- What evidence do you see of the Philippians partnership with Paul?
- What promises are given to the Philippian believers in this passage? Does this apply to believers today in our context?
- What results from their obedience in fellowship (v. 20)?
- What ways do you fellowship with believers in such a way as the Philippians with Paul?

PRAY

- Praise God for his supply of riches in glory that is able to meet all our needs.
- Pray for those with whom you are partnering in gospel work through your giving: Crosspoint pastors & staff, Crosspoint's missions partners, other gospel workers you may support.

SING: Inspired by verse 20, sing of God's glory with the message from the angels in "Angels We Have Heard on High," by Reawaken Hymns

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGCxTOYBy50>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

A WILLING HEART

As the Israelites continue to follow Moses out of Egypt towards the Promised Land, they are given a command to make contributions for the Tabernacle (see Exodus 35:4-19). The Tabernacle will function as the physical housing for the presence of God. However, this is only a foreshadowing of how God's Spirit will one day dwell in His people (see 1 Corinthians 3:16-17). The Israelites are commanded to give of their personal goods and gifts to the building of the Tabernacle, but not reluctantly or out of compulsion. Rather, their contributions are to be given from a generous and willing heart.

READ: Exodus 35:20-29

- What is the importance and role of the Israelites' hearts when making contributions for the Tabernacle?
- Reread verse 29. What does this say about the types of things the Israelites brought as contributions? What does this say about how (their will) they brought contributions?
- How does the willingness of heart shown by the Israelites impact you? Does it change your personal understanding of what it means to give to God?
- In what ways is God calling you to give of your material goods and individual gifts?

PRAY

- Ask God to give/grow in you a willing heart that seeks to give generously towards His mission.
- Thank God for His willingness to give His one and only Son for our salvation.

SING: "The Heart of Worship," by Matt Redman

(<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=P-Zp586pvZg>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020

GREAT IS THE LORD

In this psalm, David speaks of God's provision for those who love Him. God opens His hand and is "near to all who call on Him in truth." We need only to recognize God's sovereignty and willingness to give us what we need, and fearfully call upon His name in trust and obedience. Be confident and comforted by the knowledge that God preserves those who love Him, and let that glorious truth lead us to live a life of thanksgiving and generosity.

READ: Psalm 145:14-21

- What do you notice about the provision of the Lord in this passage?
- How have you seen God "open [his] hand" in your own life and why is it important to remember those moments?
- Summarize this passage in your own words. Are there any commands? If so, what are practical ways you can follow them in your own life?
- How should this passage motivate us towards generosity?

PRAY

- Praise God for His provision and satisfying us in a way which the world never could.
- Recount God's greatness in all things and thank Him for His unending faithfulness.
- Confess to God any areas where you haven't given thanks for His goodness. Ask Him to lead you to give thanks in all circumstances.
- Confess times when you've held back giving to others and Ask God for opportunities to supply for the needy as He provides for us.

SING: "Great Are You Lord," by All Sons & Daughters

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQLMnPYoR9k&ab>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020

GIVING THE GLORIFIES

To finish his indictment of the religious leaders of his day, Mark ends this chapter of his gospel with a brief story of the widow's offering. Regardless of the amount of money or time given, God desires that his people give from a heart of full surrender and trust in Him.

READ: Mark 12:41-44

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What examples from the passage should we follow?
- How can you sacrificially be more generous with your time, talents, and treasures?

PRAY

- Pray for God to grant you true repentance over the ways you have been selfish with your time, talents, and treasures over the past week. Confess specific ways you have done this over the past week.
- Pray for God to give you a generous heart like the poor widow in the passage; willing to give everything away when called to do so.

SING: "My Truest Praise," by The Worship Initiative, Shane & Shane, Sam Deford

(https://youtu.be/dqNcLh_4sUE)