

OVERFLOW—1 MORE BLESSED

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO**

10:00 am ****LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am ****LIVE In House Welcome –**

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

***Online Connect Card *** -> RightNow Media

10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am **LIVE SHOT** – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

NEXT-GEN: 9am Sundays @ Balcony -

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

**Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - coming soon April -
Host Family Needed**

True North Youth Ranch - HAY DRIVE - sending out an email

**Last-Week : March 5th 9am Sunday Service - Hosting
Brooklyn Adult & Teen Challenge.**

11:00 AM **Sermon Bump Video - Overflow

..... The week before last I began doing a teaching on the principle of putting God 1st in our lives...

He's either GOD of ALL, or, He's not God at all.

Many come to Him for salvation... But few recognize His Kingship.

If you were here that morning... you would have learned the difference between Cain's offering & Able's offering. Why was one sacrifice acceptable & the other one rejected?

Putting God 1st

This morning.... I'd like to discuss generosity...

- 1. @thepeakcc I'm Grateful for our generous givers.... faithful tithers... Ministry Partners.**
- 2. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.... *my role in finance**

3. Statistically speaking, I'm sure there are those who are just warming up to generosity... learning to be generous...

Today more than ever... there's so many obstacles that would *like* to prevent people from being generous..

Inflation / Low Income / FEAR / less debt / security - certainty

... *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* Acts 20:35 NIV

M O R E B L E S S E D

opening Prayer

I have a vision that we will ONE DAY be a major source of resources for our community...

We aren't exactly there yet... church needs - grant writers - - fundraisers - content creators ... wealthy donors

I beleive...

We will lead the way with irrational generosity, because we truly believe it's *more blessed* to give than to receive.

But what do you do when you want to be generous, but just don't have a lot of resources to do so??

2 Corinthians 8:1-4 NIV

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst

of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

Macedonians were dirt poor - that's like *really really* poor.

& here Paul is using them as an example to the Corinthians as RICH GENEROSITY....

How could someone who has SO LITTLE give SO MUCH?

- *Time & services.... Pandemic - Funerals - weddings - Public speaking events - FREE -*

Give what you have

“Not enough” is not an amount; it’s a mindset.

Poverty is a mindset is a way of thinking that is said to perpetuate poverty because the focus is on what one doesn't have rather than what one does have. Thoughts and comments such as "I can't afford this..." and "I'll never have enough money for that..." may turn out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Zig Ziglar noted that focusing on the concern about what is missing in one's life rather than focusing on what is there can lead to further poverty.

A skier going down between a series of trees NEVER FOCUSES on the trees.... imagine... there's a tree, there's a tree, there's a tree... Guess what he's eventually gonna hit...

A TREE

The skier that focuses on white path... white path, white path, with path.... guess what he's gonna find...

A WHITE PATH

Ziglar and others believe the ones who break out of poverty and really succeed are those who use what they do have, *are grateful for what they do have*, and most of all aren't jealous of what others have.

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

I know people who have \$100/ Not Enough - \$1000/ NE - \$10,000/ NE - \$1,000,000.00 & really feel like... NE

“Not enough” is not an amount; it's a *mindset*.

We serve an abundant God who not only wants to provide MORE than what we need... But He also wants to meet the needs of others through us.

adjust our mindsets from...

1. *Not Enough* (mindset) More Than Enough.

We also have a *resource mindset*.. We are taught to believe that what we work for is ours.... That we EARNED it and OWN it...

This is another mind set that needs to be adjusted..

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”

1 Chronicles 29:14 NIV

adjust our mindsets from...

2. My Resources □ God’s Resources.

We are but stewards of God’s resources.... EVERYTHING we have has come from HIM

“And you shall remember the Lord your God, for ***it is He who gives you power to get wealth***, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV

Jeremiah clearly states the results of when one places their confidence in God as their source:

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust ***is the Lord.***

He is like a ***tree planted by water***, that sends out its *roots by the stream* and does not fear when heat comes, for its *leaves remain green*, and ***is not anxious in the year of drought***, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 ESV

3. I'll give when ... I'll give now.

Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. *Give in proportion to what you have.*

2 Corinthians 8:11 NLT

The great equalizer...

*coming home from upstate university... started my life over again... 10% of nothing is nothing... lol.

started earning.. every \$100 in my account \$10 to the church. Sowing into the Kingdom work.

God started blessing.. Increased my income which proportionally increased my giving..

Funny how it begins to get harder to give.... the more you earn..

However.... God's methodology is that we should give in proportion to what HE GIVES US.

& we should do it IMMEDIATELY

PROVERBS 3:27

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.”

& finally... We must fight the modern day heresy of the prosperity gospel...

Name it and Claim it... Have a need, sow a seed... For your best gift NOW..

We DON'T GIVE TO GET, WE GET TO GIVE

LUKE 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Generosity is NOT about the amount.... it's about the HEART!!

One last story.... I just had the brakes done on my car... Upgraded package ... \$1k.

did not have it,... and just celebrated a very special birthday and dinner.

feeling somewhat strapped.. went to the market... ran into a friend. - hurting, tired, struggling depression anxiety, 1st day back to work...

DD's Coffee.... 1st time in a while I had to consider affordability... fought the “overthink” & just DID.. right then & there...

A \$5 coffee when i went back & delivered it to her... The look on her face. I heard co-workers ask her who? what?

why?.... That's my Pastor.... I IMMEDIATELY felt Jesus got the credit.

COMMUNION

There is no direct power in these emblems we hold today... a small cup of juice and a piece of tasteless unleavened bread.... Does everyone have his or her cup of communion?? Listen to me family... What is symbolized here today is not just an ancient custom or the traditions of men....

What the Old Testament saints couldn't even dream of.... We are living today. All of our past, present, and future sins... covered by the Blood of Gods eternal Lamb...

Where have you fallen short of God's Holiness? What thoughts have you had that are not pleasing to Him? Hidden motives? Secret agendas? Whether in thought, or deed, sins of omission or commission, God's Grace is here today... Examine yourselves, understand His redemptive process, and make a choice today to receive His provision in Jesus.... As we partake of His offering we also unite ourselves together to each other. We are true brothers and sisters now eternally by Jesus's Blood!

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

CALL TO ACTION

None of this will make any sense until you come to a place of asking HIM to enter into your heart. To wipe out the sin & cleanse your conscience

The Lord says draw near unto me... & I'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

RECEIVE THE RISEN LORD & KNOW FOR YOURSELF THAT HE LIVES!!!!

OK CHURCH...

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

See you next week....