Sermon: Contending for Community Message # 9 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5 Seaside Community Church October 4, 2020

Contending for Community Traits of Generous People

2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

Generous people give...

Out of their enthusiastic response to God

2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:5-7; 1 John 4:10-12,19

Quite often anonymously

Matthew 6:1-4

With both the "what" and the "how" in mind

Mark 12:41-44

With no strings attached

Matthew 10:7-9

And their <u>lifestyle</u> is <u>contagious</u>

Luke 6:37-38

Next week scriptures: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Growth Group Discussion For the week of October 4, 2020

Connect

Share about a time when someone was especially generous to you.

Reflect

What point from Sunday's message touched you the most?

Explore

1. Like the Corinthians, the Israelites were eager in their initial enthusiasm to give to God's work, but became more tightfisted after the excitement wore off (Exodus 35:4-9 & 36:2-7, Malachi 3:8-10 and 2 Corinthians 9:4-5). What have you found useful to help you follow through with your financial commitments to the Lord?

2. Paul took great efforts to avoid the appearance of misconduct in dealing with the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 9:11-12 and 2 Corinthians 8:16-21). Discuss the importance of reputation for a Christian and how it might require us to limit our personal freedom.

3. Noted Christian author Dallas Willard said that prayer and giving are the first two steps toward involvement in God's Kingdom. Share your thoughts on this.

4. When money is involved, the natural human thought is, "What's in it for me?" When Jesus tells us to give, the answer is, "Nothing. Just obey." See Luke 14:12-14 & 17:10. Discuss how this attitude encourages us to let go of our power and control over our lives.

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Weekly Goal	\$22,195	Monthly Goal	\$95,500
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Raise A Hallelujah

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Bridge

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Bridge

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me (REPEAT)

Sing a little louder

Ending I raise a hallelujah

Awake My Soul

Verse 1

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear praises He hears faith

Verse 2

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear worship He hears faith

Chorus

Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud
Oh awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud

Verse 3

There is a sound that changes things
The sound of His people on their knees
Oh wake up you slumbering
It's time to worship Him

Bridge

And when He moves and when we pray
Where stood a wall now stands a way
Where every promise is amen
And when He moves make no mistake
The bowels of hell begin to shake
All hail the Lord all hail the King

Bridge
Hey oh
Oh let the King of glory enter in
Hey oh
Fall down on your knees and worship Him
Hey oh
Let His praise rise up don't hold it in

Lead Me To The Cross

Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul Remember redemption's hill Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

Pre-Chorus
Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus
Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

Verse 2
You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen

Bridge
To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can

Great Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave You free every captive and break every chain O God You have done great things We dance in Your freedom awake and alive O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high O God You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable Hallelujah You have done great things (REPEAT) You've done great things

Ending

You have done great things O God You do great things