

Contending for Community
2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

Title: Generosity & The Gift of Freedom

Growth Group Discussion
For the week of September 27, 2020

Connect

Recall when you received an unexpected gift.

Reflect

Share an insight from Sunday's message or Scriptures.

Explore

1. Corinth was rich; Macedonia was poor. Yet the Macedonians excelled in generosity (2 Corinthians 8:1-4). Why do you think that poor Christians often give more than rich Christians?

2. The heart of generosity is giving ourselves completely to Christ (2 Corinthians 8:5) and deeply appreciating what he has done for us (2 Corinthians 8:9 and Ephesians 1:7-8). Why are these so fundamental?

3. Paul points out in verse 7 that giving is a basic component of discipleship, not a separate category. How can we grow in this area, in addition to faith, knowledge, love, etc.?

4. Read the story of the rich young ruler in Mark 10:17-22. Why is holding on to money such a stumbling block? What are some common excuses that people use to avoid giving?

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Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

No Longer Slaves

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

Head To The Heart

Verse 1

I open up to You
This love that makes me new
Oh may my heart receive
This love that carries me

Chorus 1

From the head to the heart
You take me on a journey
Of letting go
And getting lost in You

Verse 2

My heart is open wide
I will receive Your light
You give me faith like a child
In You my heart runs wild

Chorus 2

('Cuz) there's no shame
In looking like a fool
When I give you what I can't keep
To take a hold of You

Bridge

More than words
More than good ideas
I found Your love in the open fields

Since Your Love

Verse

You are the light the song of my life
You always lead
You are the voice inside You are my love
No one before You
All that I am points to You

Chorus

I was made by You
I was made for You
I am unfulfilled without full communion

Bridge

Since Your love got a hold of me
Since Your love got a hold of me
I'm a new creation
I'm forever changed

Ending

In You is all I need
You're my breath You're my life
You're my ev'rything