



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

April 14, 2024

Series Title: Stewardship  
Sermon Title: Always a Portion, Sometimes a Sacrifice  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— 5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Points to Consider:

The Churches of Macedonia’s Giving was:

- Attributed to God’s Grace*
- Abundant in Spite of Affliction*
- According to and beyond their Ability*
- Adamant because of their Attitude*

Discussion Questions:

Consider 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15. How are the Macedonians’ generosity and the grace of God linked? Consider the kingdom principle of generosity (gleaning) outlined in Leviticus 23:22. How are these passages linked? In what ways can we emulate the generosity of the Macedonian churches described in these verses?

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Given the question above, how does Paul's description of the Macedonian churches challenge our understanding of generosity and wealth as it relates to God's kingdom on earth?

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What role does joy play in the act of giving, as illustrated in these verses?

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