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The Devout & the Desperate

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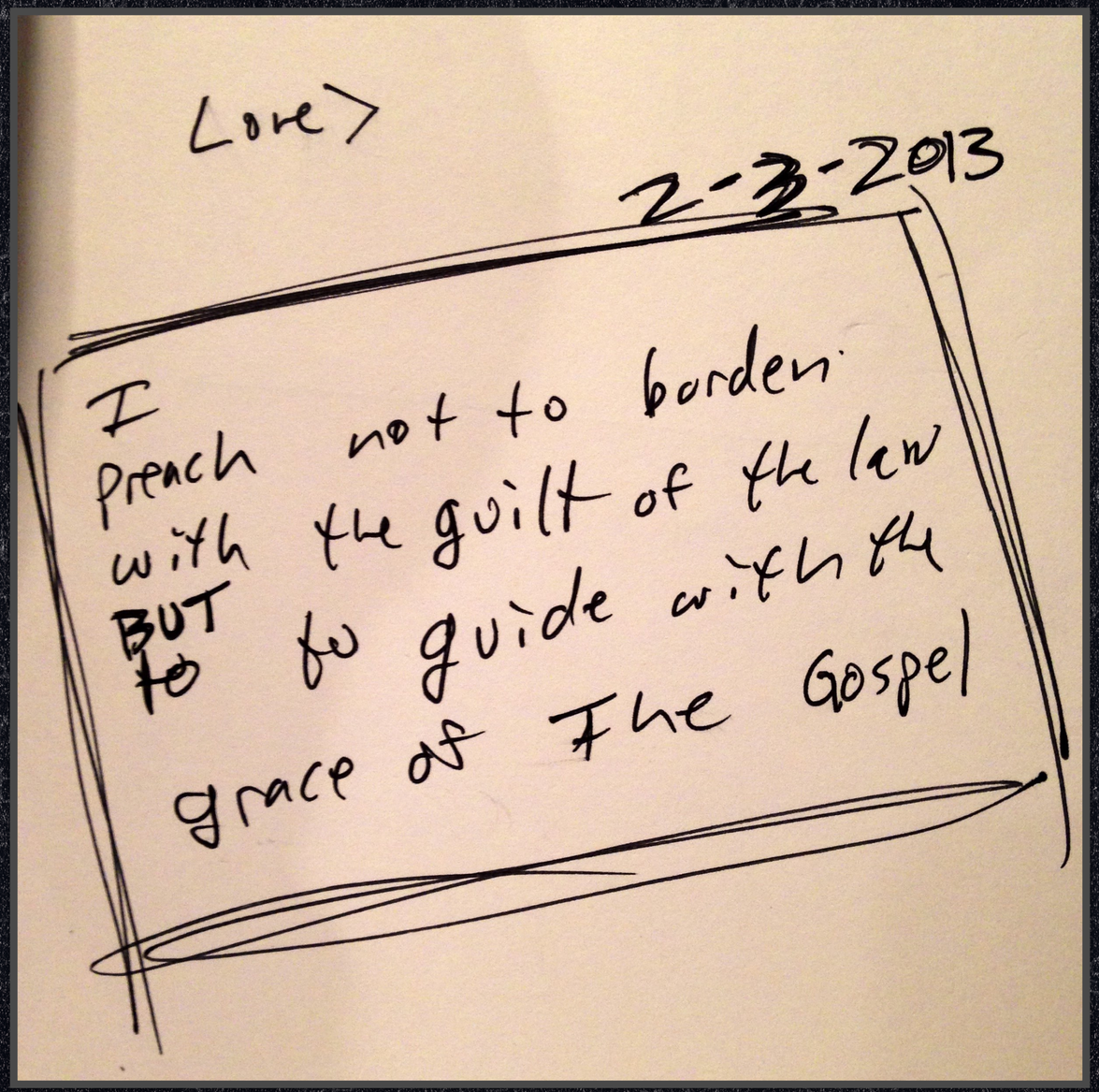
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MATTHEW 9:9-13

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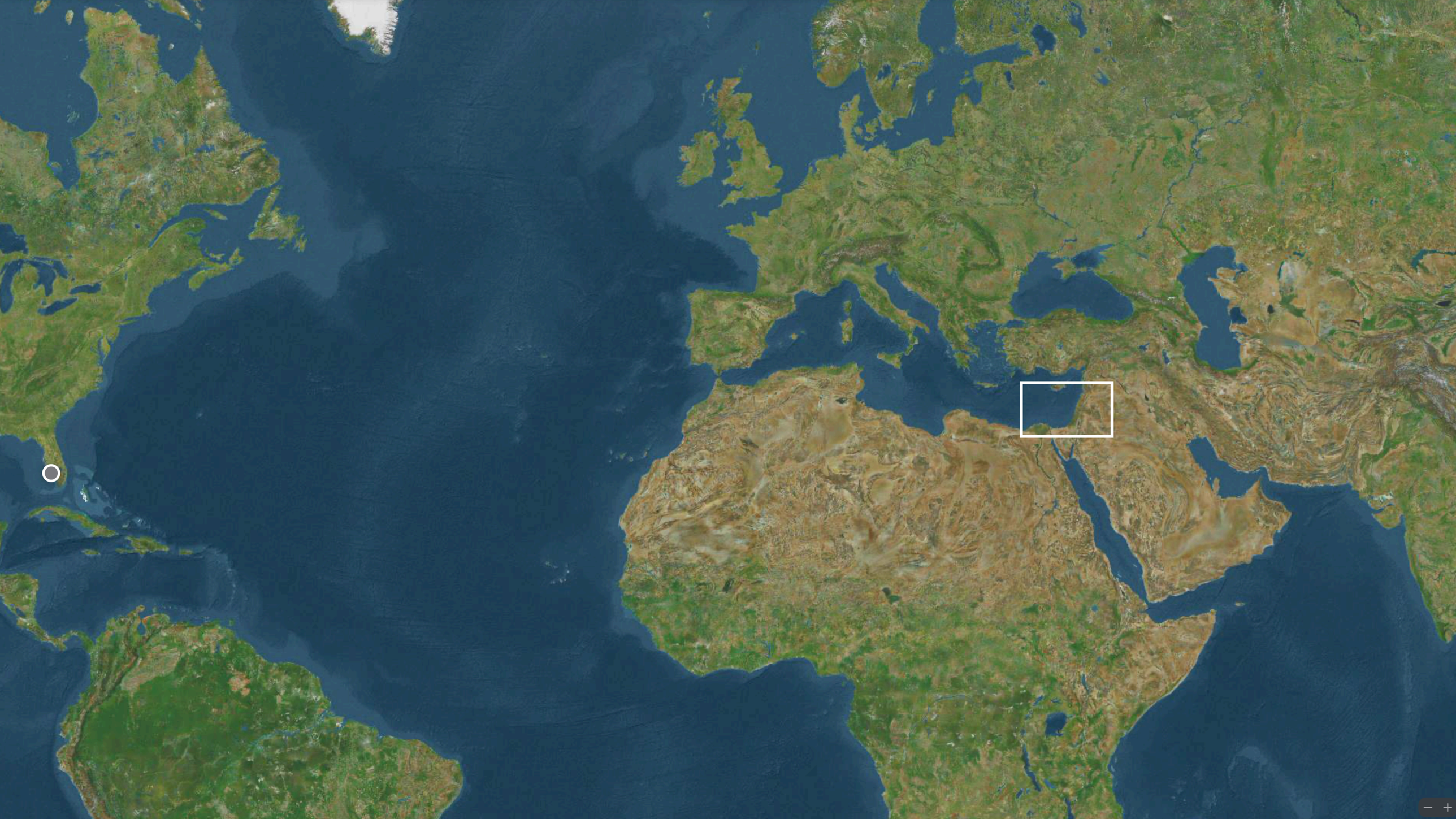

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I’m about to have a cramp if we don’t switch elbows!

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I SAW THAT.

←FAKE JESUS

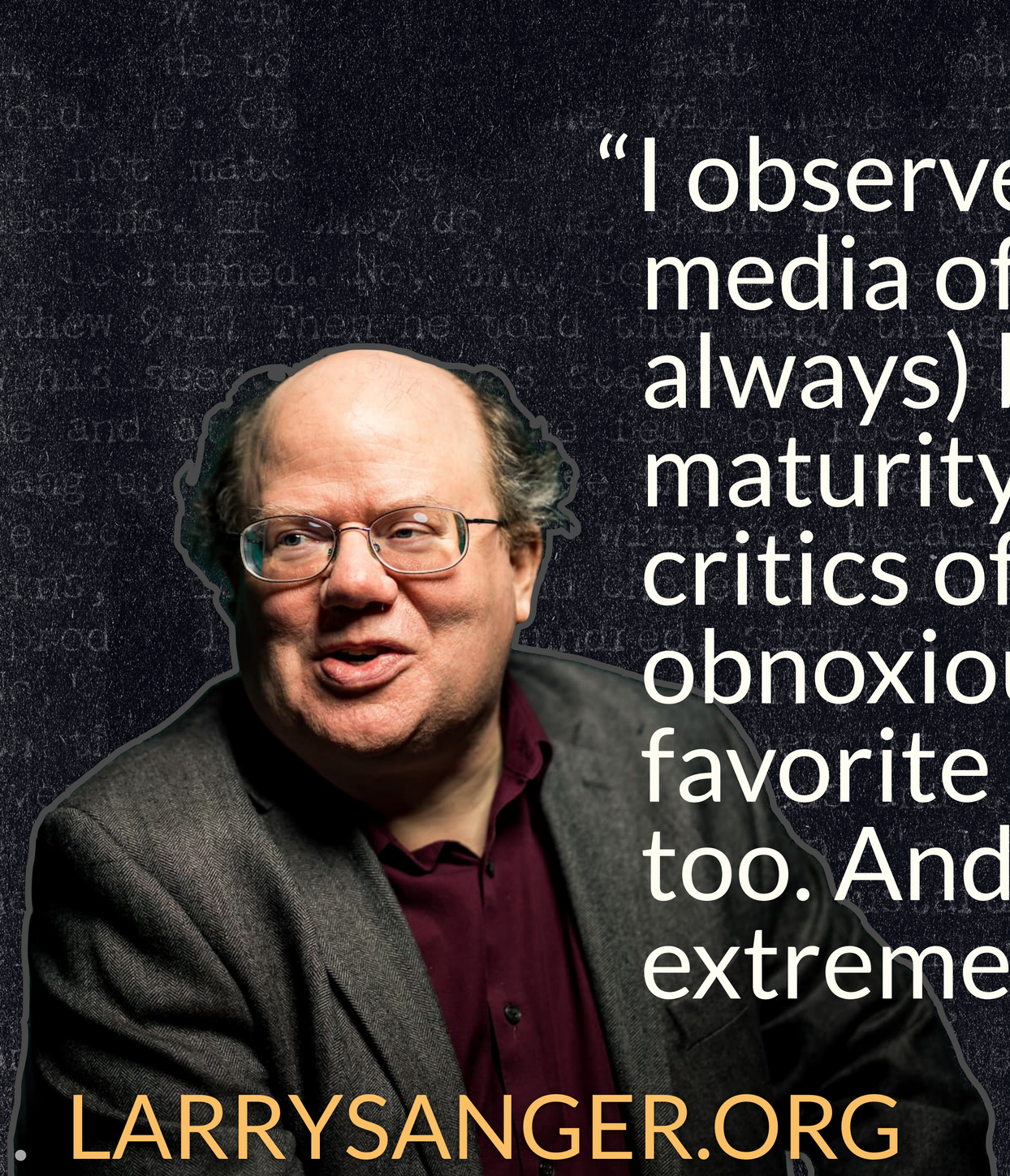
EXCUSE ME?!

PSSSTT!!

←SPIDER GUY

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the
way, and the truth, and the
life. No one comes to the
Father except through me.”

JOHN 14:6 ESV



“I observed Christians on social media often (though not always) behaving with maturity and grace, while their critics often acted like obnoxious trolls. Some of my favorite people were Christian, too. And some of them were extremely intelligent. Strange.”

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11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

MATTHEW 9:11 ESV

12 But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

MATTHEW 9:12 ESV

13 “Go and learn what this
means: ‘I desire mercy,
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MATTHEW 9:13 ESV

6 For I desire steadfast love
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HOSEA 6:6 ESV

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14 The natural person does
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Spirit of God, for they are
folly to him, and he is not
able to understand them
because they are spiritually
discerned.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14 ESV

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO HEAR THE VISION FOR THIS AREA AND JOIN US IN PRAYER.
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1. NEW SIGNAGE
2. SOCCER FIELD / FLEX LAWN
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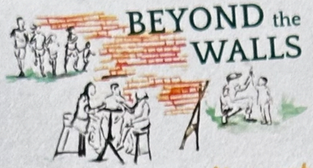

Campaign Commitment Card

Thank you for your generous commitment to the Beyond the Walls campaign! Your faithfulness is paving the way for us to place intentional disciple-makers into relational spaces, reaching more people with the hope of Jesus.

I/we commit to give to the Lord through the Beyond the Walls campaign, over and above our regular offerings.

MY/OUR THREE YEAR COMMITMENT:

$ _____

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE ACCORDINGLY:

- ○ Weekly $ _____
- ○ Monthly $ _____
- ○ Annually $ _____
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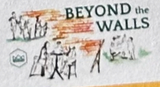

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Every gift matters—consistent giving, even in small amounts, can add up to make a significant impact over time. Consider creative ways to give: delay a major purchase, hold a garage sale, involve your kids by earning and giving, or set aside unexpected funds like a tax refund. This is an opportunity to invite your whole family into the joy of generosity, investing in something that will make an eternal difference.

Our financial office is available to discuss gifts of stocks, bonds, real estate, crypto, or other assets at finance@riversidechurch.org

All gifts are tax deductible.

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY ALONGSIDE US FOR THE BEYOND THE WALLS CAMPAIGN:

- *That God would provide abundantly and guide every step of this journey.*
- *That our hearts would remain focused on His mission and purpose.*
- *For wisdom and unity as we move forward in faith.*
- *That those who don't yet know Jesus would encounter His love and truth on our campus.*
- *That our church would be a place where lives are transformed for His glory.*

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