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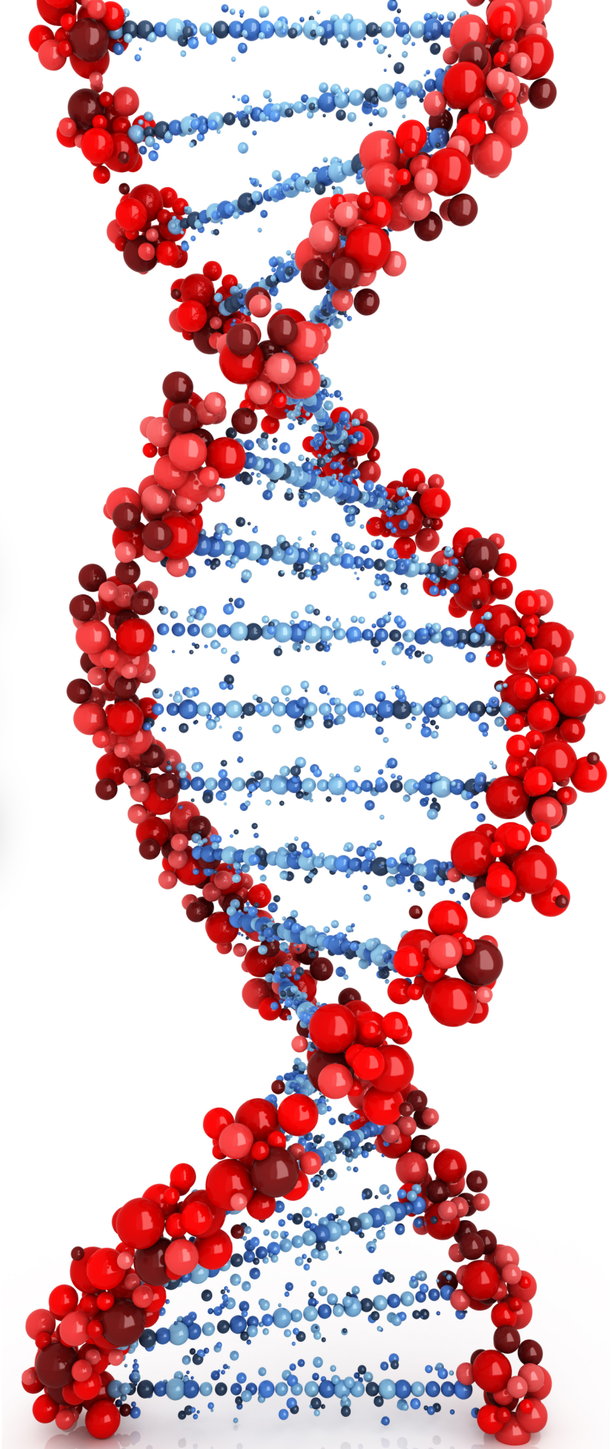

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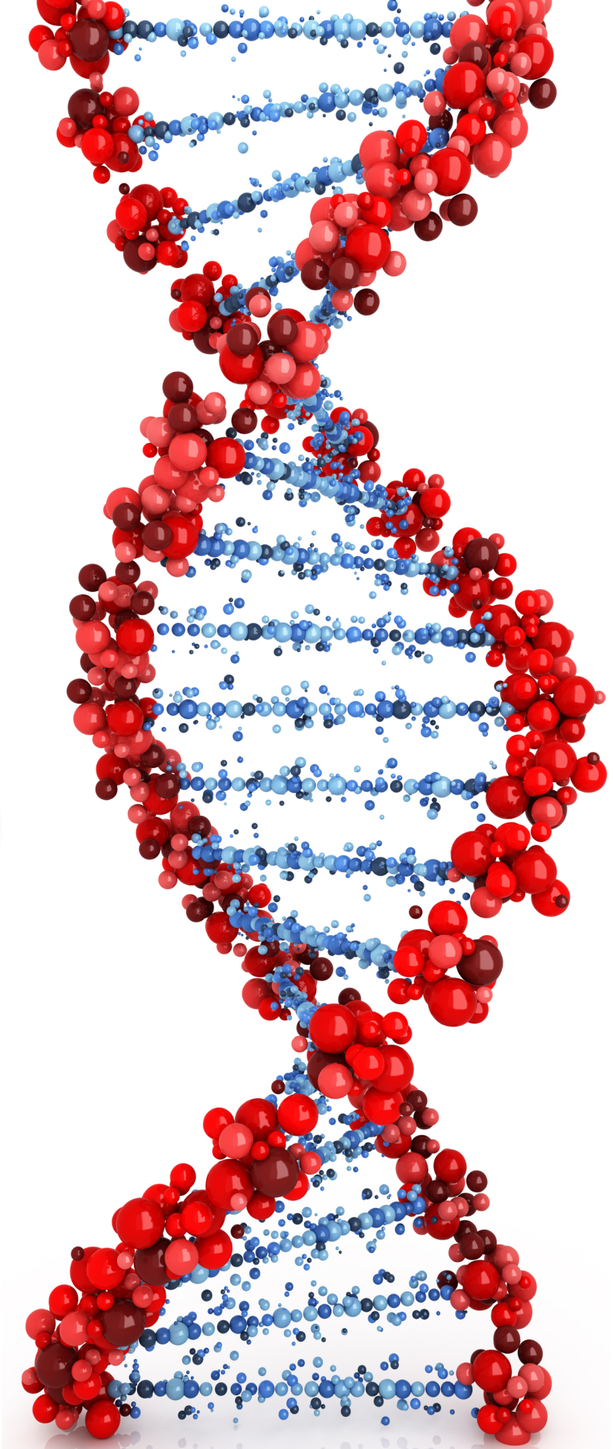

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WEEK 5

JOHN 3:16

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

ACTS 2:42-45

42 AND THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES'
TEACHING AND THE FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF
BREAD AND THE PRAYERS. 43 AND AWE CAME UPON EVERY
SOUL, AND MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS WERE BEING DONE
THROUGH THE APOSTLES. 44 AND ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE
TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON. 45 AND THEY
WERE SELLING THEIR POSSESSIONS AND BELONGINGS AND
DISTRIBUTING THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED.

ACTS 2:46-47

46 AND DAY BY DAY, ATTENDING THE TEMPLE TOGETHER AND BREAKING BREAD IN THEIR HOMES, THEY RECEIVED THEIR FOOD WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS, 47 PRAISING GOD AND HAVING FAVOR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAY BY DAY THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-18

17 AS FOR THE RICH IN THIS PRESENT AGE, CHARGE THEM NOT TO BE HAUGHTY, NOR TO SET THEIR HOPES ON THE UNCERTAINTY OF RICHES, BUT ON GOD, WHO RICHLY PROVIDES US WITH EVERYTHING TO ENJOY. 18 THEY ARE TO DO GOOD, TO BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, TO BE GENEROUS AND READY TO SHARE,

THE CHURCH JUST WANTS YOUR MONEY

MATTHEW 6:21

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOU HEART WILL BE ALSO.

MATTHEW 6:24

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS, FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MONEY.

PROVERBS 3:5-10

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. 6 IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS. 7 BE NOT WISE IN YOUR OWN EYES; FEAR THE LORD, AND TURN AWAY FROM EVIL. 8 IT WILL BE HEALING TO YOUR FLESH AND REFRESHMENT TO YOUR BONES. 9 HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH AND WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL YOUR PRODUCE; 10 THEN YOUR BARNS WILL BE FILLED WITH PLENTY, AND YOUR VATS WILL BE BURSTING WITH WINE.

LEVITICUS 27:30

EVERY TITHE OF THE LAND, WHETHER OF THE SEED OF THE LAND OR OF THE FRUIT OF THE TREES, IS THE LORD'S; IT IS HOLY TO THE LORD.

MATTHEW 23:23

WHAT SORROW AWAITS YOU TEACHERS OF RELIGIOUS LAW AND YOU PHARISEES. HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU ARE CAREFUL TO TITHE EVEN THE TINIEST INCOME FROM YOUR HERB GARDENS, BUT YOU IGNORE THE MORE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE LAW-JUSTICE, MERCY, AND FAITH. YOU SHOULD TITHE, YES, BUT DO NOT NEGLECT THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS.

DEUTERONOMY 14:23

BRING THIS TITHE TO THE DESIGNATED PLACE OF WORSHIP-THE PLACE THE LORD YOUR GOD CHOOSES FOR HIS NAME TO BE HONORED-AND EAT IT THERE IN HIS PRESENCE. THIS APPLIES TO YOUR TITHES OF GRAIN, NEW WINE, OLIVE OIL, AND THE FIRSTBORN MALES OF YOUR FLOCKS AND HERDS. DOING THIS WILL TEACH YOU ALWAYS TO FEAR (TRUST, HONOR) THE LORD YOUR GOD.

MALACHI 3:10

BRING THE FULL TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE. AND THEREBY PUT ME TO THE TEST, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS, IF I WILL NOT OPEN THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN FOR YOU AND POUR DOWN FOR YOU A BLESSING UNTIL THERE IS NO MORE NEED.

Leader: The believers shared their resources so that no one among them was in need. Generosity marked their witness and displayed the transforming power of the gospel.

Church: We are a generous church

All Together:
We give freely.
We share what we have.
We trust God as our provider.