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## Robbing God

- Only 10-25% of churchgoers tithe
  - 37% of regular churchgoers don't give at all
  - Christians only give 2.5% of their income
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## Cursed Land

- Poverty mindset
- Greed
- Interpersonal conflict
- Stressed and burdened
- Fear of not having enough
- Stuck in a cycle of needing more and needing the next thing
- Increasing disparity between the wealthy and the poor



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## Epicentre Church's Giving

- Supporting local urban missionaries and church planters
- Providing rest and care for overseas missionaries
- Assistance with California fires, Houston hurricanes, and victims of sexual abuse
- People with needs in this family
- Axia education initiative in Pasadena

**Total giving in 2018: \$183,739.12 (10.5% of our budget)**






**The Great Exchange:** giving breaks the curse and leads us into God's abundance





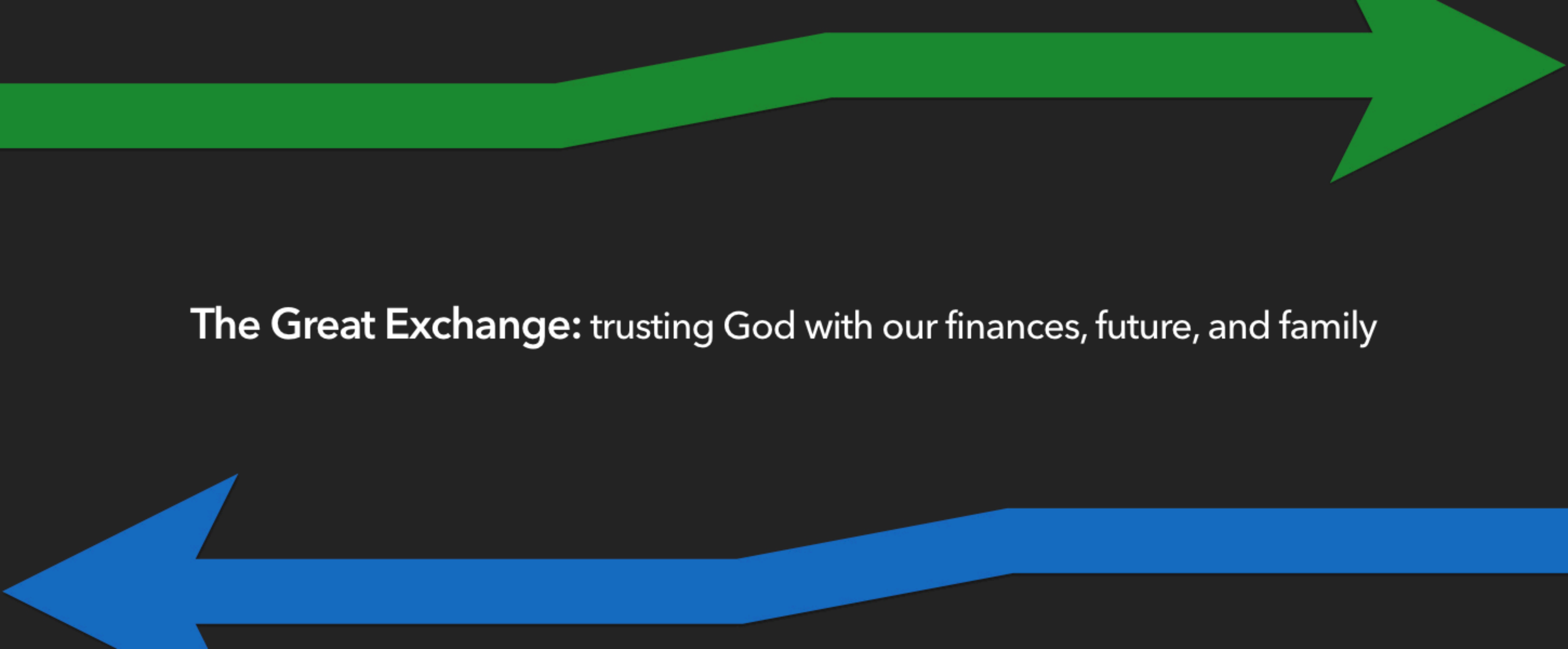
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*"Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. <sup>11</sup> I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. <sup>12</sup> "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.*




**The Great Exchange:** trusting God with our finances, future, and family



## Tithing 101

- 1) Calculate monthly tithe at the beginning of each year off pre-tax (gross) income
  - 2) Set up automatic payments at [epicentre.org/giving](https://epicentre.org/giving)
  - 3) Decide on a percentage to give away as offerings (Jammy Fund)
  - 4) Track giving and additional income or monetary gifts in our budgeting spreadsheet
  - 5) Cut a check to Epicentre and give away any remaining money at the end of the year
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**The Great Exchange:** Delivering God's blessings to the right people  
(God's FedEx delivery people)

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## Response

- Repent from living out of a poverty mindset and invite Jesus to give you his abundance mindset
  - Choose to trust God with your finances, future, and family
  - Ask God how he might want you to tithe and give offerings moving forward
  - Consider not shopping (or shopping less) this holiday season so you can bless others
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