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Part 1: God Delights to Be Generous

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Question: Is God Generous? In what way?

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Fearless Generosity

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2 Corinthians 8:1-7

¹We 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,*

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2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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.* ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this *act of grace.*

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2 Corinthians 8:1-7

⁷ But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for **you** — ***see that you excel in this act of grace*** also.

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2 Corinthians 8:8-9

⁸ I say this not as a command, but *to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.* ⁹ For you know *the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

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Limitless Love

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Mark 6:30-34

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

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Mark 6:30-34

³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, ***and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.*** And he began to teach them many things.

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Limitless Resource

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Mark 6:34-44

³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?"

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Mark 6:34-44

³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

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Mark 6:34-44

⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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El Shaddai – “All Sufficient One”

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1 Timothy 6:17-19

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, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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