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Good morning, One Association Churches! This morning is October 10, 2025. Our God is a warrior and we are at war... and we love it!!

Deuteronomy 20:1–4 (ESV)

1 “When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the **LORD your God is with you**, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. 2 And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people 3 and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, 4 for the **LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies**, to **give you the victory**.’

Peter

Our last conference ended on October 21, 2023. In the 720 days since we were last together like this, we have seen the manifestation of the times of Ibzan with almost 10 weddings between our churches. Somebody say, “**The LORD our God is with us!**”

We have also sent 7 families from the domestic churches into the international arena which makes up three new church plants. Somebody say, “**The LORD our GOD is going with us!**” Each of the churches have grown in mastering the weaponry of old as never before. The clearest example of this is the proliferation & the collaboration of our Foundations teams! Each week brothers are digging into the depths of God’s Word and bringing the treasures of heaven, feeding our souls, & inspiring further elevation and study for each person! Somebody say, “**The LORD our GOD is giving us victory!**”

Psalms 24:9–10 (ESV)

9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The **LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!** Selah

Our work is not nearly done! We will continue to amplify the work that God has done even while we are setting our eyes on what we must accomplish today in order for these efforts to last into tomorrow. Our God is the LORD of Hosts, the King of Glory, a master of war and HE has been speaking to us clearly in our day. Lift up your heads! Lift up your eyes & see!

Spencer

You know well that just last month, the President signed an executive order rebranding the Department of Defense as the Department of War. The intention, at least in part, was to declare that America would no longer be satisfied with a posture of reaction, but would project strength through an unapologetically offensive identity, moving from the language of defense to the language of dominance. Specifically, the Secretary of War said, “we’re going to go on offense, not just defense. Maximum lethality, not tepid legality. Violent effect, not politically correct. We are going to raise up warriors, not just defenders.” Even the secular leaders of the United States are waking up to a spiritual reality. And for that we are exceedingly glad!

This was because the name change from the Department of War to the Department of Defense was representative of far more than mere nomenclature. It was representative of a shift in mentality that was far too reactive instead of proactive and lacked the gritty will to finally and fully finish the fights we engaged in.

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Thankfully, our Sovereign King has been speaking to us and His message has not fallen on deaf ears! He has been speaking to us, as an association, about the necessity for the warrior ethos to be cultivated in every area of every life. This is the same call that HE has made to us since the beginning and the renewal of this call in our day is being answered by you!

Make no mistake, this of course begins in the men and can begin no other way. But this Association is one that sees the warrior ethos in the wives & daughters of our respective houses as well! Our men are looking to Abraham as the rock from which we are all cut and our women look to Sarah as the quarry that propagates generations of the same quality as the original.

Peter

(Do Not Read)

THE ONE ASSOCIATION WARRIOR ETHOS

I am The ONE ASSOCIATION — the Fraternal and Eternal order of the DCD Matt. 12:48-50, Eph. 3:14-15
The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. Ps. 116:14-15
The decision has been made. I am on the offensive for Jesus Christ. Matt. 11:12
I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. Lk. 9:62, Phil. 3:14, Heb. 10:39, 12:1-2, Dan. 11:32
My losses are redeemed, my present is to make war, my victory secure. Joel 2:25, Eph. 6:13-17, 1 Cor. 15:57
I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, cowardly ambitions, faint-hearted faith, and feckless objectives. 1 Cor. 9:24-27, 2 Cor. 5:7, 2 Kg. 13:18-19, Heb. 12:12-13, Matt. 19:21-22, 2 Tim. 1:7, Neh. 6:2-4
I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. Matt. 10:39
I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power unto the Ultimate Sovereignty of God. Ex. 33:13-14, Heb. 11:21, 1 Cor. 13:4, Phil. 4:6, Col. 1:29
My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission paramount. Ps. 37:23-24, 1 Kg. 18:46, Phil. 3:20-21, Matt. 7:14, 2 Cor. 4:8-10, Jn. 16:13, Acts 20:22-24
I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, intimidated, turned back, diluted, or delayed. Lk. 13:32-33
I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. Ro. 12:1, Deut. 20:3-4, Ps. 1:1-2, Lk. 6:22-23, Rev. 3:15
I am on the War Path for the cause of Christ. Jer. 48:10
I must give until I drop, preach until all know and proclaim until all are empowered. 2 Tim. 4:6-7, Col. 1:28-29
And when my time is up, He will have no problem recognizing me. Matt. 25:23
I am The ONE ASSOCIATION — the Fraternal and Eternal order of the DCD
I am not ashamed to fight for the gospel of Christ... Ro. 1:16

I am The ONE ASSOCIATION — the Fraternal and Eternal order of the DCD. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am on the offensive for Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My losses are redeemed, my present is to make war, my victory secure....

I am on the War Path for the cause of Christ. I must give until I drop, preach until all know and proclaim until all are empowered. And when my time is up, He will have no problem recognizing me. I am The ONE ASSOCIATION — the Fraternal and Eternal order of the DCD I am not ashamed to fight for the gospel of Christ...

Our message is titled:



SESSION 1: SACRED LIVING

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We will give glory to God in the way that we joyfully & willingly step into every difficulty & days of judgment that are before us with daring faith, righteous deeds, and the resolve of heaven upon us!

This is what has already begun and it is on our shoulders to bear up under the glorious burden to advance the Kingdom in our own day!

It is no wonder that the Apostle Peter declared in his first epistle:

1 Peter 1:13–19 (ESV) 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

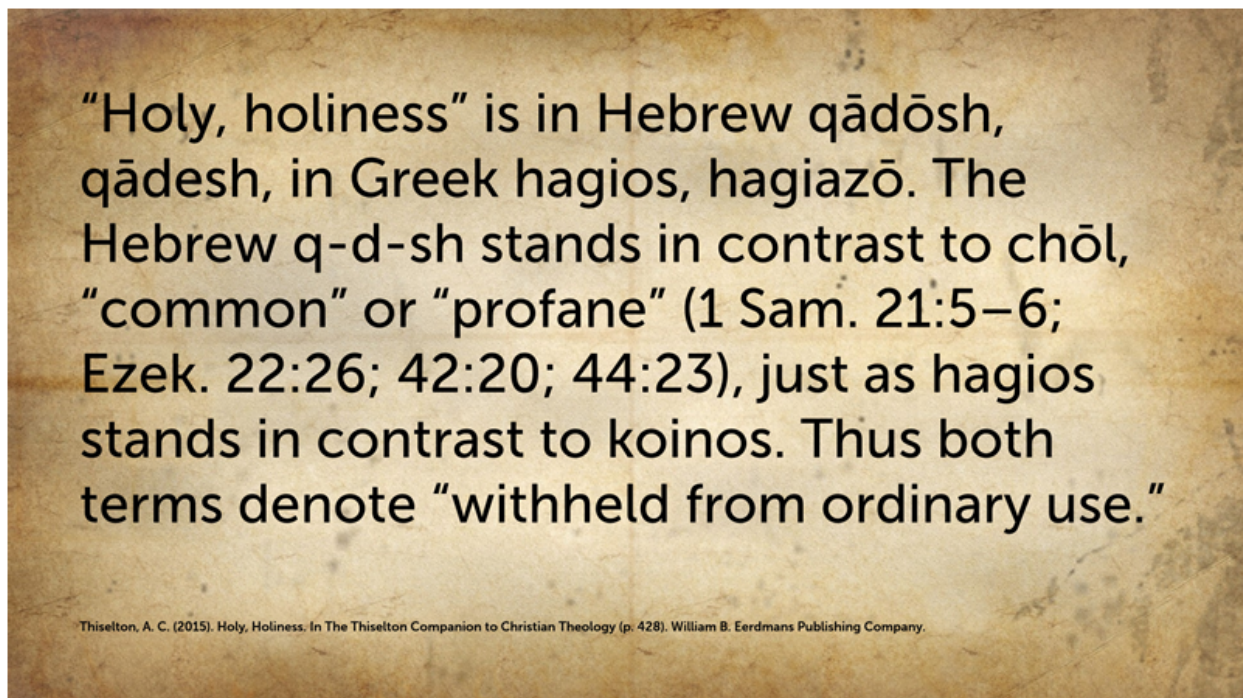
- Minds ready for action, is literally to gird up the loins of your mind! The Apostle Peter is making the same call that we have heard as an association. The call to action is everything! We have a weight that we must carry... and we will!!

- We are to be sober minded, serious in our pursuit, because our King and His Kingdom deserves it! And at the same time we are to be full of Hope and we are to set that hope on the grace HE brought to you & me

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14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

- Holy... set apart



- First mention: Genesis 2:3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.
 - There are 168 hours in every week, but 24 of them have been set aside for God's special use.
 - There are 7 days in every week but 1 of those days has been set aside for God's special use.
 - This makes the Day distinctive... It is Holy
 - This gives the Day a different function... It is Holy

- This does not mean that the day is morally superior... or better than a different 24 hour period.
 - Holiness... speaks to being set apart and given a different function by the Lord.
 - In Exodus 3:5, ground is called Holy. I'm sure the dirt was much the same as everywhere else but it was Holy in that... this dirt was set apart as a special location where God would meet with Moses.
 - The Bible even calls furniture Holy (think Tabernacle)
- At its center, this is not a reference to moral perfection... it is being and acting set apart... the perfection comes as a result of this process. You are reserved for Him and so you **only** want to do what He does... Everything he does is perfect!
 - Start with Holiness... set apartness: Then every needed transformation will follow as your Father sees that you want to be with him and like him.
 - So with that in mind, let's keep reading the passage in 1 Peter 1

Peter

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each **one's deeds**, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

- God's impartial judgment is not stated here as a list of moral standards checked off a list like you might cross off items on a grocery list. Instead each person's deeds are judged impartially. This takes into account every man's calling, purpose, function, mezuzah & place within the body. Each is held to the same standard of holiness or set apartness.

- What you do on a daily basis is at the heart of demonstrating a holy life that is built upon the holiness & fear of the LORD that all true believers must begin with.
- So this means that the mechanic is just as holy, set apart, and expected to have righteous deeds as the missionary. This means that the business owner & the worship leader must function with equal commitment to the things above. There is not a different standard, a different goal, or a different expectation regardless of the station that you have been assigned in this life. This standard is one that begins with holiness and has every action on every day dedicated to Adonai with no segmentation of that which is sacred/holy and that which we feel is secular (or under our control)
- Let's take it further, all you mothers out there who find your days filled with changing diapers, teaching the alphabet... what you are actually doing is imparting the kingdom into your generations and because you are holy, your anointed actions can have the same import & Kingdom impact as the man who stands before congregations with a microphone in hand.

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2 Timothy 2:20–21 (ESV)

20 Now in a **great house** there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.

- Discuss "great house"
- Types of vessels
 - Vs 1 Cor 3 type of building materials
- The point of this metaphor is found in the next verse

21 **Therefore**, if **anyone** cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, **set apart as holy**, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

- The point of this passage is to teach God's people that ANYONE... can be made into an honorable vessel by being completely set apart... as functioning in holiness!
- It is not about whether you are golden in your composition or if you seem to be a vessel made of clay. The point is that each can be useful to the master of the house! Each can be ready for every good work because your entire life has been set apart... holy by the master who made you.
- Remember where this chapter started

Spencer

2 Timothy 2:3–4 (ESV) 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

- The Apostle Paul, speaking to his son in the faith, is utilizing every tool available to him to make sure that Timothy understands what a holy life is all about. No soldier is to get entangled, instead he is supposed to be set apart in his actions, in his purpose, and in his pursuit to please his commanding officer. The perfect soldier is one who knows his mission and doesn't care a damn for anything else!
- We are to share in suffering just as a good soldier would. This means that we are looking to join in, jump in, fight for the opportunity to do so.
- You know what civilian pursuits are! They are literally anything that distracts you from the mission that God has assigned to you. These are the concerns for financial comfort that permeate your thoughts. These are the worries about whether your children will have what they need and if they will become what they must! These are the constant hum that fill your ears with fears of failure, fears of loss, and fears of lack.
- A good soldier, a true soldier is single minded in his purpose to have his every effort and action directed toward pleasing his commanding officer
- Listen to how the book of Romans addresses the same topic.

Peter

Romans 14:7–9 (ESV)

7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The entirety of our lives, including our deaths belong to Him. This is literally what we all declared as we were saved and likely many times since. "LORD, I will do whatever you want! I will go where you tell me! I will give you everything that I am and everything that I have!" We are trying to drive at what this actually looks like so that each of us here can emulate this reality.

While we would all quickly agree to this, few groups have ever actually lived this out. One of the few groups that have been a historical example for us is the Moravians.

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The Moravians are considered the first protestant group whose origins date back to the 1400's. They experienced a revival in the 1700's and as a result they became a global force in sending and supporting international works.

One author said of the Moravians:

"THE MOST STRIKING EXAMPLE OF ACHIEVEMENT ON THE HOME FIELD IN THE INTEREST OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IS THAT OF THE MORAVIANS. THEY HAVE DONE MORE IN PROPORTION TO THEIR ABILITY THAN ANY OTHER BODY OF CHRISTIANS."

This sentiment is true of them and it is also true of us. The first One Association "conference" was held in Ps. Eric's living room in Houston, Texas in 2015 with a handful of pastors & "soon to be" pastors. So consider what we, the OAC, have accomplished in 10 short years. We now have 5 international works that are alive, vibrant and fulfilling the mandate that God has given us. The Vincents & the Gusmans in Yojakarta, Indonesia with SAGI. The Brasseaux's in Arequipa with Echad 2 Peru. The Castro's in Tequicigalpa (to GOOSEY galpa), Honduras with Teshuvah Ministries. The Masi's in Bergamo, Italy with Betlemme. And finally, the three Pastoral families—The Arezinas, the Parsons, the Stephens, and our first international Elder Family, the Arezinas composing Called Out Ministries in Dezmir, Cluj, Romania. This brings our current total to 42 lives that this association is supporting monthly.

We wanted to display for you some of the achievements of the International Works by showing you a video from two churches on two separate continents.

- Called Out Ministries Video
- Echad 2 Peru Video

Peter

As we stated earlier, the Moravians were doing more in proportion to their ability centuries ago. Let's look at those numbers as well as our own.

"DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD THAT PROTESTANT CHURCHES AT LARGE WERE SENDING MISSIONARIES, THE PROPORTION OF MISSIONARIES TO MEMBERS WAS ABOUT 1 TO 5000, BUT AMONG THE MORAVIANS 1 TO 60"

Let's look at that on a slide...

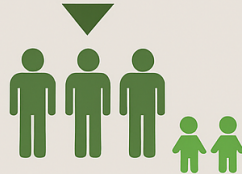
MISSIONARY ENGAGEMENT

The Moravians improved this...



Protestants

1 MISSIONARY per 5,000
CONGREGANTS



Moravians

1 MISSIONARY per 60
CONGREGANTS

Moravians

We improved this...



Our Group

1 MISSIONARY per 18.9 CONGREGANTS

It's obvious that we too are doing more in proportion to our ability. Praise God we get the privilege to display faith in our commitments despite impossible odds!

Spencer

How can such a small delegation of people achieve so much?? That is a great question! We began to see the Levites as the model in the Torah and recognized this as the source material of how to achieve God's will... we looked in the Gospels & the book of Acts and saw how Jesus perfectly displayed this with the disciples/apostles & then witnessed how the early church lived in this exact same way! We were amazed to see that the Moravians began to invest in common households with common/shared budgets. They began to focus on each man, woman and family in the community being able to have meaningful, purposeful contributions to the overall vision that God had inspired in them. They were known to say,

"THE MISSIONARY SHOULD TAKE A PLEASURE IN
SAVING OR EARNING WHATEVER HE CAN,
WITH PROPRIETY, ON BEHALF OF THE MISSION
IN WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED, REMEMBERING
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NUMEROUS AND SO HEAVY."

-COUNT NIKOLAUS LUDWIG VON ZINZENDORF (1700-1760)

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The answer that they found & the reason they succeeded so wildly in their own day was that this group of people all but eliminated the lines between sacred/holy efforts & secular workings. This division between the sacred & secular leaves places that are off limits, out of bounds, and have a locus of control that is in our own hands instead of truly in God's hands.

*dig in and preach this

- Moravians & us...
- Removing ourselves from the greed & selfishness inherent in the American dream... choosing to find every way we can to downsize our lives in order to maximize our impact on the Kingdom
 - Not just one time, but in a constant process of giving away everything we can

We find great inspiration in the history of the Moravians. We see that many of our own practices were echoed in their day. We see how when two groups, the Moravians and us... look to the Word, God is able to make His Will known to all & empower His people to be effective for centuries.

This requires us all – as holy vessels useful to the master & ready for every good work – to remove all areas of compartmentalization. We are accomplishing something in this world for Christ. We currently have six domestic churches and we are keenly aware that there are another six domestic churches that must be raised up to achieve our Exodus 15:27 mandate of 12 springs/churches that feed the 70 nations of the world. We have five international works that are each thriving and must be maintained by us. It is our assignment and it is our great glory!

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Luke 14:33 (NIV)

³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

- One Association! Now is the time to dispense the lie that we own anything as believers in Christ for ourselves... Nothing that we possess belongs solely to us, individually..... All that we have is from the Lord. Today!!!! We must Renounce ownership of anything and everything!
 - It's easy to say that all belongs to the Lord but for me and my house it is showing up even more today in our practice!
- The house you live in... it's for the Lord's purpose to continue in disciples and raise up disciples
- That pay raise you just received is not yours alone!
- This means every time you give something away that you could have otherwise kept for yourself you know you are pleasing to God

Let me be clear: it is unacceptable to me to hold on to any of these. The question for me is not what I am willing to sacrifice but what am I willing to keep and not

give away freely for my king! That's the barometer! This verse inspires me to not end to know that Discipleship demands a ruthless surrender of my own matters that have little to do with the kingdom of God—Jesus deserves all we have... We must violently hand-over all we have to God's control. No exceptions, no half measures.

- All things must all be handed over violently into God's control for Him to do whatever he sees fit! The time is short!

Psalm 24:1–2 (NIV)

¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
² for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

- Saints.... We have come to the place of Eliminating the barrier between the secular and sacred with.....and are now coming to grips with the truth that nothing belongs to us... Everything belongs to God. This Needs to be a banner in all of our homes!!
- You know what's astounding to consider?.... Check out this

[Ecc 5:15 LSB] 15 As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will carry nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can bring in his hand.

- This morning... you must dismantle the delusion of ownership in your life
 - You are more than the value of your possessions!
 - More than the car, clothes, and house you buy!
 - These things are instruments to be used only for the Kingdom otherwise it's idolatry
- You came into this world with no materials and that is exactly how you will leave this world.... So I will give all and without expecting anything in return except for pleasing our commanding officer

- Your righteous deeds... your faith inspiring deeds..... prove that you belong to God... Check out Romans 14:7

Romans 14:7–8 (NIV)

⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

- My personal preferences must never outweigh the greater mission to which Christ calls us. You see....The mission pushes beyond my comfort, beyond my personal convenience, or beyond what I can receive!
- The well-being of my brothers and sisters in Christ—especially those whose basic needs are unmet—is a weight on my heart and responsibility I cannot and will not ignore.
- Practical care for our coworkers around the world for me is a non-negotiable:
 - For the McLain's..... rent must be paid and will be paid for my brothers overseas to provide shelter, and food must fill the mouths of their children and will fill their mouths to sustain life and the work of the Gospel.
- This scripture calls me to a higher standard of living....this is the place where my individual rights yield to the communal needs and where my life tangibly reflects that I belong to the Lord.
- Living for the Lord means embracing a lifestyle of radical obedience.....
 - My entire way of life is supposed to look absolutely crazy to those outside of the Kingdom
 - John 3 says that people can not enter in or see the kingdom of Heaven unless they are born again
 - So I will not care what others think or say..... Or have pretensions if they find out about how I live my life
 - My God deserves all and so do my brothers who are giving all for cause of Christ
 - You see...You and I must share the burden from this point forward, and must have a tenacity as well as a relentless

support, because our lives—whether in comfort or trial—serve God's kingdom and His people.

Peter

The way that we will achieve this is that every ordinary thing in our life must become an opportunity for service to God. We will be those that live out:

1 Timothy 6:6–8 (ESV) 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

- What do you need to feed & clothe your family?? Great! God will help you meet that need. Beyond that there is so much opportunity for every family to be inspired by the Moravians and to achieve more than they did.
- When every dollar is sacred, holy, set apart for God's use! Everything beyond what we need to feed, clothe, & keep a roof over the heads of our family, is a dollar that has the potential to feed the work of the LORD around the world.
- If it takes 4 cars for the mechanic to keep the lights on, the cars 5-7 on a particular day become holy as they are set apart and ready to be directed as Adonai prescribes.
- This is not a mandate or a compulsion that you must follow. Instead, you have the opportunity to rise in your faith and operate from a place of holiness. Many will say that everything belongs to the LORD, but few dare to live in this bold way. We are trying to inspire you to join with us in this noble pursuit. We are definitely inviting you to move beyond being generous and move into the realm of operating in supernatural faith.
- The ability to be able to give this way is the highest honor & the greatest privilege.

Wade

After contributing great amounts from his own personal wealth, the leaders of the people in turn follow suit & give generously & abundantly. David glorifies the LORD in one of the most spectacular & pertinent prayers that we can present to you at this time.

1 Chronicles 29:10–13 (ESV) 10 Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

- David’s generosity was done in full view of the entire assembly of Israel!
- His magnification of the LORD revolves around the fact that both riches & honor come from Him. All authority & all might are in His hand and it is God Himself who gives strength to His people.
- What was this strengthening process aimed at? Look at the next verse.

1 Chronicles 29:14–18 (ESV) 14 “But **who am I, and what is my people**, that we should **be able** thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

- Who am I... what is my people?
 - Can anyone relate to these questions??
 - Who am I that God has given us the ability to offer a willing sacrifice on the behalf of dear brothers & sisters?
- Everything comes from Him! Our giving is a reciprocation of His goodness, kindness, and favor upon our lives.

15 For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding.

- You may be reflecting on Ephesians 2 (strangers, foreigners, sojourners - not included in the commonwealth of Israel)

16 O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. 18 O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

- The willingness & joyfulness with which we give is absolutely a test for your heart.
- To give all, holding back is not only a privilege, it is a test of our hearts. To give in this manner helps to determine the uprightness of our hearts.
- Remember, the backdrop for all of this is gathering resources to build the house of the LORD

Psalm 116:12–15 (ESV)

12 What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Spencer

This history of the Moravians is honestly amazingly encouraging to us. To see their faith is inspiring. To see their efforts is challenging. Their rapid sending of foreign field workers stretched the logistical lines for the missionaries and the same has occurred with us. The author noted that:

"THERE WAS NO LACK OF MORAVIAN REFUGEES WILLING AND READY TO GO OUT AS MISSIONARIES. THE GIVING CAPACITY OF THE MORAVIANS AND THEIR CIRCLE OF FRIENDLY SUPPORTERS HAD BEEN TAXED TO UTMOST ALREADY."

Peter

Make no mistake, we have launched out into the deep. Our faith is on display and we have modeled a "full send" attitude. In case, you missed it... we have six domestic churches. Submission, Refuge City, Remnant, King's Harvest Church, LCM, and The Arising Church. Six churches that are working to support five international works. This has put us in a place where we, like the historic account of the Moravians have been "taxed to the utmost". We are in need of God to split the Red Sea for us today! Our present financial crisis is not that we have not prepared men to go or that they are not willing to go... The issue before is the rate at which we have sent them and our ability to sustain them. This is a fact that must be considered and dealt with immediately! And our consideration is from the point of having the great privilege of being able to contribute "thusly".

You know how so many of us live, but you may not be aware that the Moravians saw the common household and common budget as a necessity within their church planting movement. Again, here is a quote from the leader of the Moravians during their most productive years:

"THE MISSIONARY SHOULD TAKE A PLEASURE IN
SAVING OR EARNING WHATEVER HE CAN,
WITH PROPRIETY, ON BEHALF OF THE MISSION
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Many of us and also the Moravians have gone well beyond living in a frugal fashion. We have condensed our belongings and pooled our resources in an effort to eliminate anything that is superfluous to our mission of advancing the Kingdom. Nobody forced these changes upon us, they were simply sacrifices that we were willing to make because the advancement of the gospel is everything to us.

In my view this eliminates the line between the secular and the sacred. Choosing not to have an independent dwelling, lawn mower, and a car for every adult in the house... is a sacred decision and activity because it allowed us to send more money to those who were preaching the gospel.

"THIS HOLISTIC APPROACH TO FAITH
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OF LIFE INTO SACRED AND SECULAR PARTS,
RECOGNIZING THAT ALL OF LIFE IS UNDER
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THINGS AND ACTIONS INTO OPPORTUNITIES
FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO GOD"
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Acts 4:29–37 (ESV)

29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:32–37 (ESV)

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

- Full number - no division between Apostles & all the people

- It's all yours!! How do we know?? When we give willingly, freely, joyfully!
- Results in the subsequent verses

33 And with **great power** the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and **great grace** was upon them all.

- Work of the LORD continues

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- Not only did they sell their personal belongings, they didn't try to control the distribution of the proceeds
- Example of this entire process was Barnabas

36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

- What does it mean for Him to be your LORD??
- What does it mean for Him to be King of all??
- None of this can be under compulsion. 2 Cor 9:7 makes it clear how much God loves a cheerful giver who has not felt the negative sting of compulsion, but the weightiness of the privilege of getting to give like this!
- We discussed many times

Peter

We have given you a lot this morning and we are nearing a close. We are going to end this by getting extremely practical with some instructions on how to live out this message starting today....We are going to see this by surveying the Gospel Writer - Dr. Luke.

Luke is a great example of a man who eliminated the barrier between the secular and sacred. He was a physician and used those skills to write his gospel and Acts with medical descriptions and details other writers did not have. Seems insignificant? Well it was still his vocation being used for the Kingdom.

Moreover, his gospel mentioned and went after those who are the OPPOSITE of what we going after - tax collectors. In fact, let's read John the baptizers interaction with tax collectors and more and bring our message to a close with some abundantly practical instructions.

- **Luke 3:7-14 (NIV)**

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"

¹³ "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.

14 Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

He addresses the crowds as a whole, then individual groups in the crowd—Tax Collectors, and soldiers.

Here are the three main points he tells each groups

LUKE 3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SACRED LIVING

1. Share out of what you have with the brothers around you (v11)
2. Do not take more for yourself than what is required (13)
3. Do not extort money, be content.(14)

1. Share out of whatever you have for the brothers around you

- **Deuteronomy 15:7–8**

“If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.”

1. Do take more for yourself more than you need

- **Exodus 16:16–18**

“This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.”

1. Do not extort money, be content.

- **Exodus 20:17**

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

All of this is in response to John's teaching, which you should be reminded was:

*You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?*⁸
*Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.*⁹ *The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”*

These principals are essential to bearing fruit, lest you become a brood of vipers and have the ax rest against you.

Bearing fruit is living this way.

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ETHICS OF OUR FATHERS...

2:20 "THE DAY IS SHORT, AND THE WORK MUCH; THE WORKERS ARE LAZY AND THE WAGES HIGH; AND THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE PRESSES.

*elaborate and call to action

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