FAITH COVENANT SUNDAY

next75 Message Series Week 4
John 6:1-13
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As you bring your Faith Covenant Cards, realize…

1. **God is testing us.** (John 6:1-6)

   - God tests us to see if we will trust and obey.
   - God tests us to expose our hearts.
   - God tests us to grow our faith.

2. **God has a plan.** (John 6:6-11)

   These verses speak to God's sovereignty: Job 42:2; Psalm 32:10-11; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:24, 27.

3. **God will multiply your gift.** (John 6:12-13)

   Be encouraged God is going to take your Faith Covenant and multiply what you are giving to:

   - Bless others
   - Advance His kingdom
   - Glorify His name

Creative Ways to Give:

1. **Designate Tax Refunds or Bonus Income**
   For the next three years, prayerfully commit all or a portion of your income tax refunds, work bonuses, or unexpected financial blessings.

2. **Sacrifice a Regular Comfort**
   Choose something meaningful to you–a streaming service, frequent dining out, a vacation upgrade, a hobby expense–and redirect those funds to the campaign.

3. **Sell Something of Value**
   Consider selling an item that has value but is no longer essential–a recreational item, unused equipment, collectibles, or secondary vehicle–and joyfully give the proceeds.

4. **Commit to Percentage Giving from Side Income**
   Dedicate a percentage of side jobs, freelance work, business income, or seasonal work over the next three years (for example, 10-50%).

5. **Delay a Purchase**
   Postpone a significant purchase–home renovation, technology upgrade, furniture replacement, vacation–and give toward the campaign instead.

6. **Investment Gifts**
   Giving shares of stock or mutual funds can be a desirable way to give. By giving the investment before you sell it, you can avoid capital gains taxes and may receive a tax deduction for the full market value of your gift.