



WEEK ONE: THE GENEROUS HOST

Genesis 2:4-25 and John 2:1-12

“The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.” (Gen 2:9)

“Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” (John 2:10)

The heart of whole life generosity is Jesus, our generous host. Throughout his life, Jesus demonstrated the generosity of God’s love and pointed to the abundance of his Kingdom. In the creation story we see that God is the creator of abundance and good things. We don’t have to worry about whether or not there will be enough because God has provided for our needs.



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WEEK TWO: RELATIONSHIP

Genesis 12-13:2 and Matt 4:1-11

“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing. Gen. 12:2

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the Wilderness to be tempted
by the devil” Matt 4:1

Generosity begins as we enter into relationship with God through Christ. We can do this because of God’s great act of generosity - he came to us in Jesus. As our hearts start to beat in time to his we find our relationships with others, our relationship with creation and our relationship with ourselves beginning to mend. Fear gives way to loving acts of generosity.



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WEEK THREE: GRATITUDE

Luke 1:46-56

“And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.” Luke 1:46-49

As our relationship with God deepens we begin to accept who we are in Christ and receive all that life brings us with a heart of gratitude. As we practice gratitude we look around us and see abundance instead of lack and our hearts fill with joy.



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WEEK FOUR: SURRENDER AND TRUST

Matthew 6:25-34 and Romans 8:31-39

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. Matt 6:28,29

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Rom 8:32

To truly discover the freedom of generosity we must first surrender to God's invitation to trust that God will always provide and that we will be ok. If it's all given to us by a God of generosity and love, then can we choose in all circumstances to trust this God? Jesus calls us to meditate on creation and fix our eyes on his in-breaking Kingdom. As we do these things in faith our anxiety will begin to transform into courage and our clenched fists into open hands.



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WEEK FIVE: BLESSING

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 and Revelation 19:1-9, 21:1-4, 22-27, 22:1-5

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor. 9:11

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. Rev. 22:2, 3

As we enter into a deeper relationship of trust with God, as we practice gratitude and as we surrender to Jesus we begin to see something amazing happen. Joyful generosity begins to characterize our community and together we show the world what a good and generous host God is. The Spirit empowers us to live such whole, abundant and generous lives that everyone around us is blessed. This is the hope that we live and look forward to with the rest of creation.



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