

## God is writing a bigger & better story

SECOND CHAPTER

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# THE SECOND CHAPTER VISION

We are prayerfully and humbly entering into a twoyear generosity initiative at Community Church. This season of our church will be like no other. **God** is writing the second chapter of our story as individuals and a faith community. During this season, we will seek to live fully surrendered lives for Jesus by demonstrating uncompromising faith, unprecedented hope, and unrelenting love as we continue to declare that God's mission is for everyone!

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## A LETTER FROM OUR **PASTORS**

We are writing to you with hearts full of gratitude and excitement as we embark on a new journey together. Over the past 22 years, God has done incredible things through Community Church.

The first chapter of our story was one of faith, growth, and transformation—together, we've witnessed lives changed, families restored, and the gospel proclaimed in powerful ways. We are so thankful for all that God has done, and for each of you who has been a part of this amazing chapter.

But we believe God is not finished yet. In fact, we are convinced that He is writing a Second Chapter—one that is bigger and better than we could ever imagine. It's a chapter that builds on the foundation of the past but looks ahead to new opportunities, fresh vision, and greater impact. We believe God is calling us to expand, reach further, and step into new areas of ministry as we continue to bring the love of Jesus to our community and beyond.

That's why we are launching Second Chapter, a two-year generosity initiative that will help us take bold steps of faith as we follow God's leading. This initiative will not only support the ongoing ministry of our church but will also position us to grow in exciting ways.

From expanding our outreach efforts to meeting the needs of some of the most vulnerable among us to launching a new location, to investing in the next generation, Second Chapter is about making room for more—more lives changed, more families restored, more of God's kingdom breaking through in our world.

Our team created this guide as an outline of the two-year challenge set before each of us. Please write your answers to these questions in this booklet so you can refer back to them throughout the coming two years. Our hope is that this simple set of questions and scripture, along with your prayer times, will become a catalyst to help you deepen your relationship with God during this special season at Community Church.

Regardless of where you are in your spiritual journey, we know God has more for you in the **Second Chapter**. This chapter will be the most life-changing, influential, and personally engaging days of your life. It is our privilege to walk beside you as God continues to write the next chapter of faith in your life.

Let's all seek to live out fully surrendered lives for Jesus by demonstrating uncompromising faith, unprecedented hope, and unrelenting love as we continue to declare that God's mission is for everyone. We are excited to be on this adventure with you!



## FROM OUR HISTORY TO OUR FUTURE

(2002)

**BORN** 

Community Church is born out of a prayer meeting at Fox Fire Community Center.

(2003)

**PORTABLE** 

For six years, Community Church met together as a portable church at Pocono Mountain West High School.

(2009)

**NEW BUILDING** 

Community Church purchases 50 acres of land and moves into its first building.

(2017)

2ND LOCATION

Community Church launched its second location at Stroudsburg High School in 2017 but had to close it in 2019 after losing access to the space.

(2020)

COVID

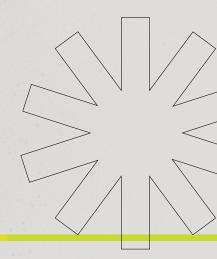
Rising above the challenges of COVID, Community Church adapted by embracing online services, allowing us to stay connected and continue sharing God's message in new and meaningful ways.

(2021)

#### REBUILDING

Since then, Community Church has been rebuilding with a deeper sense of unity & purpose, standing together - stronger than ever before.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6





### WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Over and over in the 22-year history of Community Church, God has made a way where there was no way. And the SECOND CHAPTER will be bigger and better.

There has never been a more urgent need for Community Church to move boldly and to trust completely. The times are challenging, but without a doubt, WE'LL SEE HIM DO IT AGAIN!

That's why we are embarking on a season in our church unlike any other - one that will require openness to God working deeply IN us and THROUGH us in new levels of FAITH and GENEROSITY.

As we move into the SECOND CHAPTER, we ask God to continue shaping us into His image as we grow deeper in our surrender to Him. As part of this bigger and better story, we ask God to continue using Community Church as a powerful conduit to continue advancing the gospel one neighborhood at a time.

Community
Church serves
more than **3,330**adults, kids, and
students each
month.

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#### **NUMBERS WORTH** NOTING

Community Church has a legacy of reaching people with the love of Jesus, serving the local community, and generously giving to share the gospel globally.



Our heart beats to help more people pursue living a fully surrendered life for Jesus because Jesus makes your life better and makes you better at life.



Adults in Groups

Groups are the heart of our community, fostering deep connections and providing a safe space to grow in faith together. Through shared experiences, our spiritual and social lives are enriched, reminding us we are never alone on our journey.

Adults on a Serve Team

Through Serve Teams, we each have the opportunity to use our unique gifts to make a difference, working together to extend God's love to those around us. United in purpose, we serve in order to grow His Kingdom and transform lives.

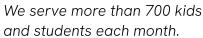
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### KIDS & STUDENTS

Since its inception, children and students have been one of the top priorities of Community Church.

Our goal is simple: to partner with parents and equip the next generation to know God, grow in their faith, and make wise decisions. We believe every kid and student is one caring adult away from a changed life, so we create environments where they can connect with leaders who care, experience engaging and relevant teaching, and build authentic friendships. By fostering relationships and providing a strong biblical foundation, we help kids and students navigate the challenges of life and grow into the people God created them to be. We want to help them discover their purpose and follow Jesus every day.



600

Kids (Birth - Elementary)

150

Students (Jr. - Sr. High)



#### BIRTH - PRE-K

Our goal is to partner with parents, laying a spiritual foundation that will shape their child's faith for years to come. It's never too early to start building trust in a God who loves them unconditionally.



#### KIDS (K - 6TH)

Throughout these formative years, we offer agefriendly classes led by caring and qualified teachers who put your children first.

#### STUDENTS

Our student ministries environments and ageappropriate curriculum are designed to inspire students to develop a faith of their own and follow Jesus in every season of their lives.

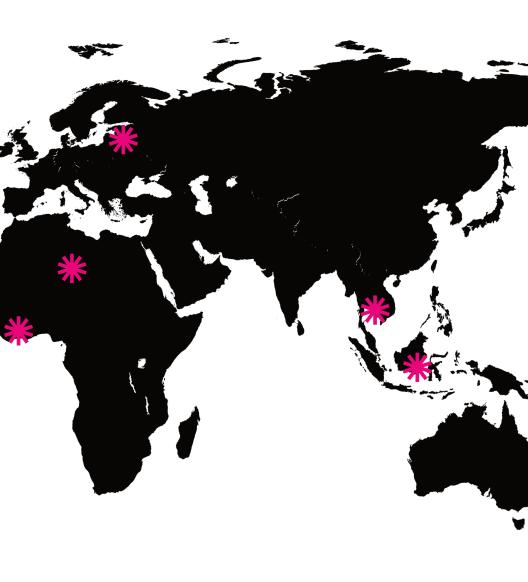


#### **Local Partners**

Building local partnerships allows us to better meet the needs of our community by combining our strengths with others, so that together, we can make a greater impact and show the love of Jesus in practical, tangible ways.

#### Local Compassion Causes Include:

Food Insecurity Medical Care
Homelessness Addiction and Recovery
Crisis Pregnancy Center At-Risk Youth
Domestic Violence Human Trafficking
Foster Care



#### **Global Partners**

#### Here are a few of the missionaries we support.

Mark & Victoria Turney | Guinea-Conakry Kevin & Sandy Barner | Thailand Dick & Jennifer Brogden | Arab World Timothy & Kelly Pollick | Indonesia Nick & Olivia Puccini | Estonia

#### Convoy of Hope

COH is dedicated to providing disaster relief, feeding initiatives, and community development.

#### Prince of Peace Girls Orphanage | Guatemala

For over 30 years, they have been a safe home for abused, abandoned, and neglected girls.



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We believe that God is writing a bigger and better story and that He is calling us to take our generosity to new levels.

## SECONDARY GOALS





The Second Chapter Initiative is a \$6 million vision over the next two years.

God will keep writing a bigger and better story through us in the Second Chapter. This includes our general budget as well as the following growth initiatives. Your commitment will include everything that you give.

#### Uncompromising Faith

\$4.5 Million

\$2.25 million a year comes to Community Church through generosity toward our general fund. This would equate to \$4.5 million over two years. Our general budget is anything but general. Amazing things happen, and lives change day in and day out through ministries like CKids, CYouth, Groups, weekend services, and outreach events.

We will not compromise on our day-in and day-out ministries. This number represents our ministry operating budget for the next two years as we inspire people to find friends and faith and to live fully surrendered lives for Jesus.

#### Uncompromising Hope

\$1 Million

Think of this category as the great multiplier. Instead of adding new followers of Jesus, new baptisms, and new efforts to unleash compassion...this is the category that will multiply growth!

\$1 Million of the Unprecedented Hope will go to launch a new campus in Scranton in response to a growing number of new families attending from the Scranton/Wilkes Barre area. Launching a new church in Scranton, PA, is an exciting opportunity to bring hope, build community, and create a place where people can encounter the lifechanging message of Jesus right in the heart of their city.

#### Uncompromising Love

\$500,000

#### Build 10 Churches in Guinea - Conakry, West Africa

Building 10 churches in Guinea Conakry is an opportunity for us to extend our reach beyond borders, creating lasting impact by sharing the hope of the gospel and establishing vibrant communities of faith in a region where the need for God's love and presence is great.

#### Night to Shine

Hosting Night to Shine with the Tim Tebow Foundation is an incredible opportunity for our church to celebrate and honor people with special needs, showing them the love of Jesus by creating an unforgettable night where they are crowned as kings and queens.

#### Special Needs Ministry

In response to many special needs families that have started attending our church, we are launching a Special Needs Ministry. Special Needs Ministry is essential because it creates a welcoming space where every individual, regardless of ability, can experience God's love, find community, and know they are valued and included in the life of the church.

#### **Next Generation**

Investing in the next generation is crucial because it ensures that we are raising up leaders who will carry the message of Jesus forward, shaping the future of the church and making an impact in the world for years to come.

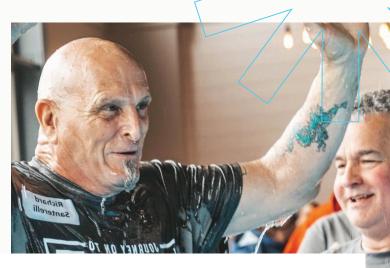


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## WHERE TO **START**





Pray Persistently Pray that God will work in the hearts of people at Community Church and that we will listen with the intent to respond.



Commit Fully

Be part of the 100% engagement by saying YES and encouraging others to do the same.



Celebrate Loudly God is going to do amazing things in your life during this season. Share what He's doing enthusiastically with those around you.



Give Generously Live and give in a way that stretches you to take your faith to a whole new level of generosity.



#### COMMITMENT CARD

What I/we would normally give in a year (regular giving, \$ special projects, etc). My/our expanded annual generosity as part of the \$ Second Chapter Initiative. \$ I/we will commit to giving this x 2 \$ for two years. Gifts from my/our stored \$

My/Our Total 2-Year Second Chapter Commitment

resources.

#### WAYS TO GIVE



#### One Fund

You may have participated in church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift "above and beyond" your regular giving. We've found that "over and above" giving can be confusing to people who don't have a baseline for their "normal giving." It also has the potential to diminish the significance of the ongoing generous giving of so many people at Community Church.

The Second Chapter Initiative will last two years. In those two years, every gift given to Community Church will go to the Second Chapter Initiative to help us reach our goals of uncompromising faith, unprecedented hope, and unrelenting love. We included sample commitment cards so you can see how a "one-fund initiative" works. Please take the time to fill this out, but don't worry—you'll get a shiny new one on Commitment Sunday, which is November 17, 2024.

#### Miracle Offering

A Miracle Offering is a powerful, faith-filled act of giving that goes beyond regular generosity. It is a sacrificial offering where we step out in bold faith, believing that God will use our gifts to accomplish something miraculous in our lives, our community, and His kingdom. This type of offering activates our faith because it requires us to trust God with what we have, believing He can multiply it beyond what we imagine. When we give sacrificially, we position ourselves to receive God's blessing in extraordinary ways. The Miracle Offering isn't just about the amount given—it's about the heart behind it, trusting that God will respond to our faith with His supernatural provision and favor. It's an invitation to participate in the miraculous, aligning our generosity with God's purposes and unlocking His blessings in our lives. Your Miracle Offering will be included in your Second Chapter giving.

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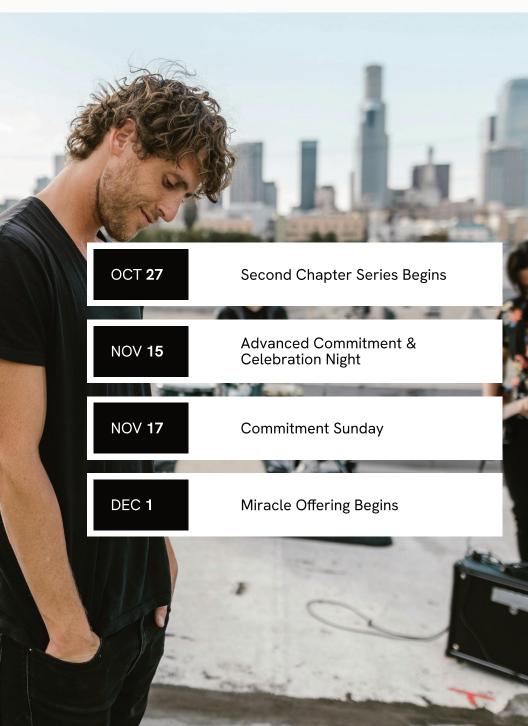
#### **GIVING** CHART

#### TOTAL RAISED: **\$6,037,500**

	# of People	Total Gift (2 Years)	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Total
	1 Person	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$4,808	\$500,000
	2 People	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$2,404	\$500,000
	4 People	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$962	\$400,000
3	8 People	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$481	\$400,000
00 00	10 People	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$240	\$250,000
1	20 People	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$833	\$192	\$400,000
	30 People	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$96	\$300,000
	50 People	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$48	\$250,000
7	75 People	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$24	\$187,500
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#### KEY **DATES**



## Second Chapter Daily Prayer Guide

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways, submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6





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WEEK 1

**DAY 1:** THE CALL TO SURRENDER

When God first calls Abraham, it's a call to leave everything behind—his homeland, his family, and his security. This wasn't a small ask. Abraham had to surrender his comfort zone, the life he had built, and head into the unknown. But God promised a blessing in return.

The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.'

Genesis 12:1-2

#### REFLECTION

Surrender isn't just about giving up—it's about trusting God with what lies ahead. What are you holding onto that's keeping you from fully trusting God? Maybe it's your plans for the future or the fear of stepping into the unknown. Surrendering is about letting go of our plans so we can walk into God's purpose.

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

God, help me to trust You when You call me to step out of my comfort zone. Give me the courage to surrender my plans and embrace the journey You have for me.

Despite God's promise to make
Abraham the father of many nations,
he and his wife Sarah had no children.
Abraham was faced with the choice
to either take control of the situation
or trust God's timing. This is where
faith comes into play. Abraham's faith
is counted as righteousness, not
because he had all the answers, but
because he trusted God even when
the circumstances didn't make sense.

Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

are better than anything I could create on

my own.

Genesis 15:1-6

**DAY 2: FAITH OVER CONTROL** 

Faith requires surrendering the need to control the outcome. It's not easy to trust God when we want quick answers or when His timing doesn't match ours. But what	What are you going to do about it?	
if surrendering our control allowed God to do more than we could ever imagine?		
What is God saying to you?		
	God, help me surrender my need for control. I trust that Your timing and plan	

#### DAY 3: THE TEMPTATION TO HELP GOD

Sarah and Abraham grew impatient, waiting for God's promise. They decided to "help" God by taking matters into their own hands. Sarah offered her servant Hagar to Abraham, hoping to speed up the process. But stepping outside of God's plan only led to pain and conflict. When we try to force God's promises into our timing, we often create more problems than solutions.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children...So Sarai said to Abram, 'The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.'

Genesis 16:1-2

#### **REFLECTION**

It's easy to feel tempted to "help God out" when things aren't moving fast enough. But forced plans often lead to frustration. What if surrendering meant trusting God's timing instead of rushing the process?

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

God, forgive me for the times I've rushed ahead of You. Help me to be patient and trust that You will fulfill Your promises in Your perfect timing.

Abraham's ultimate test of surrender came when God asked him to sacrifice his son Isaac—the son of promise. It didn't make sense. Why would God ask for the one thing He had promised Abraham? Yet, Abraham obeyed, willing to surrender even the most precious thing in his life, trusting that God's plan was greater.

Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah.

Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.'

that You have a purpose and a plan that's

greater than I can see.

Genesis 22:1-2

**DAY 4: THE ULTIMATE TEST OF SURRENDER** 

Sometimes, God asks us to surrender the very thing we nold most dear. It can be a relationship, a dream, or even our sense of identity. But Abraham's story reminds us that	What are you going to do about it?
God never asks for something without a greater purpose n mind. Are you willing to surrender what's most precious	
to you, trusting that God has a greater plan?	
What is God saying to you?	
	Lord, help me surrender everything, even the things I love most, to Your will. I trust

#### DAY 5: SURRENDER LEADS TO BLESSING

At the last moment, God provided a ram in place of Isaac. Abraham's willingness to surrender led not only to the sparing of his son but also to a profound blessing. God's promise was reaffirmed, and through Abraham's obedience, all nations were blessed. Surrender doesn't lead to loss; it leads to greater blessing and fulfillment.

'Do not lay a hand on the boy,' He said...'because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you...through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed.'

Genesis 22:12, 16-18

#### REFLECTION

When we surrender to God, we're not giving up something without a return. We're positioning ourselves for greater blessing. What area of your life do you need to surrender today, trusting that God's blessing will follow?

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

God, thank You for the blessings that follow surrender. Help me to trust that when I give something up for You, You have something greater in store.

God's voice is the compass that sets the direction of your life. One whisper from God can change your destiny. In Isaiah 30:21, we see that God's voice doesn't just give us direction—it recalibrates our steps, ensuring that we're walking in alignment with His plan. Hearing God's voice isn't just a privilege; it's the key to fulfilling your God-given destiny.

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

have for me because I know Your voice will lead me exactly where I need to go.

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Isaiah 30:21

WEEK 2

DAY 1: GOD'S VOICE SETS THE TRAJECTORY

Are you positioning yourself to hear God's voice? Sometimes, we're too busy to recognize that He's speaking. But what if hearing His voice is the one thing	What are you going to do about it?	
that could unlock the next step in your journey?		
What is God saying to you?		
	God, open my ears to hear Your voice. I don't want to miss a single word you	

#### DAY 2: GOD'S VOICE ALWAYS ALIGNS WITH HIS WORD

God will never speak something that contradicts His Word. If you want to discern God's voice with clarity, it starts by immersing yourself in Scripture. God's Word is a filter for everything else in your life. It's how you confirm whether what you're hearing is from God or just your own thoughts. When you build your life on God's Word, you can trust that every decision, every step, is guided by truth.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

#### REFLECTION

How well do you know God's Word? If we want to hear God's voice, we need to start by reading the words He's already given us in the Bible.

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

God, let Your Word be the foundation for everything I hear. Help me to align my decisions, my thoughts, and my actions with the truth of Scripture.

Hearing God's voice will often require a bold response. When Peter heard Jesus' voice telling him to step out of the boat, he obeyed. And his obedience led to a miracle—he walked on water! If you want to hear God's voice, you have to be ready to take big steps of faith. Don't just pray safe prayers—pray bold ones! And when you hear God answer, obey without hesitation.

'Come,' He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus.

respond with bold obedience. Let my life be a reflection of Your power at work in

me.

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Matthew 14:29

DAY 3: BIG PRAYERS LEAD TO BIG OBEDIENCE

What's the last thing God asked you to do? Have you taken the step? Hearing God's voice means nothing if we don't act on what He says. God-sized dreams require God-sized faith.	What are you going to do about it?
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What is God saying to you?	
	Jesus, I don't want to live a life of small faith. Help me to pray boldly and

#### DAY 4: GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE IMPOSSIBLE

God's voice often calls us into the impossible. Why? Because when we are in over our heads, that's where God does His best work. He delights in doing more than we could ever ask or imagine. When God speaks, He doesn't just call us to things we can do in our own strength—He calls us to things that require His supernatural power. If it feels impossible, you're probably on the right track.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.

Ephesians 3:20

#### REFLECTION

Has God spoken something to you that seems impossible? Instead of shrinking back, press in. Trust that God's voice always leads to a place where He can do more than you ever imagined.

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

God, I want to live a life where I'm constantly amazed by what You do. Help me to believe in Your power and to trust that You can do far more than I can imagine—even when it seems impossible.

In the story of Jesus turning water into wine, the servants followed Mary's advice: "Do whatever He tells you." Filling jars with water when wine was needed seemed ridiculous, but their obedience unlocked a miracle. That's the thing about hearing and obeying God's voice—it rarely makes sense on the front end, but it always makes sense on the back end. Sometimes, the miraculous is waiting on the other side of our simple obedience.

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever He tells you.

working behind the scenes, and I believe that my obedience will unlock greater

things than I can imagine.

John 2:5

**DAY 5: OBEDIENCE UNLOCKS THE MIRACULOUS** 

What simple step of obedience is God asking you to take today? It might not make sense right now, but remember that obedience is the key to unlocking the miraculous.	What are you going to do about it?
What is God saying to you?	
	Lord, help me to obey even when it doesn't make sense. I trust that You are

WEEK 3

#### DAY 1: MAKE ROOM FOR A MIRACLE

God loves to fill what we prepare in faith. In 2 Kings 4, the widow's miracle of overflowing oil started with her gathering empty jars. The size of the miracle was directly related to how many jars she brought. Here's the thing—sometimes, the only thing standing between you and a miracle is your preparation. You have to make room for God to work. If you want God to do something big in your life, you have to bring some empty jars. God will fill what you prepare in faith.

Elisha said, 'Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few.'

2 Kings 4:3

#### **REFLECTION**

What "empty jars" do you need to gather? What steps of preparation can you take to show God you're ready for Him to move? Your level of expectation determines the level of the miracle.

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

God, I want to prepare my heart, my life, and my actions for the miracle You want to do. Help me to gather my empty jars and trust that You will fill them with Your provision.

Miracles often require you to take a step of faith before anything happens. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, the waters didn't part until the priests stepped into the river. They had to get their feet wet first. That's faith in action. If you want to experience a miracle, you can't wait for all the conditions to be perfect. Sometimes, you have to act before the breakthrough comes. God moves when we step out in faith, not when we sit back in fear.

As soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing.

with confidence, trusting that You'll do the impossible as I step out in obedience.

Joshua 3:15-16

DAY 2: ACT IN FAITH, NOT FEAR

What's the "Jordan River" in your life right now? What's the one step of faith you need to take, even though the circumstances don't make sense? God is waiting for you	What are you going to do about it?
to get your feet wet.	
What is God saying to you?	
	Lord, give me the faith to act before I see the miracle. Help me to move forward

#### DAY 3: PRAY LIKE IT DEPENDS ON GOD, WORK LIKE IT DEPENDS ON YOU

Praying for a miracle is crucial, but sometimes, we forget that God invites us to participate in the process. It's not about sitting back and waiting for everything to happen; it's about combining faith with action. Faith without works is dead, and miracles often require both. Pray as if it all depends on God—because it does! But also, work like it depends on you. Your actions are a way of showing God that you believe He will come through.

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17

#### REFLECTION

Where have you been praying for a miracle but not acting in faith? Miracles don't just fall into our laps—we need to partner with God through both prayer and action. Are you doing your part?

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

God, I know that miracles happen when faith and action work together. Teach me how to pray bold prayers while also doing the work that shows I trust You to come through.

God's miracles don't always happen the way we expect. In John 9, Jesus healed a blind man by using mud and spit—definitely not the method anyone would have anticipated! But here's the thing: God often works in ways that seem strange or unconventional. We have to trust His process, even when it doesn't make sense. When you're preparing for a miracle, you need to stay open to the fact that God might do it in a way you never imagined.

After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 'Go,' He told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam.' So the man went and washed and came home seeing.

trust that You know exactly what You're doing. I believe You're working in ways I

can't even imagine.

John 9:6-7

**DAY 4: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED** 

Have you been limiting how you expect God to move?  Sometimes, we put God in a box, expecting Him to work in predictable ways. What if He's preparing to move in a way	What are you going to do about it?
that defies your expectations?	
What is God saying to you?	
	God, I'm open to Your methods, even if they don't make sense to me. Help me

#### **DAY 5: KEEP CIRCLING THE PROMISE**

When Joshua and the Israelites circled Jericho, it probably felt ridiculous after the first few days. Nothing seemed to be happening. But they kept circling because God had made a promise. On the seventh day, the walls came crashing down. Here's the truth: sometimes, miracles don't happen overnight. You've got to keep circling God's promises with faith and perseverance. Keep praying, keep believing, and keep showing up. Your breakthrough could be one more lap away.

#### REFLECTION

Is there a promise you've been praying for but haven't seen fulfilled yet? Don't stop circling! God is working, even when you can't see it. Sometimes, the miracle is on the other side of your persistence.

"On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner... Then the trumpet sounded, and Joshua commanded the army, 'Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!"

Joshua 6:15-16

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, give me the perseverance to keep circling Your promises. I believe that You are faithful, and I won't give up until the miracle comes. Help me to trust Your timing and Your process.

David understood something we need to remember—what we build for God outlasts what we build for ourselves. In 1 Chronicles 29, David prepares to build the temple, not for his own glory, but for God's. He knew that his life's greatest work wasn't about his kingdom but God's kingdom. That's legacy. A legacy isn't about what you leave behind for people to remember you; it's about what you leave behind that points people to God.

The task is great because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God.

just for myself. Show me how to invest my life in ways that leave a legacy for

You.

1 Chronicles 29:

WEEK 4

**DAY 1: BUILDING A LEGACY THAT LASTS** 

What are you building in your life that will outlast you? How are you investing your time, talents, and resources in a way that leaves a lasting impact for God's kingdom?	What are you going to do about it?
Legacy is more about faithfulness to God's purposes than worldly success.	
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What is God saying to you?	
	Lord, help me to build something that will last for Your glory. I don't want to live

#### **DAY 2:** THE HEART OF GENEROSITY

Generosity is the heartbeat of legacy. When the people gave to build the temple, it wasn't out of obligation—it was out of joy. They gave freely and wholeheartedly because they recognized the privilege of contributing to something eternal. Generosity is contagious. It multiplies when we give not from a place of duty but from a heart that overflows with gratitude for what God has done. It's not about how much you give—it's about how you give.

The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.

1 Chronicles 29:9

#### REFLECTION

What motivates your generosity? Is it an obligation, or is it a joyful response to God's grace? True generosity is about the posture of your heart, not the size of the gift.

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, cultivate in me a heart of generosity. I want to give freely, not out of obligation, but out of love for You. Show me how I can use my resources to bless others and build Your kingdom.

David understood that everything we have comes from God. Our resources, our abilities, even our opportunities—all of it is a gift from Him. We are simply stewards of what God has entrusted to us. This truth shifts our mindset from ownership to stewardship. We don't own what we have; we manage it for God's purposes. When we recognize that God owns it all, it becomes easier to be generous because we're simply giving back to God what already belongs to Him.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.

faithful steward of what You've entrusted to me. Let my life reflect Your generosity

in every way.

1 Chronicles 29:14

DAY 3: GOD OWNS IT ALL

How does recognizing that God owns everything change your perspective on generosity and giving? What has God entrusted to you that He's calling you to steward for His	What are you going to do about it?
kingdom?	
What is God saying to you?	
	God, I acknowledge that everything I have is a gift from You. Help me to be a

#### **DAY 4: LEAVING A GENERATIONAL LEGACY**

David wasn't just building a temple—he was leaving a legacy of faith for future generations. His prayer was that the desire to serve God and build His kingdom would remain in the hearts of the people for generations to come. True legacy isn't just about what you do in your lifetime; it's about what you pass on to the next generation. It's about planting seeds of faith that will bear fruit long after you're gone.

Keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to You.

1 Chronicles 29:18

#### REFLECTION

How are you passing on a legacy of faith to the next generation? Are you planting seeds today that will grow in the lives of others after you? Legacy is about more than what you accomplish—it's about what you inspire others to continue.

What is God saying to you?	What are you going to do about it?

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, help me to leave a legacy of faith for future generations. Let my life inspire others to follow You, and may the seeds I plant today bear fruit for Your kingdom tomorrow.

David wasn't building the temple alone—it was a collective effort of the people of God. Everyone contributed to the work of building God's house. Legacy is not a solo mission. It's something we build together, as a community of faith. When we all come together with willing hearts, God can do more than we could ever do on our own. Building God's house isn't just about brick and mortar—it's about building a community where God is honored, where His presence dwells, and where future generations are impacted.

I know, my God, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly Your people who are here have given to You.

contribute with a willing and joyful heart, knowing that together, we can make an eternal impact for Your kingdom.

1 Chronicles 29:17

DAY 5: BUILDING GOD'S HOUSE TOGETHER

How can you contribute to building God's house—both physically and spiritually? Whether through serving, giving, or encouraging others, how can you join with the	What are you going to do about it?
community of faith to build something that will last for eternity?	
What is God saying to you?	
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	God, thank You for inviting me to be part of building Your house. Help me to





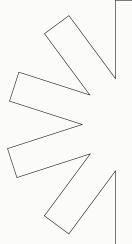




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