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Series: **Breakthrough**
The Promise of Breakthrough
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2 Corinthians 9

The Promise - God's Promise

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Pr 3:9-10

The Promise - “ it all depends ”

Luke 6:38 Pr 11:24

The Promise - Divine Input

Proverbs 3:5-6 1 Corinthians 8:2

The Promise - Provision

1Ch 29:14

The Promise - Spiritual Impact

Luke 19:8-9

When was the last time you stopped yourself from being generous because it seemed foolish?

Did you grow up in a home where generosity was modeled? What were your earliest experiences of generosity? How do those experiences shape your own generosity today?

Consider the Word of God and the concept of generosity. Do you think we should expect to be blessed when we give to others? Why or why not? Back up your points with Scripture if possible.

Read Proverbs 3:9-10, Proverbs 11:24-25, Luke 6:38, 2 Cor 9:6
What does God's word promise will happen if we give generously?

In what ways have you seen the Church embrace these promises? In what ways have you seen the Church fail to believe the promises?

Do you think we should sow seeds for the purpose of receiving more of God's blessings? Why or why not?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
What does verse 2 tell us about the Macedonians?

In what ways did the church in Macedonia go beyond Paul's expectations?

The church in Macedonia considered their giving to be a privilege. Share with the group your thoughts about the privilege of giving. Do you consider your tithes and other offerings to be a privilege or a responsibility? Why?

Read 2 Cor. 8:11-12 and 2 Corinthians 9:7 and Prov 23:6-8
How is the attitude of the heart tied to generosity?

If a person has a bad attitude about giving, what are things that you would suggest to help them change?

Read I Timothy 6:17-19 and 2 Corinthians 9:8
One of the things we have discussing in the Breakthrough Initiative are "stored resources". Some people have long-time collections or family heirlooms that could be liquidated for the campaign, but there are great attachments to history and family.

What advice would you give to someone who is wrestling with a decision about their resources?

How does knowing God with give me all I need impact my decision when it comes to my possessions and generosity?

Think about your own generosity journey. Where are you today? What are the challenges that you face when it comes to giving? In what ways do you struggle with giving? How easy or difficult is it for you to trust God to supply all your needs?
Read Phil 4:19, Romans 8:32, Matthew 6:25-34 and notice the promises of God.

In what ways do these verses speak to you regarding trusting God to provide for your needs?

God promises us blessings if we give from our heart, cheerfully, not reluctantly or under pressure. This starts with trust in God to provide for all of our needs, so that we can give generously to others.

Continue to pray this week for his will for you personally in regards to our Breakthrough Initiative. Ask Him to help you trust in Him to provide for all your needs.