



 NOW



Journey Guide Vol. 3: Embrace A Surrendered Heart

God's Not Done...So, We're Not Done

Eph 3:20-21



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FOR THE ONE!

An ancient Hebrew prayer, called the Shema, is said to be the most prayed prayer in all of history. It is found in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6:4-5.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might."

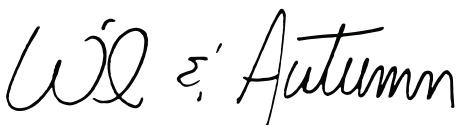
What does it mean that the Lord our God, the Lord, is ONE? Who are we that God would choose ordinary people like us to glorify Him through this church? But that is our calling and our privilege. He is the ONE in whom we "live and breathe and have our being." As we continue on our journey, the sacrifice we are calling our church to make is for the ONE.

I urge you to consider what it truly means to realize that the Lord our God, the Lord, is ONE. Is He the ONE thing that drives every other aspect of your life? This will require you to sacrifice time, comfort, resources, certainty, and other "life as usual" things in order to invest in eternal things that never fade.

NOW! is our two-year discipleship journey set before each and every one of us. We pray that every person who calls The Father's House home will make a commitment that will have kingdom impact for generations to come.

There is only ONE name under heaven by which we are saved. I don't know about you, but I want to give my entire life to serve that name. Join us in acknowledging that the Lord our God, the Lord, is ONE.

Pastor's Wil and Autumn

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Our Challenge



OUR CURRENT CHALLENGE

God's heart is, and has always been, beating for people. From the beginning of time, God had the church in mind—people “called out” and “set apart” for His purpose. A group of passionate people, full of the Holy Spirit, changing the atmosphere of the world around them and bringing hope and a future to others by being a part of God's family.

In Napa, and the larger North Bay area, that is our heartbeat too. So much so that we rose to the occasion and embarked on finding a new home that would enable us to expand our ministry capacity. We did that by faith, just like Abraham, who left all he knew and ventured into the unknown.

So, what kind of providence is it that our new building was located just down the street from where we were meeting? It was the kindness and wisdom of God. You could call it a miracle building. As a former data center, it needed a lot of work. Through our Imagine Campaign, we were able to secure a lease-to-own agreement and renovate it into the beautiful space it is now. It was certainly the kindness of God, but now we see the wisdom of God.

If there was a downside to our location, it was that it was hidden. You typically only found out about us when you went to the DMV. But God knew that a day would come when we would be on the corner of a corridor of expansion in Napa, surrounded by commercial and residential properties. Now, thousands will pass by our church every week.

All the hard work and sacrifice created a place and space that has allowed us to experience the next level of God's power moving in our lives and in our church. We are now poised to see God's power bring a harvest of souls to The Father's House Napa. It's what we imagined, it's what we sacrificed for, and now we have a church home that is ready for the harvest—ready for people to come home.



Yes, we have a good church home. But now we must transform a good church home into a great one because it belongs to us. We own it. We are no longer just present in Napa; we are permanent. And that opens up so many more opportunities for us to create ministries for those far from God and in need of a vibrant life in Christ.

We will overcome limitations and barriers.

FROM PRESENCE TO PERMANENCE.

The Church is a big deal to God,
It's a big deal to us, too!



We will invest our lives to build it.

The Journey Guide Series

Each Sunday you will receive a Journey Guide that we will use to travel the spiritual journey.

Extra volumes of the Journey Guide are available at the NOW! Kiosk.

Volume 1 – Own The Heart Beat
SUNDAY, OCT 6

Volume 2 – Seek A Willing Heart
SUNDAY, OCT 13

Volume 3 – Embrace A Surrendered Heart
SUNDAY, OCT 20

Volume 4 – Move Into A Prioritized Heart
SUNDAY, OCT 27

Volume 5 – Stretch Into A Sacrificial Heart
SUNDAY, NOV 3

Volume 6 – The All-In Committed Heart
SUNDAY, NOV 10



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ANOTHER JOURNEY GUIDE – WHY?

Our objective is for everyone who is part of The Father's House Napa to spend time pursuing God, opening their hearts and minds to Him, and lingering in His presence as He guides us regarding His will for our NOW! Campaign. We only succeed when each of us does our part. These weekly Journey Guides will help you grow spiritually in response to NOW, not just make a financial decision. It's true: you must do something spiritual before you make a financial commitment. Don't rush or circumvent the process. If you're a bit behind, catch up. Extra copies are available online and at our Kiosk in the lobby.

Sermon Notes – Has God spoken to you in some way during our Now! journey? We are confident that God has something He wants to speak to you during this series as you ask Him, "What do You want to do through me?" Please share what God is saying to you—we would love to read it. Send your thoughts to Now@tfh.org.

Devotional Guide – If you've been following along with us, you might have noticed that we haven't been discussing money in our devotional guide. That's intentional. We want to press into Jesus during this season, clear the clutter from our minds, and displace the idols in our hearts. It's from this place of surrender that we ready ourselves to hear God's voice and obey what He says to do in Now!. So, keep pressing in.

Commitment Section –These sections are designed to help you reflect, think, plan, and begin to understand what God wants you to do. Your sacrificial commitment to Now! shouldn't be a hasty decision or a brief conversation with your spouse. Such quick decisions often reflect what's easy, what we can afford, or what our spouse will agree to quickly. Instead, put in the work and let God lead you in what He wants to do through you. The Macedonians did three things in their generosity campaign:

1. They first gave themselves to God.
2. They gave to one another.
3. Their gifts were directed by God.

In response, Paul said they committed according to their ability—and beyond it. Ultimately, they stretched into a faith commitment that required God to help them fulfill it. It was a place of faith and trust.

Have more questions? Check out our FAQs. If you still have questions, feel free to reach out to us at Now@tfh.org.



Sermon Notes & Devotionals



SUNDAY, DAY 15 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 1:3

"Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you"

REFLECT: YOU MUST SURRENDER AND ENGAGE

It is tough to live by faith. It is hard to believe in what you cannot see. But that is what a faith walk is about: Surrendering to a living God who asks you to rely on Him. That was really what Joshua 1:3 was about: get up and believe, walk the land and engage. I know you cannot see anything happening when you walk, but your participation is crucial for the final outcome to be victorious.

"I have given it to you" is a staggering thought, to BELIEVE BEFORE YOU SEE. Can you see the promise fulfilled? Oswald Sanders has said, "Eyes that look are common. Eyes that see, are rare."

Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*

This type of faith is life giving. It builds hope and holds off discouragement. It engages with God even when it cannot see the outcome. It wins the battles in life because it believes: if God is for us, who can stand against us?

Fear imprisons, faith liberates; Fear paralyzes, faith empowers; Fear disheartens, faith encourages; Fear sickens, faith heals; Fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable—and, most of all, fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, while faith rejoices in its God.

PRAYER: Lord, teach me to see with eyes in my heart that look beyond the natural. To believe with a faith that will not only liberate me, but others as well. Give me a faith that helps others to be healed and set free as you work through me. Amen

MONDAY, DAY 16 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: NUMBERS 13:30-31

But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!" But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"

REFLECT: WHEN PEOPLE BELIEVE GOD, HE CAN DO GREAT THINGS

Caleb was a remarkable man. Joshua 14 tells us as much as we know about Caleb. At age forty, he went into the Promised Land as one of the spies. Only he and Joshua remained faithful to what the Lord had spoken to them. We hear very little about him but all we hear is good.

We are told, "Caleb completely followed the Lord". Wow, what a description.

He was a great warrior for 45 years after Moses died, and he was faithful and fearless as well. Did you know that Moses promised him land as an inheritance because he followed the Lord faithfully? Did you know what land he was promised? The land filled with giants! What kind of inheritance is that? Caleb's response came from his heart, which always remained true, Joshua 14:12 tells us,

"So give me the hill country that the Lord promised me. You will remember that as scouts we found the descendants of Anak living there in great, walled towns. But if the Lord is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the Lord said."

Caleb had an attitude of abundance. He believed beyond what he could see.

"If we have the faith that believes to see, it will keep us from growing discouraged. We shall "laugh at impossibilities," we shall watch with delight to see how God is going to open up a path through the Red Sea, when there is no human way out of our difficulty. It is just in such places of severe testing that our faith grows and strengthens." – M. Cowman.

For Joshua and Caleb, their faith grew in response to the impossibility of the situation. For others, fear robbed them of any faith they might have had. Where do you live each day? In faith, or in fear? God desires to take away your fear and replace it with faith!

PRAYER: Lord, help me to trust You as I face the impossible. I love You. You offer me the same protection Caleb had; a constant reminder of Your presence, teaching me that You will always be there to protect and lead me. Thank you Father. Amen.

TUESDAY, DAY 17 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 15:25-26

"So we decided, having come to complete agreement, to send you official representatives, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

REFLECT: SURRENDER TO JESUS INCLUDES LEARNING TO TAKE RISKS

"Faith is the simplest exercise of the spiritual life, and it is also the highest."

– Andrew Murray

Many of us live our lives close to the vest, so to speak. We are always leery of a risk, but faith is just that - a risk - and, when you learn to surrender to Jesus, you figure out that He will ask you to take risks. The men in these verses were men who "risked their lives for Jesus' name". That is part of living by faith: taking risks for Jesus. He will ask you to take risks on people. People with bad reputations that need you to help them get whole. Barnabas did just that for a zealous ex-Pharisee named Saul. He took him under his wing and disciplined him. He poured his life into him when he had nothing to gain and everything to lose. Jesus did that when He forgave a demonized lady named Mary Magdalene and allowed her to become one of His followers.

It is the same story with Abraham who risked his life to rescue his nephew Lot from the kings who had conquered their land and all this after Lot had taken advantage of his uncle's favor and taken the best of his land. In fact, Abraham, who is called the Father of Faith, made risk-taking a habit. Abraham is an example of a real risk-taker. For Abraham, risk meant trusting in God even when he didn't understand.

Hebrews 11:8 It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

It has been said of Abraham, *"Where he went, he knew not; it was enough to know he went with God. He leaned not so much upon the promises as upon the Promiser. He looked, not on the difficulties of his situation, but on his King."* —F.B. Meyer

Taking risks was part of walking with God for Abraham, for Paul, for Jesus and it is for us as well.

PRAYER: Father I am not by nature a risk-taker. I often pull back from risk-taking. Teach me, Holy Spirit, how and when to take the risks you want me to take. I desire to grow in you and I understand that growing in faith requires taking some risks. Help me to trust you to meet me in the risk. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DAY 18 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 3:8, 13

“Give this command to the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant: “When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river and stop there. The priests will carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall.”

REFLECT: WAITING ON THE LORD IS PART OF SURRENDER

We are impatient people, aren't we? If we can't have it now we will go somewhere we can. We are always told we shouldn't have to wait. Waiting is bad; too many things to do and people to see. But in the Kingdom of God, waiting is part of growing in Jesus. He will ask you to wait. He always does.

It is interesting to note in these verses that the Lord asked them to put their whole foot in the raging spring river. Then, to stand and wait for a miracle. They had to literally step out in faith. How long did they stand still in the Jordan? Well, it was damned up 17-19 miles north. They obeyed but didn't realize their miracle immediately.

Often as we walk by faith, Jesus asks us to obey and then to wait and see Him move. Having to wait is sometimes more difficult than trusting Him for the miracle. Waiting is certainly not in our nature, but it is His call for us.

Over and over scripture declares it, Psalm 37:9 *“But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land.”* Waiting is our means to a deep relationship with Jesus.

Psalms 25:4-5 *“Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.”*

Waiting makes a very important statement: there is nowhere else to go! Who else am I going to turn to if I don't wait for you? You alone have what I need. Waiting literally enthrones God in our journey. So, the next time you are frustrated about having to wait, remember that Jesus is building His Kingdom in you. Be patient.

PRAYER: Father, I hate waiting; I often grow very frustrated with you when you make me wait. Teach me to learn the value of pressing into you and enjoying the journey instead of growing impatient and frustrated. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for teaching me to have Jesus' heart. Amen.

THURSDAY, DAY 19 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 1:3

"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you."

REFLECT: TAKING HOLD OF ALL HE HAS FOR YOU

The book of Joshua teaches us principles for possessing God's promises and our potential. God's promises are there for us to possess. Joshua tells us how we can take the promises of God and live in them. It is the story of a people, Israel, who moved out of slavery, but struggled to move into fullness.

Many of us are stuck in the same battle. We know it is one thing to be a freed slave, but quite another to be a person of promise. To not only be free, but to have conquered other land, to have helped and healed other people. It is one thing as a young Christian to have God feed you daily His life and manna. It is quite another to sow and reap daily in life – both are miraculous, but in one you go get (Manna) handed to you as a young believer, the other you partner with God to receive. As we grow in Jesus,

He expects more and more from us. He wants us to press into places we would have feared going before. He wants us to believe for others' lives and destinies.

We have great possibilities to possess as a church at this time. Possibilities of renewed building space to reach and touch others, help children and families, heal the wounded, teach the Word and give the life-changing message of the gospel. But this all takes commitment and, over our history as a church, we have always demonstrated that we were willing to jump in and believe God for others. Well, we are here again. We must also grow up in our own relationship to the Lord, possessing all He has for us. We must be unwilling to live with less than all He intends for us.

PRAYER: Father, create in me a passionate desire to have all You desire for my life. Help me to not be satisfied with anything less. Father, I desire to be more than a slave set free. Make me a person of promise. One who will be a light in darkness and a giver of hope to the hopeless. Amen.

FRIDAY, DAY 20 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: JOSHUA 1:14-15

"All your fighting men, fully armed, must cross over ahead of your brothers. You are to help your brothers until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them."

REFLECT: LIFE IS A BATTLE, FIGHT IT TOGETHER WITH HIM

God's sovereignty doesn't preclude human responsibility. Promise and blessing OFTEN don't just tumble into our hands. After Joshua crossed over the Jordan, the battle had only begun. The next 20 years of his life would be spent fighting God's battles, and he was 80 years old!! But even in his old age he would ask for more. The whole first half of the Book of Joshua is about war, the battles. But then the second half is about peace, the possibility to flourish.

The first eleven chapters of Joshua are about BATTLES that had to be fought. Joshua's life was one battle after another, yet he never gave up. Some of you can identify with that. The battles can get very wearing and discouragement can quickly become a greater enemy than the one we had been fighting. It is vital that we do not forget that when we partner with God, no enemy we face will be able to stand. Remember that, after the battle, comes the time to flourish in Him.

Joshua 1:5 *"No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life...I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you."*

The future always holds blessings and battles. Remember, often the fruit of life is picked from the enemy's tree!

PRAYER: Lord, please strengthen me with Your Holy Spirit. Renew me as I press on for You. Remind me that You are the One who fights, and I am the one who trusts and prays. Amen.

SATURDAY, DAY 21 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 6:9

"There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

REFLECT: GOD IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

"When we do what we can, God will do what we can't." Those who have experienced the blessing of a miracle have learned partnership with God. The lad with two fish and five loaves gave all he had. As little as it was, it was sufficient to be the basis of a miracle. This is always how God works through humans. Certainly, He could do it without us, but He has chosen to do it with us. Aren't you glad? Wow, what an amazing God who would love and use people like us!

In any miracle there are two parts: God's part and your part. You are called to participate in miracles by acknowledging you have a need that only God can meet. The disciples saw the feeding of thousands as a responsibility that they were unable to meet. They had to turn to Jesus because the task was beyond them. When you see that something is beyond your ability and admit your need, you are positioned for a miracle.

God regularly puts us in places where our need overreaches our means. This is no accident; this is His way of causing us to trust in Him and believe for Him to do what we cannot, through us. That is the amazing part - He doesn't go around us; He uses us as much as we will allow ourselves to be used.

Remember, with God all things are possible, but you must be willing to participate with Him in trust. Miracles happen when you give all that you have, no matter how small.

PRAYER: Lord, make me a willing partner of yours. You have shown yourself so faithful to me over and over again. Now, Lord, help me look to You when I have need and allow my heart trust that You will meet it. Amen.



Why A Commitment Card?





WHY A COMMITMENT CARD?

Generosity campaigns rely on the church family making gifts that go beyond their current level of giving to meet the ministry budget needs of the church. The best way to increase giving is through a spiritual approach, where we set our hearts on things above. From this spiritual focus, our financial priorities naturally take shape. That's why filling out a commitment card is so important. Take a look at our Now! Commitment Card. There are three key things to know about this card.

MONTHLY GIFT / QUICK REFERENCE	MONTHLY	ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR
	\$41,667	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
	\$20,834	\$250,000	\$500,000
	\$10,417	\$125,000	\$250,000
	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$100,000
	\$3,125	\$37,500	\$75,000
	\$2,084	\$25,000	\$50,000
	\$1,250	\$15,000	\$30,000
	\$625	\$7,500	\$15,000
	\$417	\$5,000	\$10,000
	\$313	\$3,750	\$7,500
	\$250	\$3,000	\$6,000
	\$188	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$125	\$1,500	\$3,000	
\$63	\$750	\$1,500	
\$21	\$250	\$500 OR LESS	

* MONTHLY AMOUNT ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST \$

Thank You For Joining Us On This Journey

That will accelerate our impact and discipleship of thousands in Napa.

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ALL PLEDGES WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
THIS IS A STATEMENT OF INTENT THAT MAY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED AT ANY TIME.

First, this is a spiritual decision and a spiritual process. We fully understand the cynicism that runs high in our world, and you might be thinking, “Isn’t this just a money decision?” Yes, finances are involved, but fundamentally, it is a much deeper spiritual process and decision.

For weeks now, as we’ve been discussing Now!, we’ve been encouraging everyone in our church—every person, household, and family—to engage in a prayerful, spiritually catalytic encounter with God regarding our money and possessions.

This resonates with many of you because you’ve been through something like this before, and it’s shaped and formed you. You’ve experienced the grace of giving that Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 8:7. We never come out of these encounters the same as we went in. God works on us! Zeal for the house of God grows within us. There’s a verse from the Old Testament quoted in the New Testament that says, “zeal for your house will consume me.” Your commitment on the card is a demonstration of that zeal for the house of the Lord. It’s a spiritual transaction and declaration, much more than a financial decision.

We can become zealous about many things and consumed by many distractions. Through this spiritual journey, expect God to work on your heart—through prayer and sacrifice—to purify your zeal and the things you’re consumed by. He wants to remove the mirages, cut away distractions, and purify our love for the Lord and His church. We want to come to a place where we can say, “This is where happiness is, this is where purpose is, this is where my life is to be invested.” Right now, we don’t know exactly what this journey will look like for you, but we encourage you to go through this prayerful, spiritually catalytic encounter with God because He will work in your life.

Second, it will take all of us. It just will. The reason for this is that our vision isn’t just about funding a building. Our vision is about creating the kind of community that God is calling us to be. And for that, it is a truly spiritual endeavor—it involves every one of us. This is a community that we all build together. It will take all of us to reach our goals and make the investments we believe God is calling us to make, both for the present and the future of our church. The number on your card declares that you are all in.

Third, if you hear a voice in your head—or your heart—that tells you your gift or commitment will be insignificant in this Now! campaign, we encourage you not to listen to that voice. Or, if necessary, talk back to it and tell it to “shut up.” You may be tempted to think, “In a \$4M campaign, that’s a huge number. I’m not a heavy

hitter. I'm not a large giver. I'm not wealthy, so my commitment couldn't possibly be more than a drop in a \$4 million ocean."

But we want to tell you that's not true—for two reasons. First, even on a financial level, every gift has an impact. Every lightbulb will shine on someone. Every door knob will be turned by a child. Every parking stall will represent the beginning of a brand-new life in Christ. Every chair will impact someone. So at that level, every gift is significant because every gift will have an impact on someone's life.

More importantly, this process and commitment will never be insignificant in your relationship with God. It will be significant to you and to the faith you are growing into in your relationship with God and the church.

This isn't about God loving you more because of what you give, as if you could buy His favor—that's silly, and we hope you don't think that way. But your commitment is about the faith, love, trust, and growth that God wants to accomplish in you (Philippians 4:17). No gift and no process are insignificant to the Lord.

Commitment Sunday is on Sunday, November 10. It's going to be a huge moment in the life of our church, and we invite you to be a part of it. We encourage you to do the hard work. The easy part will eventually be filling out the card. The hard work is the spiritual work—prayer, discernment, and wrestling with God. We invite you into that process. Don't rush it.

On Commitment Sunday, at some point in the service, we will have a time of commitment with receptacles down front. There will be a moment where we will come forward and place our cards in the receptacles. Don't be intimidated by this. This is not a legal document. This is not a contract. It's a spiritual document—a spiritual transaction. The number on your card will reflect something about your heart. It will declare that you have a surrendered heart, a willing heart, and perhaps even a scary heart, but also a fully devoted heart. When that happens, we pray it will be a spiritually significant moment for you and for our church family.





Some more FAQs



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here is a new set of questions we have prepared for you. If you missed them, check out Volume 1 and Volume 2. We offer these FAQs to help broaden your understanding of our campaign, its processes, and the spiritual journey. It's true that the spiritual aspect must come before the financial one. Let these FAQs guide you as you embark on this spiritual journey.

WHAT ARE “STORED RESOURCES”?

Stored resources are the funds or assets you have beyond your income. You may want to explore unique ways to give toward this campaign. For example, you might have savings, stocks, bonds, or other investments that you decide to donate to the church. Perhaps you own a boat, a vacation home, or a collection that you could part with. You may even consider whether God is calling you to simplify your lifestyle to free up more resources for giving.

WHAT IF I AM CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL STRESS OR HARDSHIP?

If you're currently struggling with unemployment or carrying the heavy burden of substantial debt, a great resource for you is Financial Peace University. This course helps you develop a plan to take control of your finances. If you think this course would benefit you, please reach out to us. We would love to connect you with a group that is working through the materials together. As you work to overcome financial barriers to giving, remember that giving isn't about what God wants from you; it's about what God wants for you.

NOW! is fundamentally about heart change—a change that can only happen when we surrender our lives completely to God. This looks different for each of us. Ultimately, we want 100% of us to be part of NOW!, so that we can all support, love, encourage, and pray for one another during this spiritually stretching season at The Father's House Napa.

ISN'T GIVING TO OTHER CHARITIES THE SAME AS GIVING TO THE CHURCH?

As followers of Jesus, God calls us to give first to His church for the work of the body of Christ. At The Father's House Napa, we know firsthand that the church changes lives—we regularly hear stories of transformation. Giving directly to specific causes can certainly help people in need, and that is wonderful. However, the gospel of Jesus brings transformation for all eternity and leads to a change that is experienced practically in this life.

When you give to the church, you are investing in people who will be transformed

and, in turn, will change the world. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to support, and we would love for you to make The Father's House Napa your home and join in on NOW!. If you are ready, this is the perfect time to stake your claim and make this your priority. We need you on the team!

IF WE ARE COMMITTING TO NOW!, HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR NORMAL GIVING AND OFFERINGS?

We are focused on helping everyone at The Father's House Napa see their giving as an integral part of the discipleship process, while also being challenged by God to take the next step. The majority of these Journey Guides are designed to help us explore key biblical principles that guide us in this area as we follow Jesus. Our top priority is 100% participation in this process.

Even if someone wrote us a check today for our goal of \$4 million, we would still move forward with this campaign. Whether we're just beginning our giving journey or we're already committed givers, we all have a next step to take and room to grow in this area. NOW! is about over-and-above giving, so please don't replace your regular giving with your commitment to NOW!.

CAN YOU DEFINE SACRIFICE?

A simple definition of sacrifice is giving up something I want, something I need, and something that represents security. Your commitment will likely come from excess income, decreased spending, liquidating assets, generating more money through the use of time and talent, or by sacrificing something else.

Ultimately, it's about deciding what I can give up, do without, postpone, or alter in order to contribute to NOW! over the next two and a half years.

WHAT DOES "NOT EQUAL GIFTS, BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE" MEAN?

This principle recognizes that we all have different financial capacities, so a "fair share" approach to giving doesn't work. Such an approach would require more from some and less from others. Everyone's story and situation are unique, which means that sacrifice isn't about the amount given; it's about the attitude of giving generously and sacrificially in proportion to what God has blessed us with.

The goal is for everyone to give sacrificially. Whether it's the smallest gift or the largest, each person can say, "This gift is sacrificial for me." As a result, all gifts are received with great joy and celebrated.

IS IT OK TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GIVE AN AMOUNT THAT I DON'T HAVE RIGHT NOW?

Yes! That's called faith, and it pleases God (Hebrews 11:6). In fact, the Macedonian Christians, who were living in poverty, insisted on giving to the struggling Christians in Jerusalem. So much so that Paul said of their giving, "They gave what they were able, and even beyond their ability," meaning they committed future resources by faith.



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