

Our Common Pathway
Steward
2 Cor. 8:1-21

Getting Started

- ❖ In the sermon, Jerry mentioned Stewardship is managing all the resources God has entrusted to us. As a group, list as many of these resources as you can remember.
- ❖ What area of stewardship gives you the most difficulties?
- ❖ Who in the Bible strikes you as a faithful steward and why? Who would be faithless and why?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read I Chronicles 29:11-13, Ps. 24:1, 1 Cor. 6:19-20**
 - What is ownership?
 - By what right(s) does God have to claim ownership? (Hint: There are a few in these passages.)
 - What should your response be to God's ownership?
 - What are some inadequate responses that we often make?
- ❖ **Re-read 2 Cor. 8:1-21 and answer/discuss the following questions.**
 - Why is it significant that the Macedonian churches are used by Paul for comparison purposes?
 - How should the context of the Macedonian churches and modern churches in Third World countries today inform and influence our stewardship?
 - The average evangelical Christian contributes less to their church and the Kingdom today than our counterparts during the Great Depression as a percentage of their income.
 - We are wealthier but less generous than previous generations. Why do you think this is the case?
 - What would generosity look like today in our context?
 - If God were to look at your calendar would He say you are generous with your time towards Him and His Kingdom?
 - If God were to look at your checkbook, would He say you are generous with your money towards Him and His Kingdom?
 - Discuss the point made in verses 5-9 that "Generous Stewardship is the fruit of true worship and genuine conversion". Do you agree or not with this point? How is stewardship the fruit of true worship? Why would Paul link it to genuine conversion (e.g., vs 8 "prove... that your love also is genuine")?
 - How does the title of "Lord" in verse 9 impact Biblical Stewardship and our response to it?

Think About It!

"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life." (Billy Graham)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

March 31, 2019 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP SONGS

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Words by Francis of Assisi, 1225 / German Melody, 1623

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice.

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one.

FOUND IN YOU

*Words and Music by Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram,
and Paul Baloche, 2013*

We're reaching out to welcome You God. Fill this place
again with Your song. Flood our thoughts with wonder and awe.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

*All we want and all we need is found in You, found in You.
Jesus, every victory is found in You, found in You.*

Open wide our hearts now to Yours. Every fear bow down
to Your love, that we would see like never before.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

In your presence there is freedom.
In your presence we are made whole.

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

*Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram,
and Leslie Jordan, 2012*

You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

*It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to You only.*

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, great are You, Lord.
And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, great are You, Lord.

YOU ARE OUR LIFE

Words and Music by Paxson Jeancake, 2019

Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord; planted by streams,
like trees, they endure. Their leaves will not wither; they stand firm
and sure. Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord.

Blessed are those who delight in Your word; day after day,
seeking what's pure. Not following foolish ways of this world.
Blessed are those who delight in Your word.

*We'll follow Your ways for You are our life. We'll find all we need,
our soul's deep delight. There's no greater love, no greater prize.
You are our hope; You are our life.*

Blessed, all poor, the kingdom is yours; and all who now hunger
for you shall be full. Blessed when weeping for laughter will come.
Blessed, all poor, the kingdom is yours.

Blessed are those whose hope is in Christ; who've died unto Him,
but have been made alive. For one day these bodies will be raised
to life. Blessed are those whose hope is in Christ.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 42; Jeremiah 14:1-22; Gal. 4:21-5:1; Mark 8:11-21
MONDAY | Ps. 80; Jeremiah 16:1-21; Romans 7:1-12; John 6:1-15
TUESDAY | Ps. 91; Jer. 17:19-27; Romans 7:13-25; John 6:16-27
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 5; Jer. 18:1-11; Rom. 8:1-11; John 6:27-40
THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Jer. 22:13-23; Rom. 8:12-27; John 6:41-51
FRIDAY | Ps. 105; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Rom. 8:28-39; John 6:52-59
SATURDAY | Ps. 31; Jeremiah 23:9-15; Rom. 9:1-18; John 6:60-71

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Gracious God, seeker of the lost:
draw your children back to your loving embrace,
restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons,
and reconcile our hearts to you,
that we may become ambassadors
of your reconciling love to all the world.
Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.



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