

Generosity Week 1 – The Future

DAY 1

God Has You Here for a Purpose

Scriptures: Esther 4:14; Ephesians 2:10

Life often seems random while we're living it.

A new job. A difficult season. A move across town. A new church. Unexpected friendships.

At the time, none of it seems to fit together. But later we look back and realize God had been arranging the pieces all along.

That was true for Esther. She didn't accidentally become queen. God positioned her exactly where she needed to be before anyone knew there would be a crisis. When the Jewish people faced destruction, Mordecai reminded her that perhaps God had placed her there "for such a time as this."

The same is true for us.

God has placed you in your family...

your neighborhood...

your workplace...

your school...

and yes, at New Life Church...

for a purpose.

Sometimes we become consumed by our limitations.

"I don't have enough experience" "I don't know enough" "I'm too old" "I'm too young" "I don't have enough time"

But throughout Scripture, God has never asked them to count what they didn't have.

He simply asked them to surrender what they already had.

Moses had a staff.

David had a sling.

The widow had a little oil.

The disciples had five loaves and two fish.

God specializes in multiplying surrendered lives.

Perhaps He has positioned you exactly where you are for this very season.

Reflect:

- Where have I seen God's hand guiding my life?
- What opportunities has God placed in front of me?
- Am I focusing more on my limitations or God's power?

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Prayer:

Father, thank You for guiding my life even when I cannot see what You are doing. Help me trust that You have placed me exactly where You want me. Give me courage to serve You faithfully in this season. Amen.

Today's Challenge:

Write down three ways you have seen God's providence in your life.

Thank Him for each one.

DAY 2

Healthy Roots Produce Healthy Growth

Scriptures: Acts 2:42–47; John 15:4–5

Trees don't become tall overnight.

Before they grow upward...they grow downward.

Strong roots produce lasting fruit.

The same is true spiritually.

Healthy churches don't become healthy simply because attendance increases. Healthy churches become healthy because people deepen their relationship with Jesus.

The early church devoted themselves to four priorities:

- God's Word
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Generosity

Only then does Scripture say, "*The Lord added to their number daily.*" Growth followed health.

Sometimes we become so focused on numerical growth that we forget spiritual growth.

God desires both.

Our personal lives work the same way.

Before God can use us publicly...He wants to shape us privately.

Prayer deepens our roots. Scripture strengthens our faith. Worship reminds us who God is. Serving develops humility. Healthy roots always produce healthy fruit.

Reflect:

- How healthy are my spiritual roots?
- Which spiritual habit needs strengthening?
- Am I pursuing growth or simply staying busy?

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Prayer:

Lord, deepen my roots in You. Help me become a disciple who spends time in prayer, Your Word, and fellowship with other believers. Make my life fruitful for Your Kingdom. Amen.

Today's Challenge:

Spend at least twenty uninterrupted minutes with God today.

Read Scripture. Pray. Listen.

DAY 3

Reaching the Next Generation

Scriptures: Psalm 78:4–7; Matthew 19:13–15

Children were never interruptions to Jesus. They were priorities. Throughout His ministry, Jesus consistently welcomed those whom others overlooked.

The next generation matters deeply to God. That means they should matter deeply to us.

Every child...

every teenager...

every young family...

represents an opportunity for eternal impact.

Churches sometimes become museums—carefully preserving memories of yesterday.

God calls His Church to become mission stations—preparing people for tomorrow.

The question is not whether young people matter. The question is whether we are intentionally investing in them.

Every encouraging word...

every prayer...

every conversation...

every invitation...

plants seeds that God can grow.

None of us may influence hundreds.

But every one of us can influence someone.

Reflect:

- Who helped shape my faith when I was younger?
- Which child or student can I intentionally encourage?
- Am I investing in the next generation?

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Prayer:

Father, help me care about what You care about. Give me a heart for children, students, and young families. Use me to encourage the next generation to know and love Jesus. Amen.

Today's Challenge:

Pray by name for one child or student today.

Send them an encouraging message or speak a word of blessing if you have the opportunity.

DAY 4

Becoming the Church Our Community Needs

Scriptures: Matthew 5:14–16; James 2:14–17

Church isn't simply somewhere we attend. It is who we are.

Jesus never commanded His followers to build impressive buildings. He commanded them to make disciples.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often met physical needs before addressing spiritual ones.

He fed hungry people. He healed broken bodies. He comforted grieving hearts. Then He pointed people toward the Kingdom.

Our compassion gives credibility to our message. People may forget our sermons. But they'll remember our kindness. They'll remember someone who cared. They'll remember someone who showed up.

The goal is not simply for people to know where our church is located. The goal is for people to experience Jesus because our church exists. When the Church genuinely loves its community, people notice.

Reflect:

- If my church disappeared tomorrow, would my community notice?
- Who around me needs practical help this week?
- How can I demonstrate Christ's love today?

Prayer:

Jesus, make me Your hands and feet. Open my eyes to the needs around me. Help me love people in practical ways that point them to You. Amen.

Today's Challenge:

Perform one act of kindness today without expecting anything in return.

Serve quietly. Love generously. Reflect Christ.

DAY 5

Dream Bigger Because God Is Bigger

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20–21; Matthew 28:18–20

God has always called ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

Esther never imagined saving a nation. David never imagined becoming king. Peter never imagined preaching at Pentecost.

Their confidence wasn't in themselves. Their confidence was in God.

Too often we dream only as big as our resources. God invites us to dream according to His power.

Scripture says He is able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine."

Imagine what could happen if every believer committed to making one disciple.

Imagine families restored. Students called into ministry. Children growing up knowing Jesus. Missionaries sent around the world. Communities transformed by the Gospel.

None of that begins with a large church. It begins with faithful people saying,

"Lord, use me."

The greatest legacy we leave needs to be transformed lives.

Reflect:

- What God-sized dream has He placed on my heart?
- Am I praying safe prayers or bold prayers?
- Who am I intentionally discipling?

Prayer:

Father, expand my vision. Help me believe that You can do more than I can imagine. Use my life to make disciples and advance Your Kingdom. May I never settle for comfort when You are calling me to faith.

Amen.

Today's Challenge

Pray this dangerous prayer:

"Lord, use me however You choose."

Then remain open to whatever opportunity He places before you.

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Weekly Reflection:

This Week God Taught Me...

One Way I Will Help Build God's Kingdom

Someone I Will Pray For This Week

Someone I Will Encourage This Week

Memory Verse