

 VICTORYCHURCH

WELCOME YOUR WORLD



EXPERIENCE GOD





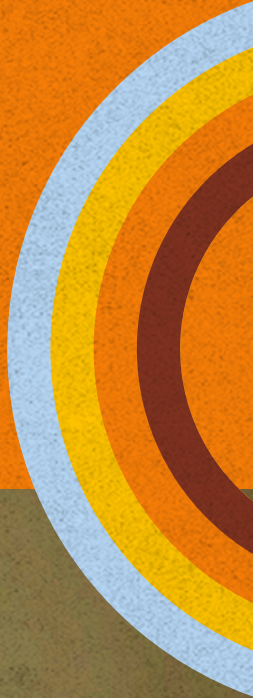
IMPACT YOUR WORLD



EMPOWER OTHERS



BE THE CHURCH





A LETTER FROM PASTOR ED

With our current lease expiring in just four years, I'm confident that God is opening an extraordinary door. Now is the time for all of us to lean on God and take the giant step of faith needed to move forward with creating space for those who need the hope only found in Jesus. We don't know exactly where this building will be, but through faith, we can already see it! Imagine a facility equipped to:

- **Welcome our world into an experience with God:** A state-of-the-art, 1,000-seat (or more) worship space where even more people can experience the presence of God
- **Expand our ministries:** More room to serve families with vibrant children's programs, our early learning academy, dynamic youth events, and adult discipleship
- **Host conferences, workshops, and regional events:** Providing impactful training, leadership development, and unwavering support to churches, nonprofits, and other organizations across our region
- **Offer need-meeting ministries, counseling, and support services:** A base for expanded outreach and a safe haven for those seeking the healing, freedom, and guidance only Christ can give

This vision extends beyond our walls. As we consider a potential move along Route 422, our commitment to serving the Norristown community remains steadfast. We envision a ministry center, or perhaps even a new church location, to continue sharing God's love with people facing challenges in that area.

This is probably the boldest step in our church's 90-year history, and you are vital to this effort. Will you make a decision to **WELCOME YOUR WORLD** to the joy and peace found only in Jesus? I know God will honor your faith and work through our new space to change lives for eternity. **On April 6th, we will ask everyone who attends Victory Church to make a sacrificial, 24-month commitment (over and above your current level of giving) to WELCOME YOUR WORLD.** God will meet us with his provision as we step forward in faith to build his church and make an impact in this world!

In His Service with you,

Pastor Ed





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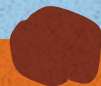
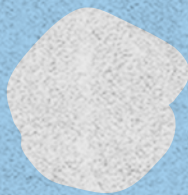
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WHY
WHO
WHERE
ARE



OUR VISION IS REVIVAL

Victory Church is a young, multicultural, and dynamic church - a surprising claim for a church founded in Norristown in 1935. Although we celebrate 90 years in 2025, we have adapted our style and methods over the years to reach a changing culture with an unchanging message.

Because of the work of the Holy Spirit, our growing congregation consists of people from dozens of nationalities and ethnicities. In a society that is as fragmented as ours, Victory Church stands as a model of true community, united not by our personal preferences, but by our common experience of the goodness of God.

We know that the hope of Jesus isn't just for the people already at Victory Church. We realize that each one of us has been placed in a sphere of influence where we have individual responsibility to be a part of reaching those spheres of influence for Jesus.

REVIVAL IS HERE. LET'S WELCOME OUR WORLD.

We need a new building to serve our mission, but we are not just a community of worshipers who stay within a church setting. We are equipped to be Christians with influence and impact in whatever area God places us, including our families, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and social settings. May we invite the people in our spheres to experience God in a life-changing way.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2024



**WE'VE HAD RECORD ATTENDANCE
EVERY MONTH THIS YEAR.**

EASTER ATTENDANCE:

**1,683
(HIGHEST EVER)**



388 PEOPLE SERVING.



**WE WELCOMED
810+ GUESTS.**



**560+ DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST.**

**OVER 900 PEOPLE
IN LIFEGROUPS.**



**OVER 100 BIG DAY OF
SERVICE PROJECTS
COMPLETED.**



**44% INCREASE
IN YOUTH
THIS FALL.**



**WE BEGAN LIVE
STREAMING AND
SAW A 70%
INCREASE
IN LIVE
VIEWERS.**



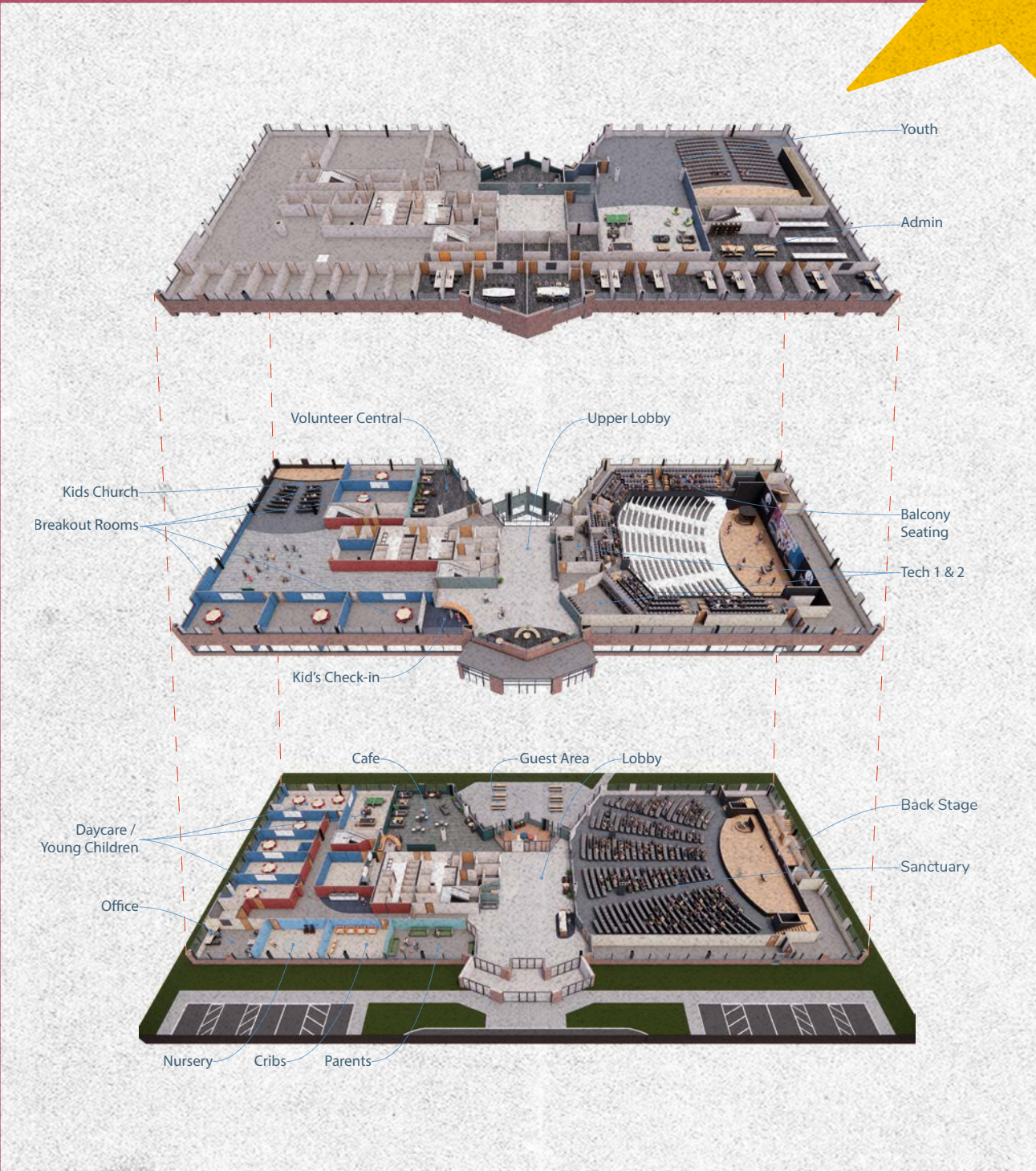


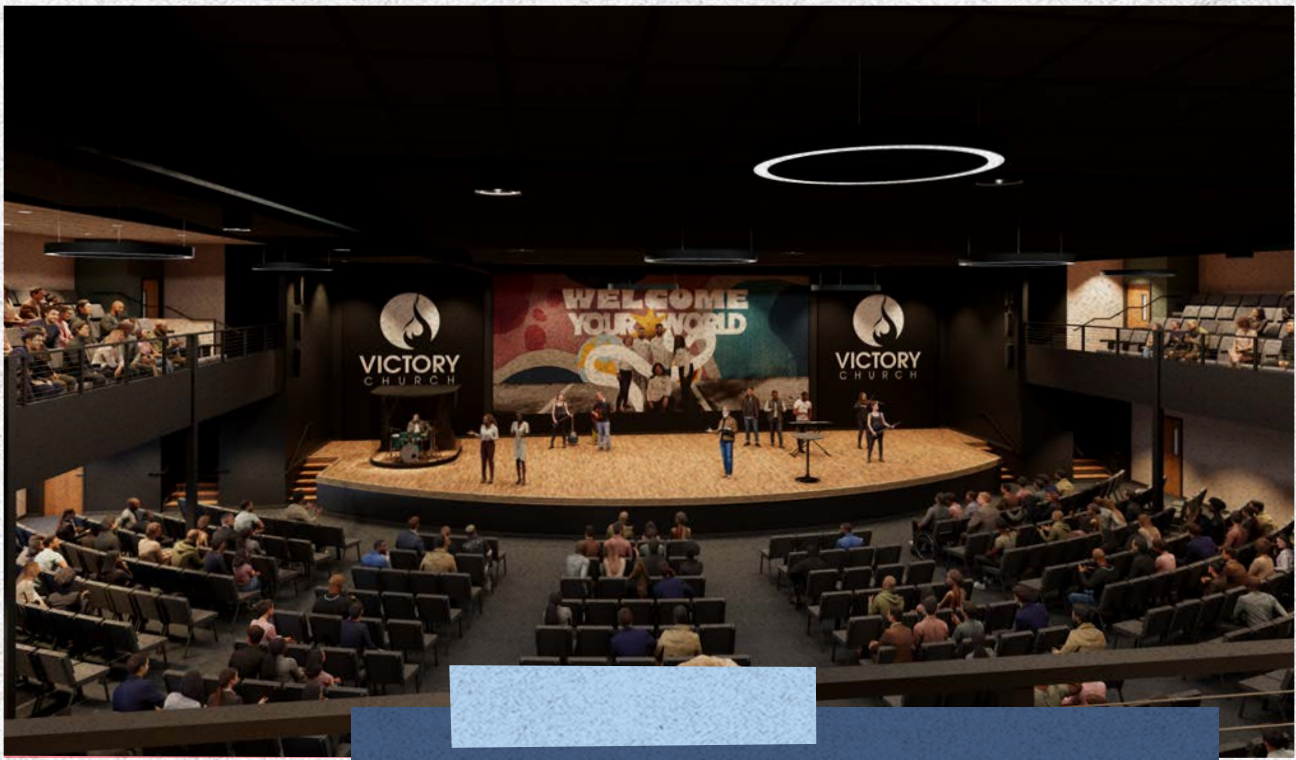
YOUR WORLD:

WHO DO WE HOPE TO REACH?

- * YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS**
- * YOUNG ADULTS, SINGLES, AND FAMILIES**
- * PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS AND BACKGROUNDS**
- * PEOPLE WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY CURIOUS AND DO NOT YET KNOW JESUS**
- * PEOPLE WHO HAVE STARTED NEW CAREERS, NEW FAMILIES, OR ARE NEW TO THE AREA**

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES





DREAM LIST:

1. State-of-the-art, 1,000-seat (or more) worship space where even more people can experience the presence of God.
2. More room to serve families with vibrant children's programs, room for our early learning academy to serve families, room for larger dynamic youth events, and plenty of room for adult discipleship and LifeGroups.
3. Space to offer need-meeting ministries, counseling, and support services: A base for expanded outreach and a safe haven for those seeking the healing, freedom, and guidance only Christ can give.

FAQ

WHY DO WE NEED NEW FACILITIES?

We want to do everything we can to be inviting to our community. As you know, we are blessed with space for our weekend worship services, but we have little room for growth. Our visibility, location, and parking area serve as a barrier to people. We don't want our facility to keep anyone from finding Jesus! We believe we need the right space, designed for today's culture, to do even more ministry. We are not willing to miss any opportunity to reach anyone because of our facility.

WHAT WILL THE IMPROVED FACILITY BE LIKE?

Our new facility will be state of the art. To reach our world, we plan to have the latest technology, an expansive atrium for connection and fellowship, and inviting areas for our kids with super-secure check-in and security.

WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

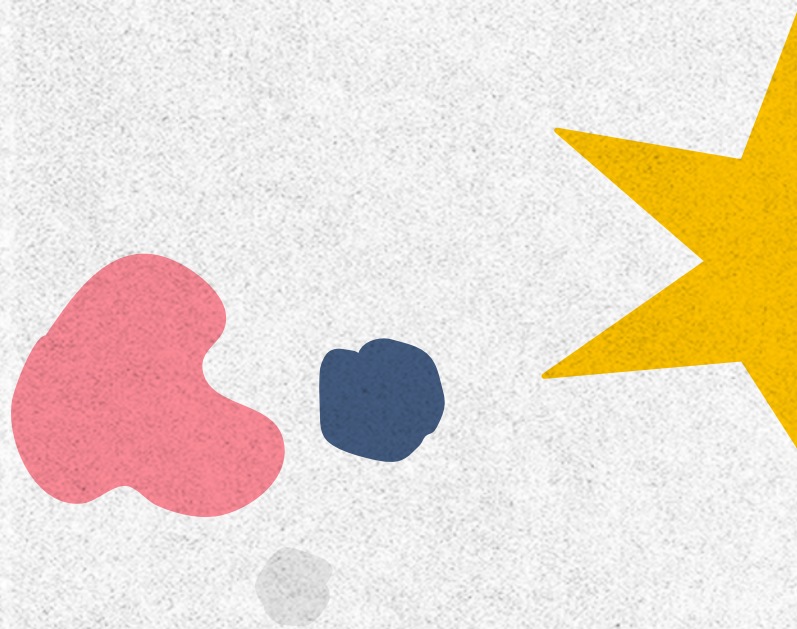
We're asking everyone to pray and ask God to help them make a truly generous financial commitment to **WELCOME YOUR WORLD**. Each of us should ask God if our giving truly represents our desire to place Him before all things. Ask God to help you make the largest single commitment you have ever made to a church.

HOW LONG WILL MY WELCOME YOUR WORLD COMMITMENT BE?

Your **WELCOME YOUR WORLD** commitment will be for 24 months. Some will give their total amount all at once, and some will give it weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, or a combination.

WILL MY COMMITMENT BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes! Your **WELCOME YOUR WORLD** commitment will be handled with confidentiality as all giving at Victory Church is.





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5-WEEK DEVOTIONAL

**WE INVITE YOU TO WALK THROUGH
THIS PRAYER GUIDE AS YOU ASK GOD
WHAT PART HE WANTS YOU TO PLAY IN
WELCOME YOUR WORLD.**

HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL:

Over the next five weeks, we encourage you to set aside five days per week to read the assigned Scripture and the quote from the book *True Riches*.^{*} Reflect on what God is saying to you through them. Take time to pray each day for how you can welcome your world into the hope of Jesus in partnership with your local church, Victory Church.

^{*}The quotes are from the book *True Riches: What God Really Says About Money and Your Heart* by Gregory Baumer and John Cortines.

WEEK 1 - INTRODUCTION

DAY 1

GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Matthew 13:44

DAY 2

MONEY IS THE PRIMARY COMPETITOR FOR OUR HEARTS.

Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. Luke 14:31-33

DAY 3

PERSONAL FINANCE TO JESUS WAS NOT AN ISSUE OF FOLLOWING FINANCIAL RULES; IT WAS ABOUT A DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST WITH GOD, A JOURNEY TOWARD THE RICHES THAT ARE ULTIMATELY THE MOST FULFILLING.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

DAY 4

WHEN I LET GO OF MONEY AS MASTER OF MY LIFE, I DISCOVER MORE ADVENTURE, DEEPER EMOTIONS, AND A CLOSER AND MORE FULFILLING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matthew 6:24

DAY 5

JESUS' TEACHING IS LESS ABOUT THE ATTAINMENT OF WEALTH, BUT MORE ABOUT HOW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MONEY FORMS OUR CHARACTER.

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:45

SERMON NOTES - WEEK OF MARCH 9

WEEK 2 - FROM PRIDE TO GRATITUDE

SEE EVERYTHING AS A GIFT

DAY 1

NEW MINDSET: WE WORK JUST AS HARD AS WE EVER DID, BUT WE RECOGNIZE GOD AS THE PROVIDER, HUMBLY THANKING HIM FOR BRINGING RESOURCES TO US. EVERYTHING IS A GIFT. THIS MINDSET FOSTERS AN AMAZING SENSE OF PEACE.

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. Deuteronomy 8:17-18

DAY 2

GRATITUDE UNDERGIRDS CONTENTMENT. CONTENTMENT IS FOUND IN SIMPLICITY AND GRATITUDE FOR LIFE'S BASIC NECESSITIES.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Timothy 6:6-8

DAY 3

IF WE REPENT OF OUR FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT ATTITUDES, WE CAN ENJOY THE TRUE RICHES OF A DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

This is what the Lord says:

"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24

DAY 4

WHEN WE SEE GOD AS THE SOURCE OF ALL THINGS, WE ARE GRATEFUL INSTEAD OF PRIDEFUL.

Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel. So David said to Joab and the commanders of the troops, "Go and count the Israelites from Beersheba to Dan. Then report back to me so that I may know how many there are." But Joab replied, "May the Lord multiply his troops a hundred times over. My lord the king, are they not all my lord's subjects? Why does my lord want to do this? Why should he bring guilt on Israel?"

The king's word, however, overruled Joab; so Joab left and went throughout Israel and then came back to Jerusalem. 1 Chronicles 21:1-4

DAY 5

BY CULTIVATING A MINDSET OF GRATITUDE, WE CAN SHIFT OUR FOCUS FROM SELF-CENTEREDNESS TO APPRECIATION FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD AROUND US.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:13

WEEK 3 - FROM COVETING TO CONTENTMENT

SPEND MODESTLY

DAY 1

CONTENTMENT, IN CONTRAST TO ENDLESS STRIVING, IS A POSTURE OF THE HEART THAT RESTS PEACEFULLY IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES NO MATTER WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE. IT'S THE HEALING BALM THAT HELPS US FEEL SATISFIED RATHER THAN RESTLESS. BUT IT CAN BE HARD TO GRASP, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE LIVE IN A CULTURE DRIVEN SO MUCH BY CONSUMER MENTALITY.

O LORD, my heart is not conceited. My eyes do not look down on others. I am not involved in things too big or too difficult for me. Instead, I have kept my soul calm and quiet. My soul is content as a weaned child is content in its mother's arms. Israel, put your hope in the LORD now and forever. Psalm 131 GWT

DAY 2

COVETING, AT ITS CORE, IS SIMPLY THE BELIEF THAT IF I HAD MORE, I'D BE HAPPIER. THINK OF IT AS STRIVING, YEARNING, RESTLESSLY SEEKING MORE. IT IS A FORM OF IDOLATRY THAT LEADS US AWAY FROM GOD.

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1 Timothy 6:9-10

DAY 3

CONTENTMENT RESTS PEACEFULLY IN OUR PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: It is to eat and drink and to enjoy the good in all our hard work under the sun during the brief lives God gives us. That is our lot in life. It is a gift from God when God gives some people wealth and possessions, the power to enjoy them, the ability to accept their lot in life, and the ability to rejoice in their own hard work. These people won't give much thought to their brief lives because God keeps them occupied with the joy in their hearts. Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 GWT

DAY 4

JOY IS A DECISION OF HOW WE RESPOND TO LIFE. HOW DO WE FACE SUFFERING?

The Lord has filled me with joy because you again showed interest in me. You were interested but did not have an opportunity to show it. I'm not saying this because I'm in any need. I've learned to be content in whatever situation I'm in. I know how to live in poverty or prosperity. No matter what the situation, I've learned the secret of how to live when I'm full or when I'm hungry, when I have too much or when I have too little. I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:10-13 GWT

DAY 5

**THE BALANCE WE'RE AFTER HERE IS JOYFUL,
GRACE-FILLED SIMPLICITY.**

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down. Proverbs 21:20

SERMON NOTES - WEEK OF MARCH 23

WEEK 4 - FROM ANXIETY TO TRUST

SAVE MODESTLY

DAY 1

OUR CONTINUAL STRIVING TO CONTROL OUR FINANCES CAUSES US GREATER ANXIETY, NOT LESS. THE PATH TO FREEDOM IS NOT THROUGH MORE METICULOUS FINANCIAL PLANNING, BUT RATHER THROUGH FINDING GREATER TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES AS OUR PROVIDER BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

DAY 2

"NEVER BE AFRAID TO TRUST AN UNKNOWN FUTURE TO A KNOWN GOD." CORRIE TEN BOOM

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV

DAY 3

WHY DO WE SUFFER SO MUCH ANXIETY? LIKELY BECAUSE WE LACK TRUST - TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES AND PROVISION.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27

DAY 4

WE PROPOSE THAT WE ALL STOP ASKING, "HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO GIVE?" AND INSTEAD, START ASKING, "HOW MUCH DO I REALLY NEED TO KEEP?"

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' Luke 14:28-30

DAY 5

THE POINT OF SETTING A LIMIT IS NOT TO ACHIEVE RIGHTEOUSNESS BY ENACTING SOME RANDOM RULE OR TO ENABLE US TO CAST JUDGMENT ON OTHERS WHO SPEND MORE THAN WE DO. IN FACT, A POVERTY MIND-SET IS SINFUL.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

WEEK 5 - FROM INDIFFERENCE TO LOVE

GIVE EXTRAVAGANTLY

DAY 1

WE ASSUME THAT WE SHOULD GIVE TO THINGS THAT WE CARE ABOUT DEEPLY. RATHER, WE SHOULD GIVE TO THINGS BECAUSE GOD CARES ABOUT THEM DEEPLY.

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

DAY 2

MY HEART IS OFTEN COLD AND INDIFFERENT TO OTHERS. BUT GIVING IS LIKE A SEED PLANTED IN THE BARREN SOIL OF INDIFFERENCE.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 1 John 3:17

DAY 3

INVESTING IN SAVING THE LOST, SERVING THE POOR, AND STRENGTHENING BELIEVERS IS THE TASK OF THE CHRISTIAN AND THE CHURCH. INVESTING IN THESE TASKS IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE TRUE RICHES OF HEAVEN.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:10

DAY 4

THIS IS A LIMITED-TIME OFFER. WHEN YOU DIE, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IS GONE. BUT TODAY, THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN. YOU CAN TRADE TEMPORARY, EARTHLY DOLLARS FOR ETERNAL, HEAVENLY REWARDS THAT WILL NEVER, EVER, EVER GO AWAY.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

DAY 5

THE TRUEST LOVE WE CAN SHOW OUR NEIGHBORS AROUND THE GLOBE IS TO BRING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW THE GOD WHO MADE THEM AND LOVES THEM.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12



2 CORINTHIANS 9: 11
“YOU WILL BE
ENRICHED IN EVERY
WAY SO THAT
YOU CAN BE GENEROUS
ON EVERY OCCASION,
AND THROUGH US
YOUR GENEROSITY
WILL RESULT IN
THANKSGIVING
TO GOD.”





WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

1 WE'RE ASKING YOU TO BE OPEN TO GOD'S GUIDANCE IN REGARD TO YOUR FINANCIAL RESPONSE TO **WELCOME YOUR WORLD**.

2 WE WANT YOU TO PRAY.

As you pray, ask God this question, "Are you really before all things in my life, or have some things crept into the spot that is rightfully yours?"

3 WE'RE ASKING EVERY PERSON WHO ATTENDS VICTORY CHURCH TO COMMIT.

Determine to say, "YES!" regarding your financial commitment.

We believe every person who calls Victory Church their church home can participate financially in the **WELCOME YOUR WORLD** initiative. Your 24-month commitment will help change eternities, change our community, and most of all, change you as you grow in the grace of giving.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Are there things that are keeping me from putting God first in my life?
2. How will my commitment to **WELCOME YOUR WORLD** push me outside of my comfort zone and require me to courageously trust and obey God?
3. What things can I afford, but can intentionally live without because I am committing to give sacrificially to **WELCOME YOUR WORLD**?
4. Are there any "out of the box" ways that I can increase my commitment to **WELCOME YOUR WORLD**?



GUIDE TO GIVING



2-YEAR TOTAL AMOUNT:	MONTHLY AMOUNT:	YEARLY AMOUNT
\$750,000	\$31,250	\$375,000
\$500,000	\$20,834	\$250,000
\$250,000	\$10,417	\$125,000
\$200,000	\$8,334	\$100,000
\$150,000	\$6,250	\$75,000
\$100,000	\$4,167	\$50,000
\$75,000	\$3,125	\$37,500
\$50,000	\$2,083	\$25,000
\$40,000	\$1,667	\$20,000
\$35,000	\$1,458	\$17,500
\$30,000	\$1,250	\$15,000
\$25,000	\$1,042	\$12,500
\$20,000	\$833	\$10,000
\$15,000	\$625	\$7,500
\$10,000	\$417	\$5,000
\$7,500	\$312	\$3,750
\$5,000	\$208	\$2,500
\$3,000	\$125	\$1,500

COMMITMENT CARDS



AS WE GO THROUGH THE WELCOME YOUR WORLD INITIATIVE TOGETHER, JOIN US IN PRAYING THIS PRAYER.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for everything you've done in my life and for everything you are doing in our church. I want a heart to see the hurting, lost, and broken people in our area have their lives changed by your love. I pray that you will guide me as to what my financial commitment should be to the Welcome Your World initiative. Help me to boldly trust you. Show me how to give out of love and not out of obligation, fear, or pressure. I am so thankful for Victory Church and am so excited for the plans you have to use our church to reach our communities, our city, and our world. Thank you that everything I need is in you. Amen.

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