

DREAM BIG HIS STORY UNFOLDING





Mark 12:30-31

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.



THIS GUIDE BELONGS TO...



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TO PLANT OUR FLAG IN WEST OMAHA!

We have been a portable church for five years, working hard to make a family friendly environment that welcomes people into a community where they can be introduced to Jesus, in whatever space we have available. That has seen us worship at Noah's and Tiburon, do meetings in houses, youth at Divine Shepherd Lutheran and MOPS at Lord of Life Lutheran. And by the grace of God, and our hard work and dedicated time, we have seen hundreds of lives impacted. But being portable has also limited our ability to expand ministries and our incredible growth has put a strain on what we are able to do.

SO IT IS TIME FOR US TO DREAM BIG,

AND SEE GOD'S STORY CONTINUE TO UNFOLD AT GRACEHILL.





IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO BE USED BY GOD, TO HIS GLORY.

So we are going to begin a season of growth that has two main goals.

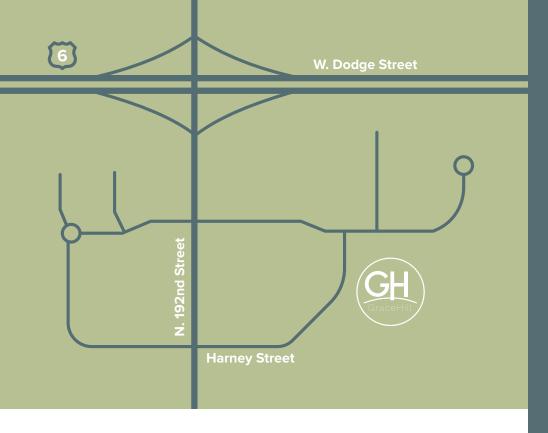
We want to see more stories meet His story in our community and throughout the world, and so we will create a space that our thriving ministry can continue to grow in its reach and ability.

With the blessing of the Lord, GraceHill will take the steps necessary to build our first location.

We will purchase land, and design and build our first church building. While we wait for it to be built we will rent a facility we can have full access to serve our people and the community.

THE PRIMARY GOAL...

...Is to grow as disciples, following the Lord's calling that He has for each one of us. God does not dream little dreams. As God writes the story of our lives, He has a bold, courageous, and personal purpose to our lives that we want to discover together, and challenge each other to become. And so at GraceHill, in this season, we are challenging everyone to commit to being open to what God is trying to do within them, and we want to see 100% engagement in this commitment to grow as disciples of the Lord.



THE SECONDARY GOAL...

...Is to see **\$3.8** million in generosity given over two years to make the dream happen.

\$1.3 Million to allow more people to see how their story meets His. This will cover our general operations including 24x7 space and ministry expansion over the next two years.

\$2.5 Million to help fund our dream of a building on the land at 192nd & Dodge.*

TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, WE WILL NEED TO COMMIT TO...



PRAY FERVENTLY

Pray that God would do a powerful work on the people of GraceHill, pulling us into a closer walk of discipleship with Him. And pray that God would do abundantly more than we could ask or even imagine for His glory.



COMMIT FULLY

Help us reach our goal of 100% engagement in Dream Big. Stand together with your church family and commit to what the Lord asks you to do.



CHEER LOUDLY

God is going to do amazing things in your life during this Dream Big season. Share those stories of what God does with others, and celebrate what the Lord does through and within others in this season.



GIVE GENEROUSLY

Ask God to show you what it looks like to give in a way that changes you, and take whatever steps are required to see it through.

^{*} A portion of the building will be financed.

GIVING DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

A CONSISTENT GIVER

is someone who decides to give An INITIAL GIVER something and to give it on a consistent is someone who decides basis to exercise the discipline of to give for the first time, giving as a disciple of Jesus. Often, someone who decides to make their out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is gift an online recurring gift will be someone who decides to someone who is learning the behavior of consistency. Non-online givers can give something and trust God and the leaders of the be consistent givers as well of course; Church with this gift. it just requires more discipline.

is someone who recognizes the power of

A SURRENDERED GIVER

the gospel and is surrendered to honoring
God with 100% of their resources as a result.

A Surrendered Giver is someone who gives
in a way that changes them, in a way that
reflects that the totality of their resources
belong to God. A Surrendered Giver isn't
just concerned with what they ARE giving
but is more concerned with what they're
NOT giving and why, and they seek to
honor God with 100% percent of what
He has given them, whether that
means direct monetary giving

or a God-honoring use of an

existing resource.

An ETERNAL
GIVER is someone

who is thinking about the

longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-toyear. An Eternal Giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this earth.

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A PRIORITY GIVER is

someone who understands the pre-eminence of Christ and that He is before all things—that all things were created by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him. This giver places such a significant priority on their giving that it drives their spending and their saving, as opposed to their spending and saving driving their giving.



TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool—let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom as we seek to give it all for Him.

Gifts Needed	Two-Year Gift Level	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total
1	\$350,000	\$175,000	\$14,583	\$350,000
1	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$250,000
2	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$300,000
3	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$300,000
4	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$300,000
5	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$325,000
7	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$350,000
8	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$280,000
12	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$300,000
18	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$270,000
20	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$200,000
25	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$187,500
40	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$200,000
Many	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$187,500
Total Gift	Goal			\$3,800,000

DREAM BIG COMMITMENT WORKSHEET

\$	What I/we would normally give in a year (Regular giving, special projects, missions, etc.)
+\$	My/Our expanded annual generosity as part of the Dream Big initiative
=\$	x 2 years —————
	\$
Gifts from my/our stored resourc	es + \$

MY/OUR TOTAL 2-YEAR DREAM BIG COMMITMENT



December 2021 – December 2023

WEEK 1 DREAM BIG: HIS STORY UNFOLDING IN OUR HEARTS



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WEEK 2 DREAM BIG: HIS STORY UNFOLDING IN OUR SOULS



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WEEK 3 DREAM BIG: HIS STORY UNFOLDING IN OUR MINDS



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WEEK 4 DREAM BIG: HIS STORY UNFOLDING THROUGH OUR STRENGTH



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WEEK 5 DREAM BIG: HIS STORY UNFOLDING AS WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES



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CONNECT NIGHT #1

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8: 1-7

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁵So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ¹But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

1.	What does it mean to give yourself first of all to the Lord? Do you
	feel you do a good job at this? Are there certain areas where this
	is easier for you? Certain areas where this is more difficult?

2. We hear in this passage how the members of the Macedonian churches 'urgently pleaded' for the 'privilege' of sharing what they had with the Lord. Do you see generosity to God as a privilege or an obligation? Is it possible that God may want to use generosity as a tool to help you grow deeper in your faith? To grow deeper in your reliance on Him?

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 10-15

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You 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.

¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

1. God is the provider of all good gifts and He supplies to us all that we need. Is it easy for you to rely on God to be your provider? Do you ever take things "into your own hands" when you desire to have something?

2.	We see that the reason behind God meeting our needs is not so that we can have all this stuff for ourselves, but rather for the purpose of being able to bless others. What are the challenges in shifting our mindset in this area? What influences draw you away from this view? What influences help you to share this view?
3.	We are told here of the idea that when other people see our acts
3 .	of service and generosity they will offer praise to God. Do you see service and generosity as tools for bringing other people into the Church and to Faith in Jesus? How can our acts of service and generosity do this?

CONNECT NIGHT #2

READ COLOSSIANS 1: 15-23

reation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

1.	Here we are given this image of Christ as first and foremost over
	all things. Does your life reflect Jesus as first and foremost? If
	not, what is first and foremost in your life? What would it look like $$
	to have Jesus first and foremost? What are some aspects of your
	life that would need to change?

2. This passage gives a beautiful declaration of The Gospel message, that through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ we are reconciled to God. How does hearing this Gospel message impact you? Has this message grown old or stale to you over time? How can we regain the freshness of the Gospel message? How can we maintain joy and amazement with this message and share that with others?

READ 1 TIMOTHY 6: 6-8; 12-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that...

¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1.	Paul tells us here that "godliness with contentment is great gain." What does contentment look like? Why do we struggle with contentment? Are food and clothing truly enough for us to be content?
	2. Do you agree with Paul that wealth is an uncertain thing not to be trusted? What does it look like to lay up treasures in heaven rather than here on earth?
	3. Paul here is passing along his legacy to a new young Pastor by the name of Timothy. What makes up a legacy? What legacy are you passing along to your children and others that you influence? What legacy would you like to pass along? How does generosity fit into this discussion?



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