

Living Generously – A Pastoral Letter

Dear Trinity Family:

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it?" How often do we stop to consider the commitment God expects? Jesus is not talking about writing a check or checking a box, but a life that is completely focused on giving to others from what God has so graciously given to us to share.

In the last two weeks, and during our next three weeks, I have tried to address some of those pressing questions and ideas that emerge as we continue our conversation on *Living Generously*. This series is different than others we have done in Trinity before. As you have been able to see the story of the Donovan family unfold. They have been challenged to think what it means to live the words of Jesus. Each week we have sought to take a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by Jesus' call. I hope you have enjoyed the last two, I am sure you will enjoy the next three!

Life is busy, and it is easy for our hearts to be distracted by the demands we face. Each of us has so many blessings, but often our attitudes are less than grateful. It is my sincere hope that this series prompt us to take an inventory of the blessings God has entrusted to each of us. As we do, I hope we will be inspired with a new awareness of the goodness of God, and how to share that goodness with others.

At the end of the series, we will give you the opportunity to share how you have been impacted. What an opportunity for our church family to celebrate God's generosity! Please continue praying for us so that God will prepare our hearts to hear the message of transforming generosity God wants us all to hear.

You are also welcome to participate in the conversations that are taking place during Grow Time: we have two classes and you may join either of them.

May God fill your lives with God's joy and peace! Your Brother in Christ,

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