

Vision: Helping People Win In Life (on the foundation of a Personal & Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ)



Mission: Helping People Win In Life through environments designed to help them take their next steps in Christian Maturity.

Sunday, September 17, 2017
Sermon Notes

IS GOD REALLY GOOD ALL THE TIME? “Living in the Goodness of God” (Series):
***Living in the Overflow* – Part 8b**
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Icebreaker: What would you say brings you the most joy?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23:1-5

*“The Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the right paths for his name’s sake. Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me! Your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; **my cup overflows.**”*

2 WAYS TO APPROACH LIFE

1. A Shortage mindset: I’ll Never Have Enough

Read: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Bible words: Lacking, Wanting, Need

- The Focus: **Your Limited Resources**
- The Result: **Feeling Overwhelmed in Life**

2. A Surcharge mindset: I Have More Than Enough

Bible words: Abundance, Abounding, Plentiful

- The Focus: **God’s Limitless Resources**
- The Result: **Leads To An Overflowing Life**

“You fill my cup to overflowing.” (NCV) “You give me more than I can hold.” (ICB) “My cup overflows!” (NIV)

WHAT’S MY CUP? My Life

“On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds: ‘If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Everyone who really believes in me will have rivers of living water flowing out of their lives.’” John 7:37-38 (NLT)

WHAT IS AN OVERFLOWING LIFE? A Life Filled Beyond Capacity With An Endless Supply of God’s Goodness

*“I am the holy God, who rescues you. For your own good, I teach you, and I lead you along the right path. How I wish that you had obeyed my commands! Then your success and good fortune would have **OVERFLOWED** like a flooding river!” Isaiah 48:17-18 (CEV)*

Jesus: “I’ve come that you may have real life, and enjoy it in abundance - to the fullest, until it overflows!” John 10:10 (Amp)

HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE AN OVERFLOWING LIFE?

1. STOP Being Unplugged & STAY Connected TO Jesus

Jesus: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay connected to me . . . you'll produce a lot of fruit. But you can't do anything without me!" John 15:5

Jesus: "If you stay connected to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted! My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings glory to my Father. So, stay connected to my love. You stay connected to my love when you obey me . . . I've told you this so that you'll be filled with my joy. Yes, your cup of joy will OVERFLOW!" John 15:7-11 (NLT/TLB)

2. STOP Complaining & START BEING Grateful

"In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing . . ." Philippians 2:14 (NLT)

"Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all God has done." Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

"No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

3. STOP Comparing & START BEING Contented

"Who says you are better than others? What do you have that was not given to you? And if it was given to you, why do you brag as if you did not receive it as a gift?" 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NCV)

"It's healthy to be content, but envy will eat you up." Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)

"It is better to be content with what you have than to always be struggling for more. That is like chasing the wind." Ecclesiastes 4:6 (NCV)

4. STOP BEING Stingy & START BEING Generous

"Remember this: A stingy planter will only reap a small crop. But anyone who sows generously will also reap generously. So, each of you should give serious consideration to what you want to give God, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. And you can be sure that God is able to bless you with all his grace, so that in all things, at all times, you will always have all you need, and you'll ALSO OVERFLOW so you can give to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." Haggai 1:3-6

"'Bring your full tithe to My storehouse, so that there will be food in My House. Test Me now in this,' says the Lord, 'and see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing UNTIL IT OVERFLOWS.'" Malachi 3:10 (NASB)

Jesus: "If you give, you will receive back. Your gift will be returned to you in full measure, packed down and shaken to make room for more, and RUNNING OVER. Whatever measure you use in giving—large or small—it will be used to measure whatever is given back to you." Luke 6:38 (NLT)

According to your faith it will be done to you. Matthew 9:29

Outline for Small Group (1 ½ hour)

- I. **Welcome:** Ice Breaker, Light Refreshments (20 min)
- II. **Worship:** Sing 2 Songs, Pray (7 min)
- III. **Word:** Discussion /Overview from preached message & Discussion Questions (43 min)
- IV. **Works & Witness:** What will you do to **serve** others and/or **share** Christ with others? How can you **partner** with your Small Group and/or entire Church? (10 min)
- V. **Win (Testimony):** What next step have you taken or are taking toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus? *Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, Worshipping* (5 min)
- VI. **Will (Vision & Prayer):** Share the Vision and Mission of CCMS & Pray (ACTS) – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (5 min)