

## God is Generous

Opening with introducing myself.

We are in the series of Recovering Awe.

Our working scripture is Psalm 33:8.

Read the verse.

“Let the whole earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. ”

Psalms 33:8

Prayer

David and Gavin have done a great job of helping us recover awe of God.

Maybe a small recap., mention God is Holy and God is Jealous.. I will be talking about how God is Generous.

- God's Generosity is something we often forget about and we take it for granted.
- Flying on a plane example. The miracle of flying.
- We can sit in the middle of God's Generosity and not even look out the window anymore.

Setup the story

Matthew 20:1-16

Today, we're recovering our awe of God by remembering that He is extravagantly generous — not because of who we are, but because of who He is.”

““For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the workers on one denarius, he sent them into his vineyard for the day. When he went out about nine in the morning, he saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He said

to them, 'You also go into my vineyard, and I'll give you whatever is right.' So off they went. About noon and about three, he went out again and did the same thing. Then about five he went and found others standing around and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here all day doing nothing?' " 'Because no one hired us,' they said to him. " 'You also go into my vineyard,' he told them. When evening came, the owner of the vineyard told his foreman, 'Call the workers and give them their pay, starting with the last and ending with the first.' "When those who were hired about five came, they each received one denarius. So when the first ones came, they assumed they would get more, but they also received a denarius each. When they received it, they began to complain to the landowner: 'These last men put in one hour, and you made them equal to us who bore the burden of the day's work and the burning heat.' "He replied to one of them, 'Friend, I'm doing you no wrong. Didn't you agree with me on a denarius?

Take what's yours and go. I want to give this last man the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with what is mine? Are you jealous because I'm generous?' , "So the last will be first, and the first last." , "Matthew 20:1-16

This Story teaches us about how God is Generous. It goes kind of against to how we see generosity. I have 3 truths about God's generosity.

1. **God's generosity is based on grace, not performance.**

Verses 13-15 explains this point

His grace is the reason we even receive anything.

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift, not from works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, he saved us not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:4-5

We cannot earn God's favor — He gives freely. Our salvation, our blessings, our callings — they all begin and end with grace. God's generosity is not a paycheck; it's a gift.

2. **God's generosity is equal toward all who come to Him.**

Verses 9-10 explains this point.

The same eternal life awaits the saint who served for decades and the sinner who repents at the last breath.

"The Man on the middle cross said I could come" reference

"since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. ",Romans 10:12-13

God's generosity is not divided — it's abundant enough for all. Whether you've walked with Him for 50 years or 5 minutes, you receive the same grace: eternal life through Jesus Christ.

3. **God's Generosity invites gratitude, not comparison.**

Verse 11-12 explains this.

The men who received the same amount as the ones who didn't work as long, begin to grumble.

Comparison kills joy, gratitude revives it.

"Do everything without grumbling and arguing, "Philippians 2:14

“give thanks in everything; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Example of Prodigal son. The older brother was loyal to his father. He never left! He stayed and worked hard and slaved away his life. “Your brother was dead and is alive again! He was lost and now is found”

We’ve seen what the parable teaches about God’s generosity — now let’s look at how we experience that generosity every day.

## 1. God is Generous in Creation

God didn’t have to create anything. But he did.  
Creation is a reflection of his generous heart.

“For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. , Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. ”

Psalms 139:13-14

The mountains, the ocean, and everything beautiful around us he created.

“The depths of the earth are in his hand, and the mountain peaks are his. The sea is his; he made it. His hands formed the dry land. ”

Psalms 95:4-5

Think of also the small things. Taste, smell, color,.. anything that we get to enjoy he created.

Think of the food we get to taste. Fall feast is today. We get to enjoy a lunch together and talk and laugh. How generous of God.

## 2. God is generous in providing for and sustaining us-both physically and spiritually.

God doesn't just give us life, he keeps us alive.

He doesn't just bless once, he sustains daily.

God provides. Every breath we take, every meal we eat, every need we have, God will provide.

“And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

### Philippians 4:19

But God's generosity goes deeper than meeting physical needs. Bread can fill your stomach, but it can't sustain your soul. Food gives energy for a day; Jesus gives life for eternity.

““I am the bread of life,” Jesus told them. “No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again.”

### John 6:35

Jesus isn't just saying he meets needs, HE IS THE NEED.

Give us our daily bread..

God provides practically, every day.

And we need him spiritually, every day.

### 3. God is generous in our salvation.

The greatest gift from God isn't something but someone and that's Jesus.

He gave us Jesus freely for us.

John 3:16

Romans 5:8

This is the Gospel! God created us for his glory. And you and I have belittled his name, belittled his glory. We lost awe of him and chose our own way and thought our ways were better!

God being holy, and just, sends Christ in the flesh and crushes him! Pours out his wrath Against us on Jesus, and kills him. Then God raises him from the dead and now that same power that Raised him from the dead is at work in those who believe! This is the Gospel.

If we look back at our parable, doesn't this cover what the story is talking about?

The landowner created the vineyard himself, he just needed people to work in it to care for it. He hires workers and in return will pay them so they can provide for their own needs. In the end, he pays them all the same, whether they were there for one hour or 8 hours, he gave them the same.

God created you and the Earth.

God gave us the ability to work and provide and he sustains us.

God sent Jesus to save us.

Personal story

My brother In laws kidney issue.

They've never stopped trusting in God.

Their servings roles in church.

If you were to ask them if God has been Generous towards them..  
I guarantee you they'll say yes. He's provided and he hasn't  
abandoned them.

I'm not sure what will happen next and I know they're anxious for  
healing.. But God will bless them and he will continue to be  
praised by that family.

Closing:

Call up worship team.

When we truly see God's generosity, our hearts can't help but stand in  
awe.

As we recover our awe of God, don't overlook his generosity.

See his generosity in creation, provision, and salvation.

Whether you're in a time of blessing or a time of pain, His Heart  
hasn't changed.

He's still Generous. He's still Good.

Psalm 33:8 Let all the Earth stand in Awe of Him..