

More Than Enough

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Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress. (Isaiah 33:2)

OUR SON CARTER LIVED only an hour. He was born without kidneys, a rare birth defect that cannot support life outside the womb. Overcome with loss, I struggled each day to get out of bed, feed our toddler, and make sure we had clean clothes. Feeling desperate and out of options, I collapsed at **God's feet, begging each day for the strength to survive. What I found was more than just daily "scraps" to keep me going. I discovered an abundance and intimacy with God I didn't know was possible.**

Perhaps you too have experienced a devastating circumstance—a fatal accident, an unexpected diagnosis, or the loss of a parent or child. Most of us **don't go through life untouched by grief. In these moments, we can abandon ourselves to the nothingness, to the silent burn that comes in the throes of loss, or fall into God, trusting he'll be exactly who he says he is.**

When we choose God, he will not disappoint. When we cry out to him daily, pouring out every searing detail of our brokenness, he will be faithful. We may not see his purpose immediately or ever in this life, **but we will experience redemption, for "he heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).**

God is more than enough—in everything. He will do more than sustain you; he will redeem your pain.

Cry out to God, anticipate his redemption, and tell of his abundance.

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Sermon Notes:

Psalm 24:1-2

Genesis 2:10-12

Ecclesiastes 5:15

1 Timothy 6:7

Job 1:21

Joseph the Steward

Genesis 39:1-6a

1 Corinthians 4:2

Genesis 41:40-42

Luke 16:10

Luke 16:11-12

1. Stewards are thankful and

Philippians 4:12, 18

2. Stewards give _____ and freely

Malachi 3:10-11

3. Stewards can truly enjoy

1 Timothy 6:17-19

4. Stewards view work as a

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS? What is your current view of money and material possessions? Do you have a “steward” attitude or a “owner” mentality? How is the Holy Spirit leading you to make changes this week with regards to your belongs and finances?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the **next step** is for our lives.

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following local community schools; teachers, staff, students and families of students:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the **Lord's Table**, also known as **Communion**. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

FOCUS Small Groups

Are you interested in connecting with others throughout the week? We have several Small Groups already meeting and some preparing to start additional groups. Here are the groups already gathering during the week:

~ **Women's Group** - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café

~ **Men's Group** - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café

~ **Women's Life Group** - Wednesday Evenings 7 PM - **Life Group member's Home**, Sadieville, KY

~ Tentatively starting this week:
Youth Small Group - afterschool at Chick-fil-a, Georgetown, day and time TBD

*For more information about joining or starting a small group please contact Pastor Anton. afolz@focuswesleyan.org or 502-369-2096

**STEM - April 6, 2019 - 8 AM
- 4 PM Save the Date**



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and Serve the World.**

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