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At Rooted Fellowship we say our call is, to see the world awaken to the wonder of God and His transcultural Church. In these last 8 years we have seen God do some amazing things in and through Rooted Fellowship. You may have some personal “**DEFINING MOMENTS**” of how God has used Rooted Fellowship to positively and permanently impact your life; or heard multiple stories from others about how His grace is changing EVERYTHING in their lives.

2024 is the Year of Worship and we would love to see everyone have a deeper experience of God and His promises in their lives.

The Year of Worship is another opportunity for a defining moment in the growing history of our church and in your life. It's an all-out effort to make an even deeper impact than we've ever made before as we present our living bodies as a sacrifice; holy and pleasing to God.

It's also an opportunity to reach more people, impact more lives and do more for His Kingdom. Our communities, our nation and our world continue to change, but God, His Word and His mission, remain the same. As part of our Year of Worship we want to continue to join God in His mission of reaching more people in order to make more disciples.

What are some next steps in all of this?

ASK

Ask God to reveal to you what trust looks like for you as you step into the role that He is calling you to for this next season.

TRUST

Trust that God has given you the abundant life through Jesus and has provided all that you need as you step out in obedience.

RESPOND

Respond with first fruits financial generosity for the sake of helping more people discover and grow their relationship with Jesus Christ. Respond with an eternal perspective for furthering God's mission through the local church.

PRAY

Pray for what God could do in you, to you and through you as you seek Him. Pray for what God is going to do through this church, where we as a local expression of a universal family seek to help people live the abundant life through Jesus Christ.

We have a primary and secondary goal:

PRIMARY GOAL

That every one of us would ask ourselves, “In view of God’s great mercies, am I surrendering everything to Him in worship or am I chasing things that will never truly satisfy?”

1 Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 (CSB)

SECONDARY GOAL

For the next two years, we will focus intentionally on going all in for generosity.

Our total goal over the next 24 months is R6 Million.

Now, if you are thinking, WOW! This is a large amount. You are right! We recognise that this is a God-sized vision, but we believe it is one that will define Rooted Fellowship for the next 5 years and beyond. We believe this will serve as one of the greatest spiritual experiences of our lives as people rise to the challenge and take steps of obedience as we trust the Good Shepherd.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at Rooted Fellowship, and we pray that you will join us as we take the next step in our journey as a local church on the greatest adventure of seeing the Kingdom of God advance.

The Ambitious Kingdom Goal - Why R6 Million over the next 24 months?

We recognise that this is a HUGE amount, one that will be possible only if God provides. We are asking God for a BIG amount because we are seeking to do BIG things in this next season of the life of Rooted Fellowship.

What are those things? We are glad you asked!

We are trusting God for the following:

A MORE PERMANENT SPACE

It is impossible to ignore the importance of a local church's permanent location. A permanent space serves as a beacon of hope, a sanctuary, and a gathering place for the community. A permanent space for a local church signifies stability and enduring presence. It assures the congregation and the larger community that the church is here to stay, serving as a constant beacon of hope and faith. It shows that the church is committed to the community and is dedicated to its spiritual growth and welfare. Having a permanent space also allows a local church to engage more actively with the community. It has the potential to become a venue for various events, meetings, and activities that cater to different age groups and interests, promoting a strong sense of communal well-being. A church with its own space can host more in the week activities, youth programs, and other social events, encouraging more people to participate and become part of the congregation. A local church with a permanent space can reach more people with the Gospel. It serves as a more visible and accessible location for people seeking spiritual guidance and support. Whether through buying a property or entering a long-term lease that allows for a more permanent configuration, securing a fixed space for a local church is of utmost importance. It provides the church with stability, enhances community engagement, and strengthens missional outreach efforts. It is a significant step towards reaching more people with the Gospel and making a lasting impact on the local community and beyond.

PLANT MORE TRANSCULTURAL CHURCHES

If we want to see a world awaken to the wonder of God and His transcultural Church, if this is what we believe God has called us to, then church planting is essential, both in the starting of new sites of Rooted Fellowship and starting individual transcultural churches. We cannot see this come to accomplishment if we are merely going to rely on the transferring of Christians from other churches. We must welcome and serve those who do not currently profess faith in Jesus Christ. New churches are shown to be the most effective method of reaching those not already part of a church, attracting three to six times more non-Christians than older churches. New churches are also the most effective way to spark revival in existing churches. Our goal is to plant transcultural churches across the province of Gauteng in the next 5 years. We have already seen the Lord plant 2 churches directly from us – 1 in the Centurion and another in the East of Johannesburg. We have also had the privilege of hosting 3 church planting residents from other churches who asked us to coach and train their planters. We want to do exponentially more, for the advancing of Gods Kingdom and the joy of all people. The R6 Million over the next 24 months, will help us continue what we believe will become a movement of churches that are Gospel Centred, Disciple Making and Transcultural.

TO DEVELOP HOLISTIC LEADERS WHO WILL HAVE A GOSPEL SATURATED INFLUENCE IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD.

Leadership plays a crucial role in shaping our lives, impacting various aspects of human interaction. It's a driving force behind change, progress, and shaping the course of history. For believers, the role of a leader goes beyond simply being at the forefront of societal change. It involves living out the principles of Christianity in a manner that glorifies God. It is also about being the 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world' as the Bible teaches.

Leadership development, therefore, becomes a critical endeavour for every Christian. We want to deepen our discipleship approach in ways that establish and equip people of all ages to understand personal calling and apply the Gospel in practical ways every day where they live, work and play. We like to say that God is on mission and by grace He invites us to participate in what He is doing and we want to be effective in every way possible as He guides and strengthens us.

Growth in our GIVING

Growth is a noun to describe the act or process of growing, developing, or gradually increasing. Spiritual growth is the process we take, as Christians, to grow in our relationship with God. This walk, or relationship, is developed by spending time in His presence, reading the Bible, praying, and increasing our willingness to serve and support our fellow believers and our local church. Walking this spiritual journey is a pathway to discovering God's will for our lives and for the future of our church. Giving cheerfully is part of our worship and is part of each believer's journey of increasing faith and trust in God's grace.

The Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7(CSB) - 'The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver.'

We hope you are hungry to see what God will do in your life and we want to help you experience growth and increase in your commitment to trusting God.

Think beyond giving. think GENEROSITY

As a church family, we want to intentionally move towards living a way of life saturated by love and generosity. This isn't about giving money to a specific one-time project or event, even though from time to time we will encourage you to do so. Thinking beyond simply giving is about each of us examining our hearts and determining to live in such a way that generosity defines us. It changes how we think and shapes our choices.

- What if for the next two years, we all come together and play our part?
- What if we all think past just giving and we focus on generosity?
- How would our lives look differently if generosity drove our decisions?
- What impact would it have on things that we said “yes” to outside the walls of the church?
- How would it shape our choices and inspire our dreams?

Being generous is easy when it's a one-time thing. A quick click in the online banking and you are “off the hook” until next time. What we believe God is calling us to is something a little different.

He wants us to be ALL IN for generosity.

When we take everything the Scriptures teach about being generous and narrow it down to its basics, we can discover three common themes.

PRIORITY, PERCENTAGE, and PROGRESSION.

Making something a **PRIORITY** won't happen unless you make it happen. No matter how rich or poor you might feel, now is always the time to be generous. We are called to live a life of generosity and make it a priority, because it puts on display the generosity we have received from God.

The **PERCENTAGE** you give is a great reflection of whether you are in control of your money or if your money is in control of you. The scripture commands us to bring a "tithe," 10% of all God has given us. If you can't do 10%, start somewhere - even if it is 4%. Start and then ask God for the obedience and accountability to grow.

PROGRESSION simply means that over time, we should be increasing the percentage we give. If you are giving 1%, bump it up. If you are giving 10%, be courageous, trust God and consider bumping it up. Life is not stagnate or idle, it is progressive.

Generosity isn't just something you do when you have more. It's something you practice constantly so you'll know what to do when you have more. It communicates our ever-increasing spiritual transformation as we behold the glory of the Lord.

So let's all trust God in this process, let's look to Him as the giver of all things and let's respond in worship to the greatest gift we have ever received.

The GENEROSITY Ladder

Starting with your present giving, ask God how you can take the next step to stretch and deepen your stewardship. Where are you now currently and where would you like to grow over this journey?

POTENTIAL

Not yet giving. You can take your first step and begin.

Going from nothing to something is a huge step, but it is transformational.

EMERGING

You occasionally give. Now you can take the next step to give intentionally and proportionally.

You are not opposed to giving to the local church, but your giving is irregular and not intentional. Why not prayerfully choose a percentage, start giving regularly to God and see what He does?

INTENTIONAL

Giving regularly, but less than 10%. You can step up to honour and trust God with your first 10%.

You give, but have not begun to tithe. You are now ready to take that next step. This may require some lifestyle changes, but obedience is always worth it.

TITHING

Giving 10% faithfully and regularly. You can go the next step and give courageously for the Kingdom.

You have developed the discipline of tithing and have seen God's provision again and again.

COURAGEOUS

Giving above the tithe. You can recognise God's faithfulness in your life and you seek to continue to trust Him with your life and finances.

This is for those already generously giving beyond the tithe. You have experienced the fulfilment of God's promises and provisions. We are so thankful for your courageous generosity and pray the Lord continues to bless you as you seek to glorify Him with your life and everything in it.

What's the NEXT step?

There are some significant moments in each of our lives when God calls us deeper, asking us to take the next step in our journey. These moments are the difference between living and leaving a legacy. As we go deeper in our relationship with God, we learn what it means to value Him above all else. God is the Giver of Life. He is our Provision. As we learn to give, we learn to take steps of faith in obedience. It's in these moments that we hear God's voice loud and clear.

PRAY

You might feel ready to give right here and now. That's great! But most of us will need time over the coming weeks to think and process through where we are and what God wants us to do next.

MAKE A COMMITMENT AND ASK SOMEONE TO KEEP YOU ACCOUNTABLE TO IT

It's always easier to keep a commitment when you write it out and ask someone to help you stick to it. The same can be applied with your giving. This isn't something set in stone, but it will help you plan and be strategic about what you are able to achieve over this next season of your giving.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Tell others, in your family group or a close friend or even your one more, about why you believe in this vision. Let your friends and family know why this is so important to you. Why you are seeking to give generously to the Lord and His work. Your story may inspire others to trust God!

20 Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (CSB)