

THE EXCHANGE
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MESSAGE NOTES

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

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SERMON RECAP

This week we opened our new series, **The Exchange**, with a powerful reminder that generosity is not a loss—it's a **currency exchange**. When we give, serve, and invest in God's Kingdom, we trade what is temporary for what is eternal. Paul points to the Macedonian churches, who gave joyfully and sacrificially in spite of poverty and persecution. Their generosity changed their **perspective**, revealed **supernatural power**, deepened **relationships**, and flowed from a heart fully **given to Jesus first.**

TAKE A MOMENT

Have you ever exchanged currency in another country? What was surprising or confusing about that experience?

"GIVE OUT OF YOUR NEED"

SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 8:2 (NLT) — "They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity."

How might generosity shift our focus from "me-centered" to "eternity-centered"?

What is one area where God may be inviting you to trust Him even when it feels like you don't have much margin?

REFLECTION:

Generosity isn't about having "extra"—it's about trusting God with what we have. The Macedonians show us that joy doesn't come from wealth, but from worship.

GIVE SUPERNATURALLY

SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 8:3 (NLT) — "For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will."

What is the difference between giving that is calculated and giving that is Spirit-led?

Have you ever sensed God empowering you to be generous beyond your comfort zone? What happened?

What might it look like for our church to give "beyond our ability" together?

REFLECTION:

Generosity is not about the math—it's about the miraculous. The same **dunamis** (power) that fuels our witness in Acts 1:8 empowers our giving.

GIVE RELATIONALLY

SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 8:4 (NLT) — "They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem."

Why is giving more meaningful when it is tied to relationships rather than obligation?

The Macedonians were Gentiles giving to Jewish believers—how does generosity break barriers today?

How can you make your giving more relational and mission-connected this season?

REFLECTION:

Biblical generosity is always personal, never transactional. It unites us with God's heart and God's people.

GIVE YOURSELF FIRST

SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 8:5 (NLT) — "Their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do."

Why is surrendering ourselves to Jesus the foundation of true generosity?

What areas of your life are easier to give than your full heart?

REFLECTION:

Before God wants our resources, He wants us. Generosity is the fruit of a surrendered life.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

2 Corinthians 8:7 NLT
Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

ACTION STEP

What step of supernatural generosity is God stirring in me? Take a step of obedience by giving out of your need, giving supernaturally, giving relationally, and giving your whole heart to God.

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