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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“OUR GOD IS A GENEROUS GOD”

20 YEARS OF SEEING THE LORD'S VISION FULFILLED

Part Two

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Introduction to the Text;

II Corinthians 10:13

2Cor. 10:13

We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.

In The Beginning, God...

7 times in genesis Chapter 1 God says... “and it was good”

Gen. 22:13-14

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. :14 And Abraham called the name of the place, **Yahweh Yireh**, The–LORD–Will–Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

I remember as a kid, visiting relatives on vacation

And having to sit there and listen to all the old people talk about “how it use to be” and “do you remember when?” and “whatever happened to cousin goober?” – ***well, I don't want you to think like that now !!!***

1Sam. 12:24

Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart;
for **consider what great things He has done for you.**

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20 YEARS OF SEEING HIS FAITHFULNESS

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1.) He's been generous to provide – The Calling

Last week we shared a little bit about His faithfulness to fulfill His plan that came through the laying on of hands at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa...

And how he has been faithful to establish us according to His word.

Because He has done all of what you now see and more – I, we, don't have to struggle to maintain it or defend it or provide for it

“If you struggle to gain – you'll have to struggle to maintain.”
(we don't have to do that here)

Josh. 1:5-8

No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **:6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **:7** Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. **:8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. **For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**

“The Calling” – Make sure It Comes **From** the Lord, and **By** the Lord !

Gal. 5:13

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Phil. 4:19-20

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. :20 Now to our God and Father be glory **forever and ever**. Amen.

Why CCCH Must Obey God Rather Than Men

Phil. 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; :13 **for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**

“HE HAS GIVEN ALL OF US A GENEROUS CALLING”

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2.) He's been generous to provide – The Vision

Matt. 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 **Go therefore** and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 **teaching them to observe all things** that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, “**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. – even the cows**

it's the **teaching** and **living out** of the bible
that gives vision.

Prov. 29:18

Where there is no vision, the **people perish**:

Not Just Vision – Apple Computer Has Vision.
But It Must Be A “**Christ Centered Vision**”

Matt. 4:13-19

Now leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, :14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: :15 *“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: :16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.” :17* From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” :18** And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. :19 Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**

Jesus Invented The Original Catch and Release Program

We've got something to say !
(were not just saying something – big difference)

**So if we say what He wants us to say – then we
will be forever **fruitful** and **productive****

Last Wednesday night we had **43,000 people** “here” in the bible study.

it's the **teaching** and **living out** of the bible that
creates **servant/leaders**.

The lord establishes His church

(there are **no small** or **large** churches – there's His church or no church)

Servant / Leaders

Acts 6:1-4

Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. :2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. :3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; :4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

it's the **teaching** and **living out** of the bible
that makes missionaries.

Mission field America – the atheist, the Muslim, the Buddhist. The republican, the democrat, the college campus

“Christian Release Time Education”

it's the **teaching** and **living out** of the bible
that expands the kingdom.

Acts 2:46-47

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, :47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

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3.) He's been generous to provide – The People

its god's will that his church grow healthy and stronger.
This can be seen in growth

Rom. 12:4-5

For as we have many members in **one body**, but all the members do not have the same function, :5 so we, *being* many, are **one body** in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Stop and ask anyone who's been hear from the start,
You'll hear the same thing – *"I just did what was needed to get done"*

*"we got here as a church by being available to do whatever
the Lord wanted to do."*

**Bigger churches have bigger needs, bigger blessings,
bigger problems** – the more people, the more we need people."

because the church is growing, we still have needs:

Eph. 4:1-5

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, :2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, **bearing with one another in love**, :3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. :4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; :5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Because We're Growing

can you **smile** for Jesus? – good cuz we need people for sign up tables.

we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night **restrooms attendants**
we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night ushers at all service
we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night **Greeters**
we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night **parking attendants**
we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night **first responder's** ministry
we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night **multimedia people**
we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night **children's ministry helpers**
we need Sunday morning & Wednesday night **toy cleaners**
we need Special event
children's ministry helpers for many of our ministries

Eph. 3:19-21

to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. :20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, :21 to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

You the people

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4.) He's been generous to provide – The Tools

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each of us has some sort of tools in our toolbox.

Consider your life, your place and influence as “Your Toolbox”.
You and you alone govern your investment of time, your treasures,
and your talent.

What does a spiritual investment look like ?

On the surface, much like any other investment.

(1) it takes **knowledge**. (2) it takes **faith**, (3) it takes **sacrifice**,
(4) it takes **patience’s**.

what are you pouring your energy and resources into?

Is it this worldly economy? Is it gold? Is it property?

None of those things are bad – but are they eternally wise? Will they be of value
after you die?

*If you look at your checkbook and your spending;
These things reveal where you’re treasures are.*

Matt. 6:19

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy
and where thieves break in and steal; **:20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in
and steal. **:21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken
together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same
measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Mal. 3:8

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have
we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. **:9** You are cursed with a curse, For
you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation. **:10** Bring all the tithes into the

storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.* :11 “And I will rebuke the devourer (Obama & IRS) for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the LORD of hosts;

2Cor. 9:5

Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as *a matter of* generosity and not as a grudging obligation. :6 But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 So *let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. :8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Acts 20:35

...And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*”

That’s How He Has Been To Us

2Cor. 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He **became poor**, that you through His poverty might become rich.

can you say that “God’s been generous to you?”

(I don’t care how poor you think you are – if you’re a real Christian you’re rich)

Psa. 51:12

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your generous* Spirit.

Prov. 11:25

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others
will himself be refreshed.

Prov. 22:9

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Is. 32:8

A **generous** man devises **generous** things, And by generosity he shall stand.

The Gospel – The End