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2. Take a step of INTENTIONAL generosity.

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Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

3: My giving is BUILDING something that LASTS.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Have you ever had to take good care of something that belonged to someone else? What was it?

ENGAGE

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

GROW

1. Read Luke 21:1-4. Jesus was more impressed by the poor widow's two coins than the big donations from wealthy people, because she gave out of her need, not her surplus. Have you ever given in a way that stretched your trust in God? What was that like? If you haven't, what's held you back?
2. In the message we saw the reality of being a "steward" instead of an "owner" (managing what belongs to God rather than owning it ourselves). Does that feel freeing to you, or does it feel uncomfortable? What would change in your everyday life if you genuinely believed everything you have belongs to God?
3. Read Malachi 3:8-12. God says, "Test me"...which is the only place in Scripture where he invites us to do that. What do you think it would look like for you personally to take God up on that challenge right now? What would "testing" God in generosity actually mean for your life in this season?
4. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How have you seen this play out in your own life? Is there something you've invested in that made you start caring about it more?
5. How does reflecting on what Jesus gave up for you shape how you think about giving? What would it look like for your generosity to be a response to the gospel, not just a financial habit?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

What is your next step in trusting God with everything?