

# Theme: “Transformed for Kingdom Impact



**Matthew 16:18-19**

- This weekend we are celebrating 34 years of Ministry. God has been good and so faithful to His Word and promises.
- We thank God for our Bishop Michael Thomas and his family. God gave him the vision of Love and Faith in 1981, in San Antonio, Texas. He started Love and Faith in 1991, he and his family (Michelle and Melody).
- I truly believe that 2025 is going to be an exciting year here at Love and Faith. I believe God is going to use us to impact the world around us for the Kingdom of God.
- I believe the Spirit of God has stirred our hearts and has awakened in us a greater awareness of His power, presence, purpose and grace.
- Failure is not an option for your life.
- This is Your Bounce Back Year!!
- We are pressing ahead! Faithfully pursuing after Jesus Christ and resting in the promises of His Word. (Philippians 3:12-14)
- The word “press” means to follow after, run toward, to lean upon and constant pursuit of.
- God is writing His story in and through our lives. There will be challenges, but God is not finished with me yet.
- Salvation is the beginning of what Jesus Christ has started in your life and not the end. (Philippians 1:6, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Focus on Jesus Christ’s mission and message – not messy people or problems! (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- Singular focus – “To mature, develop and grow intimately in our relationship with Jesus Christ through His Word and prayer.”
- Letting go of anything or anyone who will attempt to stand, hinder, mislead, misguide or cause me to stumble and lose focus upon Jesus Christ. (Luke 9:62)
- Stay humble and hungry for Jesus Christ. (Matthew 4:4, 5:6)
- Purpose deeply in your spirit, heart and mind – “That were He leads, you will follow!” (John 16:13-15)
- Purpose deeply in your spirit, heart and mind – “To keep growing in the grace and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)
- Stay an active witness for Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

- Fulfill Christ's mission – "To seek and save that which is lost. Go into the highways and byways and compel men to come." (Luke 19:10, 14:23)
- Share Jesus Christ's message with others – The gospel the good news about Jesus Christ dead, burial and resurrection. (Romans 10:9-10, 13, 1:16)
- Purpose: to make us aware of God's ability to impact and influence the whole earth through Kingdom giving.
- Goal: to allow the Word of God to reshape our thinking, living and giving in order for God's Kingdom purposes to be fulfilled in the earth.
- Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Sow and Reaping, Obedience, Authority
- Objective: 1) Kingdom Giving, 2) The Impact of Kingdom Giving, 3) The Joy of Kingdom Giving, 4) The Lifestyle of Kingdom Giving
- The Kingdom of God is much greater than the kingdoms of this world. The Body of Christ is much bigger than our denominations, and our individual selves. (Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-16)

1. Let's remain strong together in the power of His might. (Zechariah 4:6)
2. The believer source and strength come for having a close and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:15-23, 6:10-13, Isaiah 40:29-31)
  - We must remain united together and not divided. (Matthew 12:25)
  - There's one Vision for the house of Love and Faith – "To equip the people of God for the work of ministry."
  - We are One church in Two location. Not two separate churches with two separate visions.
  - We must grow together and build each other up. (1Thessalonians 5:9-12)
  - We must pray and fast together. (Matthew 18:18-20)
  - We must serve together in love. (Matthew 20:26-28, Galatians 5:13-14)
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3. We are Love and Faith and not love and hate.

- Be humble and not prideful.
- Be a blessing and not a burden.
- Be a builder and not a destroyer of lives.
- Be a giver and not a taker.

4. We will have our differences and our share of disagreements, but that's alright.

- Our differences and disagreements should never come at the expense of dividing us, destroying us, and distracting us from impacting our world through Jesus Christ.

5. This is God's House. You do not belong to Bishop Thomas, John Goins, or any of our Associate Pastors. "You belong to God." God deserves all the glory and honor!

- What is the Biblical definition for the (3) three words found in our Theme?

1. The word "Transformed" means – changed, converted, fashioned, rearranged, graciously improved upon, spiritually mature, fit and developed.

2. The word "Kingdom" means – rule, reign, and authority of God.

3. The word "Impact" means – effect or influence of one person, thing or action upon another. It also means collision, violent shock, or force between two or more things.

- What is Kingdom giving? (Malachi 3:8-12, Matthew 23:23)

1. When the Kingdom citizens give according to the rules and regulations of the King - "Jesus Christ."

2. Every kingdom operates by principles, systems, and laws.

3. God is given has given us His Kingdom system called tithes and offerings. It applies to everyone who is under His authority, rule and reign.

4. The Kingdom citizen is protected when their lives as a steward is in proper alignment with the authority of God's divine Word.

- The Spiritual Principle of Authority: God's plan to protect my life.
  - The Highest authority for every believer is the Word of God.
  - The believer (Kingdom citizen) must remain under the authority and influence of God and His divine Word.
  - Failure to remain under the direct authority and influence of God and His Word will place the believer (Kingdom citizen) in direct violation of God's perfect will and plan for their lives.
5. Kingdom giving as a steward of God is about utilizing our life, gifts, talents, financial resources, and our time for God's Kingdom purposes.

○ The Impact of Kingdom Giving - (Malachi 3:8-10)

1. The Mission work of Jesus Christ is supported locally, nationally and internationally.
2. The Gospel message of Jesus Christ is spread throughout the entire world.
3. The House of God is resourceful. (Matthew 21:10-14)
  - To take care of the house of God.
  - To help the people of God in need.
  - To equip the people of God.
  - Safe place where the lost can be saved and the newborn can be disciplined.
  - A place of prayer.
  - A place where Jesus Christ is worshipped and lifted up! (John 12:32)

○ What is does stewardship mean? (Genesis 1:26-28)

- It means the right to care for the property of another.
- Another word for "dominion" is stewardship, manager or administrator over.
- God is the Owner, "I'm just the manager."
- God gave mankind dominion or stewardship over everything that He created. (Psalm 8:4-9)
- God gave us stewardship to teach us to honor Him and to teach us responsibility. (Psalm 24:1-2, 100:1-5, Deuteronomy 8:18)

- Stewardship is a lifelong process. It is what we do as believers on a consistent basis.
  - The believer will never reap the benefits of the Kingdom of God by being an inconsistent, disobedient, and unfaithful steward.
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- How to reap the benefits of Kingdom giving? (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)
    1. You must sow faithfully. (Give regularly and consistently)
    2. You must sow responsibly. (Manage God's resources wisely)
    3. You must sow obediently. (Give out of obedience) (1 Samuel 15:22)
  - Dr. Myles Munroe stated correctly: "When you don't know the purpose of a thing, you will abuse a thing."
    - God's desire – "To use mankind to multiply and replenish through a Kingdom Principle which is called "Sowing and Reaping."
    - God's design – "As long as the earth remains seed-time and harvest will exist." (Genesis 8:22)
    - This principle teaches us that man will always be sowing and reaping.
    - God provides the seed for His Kingdom work. (2 Corinthians 9:10-15)
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1. Paul teaches the Corinthian believers that God is the true source of everything. (vs. 10)
    - He supplies the seed for the sower (believer).
    - He provides bread for food.
    - He multiplies the seed for sower (believer).
    - He increases the fruits of your righteousness (effective, fruitful, productive).
  2. Paul reminds the Corinthian believers to acknowledge God for all He has done. (vs. 11-15) \*Kingdom giving leads to Kingdom Impact.
    - He has enriched your life in everything for all freedom. (vs. 11)
  3. Paul gives three-fold results from the ministry service through Kingdom giving. (vs. 12-15)
    - Kingdom Impact – supplies the needs of the saints. (vs. 12)
    - Kingdom Impact – expression of thanks and praise is given to God.

- Kingdom Impact – testifies of the greatness and goodness of God. (vs. 13-15)
  - The Joy of Kingdom Giving (Psalm 35:27, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
    1. God will get all the glory.
    2. God will entrust more to those who are faithful stewards. (Matthew 25:14-30)
    3. God will reward the faithful steward for their obedience.
    4. God will change the life of all who hear, receive and believe on the glorious name of Jesus Christ.
  - The Lifestyle of Kingdom Giving (Luke 6:38)
    - There are (2) Two types of Seeds we can sow.
      1. Spiritual
      2. Natural
  - God uses both the natural and spiritual seed to provide for our lives.
    1. God's way is always the best way.
      - Choose God's way and reap Kingdom benefits for your life.
      - Choose Your way and suffer the results that are detrimental to your life.
    2. Your disobedience to God will cause a crisis in (4) four areas of your life.
      - Spiritual life. (hinders growth, fruitful output (barren), stops blessings from flowing in and through your life, spiritual senses become dull and dim.
      - Financial life. (operate under a closed heaven, blessings stop flowing, experience financial crisis)
      - Physical life. (worrying, stressing, hopelessness)
      - Relationship life. (negatively impact your view of God, yourself, and others)
    3. God implemented the principle of Sowing and Reaping for His Kingdom purpose and for our benefit.

- If you are getting negative results you need to check and change what you have been sowing.
  - If you are getting positive results you need to continue sowing consistently and expect to reap a spiritual harvest.
  - The Statement is true: “Giving is never complete until receiving takes place.”
- What do the words Sow and Reap mean?
    1. The word “sow” means to give the things of God according to the plan of God.
    2. The word “reap” means to receive the harvest of God that is provided to us through Jesus Christ.
      - By sowing the “natural seed” – we can expect to receive a spiritual harvest.
    3. There are (3) three types of giving: tithes, offering and alms (giving to the poor). (Matthew 23:23)
  - What does the word “tithe” mean?
    1. It means an accursed thing. It belongs to God.
    2. Tithing started 400 years before the law was given. It started in the garden. (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13)
    3. God’s Kingdom is supported through tithes and offering.
    4. Tithe is 10% of your finances. When God blesses you financially, you should give God 10% of that income.
    5. The 10-10-80 plan is simple but also effective and rewarding.
      - 10% - Tithe (I give and honor God).
      - 10% - Pay myself (Put in savings or emergency fund).
      - 80% - Live out of (Budget, where my offering comes out of).
    6. Tithing is elementary.
      - It’s the ABCs of the Christian faith.
      - It’s sad that some saints remain at the elementary level of their Christian faith.
      - It’s not a matter that results in you not going to heaven. It’s a matter of how you live down here– either the land of abundance or the land of lack!



- God created everything for His purpose, and glory. Therefore, everything in His domain and under His rule and authority belongs to Him. (1 Chronicles 29:1-14)
1. King David was known as a man of war, but God knew him as a man after His own heart. (1 Chronicles 22)
    - King David wanted to build a Temple (house, dwelling place) for God, but God chose David's son Solomon to build it instead.
    - King David made the preparations and provisions to build a Temple for God. He knew that his son Solomon was too young and inexperienced for such a great task.
  
  2. King David devoted much of his time during his reign collecting gold, silver, bronze, iron, and all types of building material. (1 Chronicles 29)
    - David's love for God was visibly displayed in Five areas: (1 Chronicles 29:1-5)
      - A willing heart to give to God.
      - A willing heart to honor God.
      - A willing heart to serve God.
      - A willing heart to worship and praise God.
      - A willing heart to thank God for His bountiful blessing that was richly upon his life. He had an attitude of gratitude.
  
  3. King David led by example through his love, giving, worship, service, attitude, and humility toward God.
    - Notice the action and response from the leaders and the people of God. (vs. 6-9)
      1. The leaders gave willingly and generously for the work and service of God. (vs. 6-8)
      2. The people gave willingly and generously with a loyal heart to God. (vs. 9)
      3. The power of togetherness.
        - They all bought into the same vision.
        - They all gave out of the same willing and generous heart.
        - They all had the same mind and attitude (gratitude) toward God.

- They all would experience the abundance of God’s presence and power in their lives.
4. King David rejoices in the Lord greatly and blessed Him before everyone in attendance. (vs. 9-12)
    - There are Five Kingdom principles that King David, his leaders and the people reveal through their personal giving, gratitude, praise and prayer. They understood that God...
      1. God owns everything. (vs. 10)
      2. God Kingdom purposes are top priority.
      3. God deserves our best.
      4. God is faithful and trustworthy.
      5. God reigns in power and authority. He is the Sovereign ruler over all creation. He governs by the power and authority of His Word. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)
        - God is great. (vs. 11)
        - All power and glory belong to God.
        - All victory and majesty belong to God.
        - All that is in heaven and earth belongs to God.
        - The King over His Kingdom.
        - The Head ruler over all that exists in the world and universe.
        - Both riches (wealth, possessions), and honor (glory) come from God. And He still reigns over all. (vs. 12)
        - All power and might (authority) in His hands. (vs. 12)
        - All greatness and strength come from the power of His hand. (vs. 12)
  5. King David’s prayer reveals Four Kingdom perspectives that every steward of God must be mindful of. (vs. 13-18)
    - 1) Gratitude. (vs. 13)
    - 2) Graciously give what belongs to God. (vs. 14-16)
    - 3) Giving tests the heart of the faithful. (vs. 17)
    - 4) Giving reveals the heart of both faithful and faithless. (vs. 18)
      - The statement is true: “You can give without loving, but you can’t “love” without giving.”
      - Kingdom giving is not a selfish act, but a selfless act that supports God’s Kingdom purposes throughout the entire world.