

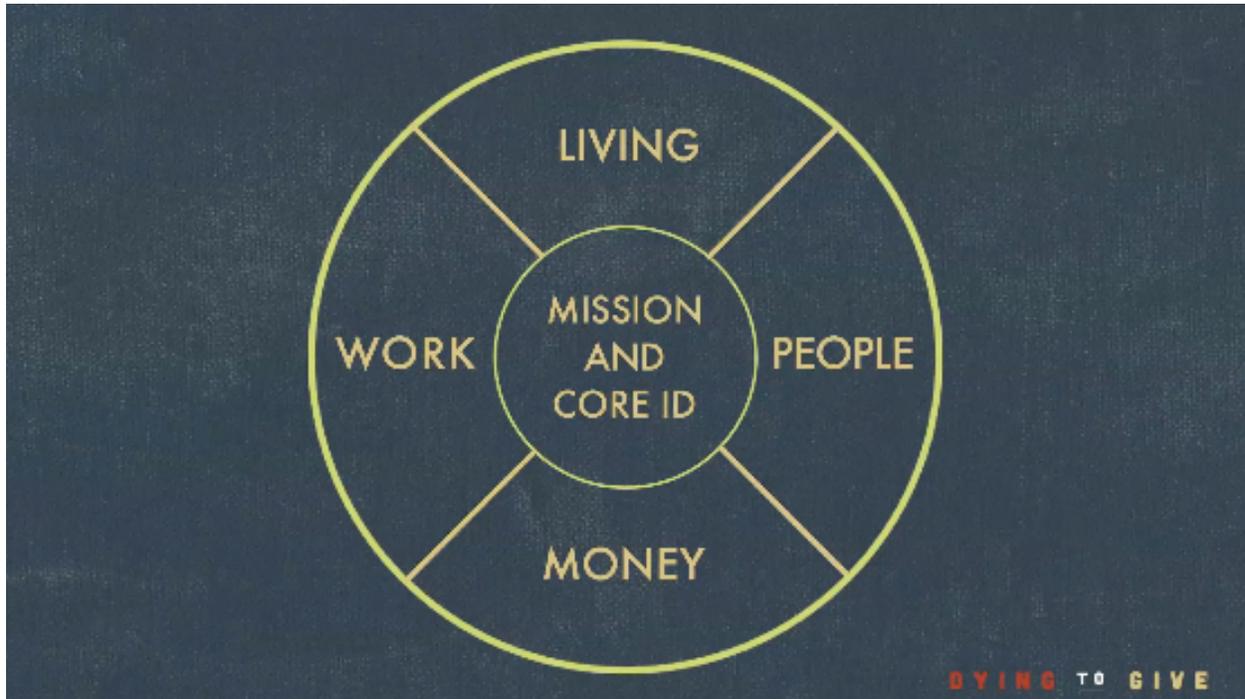
**Series:** Dying To Give

**Message:** What Am I Living For?

**Scripture:** Psalm 67

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**Matt. 16: 24-26**

*<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

*<sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.*

*<sup>26</sup> What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?*

*"What are some of the signs that we have not yet met Jesus' challenge head-on? The signs abound in churches today and manifest themselves as jealousy-not having what others have; competition-trying to achieve more than the next person; argumentative spirits- needing to have our own way; oversensitivity-becoming resentful when not recognized for our work or wanting it to be noticed that we've lost it all for Christ. We believe that we deserve the things we have-the nice homes and new cars. We plan our future without reference to the kingdom of God and spend the resources we have to improve our kingdom. We use the gifts of God to advance our own name, our own reputation.*

*But 'unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds' (John 24:24)." (Italics added)*

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### **Psalm 67**

*<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us,  
And make his face shine upon us— Selah.  
<sup>2</sup>That Your ways may be known on the earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup>May the peoples praise You, O God;  
May all the peoples praise You.  
<sup>4</sup>May the nations be glad and sing for joy;  
For You rule the peoples justly  
And guide the nations on the earth. Selah.  
<sup>5</sup>May the peoples praise You, O God;  
May all the peoples praise You.  
<sup>6</sup>Then the land will yielded its harvest;  
and God, our God, will bless us.  
<sup>7</sup>God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.*

God is calling you to be a blessing to a broken world through gospel centered generosity.

### **1. Our Proper Request:**

Blessed in Order to be a Blessing

### **Numbers 6:22-26**

*<sup>22</sup>The LORD said to Moses,  
<sup>23</sup>"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:  
<sup>24</sup>"The LORD bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
<sup>26</sup>the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

### **Genesis 12:1-3**

*<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people  
And from your father's household, and go to the land I will show you;*

<sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you,  
I will make your name great; **and you will be a blessing;**  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse.  
**And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."**

## **2. Our Mission:**

To Make Known His Ways and His Salvation  
To All Nations and Peoples (vs. 2-4)

### **Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

<sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

<sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

<sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

### **3. The Ultimate Result: (vs. 3-7)**

- God is Praised
- We are Blessed
- The Nations Rejoice

"The first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day [is], to have my soul happy in the Lord."

George Mueller

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Called to Christ  
to Bless the World,  
through the Gospel,  
for the Glory of God.