



# FORWARD



WEEK OF APRIL 30TH, 2023  
AN ALL PLAY TO BUILD GOD'S HOUSE (Exodus 35-40)  
Speaker: Pastor Mike Burnette

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## ICEBREAKER

- If you could pick the candy to be in Pastor Mike's jar, what would it be?
- When he gave you some, would you share it? Honest answers allowed.

### Introduction

- God has been able to do so much through our church over the past five years. What else are you praying for our church to accomplish over the next five years? Are you praying for the generations to come?
- How do you feel about the season that the church is going into? Excited? Scared??

### We Give because GOD Stirs Us to Give!

- Do you understand the purpose for this new house? What is it?
- God told the Israelites to bring their gold, silver and bronze. Bring their fine cloth and best building materials. If you have jewelry and gem stones, bring that. If you are a craftsman, come ready to make an amazing place for God. So, what can YOU bring to help build God's house?
- The modern-day equivalent of the offering to build the temple would be if we all started going through our own houses to see what we have to give. This probably makes some of us a little uneasy. Why do you suppose that is? What would it look like to shift your heart to a place of generosity?
- Have you ever been given a gift and you felt that the person was hesitant to give it? How did it make you feel? If you feel hesitant to give, why do you feel that way?
- Aside from finances, what gifts do you have to give to contribute to this campaign?
- Do you see this opportunity to be involved as an honor or a burden? Why?

### We Build at the Speed of Your Generosity!

- Moses didn't have to ask again. The people just kept giving, and giving and giving. A spirit of generosity swept through the camp. They didn't just give ONCE, they kept looking for MORE ways to give! And they gave EVERY DAY, and they gave FREELY! What would you do if you saw the physical manifestation of everyone bringing their offerings for the temple? Would you be moved to go find a way to be a part of that? Why or why not?
- Are you willing to be obedient to what God is asking you to give and give it freely?
- This building campaign is ongoing. How can you continue to find ways to contribute instead of a one-and-done donation?

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## QUESTIONS CONTINUED

- If 4,000 people attend LifePoint and each one of them gave just \$4 per day for the next three years, we would have this need 100% met. For less than a cup of coffee at Starbucks, we would have raised \$18 million for the completion of God's plan. Now, not everyone can afford \$4. Some can afford less or more. How much would God have you give in order to accomplish His plan to build this temple?
- Do you feel important to this plan? Do you know why you matter? Why or why not?
- Have you thought about how it might affect the plan if you didn't get involved? We cannot do it without you!

### God Will SURPRISE US When We ALL PARTICIPATE!

- There was such a spirit of generosity, Moses had to command the people NOT TO GIVE ANYMORE!! I'm telling you - that's not because of MOSES! That's not because the PLANS were that impressive. This happened because GOD STIRRED ALL THE PEOPLE, and ALL THE PEOPLE did what GOD SAID to do! Have you ever been a part of something like this? Describe a time when God used you or someone you know to accomplish great things for His plan.
- Imagine Pastor Mike getting up on a Sunday morning and saying, "OK people! Enough! Stop bringing money for the BUILDING! Stop bringing your stuff. We've got more than enough to do everything God has put in our hearts to do. You have to stop with all this giving. No more! We don't NEED it!" People would be talking about it all over the city. In fact, they'd be talking about it all over the nation. How can we get this movement started, and how can we keep it going? (Weekly updates in the service? Maybe a big thermometer in the lobby with our goal at the top?)
- A building is just a tool. It is not holy until it is filled with the glory of God! Pastor Mike said he prays, "Lord, let it happen again. Holy Spirit fall on our TINY TOWN ROAD campus! Let them have powerful encounters with your presence. We're building the place, now we ask You to fill it!" How will you be praying for this campus?
- When is a time where God surprised you after you gave something that you thought you couldn't afford to lose? Do you think God can do the same for our church if we're obedient?

# ACT ON IT

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## ENCOURAGE

We're on mission to build for the people who are coming, for more people to hear the Gospel of Jesus. One of the most exciting parts of all of this is knowing that people we haven't even met yet will come to know God because of our faithfulness and obedience. We get to serve the next generation now! Building God's House is an all play. We're all called to be a part of this plan, but we have to decide to listen and respond as God calls us. When we respond to God in obedience, He responds to us in abundance. He takes care of our needs and some! Everything we have belongs to God anyway, so continue praying and asking Him what He wants you to do with His money. We're going to be surprised at what God does when we all decide to participate.



## ASK

How is God stirring your heart to participate in the Forward campaign? Have you asked Him to move and stir you? Are you willing to aggressively give whatever you can give? Time, talents, money, etc? What are you willing to give? Remember, God isn't after your money, He's after your heart. Your heart is what matters most. What's keeping you from committing? What does your part in the Forward campaign look like? Have you been discussing Commitment Sunday with your family?



## CHALLENGE

Gather with your family up everyday this week and together pray "Lord, everything I have belongs to you already! How would you like me to give away YOUR money?" Continue to pray by yourself as well. After that, think about how you as a family can save \$4 a day for the next three years to give towards the Forward campaign. How would you keep track of it?

## PRAYER

God, You know the plans that our church has ahead. Building this new location isn't for us, it's to make more of You. We want to reach more people for the Gospel. This is Your plan and desire. We thank you for the Israelites' amazing story of generosity. They were so motivated by the vision shared by Moses, and their hearts were stirred so much. They were excited to be a part of something bigger than. We ask you to fill us with the same spirit of excitement and generosity. Help us be a generous people who can't wait to build Your church. Stir our hearts not only to give but towards Your Mission. What do You want us to do? Everything we have comes from You, so what do You want us to do with Your money? Let our hearts lead in how we give to this campaign. We know You will surprise us with how You respond to our obedience.

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## ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been in a situation that was so awkward, it was funny?  
— Please share!

### Introduction

- When did you join the LifePoint story? Where do you see yourself going forward in the story?
- Pastor Mike shared the quote, “The God who never changes is always up to something new.” How do you respond when God changes things up for you?
- What are fundamental truths about God that you lean on, even when everything around you is changing?
- Have you ever been faithful to live out your calling even when you don't see change? How do you continue to persevere with what God has called you to do when circumstances aren't ideal?

### God is Doing Great Things!

- Luke 19:10 says, “The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” The Father's business is going to happen and God is going to keep doing great things, whether you're on board or not. Are you choosing to participate? What does that look like for you? What does the Mission of God look like in your life?
- What distracts you from being a part of God's mission? How can you realign those distractions to be less important than The Father's business?
- If we believe that God is great and does great things, why are we always tempted to take control of our own lives? What keeps us from truly believing God to do great things?

### LifePoint Church is Doing Great Things with God!

- The Mission of LifePoint Church is to lead people to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. What does this look like in your life? How are you a part of this mission, both personally and corporately?
- And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20) Why do you think that Jesus said He has all authority but gives us the Great Commission?

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- In your current assignment, how is your mission in life in line with God's mission? How are you still a part of the Great Commission?

We are Partners in Mission with God!

- How do you grade yourself on the five takeaways statements of what God wants from us: Attend faithfully, Pray consistently, Serve with Gladness, Invite people to your church, Give generously and sacrificially?
- Where are you most resistant to going "All in"?
- Does inviting people to church intimidate you? Why?
- God's will is that every Christian serve in their local church. What is your posture towards serving?
- What are you missing out on by not serving?
- What does giving sacrificially look like to you? Why is it so hard?

## ACT ON IT



### ENCOURAGE

The Mission of God is always to seek and save lost people. Jesus was only about the Father's business, so as Christ followers, we're about what Jesus is about. The mission never changes. Everything we do is to help lead people to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. It's what drives us to do new things. It's easy to keep things the same and get comfortable, but God didn't call us to be comfortable. He's called us to go and make disciples. So ask Him to show you how you're going to help in the building of God's House.

# ACT ON IT

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## ASK

- What excites you the most about the Forward campaign?
- What will be your part in helping with the Forward campaign? What can you do now in preparation for the new campus?
- This is an all-play for our church. What would it look like to get your whole family involved with the campaign?



## CHALLENGE

Take a look at the five takeaway statements of what God needs from us: Attend faithfully, Pray consistently, Serve with gladness, Invite people to your church, and Give generously and sacrificially. Which areas do you need to get serious about? For the next two weeks, get bold and dangerous and pray: "Lord, everything I have belongs to you already! How would you like me to give away YOUR money?" Ask the Lord to show you how He wants you to join our three-year FORWARD campaign.

## PRAYER

How blessed are we that we get to serve the God who never changes and is always up to something new! God, we thank You for the opportunity to be on mission with You. Thank You for the people who are on the way. Soften their hearts and give them the desire to pursue You like never before. God, we want to be about our Father's business. Speak to us and move us to do something big. Stretch us and bring us out of our comfort zone. Give us eyes for those who are missing. Nothing belongs to us, so Lord, we pray boldly and dangerously for You to show us how You want us to give away Your money and resources. This isn't about us, it's about making Your name and love known to those who need it. Use us in Your mission. We're ready. Amen.

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