



# **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**OCTOBER 16 – NOVEMBER 13**

## **THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

### **Monday, October 17 – Genesis 18:22-33**

As I tell this story, remember I was five. When I was in kindergarten, I never slept at naptime. I would just lay there until it was over. During naptime, if you made noise or tried to get off your mat, you would receive a mark on your behavior chart. I was a good kid and never made noise. One day, the teacher needed to leave the room for a few minutes, so she asked me to watch the class. (Upon further review, I now realize that this was a bad idea on the teacher's part and is probably a fireable offense today.) I was tasked with marking whomever got up or made noise. I let the power go to my five-year-old brain and made marks for every little thing. One time, a boy asked if he could see how many marks he had. I said he could. Then I gave him two marks for talking and getting up. I was ruthless.

Thank God that God is not like this. God tells Abraham that he is about to destroy Sodom. Abraham questions this and says "will you kill the righteous and wicked all the same? What if there are fifty righteous people?" God says "if I find fifty, then the whole city will be saved." Abraham then goes further and further and further. He negotiates the number down to ten people. God was willing to spare Sodom if there were 10 righteous people there. God will bend over backwards to save people. Of course, in this story we know it was to no avail.

We reflect on the goodness of God this week. God is not a god waiting to strike you down, but God is waiting to pick you up. God wants to pick you up. So pray to God for help. God wants to help you. He's not going to force himself into your life, but God will help if you ask. Abraham asked God to spare Sodom and God was willing to do so. What is God willing to do if you just ask? Have you asked for God's help?

## **Tuesday, October 18 – Exodus 32:7-14**

Why should you pray for others? Because God listens to us when we intercede on their behalf. My grandfather served in the Air Force flying helicopters. One year, he was stationed in Thule, Greenland doing who knows what (he never could tell us). During one of his flights, the helicopter malfunctioned causing my grandpa to make an emergency landing on some ice below. He landed and was taken back to the base safe and sound. That's not the exciting part of the story.

The next week he got a card in the mail from a member of his home church. The card said that this person got the sudden urge to pray for my grandfather. The card was sent to just tell my grandfather that he was being prayed for. My grandpa looked at the date on the card; it was dated the day of his emergency landing. My grandpa later learned that the patch of ice he landed on had usually melted at that time of year. And for the icing on the cake, the P.S. on the card he received said "Don't get wet."

Do you believe in the power of prayer to save those we love? Moses did. God told Moses to leave him alone so that he could stew in his anger and unleash wrath upon Israel. They had built the golden calf, and God wanted to wipe Israel out and start over with Moses. Moses instead interceded for Israel. He implored God to have compassion on the people. And the Lord did have compassion and did not destroy Israel.

Who needs your prayer? God is waiting and listening because he is a good God. Go to God in prayer today for the people you know who need help. Ask God to help them. God is a good God who wants the best for his people.

### **Wednesday, October 19 – Jonah 3:1-10**

God is always listening when we pray; God doesn't always do what we want. Prosperity gospel preachers want you to believe that it's your fault when God doesn't answer your prayer. Those health and wealth preachers will say that if you just have enough faith, then God will heal you and anyone you pray for. Then, when people die, those preachers will say that you just didn't have enough faith. People believe these charlatans, and their faith in God suffers because of it.

This is not how God works. Prayer is not a formula to figure out. There isn't an amount of faith which unlocks the power of God. God is not a genie who will grant you your wishes. God has the power to change what is about to happen on earth, but there are times when God does not use that power. And only God knows why.

God answered the Ninevites' prayer, but they knew that God didn't have to save them. They go into their period of fasting and prayer with this question: "Who knows?" (3:9). That is how we should approach God as well. We pray to an Almighty, Good God and say "God, I don't know if you will do what I desire or not, but I would really like you to..." Sometimes God answers "yes", sometimes "no", and sometimes "wait." No matter the answer, continue to have faith in God. Know that God wants what is best for you. And trust that "we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Maybe we cannot see how he is working for our benefit, but that's why we say, "Who knows?" Then go to the God who does know.

### **Thursday, October 20 – Job 42:1-6**

If anyone in the Bible deserves to question God and God's motives, it's Job. If there's anyone in the Bible who you couldn't blame for becoming an atheist, it's Job. Job loses everything except his life. He continues to ask God why? He

continues to pray for understanding of why these horrific events have happened in his life. And then God starts to respond in chapter 38. God reminds Job of God's power. God reminds Job of his preeminence. God tells Job that even monsters are subservient to Him. And then Job responds in our passage for today. And Job relents. Job says "I'm sorry." Job realizes that he spoke without thinking. Job admits that he doesn't know everything.

Job doesn't have all his questions answered in God's response. To be honest, God's monologue in Job 38-41 just says how strong and mighty God is. But God speaking to Job is enough for Job to continue to have faith. When God speaks to us, He will not answer all our questions nor all our prayers. He will, however, reveal just enough about his goodness to help us continue in our faith amidst the injustice of the world.

Job's life is good; Job's life is bad; then Job's life is good again. In the ups and downs, he continues to talk to God. God continues to listen to him. This is a model for our lives as well. Be honest with God, then expect God to be honest with you too. God will not reveal everything, but he will give you what you need to keep faith. God is a good God. Stick with him in the good times and bad.

### **Friday, October 21 – Luke 18:1-8**

It's very difficult to not become discouraged in prayer. The prayer list keeps growing and growing. We keep praying and praying. We don't seem to see results. You grow weary of prayer. You start to wonder if God is even listening. Is God going to take care of you?

Luke 18:1 says that Jesus told this parable so the people would continue to pray and never quit. It's a strange parable because it seems to put God in a bad light. Maybe we can talk more about that on Sunday. For today, let's consider why

the judge answered the widow's request. She wore him out. He didn't care about her needs; he just wanted her to go away.

It is with that type of ferocity that we should pray. There was a Christian movie that came out in 2015 call *War Room*. It was named this because the place where one of the main characters prayed was called her war room. When one goes to war, they don't quit until it is over. When you pray, you keep going to God until the need is met. Continue to pray and have confidence that our good God will answer. Do not give up praying for the needs of those around you. Do not give up praying for your needs as well.

**Saturday – Sunday, October 21-22 – Psalm 103**

## **GIANTS**

**Monday, October 23 – 1 Samuel 17:1-11**

While it may sound odd to us, the proposition which Goliath gives Saul's army was a common one in ancient warfare. In order to limit the loss of life, each army would pick a champion to represent them on the battlefield. They would fight to the death, and the survivor would win the battle for his side. The problem for Israel was that no one wanted to fight. Nobody thought they could win, and everyone was scared.

This week, we are going to read through the story of David and Goliath. It is one of the most famous stories of the Bible. It is known by church-goers and non-church-goers alike. Today, we consider the giants in your life. What is the circumstance standing in front of you that has you scared? What problem do you not even want to try to fight?

I don't want us to skip to the end of the story too quick. Yes, we all know the end of the story, but when you aren't there yet, you are still afraid. You may be

confident that all will turn out well and you trust God that it will, but when Goliath is calling you out, you still have the urge to hide.

Instead of letting your giants call you out, call out your giants today. Right now, name your fears. Name the giants which you are afraid to overcome. Write those problems in your journal if you keep one and spend time today praying for God's strength to face those giants. Pray for God to bring you out of hiding to face your giants on the battlefield.

### **Tuesday, October 25 – 1 Samuel 17:12-18**

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. The small town of Le Chambon sur Lignon did an extraordinary work during World War II. When Nazi Germany invaded France, the pastors of Le Chambon rallied their parishioners saying "we will resist when our enemies demand that we act in ways that go against the teachings of the gospels." The Christians of Le Chambon chose to protect "all people of God" and welcomed Jewish refugees into their town. They risked their own lives to save 3,500 Jews during World War II. The people of Le Chambon weren't extraordinary spies or soldiers. They were ordinary people doing the extraordinary work of God.

When we meet David in this passage, we realize that he is nothing special. He's too young to be a soldier; he's a messenger and courier for his brothers and father, while also being a shepherd. He's nothing special. We should realize through reading the Bible, though, that God has a soft spot for people who are nothing special. God loves to use people who the world looks at as nobodies. In the Old Testament, Abel, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are all younger sons of their fathers. In the New Testament, Jesus calls for the small tax collector, Zacchaeus, to come out of the tree. Jesus eats with sinners, fellowships with fishermen, and associates with the unclean. God does not overlook the small and marginalized. If you feel

worthless and small, know that God sees you as full of worth. If you feel as if you have nothing to give, know that God has other plans for you. God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

### **Wednesday, October 26 – 1 Samuel 17:19-30**

I am a child of the 1990s so when the movie Space Jam came out in 1996, I loved it. (Side note: I saw the movie again while in the waiting room of a doctor's office a couple years ago, and it is actually a terrible movie.) Space Jam is a movie with Bugs Bunny and friends where aliens come to earth and take the powers of star basketball players from the 1990s. The only way that Bugs Bunny can get those basketball talents back for the NBA players is to beat the aliens in a game of basketball. How are they going to do that? Well, Bugs Bunny has a secret weapon: Michael Jordan. Michael Jordan had retired from basketball, so the aliens didn't know about him. Bugs Bunny recruits Jordan to play with him and they defeat the aliens. Without their secret weapon, they had no chance of winning. With the secret weapon, they couldn't lose.

As we continue in the story of David and Goliath. David knows something the rest of the army forgets. They are the army of the Living God. Their "secret weapon" is God. And when God is on your side, who can defeat you? No one! Not even giants. When David says God's name in verse 27, it is the first time his name is mentioned in the story. Goliath calls Israel "servants of Saul" in verse 8. The army makes no mention of praying or crying out to God for help. It is not until David comes on the scene that the name of the Lord is proclaimed.

When we are frightened of the giants which face us, don't forget your secret weapon. It shouldn't be so secret actually. The Lord God is on your side. God will fight on your behalf. Do not let the giants defy you as a man or woman of God. The Lord will protect you. The living God is fighting on your side.

## **Thursday, October 27 – 1 Samuel 17:31-40**

When God calls you to do a work, don't be someone you are not. David has agreed to fight Goliath and is convinced that the Lord will protect him. Saul gives him the greenlight to go and fight on behalf of Israel. Saul also gives him his armor to wear. Just one problem: David is a boy and Saul's armor swallows him up. David can't walk. He is hindered by the armor more than he is helped. So, David dispatches of the armor and heads to the battlefield with a sling and 5 smooth stones. God called David to this work. God needs David to do the work, as David, not anyone else.

God has called our church to reach our community. We need to do it in the way that makes sense for us and the community. We shouldn't do this work like the other churches in our area. We certainly shouldn't do this work like other churches in other cities. God called David to fight Goliath on the battlefield between Socoh and Azekah. God has called FBC Gonzales to take on the giants of this world in the community of Gonzales. We must do the work as only we can. We use our unique skills and resources to reach parts of the community no one else will reach. How can you particularly help the church reach the community? What skills or resources do you have? What smooth stones can you pick up that are unique to your abilities? With God's protection and leadership, we can defeat the giants. But we need to work as God has equipped us. How has God equipped you to go out to fight Goliath?

## **Friday, October 28 – 1 Samuel 17:41-58**

In 1988, everyone awaited a boxing match years in the making as Mike Tyson and Michael Spinks fought on a June evening in Atlantic City, NJ. Millions of dollars poured in as people paid to watch the fight on pay-per-view. There was lots of lead up to the fight and finally the bell rang. And then, the fight was over

almost as soon as it started. In the middle of the first round, Mike Tyson knocked out Michael Spinks to win the fight. After all the buildup and anticipation, the fight lasted 91 seconds.

The fight between David and Goliath has been building up throughout the chapter until we finally get to the fight in verse 48. And the fight is over in verse 49. Just like that, the giant falls and David is victorious. It is over almost as soon as it started.

These are the types of fights we can expect when God is on our side. Evil is convincingly defeated (remember Revelation?). You can count on the giants falling.

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't recognize that long battles with illness and other difficulties happen. However, the evils of those diseases cannot separate you from God. The giants that we face cannot win the battle. As children of God, we must know that cancer does not win even if our earthly body dies. Cancer cannot defeat God. Illness may take us from this earth, but disease cannot take us away from God. We cannot lose when God fights our battles. God will guide the stone to destroy your giants. The fight is as good as over even before it starts.

**Saturday – Sunday, October 29-30 – Psalm 8**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Monday, October 31 – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

I find the middle of this passage to be very interesting. Starting in verse 22, Paul starts talking about the “weaker members” of the body. He describes the “less honorable” members of the body. He explains that as a body we take care of the lesser members of the body by clothing them and that our more “respectable

members” do not need covering. There is a message in this passage that shows that the body needs every component to work together for the body to be healthy. The parts we cover and parts we leave out for the world to see are both important for the body to work as God meant.

When God calls a person to join a church, he calls them to join a body. He calls them to serve a specific purpose at that church and in that community. Even those purposes which we deem of lesser importance are not less important to God. They are critical to the success of the church and the Kingdom of God. We must remember to treat each member of the body with the respect that they deserve.

This week, we are going to talk about church membership. We will discuss the members of the church body working together in order to serve God. A body is to commit to each other, not think more highly of yourself, and also not to think too lowly of yourself. God has made you and given you gifts in order to serve. God has brought you to FBC Gonzales to serve a specific role that God has designed you for. Do you know your role at FBC? What type of member are you? Are you doing what God has called you to do at our church? “As it is, there are many members, but one body.”

## **Tuesday, November 1 – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts inventory? A spiritual gifts inventory is usually anywhere between 80-120 statements with which you agree or disagree. Then you tabulate your score at the end to see what your spiritual gifts are. It can be very helpful. My top 3 gifts are usually preaching, teaching, and administration. My lowest rankings are usually mercy and faith.

Spiritual gifts inventories can be helpful, but they are not the gospel. Spiritual gifts inventories are not in the Bible. The churches in the Bible were able to know what spiritual gifts they had without an inventory. While helpful, you can

just know the work you are called to do in the church. I was called to preach, and I didn't need a piece of paper to tell me that.

Did you know that spiritual gifts can change over time too? Look at the end of 1 Cor 12:11: “[the Spirit] allots to each person just as the Spirit chooses.” The members of the body of Christ change over time. Some move away, others change churches. Individuals get older and are skilled differently as they age. So, our gifts change based on what the church needs and who you are in that stage of life. Maybe 20 years ago, the church needed teachers, so God gifted you to be a Bible Study teacher. Maybe now, we need people who are merciful and hospitable, so you have felt that giftedness lately. It's not that you have been serving in the wrong position all this time. It's that the Spirit has chosen to change your giftedness to better serve the body of Christ.

That leaves us to consider whether we are doing as the Spirit calls. Are we using the giftedness which the Spirit has given us? Or are we wasting what God has given us? God has given all of us gifts in order to serve. Are you using yours? (If you'd like a spiritual gifts inventory, I'd be happy to give you one. Just let me know and I'll make one available for you.)

### **Wednesday, November 2 – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

This chapter is not about marriage; it is about the church. The Corinthian church has the problem with people thinking they were better than others. Those who had the gift of speaking in tongues thought they were more spiritual than others. This leads Paul to write that if you do not love one another, then your gifts of tongues or prophecy is just noise. If you do not have love, then no one cares that you sold all your possessions to give to the poor. The people of the church are to love one another and use our gifts together instead of competing with one another.

This chapter is not about marriage, but marriage is a good metaphor for the church and church membership. Why do people get married? Because they want to commit themselves to each other. They share a love for one another and want to tell the world that they belong with each other. That's why Christians should join individual churches. As a Christian, we are already part of the world-wide universal church. But we should become part of individual churches as well. Becoming a church member is committing to the church and the church committing to you. We grow in our faith together, and we serve the community together.

Now, we can do that without having formal church members. We can just say we belong together. But that's like being with someone without getting married. There's no commitment given in that arrangement. Marriages start with weddings, and church membership starts with joining a church. You show your love for a church by joining it. And if we, as church members, do not show love to one another, then our gifts resound as just noise.

### **Thursday, November 3 – Ephesians 4:1-6**

The Spirit that is in you and the Spirit that is in me are the same Spirit. Therefore, we are united and should strive for unity in our church. This is what Ephesians calls "a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called." Is this life easy? Is anything worthwhile easy? No. That's why this is a life to live in humility, gentleness, and patience.

Unity is hard. Having unity means putting the group ahead of yourself. Having unity means listening to the Spirit instead of yourself. This is most hard when we are convinced we are listening to the Spirit, but others in the church disagree. I heard a story one time of a church that was making a major decision about a building project. They set aside a certain number of weeks to pray and then

come together to discuss what God was telling them. When the time came to reconvene, the majority of a church felt as if God was telling them to undergo a capital campaign and build a new building. There was, however, a minority who felt differently. After some time in that business meeting, one man who felt they should not build stood up to speak. He spoke these words to the congregation: “I have been praying and feeling that we should not build. However, after hearing from most of you that the Spirit is speaking to you differently, I ask that you pray for me. Pray for me to be unified with you and hear the Spirit as you have heard the Spirit.”

Unity is hard. It is putting “we” above “me.” There is one Lord who is Lord of all and there is one Spirit who lives in us all. Let us make every effort to live in harmony with one another, let us love one another, and be patient with one another. Let us pray for one another that we are all led by the same Spirit.

#### **Friday, November 4 – Ephesians 2:1-10**

I think the title of each of our testimonies should be “But God...” I think that’s the message of Ephesians 2:1-10. We were sinners, *but God* saved us. Isn’t that the story of your life? It is mine.

There are so many reasons that people give for not going to church. I find that the chief among them is that “there are so many hypocrites in the church.” You know what I would say to that: “absolutely. We are all hypocrites. But there’s always room for one more.” All of us are hypocrites. All of us fall short of the glory of God. All of us were destined for death because of our sins. *But God* saved us through faith.

This week has been about church membership. If you are looking for reasons to not join a church, you’ll be able to find them. There is no perfect church. There are no perfect pastors. Maybe the music is too loud or too quiet or they don’t sing

the right type of songs. Maybe the sanctuary is too cold or too hot. Maybe you don't like the parking situation. There are always reasons to not join the church.

But what about the reason to join a church? You join a church in order to grow in your faith and in order to serve the community. We can do a lot more together than we can do separately. God has equipped each of us to serve in the local church. We have gifts which the church and community will benefit from. We love one another and help one another grow in our faith. We have unity and pray for one another. That's what the local church does. Those are the reasons to join. No, we aren't perfect, and neither are you. *But God* can use even imperfect people like us to serve in his Kingdom.

**Saturday – Sunday, November 5-6 – Psalm 133**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**Monday, November 7 – Acts 5:1-11**

Well, if this passage doesn't put the fear of God in you about giving, I don't know what will! What on earth is God doing? Well, for starters, let's talk about what God is not doing. I don't think God kills Ananias and Sapphira for not giving all their money to the church. Ananias and Sapphira are killed because they made it seem like they were giving all the money from the sale of land. Lying is what got them killed.

What God is doing is showing the importance of being responsible stewards of our money. God is showing the necessity of being honest when it comes to our money. We are going to talk about money this week. We are going to read about the need to be good stewards of what God has given us. Please make no mistake. All that you have is a gift from God. When we give our offerings to God, we are

not giving him our money, but we are giving God a portion of what God has given us. It's all God's money. He just allows us to have some of it.

The story of Ananias and Sapphira is about being honest with God's money. How honest are you with God's money that God has given you? Are you trying to figure out a way to give the least amount possible to God? Or do you willfully and cheerfully give all the time? Ananias and Sapphira gave their money to the church. But they gave it in the wrong manner. Let that be a word of caution to all.

### **Tuesday, November 8 – 1 Chronicles 29:10-17**

Giving should be done willingly and freely. You should never feel coerced into giving money to God. Early in David's reign, he wanted to build a Temple for God. But God told him no. David was not the right person to build a Temple for God. David's son, Solomon, was the one to build the Temple. Later in David's life, David wanted to give Solomon the most chance for success. David made all the plans for the Temple and even raised the funds from the nation. All Solomon had to do was tell the workers to start working. Our passage today is David thanking God in front of the people of Israel for the joy of giving toward the building of the Temple. We are to give freely and joyously to God.

God does not want you to give out of obligation. In some ways, it's not really about the money. Yes, the church needs to meet its budget, but paying the electric bill is not why we give our offerings. We give our offerings because we feel indebted to God. As David says in verse 15 "...our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope." Our hope is only in God. We are in servitude to God because God has given to us more than we can ever earn on our own.

Because God has blessed us in so many ways, we are to excitedly give back to God what was his to begin with. David and the people of Israel did so to build the Temple. We get to do the same. We are stewards of the money which we have.

We are not owners, but we are caretakers. We are just giving back some of what God has given us. And we do so willingly and freely.

### **Wednesday, November 9 – Matthew 6:1-4**

There are two things to notice in this passage. One is the message and the other is the message behind the message. Let's start with the message behind the message. Look at how verses 2 and 3 start: "when you give offerings..." Not if, but when. Before we move further into what the actual message is, when Jesus gives instructions on giving offerings, the expectation is that you are giving offerings. Not only is giving offerings commanded in the Bible, but Jesus goes a step further...he expects it. (If you read further in Matthew 6, he also expects you to fast, but we can talk about that another day).

Let's move to the message. Don't give so that others know that you gave or how much you gave. Give in secret. Be so secretive, Jesus says, that your right hand does not know what your left hand is doing! Do not give so that you can be praised by others. A seminary professor of mine told the story of a man in his church who "forgot" to put his check in the offering plate regularly. After church, the man would go up to the pastor to give him his offering putting the check in the pastor's shirt pocket so that everyone could see how much he gave.

I don't know how much you give, nor will I ever know how much you give. It doesn't matter to me the amount. What matters to me is that you are giving as God leads you. Don't seek me out to try to tell me how much of a giver you are. I'm not going to listen. There are no platinum VIPs in this church.

Jesus expects us to give, and we are to give without making a big show of it. Those are my expectations of each member of this church as well.

## Thursday, November 10 – 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

In the book *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty*, Ruby Payne makes a surprising claim: poor people are more benevolent than rich people. She then backs up her claim with data. Research shows that people in lower income brackets give more of a percentage to charitable causes than people who make more money. Payne’s reasoning for this is simple: impoverished people know what it is like to need help, so they will help others even if that means going without themselves.

The churches of Macedonia and Corinth are a first century case study of the claim above. Macedonia was a poorer region of the world, while Corinth had wealth. As Paul was journeying to collect donations for the Christians in Jerusalem who needed help, the Macedonians gave “beyond their means” in some cases. The passage seems to indicate that Paul tried to turn away their offerings, but the people insisted that they give to the cause. They considered it a privilege or the grace of God to be able to give to this cause. What an example of sacrificial and cheerful giving!

Paul, in fact, is using the Macedonians as an example for the Corinthians. Corinth has money, but they are not being as generous. I don’t think Paul is guilt-tripping the Corinthians into giving. I do think Paul is warning the Corinthians that they are going to look selfish when people find out that the poor Macedonians gave more generously than the rich Corinthians. So, Paul tells the Corinthians in 2 Cor 8 that the Macedonians have given generously, and the Corinthians may want to consider how much they are giving.

I think this is a good reminder to us as well. Globally, we are rich, and there are Christians around the world who give to Kingdom causes more generously than we do. What is your attitude of giving? Are you “begging (NASB and others)” and “pleading (NIV)” for the opportunity to give to Christian causes? Do not look for

the least amount you can give. But give according to your means and, if God requests, beyond your means.

### **Friday, November 11 – Mark 12:41-43**

The story of the widow's mites is well known. It will be our text for Sunday morning. Jesus shocks the disciples when he makes the audacious claim that the widow with her 2 coins has given more than all the rich people. When we give out of our wealth, Jesus continues, we give less than when we give all that we have to God.

This attitude was an underlying component in the story of Ananias and Sapphira from Monday. They probably had good financial reasons to keep some of the profit from selling land. What they were giving to God was easy. It didn't affect their budget. They never thought twice about it.

When we give from our wealth, it doesn't change our attitude. However, when we give everything to God and need to trust in Him for our daily needs, our attitude changes. We are humbled in that moment realizing that we can't live life alone; we need God's help.

I'm going to warn you about Sunday. This way, you can start praying now for God's guidance. For those of you who are giving to the Kingdom of God but giving that amount is easy...I'm going to ask you to give more. Some of us need to give more than a ten percent tithe. The widow gave everything she had to God. What can that tell you about your giving habits?

### **Saturday – Sunday, November 12-13 – Psalm 24:1-2**