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Surrender, Listen, Obey

Some of Apostle Peter's final recorded words to the early Church were, "What kind of people ought you to be?" (2 Peter 3:11). He's asking, when we come to the end of our days, what should we be remembered for? Will we be known as a people who trusted in God, who persevered through struggle, and who held on to hope? He is asking those early followers of Jesus, and He's asking us too.

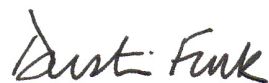
As we enter into this new chapter of our story, our hope is that you will fully engage with God and with our church during this time. Three words capture the process we are asking you to go through: SURRENDER, LISTEN, and OBEY.

Our challenge to you is:

- **Pray a bold prayer: "God, what role would you have me play in our church's future?"**
- **Be willing to SURRENDER to God's will.**
- **Make space to hear from God. LISTEN to what He has to say to you.**
- **Respond and fully OBEY whatever God asks of you.**

This is a three-year process with the goal of raising \$4 million. For the next three years, we are asking you to be committed and faithful above and beyond your usual tithe. Generosity shapes our character and changes who we are.

It's our hope that many years from now, you are still telling the story of the role God had you play in the building of His Church.



Dustin Funk
Lead Pastor, Oasis Church

A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND A CALL TO ACTION

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As a result of the congregation's generosity, and our leadership's good stewardship, we were able to save \$3 million to purchase our land and begin designing our future home. We are debt free!

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Our prayer is that we will all enter into the spiritual process of SURRENDER, LISTEN, and OBEY to determine what role God has for each of us in raising \$4 million to put towards the building of this facility.

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With good budgeting, stewardship, and God's continued blessing, we are equipped to take on \$3 million in a long term mortgage.

Experiencing Joy

There is no formula, no quick accounting, no percentage target for a capital stewardship commitment. As always, the only true measure of stewardship is **equal sacrifice, not equal gifts**. Not everyone has the resources to make a million dollar gift, but every person can meaningfully invest in what God is doing at this church in proportion to their blessings.

If there is no formula for what one might give, then how does anyone gauge how "right" their commitment decision might be? Try the questions below to discover your own internal measures.

- In a personal way, will this commitment make a difference in me? Will this commitment affect my life, allowing me to invest myself in the mission and ministry of my church?
- Is this a decision I am willing to take time to pray about, genuinely seeking God's guidance in how God might work through me?
- Is this a decision I will have a significant conversation about with my family and with my larger family of faith?
- Am I thinking creatively about a comprehensive giving plan that represents what I am capable of giving? What assets and resources could I use as a gift?
- Will this giving decision involve a sense of sacrifice in my life? Do my priorities reflect my commitment to my church?
- Am I discovering a new joy in giving? There is something freeing and deeper about the life of grace that we never experience until we learn to give as freely and deeply as God gives to us.

*Brothers and sisters,
God has shown you his mercy.
So I am asking you to offer up
your bodies to him while you
are still alive. Your bodies are a
holy sacrifice that is pleasing to
God. When you offer your
bodies to God you are
worshipping him. Don't live
any longer the way this world
lives. Let your way of thinking
be completely changed. Then
you will be able to test what
God wants for you. And you
will agree that what he wants
is right. His plan is good and
pleasing and perfect.*

ROMANS 12:1-2

Opportunities for Giving

INCOME AND GIVING

INCOME-STREAM GIVING: Giving as you receive income – from your regular income, bonuses, and/or through your personal business.

SACRIFICE: Changing your lifestyle/priorities can create additional resources for giving.

DELAYING EXPENDITURES: Postponing anticipated purchases can free resources for giving.

FREEDOM FROM DEBT: After a debt is retired, the resources that were applied to that debt are now available for giving.

INCOME PRODUCING ASSETS: Interest earned, income from rental properties, or monies from other income-producing assets can be given.

GIVING ASSETS

GIVING APPRECIATED ASSETS: Consider transferring appreciated assets (stocks, real estate, etc) as a way to increase giving.

SALE OF ASSETS: Money resulting from the sale of personal assets, or from personally owned business assets, could be given.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS: You may be able to give some portion of accumulated assets without significantly affecting your future security. The “returns” from investing in ministry may be more significant to you than simply accumulating more market returns.

TIME AND TALENT

ADDITIONAL INCOME: Using your skills and talents, taking on additional work, or delaying retirement could produce additional income to use as a gift.

GIFTS IN KIND: Donating specific services and/or materials, either personally or through your business, provides a unique opportunity for increased giving.

*You do well in everything else.
You do well in faith and in speaking.
You do well in knowledge and incomplete commitment.
And you do well in your love for us.
So make sure that you also do well in the grace of giving to others.
2 CORINTHIANS 8:7*

Giving Publicly Traded Securities

If an investment — like a share, debt obligation, or right listed on a designated stock exchange, for example — **has increased in value since its purchase** then there may be tax advantages to transferring ownership of that asset to the church as a charitable donation. Giving the asset eliminates potential taxes on capital gains for the donor while still allowing the donor to receive the contribution credit for the current market value of the asset. Because of its tax-exempt status, the church can sell the asset and receive full market value less transaction costs.

What if I sell first, then give the cash?

You may have to pay tax on the capital gain which will reduce the after-tax proceeds from the sale.

*Honor the Lord with your wealth.
Give him the first share of all your crops.
Then your storerooms will be so full they can't hold everything.
Your huge jars will spill over with fresh wine.*

PROVERBS 3:9-10

	SELL FIRST	GIVE ASSET
Market Value	20,000	20,000
Original Cost	-10,000	-10,000
Capital Gain	10,000	10,000
Taxable Portion (50%)	5,000	5,000
Tax (assuming 46.4%)*	2320	-0-
AFTER TAX VALUE OF GIFT TO THE CHURCH	17,680	20,000
CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT TO DONOR	17,680	20,000

NOTE: Tax positions and tax law can be complicated and can change with new laws. Any discussion of tax treatment is not intended, and should not be considered as tax advice. Consult your personal tax professional for advice on your tax position. Please check with the Oasis Church office for instructions and arrangements for the transfer of all forms of gifts other than cash.

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*Assumes tax at the highest rate for Manitoba

Discovering Your Potential for Giving

Use this worksheet to evaluate what you have available to give.

INCOME AND SACRIFICE

Analyze your projected income and spending patterns for the next three years and determine how much above your regular tithe could be given and when. Alter your lifestyle in order to give what you save or don't spend.

POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

GIVING ASSETS

What accumulated assets in your life could be transferred to the church? What assets could be sold so that their value could be permanently invested in ministry?

POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
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	\$

TIME AND TALENT

Determine what you could do to earn extra resources that could be given during this period. Are there "gifts in kind" of services and/or materials you could give?

POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$

RESULTING THREE-YEAR POTENTIAL COMMITMENT	\$
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Here is something to remember: The one who plants only a little will gather only a little. And the one who plants a lot will gather a lot. You should each give what you have decided in your heart to give. You shouldn't give if you don't want to.

You shouldn't give because you are forced to. God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to shower all kinds of blessings on you. In all things and at all times you will have everything you need. You will do more and more and more good works.

It is written, "They have spread their gifts around to poor people. Their good works continue forever."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-9

Giving Chart

This giving chart shows the impact of your total gift over three years

\$ WEEKLY	\$ MONTHLY	\$ ANNUALLY	\$ IN 3 YEARS
NUMBERS ARE APPROXIMATE			
12,800	55,600	667,000	2,000,000
6,400	27,800	334,000	1,000,000
3,200	13,900	167,000	500,000
1,900	8,300	100,000	300,000
1,300	5,500	67,000	200,000
640	2,800	33,300	100,000
480	2,100	25,000	75,000
320	1,400	16,700	50,000
160	700	8,300	25,000
64	280	3,300	10,000
51	222	2,650	8,000
32	140	1,650	5,000
19	83	1,000	3,000
13	55	665	2,000
6	28	330	1,000

Tax savings for donations made:

You may be able to claim federal and provincial tax credits when you file your income tax return. In Manitoba, for amounts up to \$200, you may qualify for a 25.8% tax credit. For amounts over \$200, you may qualify for a 46.4% tax credit, **essentially receiving almost half of the money donated back in the form of a tax credit to reduce taxes owed.**

Giving Options:

- **Cash or cheque** Indicate "For Winnipeg" when contributing with a cheque
- **Pre-authorized Giving** Schedule recurring automatic debit from your bank account
- **Online at oasiscc.ca** Schedule recurring or one-time gifts
- **Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Assets, and Real Estate**

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