



 Unstoppable  East Bay

# Journey Guide – Vol. 1

## Own The Heart Beat

God's Not Done...So, We're Not Done

Isaiah 54:2-3





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Why do we need a Journey Guide? Is it necessary for all of us to go on a spiritual journey together as part of our generosity campaign? The answer is “Yes” because we are each coming from a different spiritual starting point. These weekly guidebooks (six in all) will keep our church unified and travelling the journey together so that all of us, 100% of us, can hear God’s voice and courageously participate in our Unstoppable Campaign with extraordinary generosity to fund our new home.

Now, there are at least four types of people reading this right now...

First, there are those who are already all-in. You are ready for us to get on with this pursuit of a new address, a new church home. In fact, you might have been a part of our 2018 Imagine Campaign where, in total faith, we committed \$3M toward a future church home we didn’t yet know the when or where. Or you’ve been a part of The Father’s House East Bay campus for a while and you’ve seen us outgrow our current miracle building. You have felt the need and you’re ready to go. Maybe you’ve already thought about what your contribution might be. You’re even ready to begin contributing and help lead the way.

These guidebooks are for you. While it is great to see your enthusiasm for what God has coming, we want to make sure that we don’t run ahead of God in this. We each need to take time seeking the Lord in prayer, in God’s word, in discussion with one another, and in personal reflection. We need to take time to ask the Lord, “What do you want to do through me?”, being sure to give God a chance to answer.

Second, there are those who are hesitant. You’re not sure why our church is undertaking such a huge project again.

If this is you, then our hope is that you would give God a chance to speak to you about this throughout the next several weeks. We’re not asking you to check your brain at the door and just go along with the crowd. Instead, we pray you would fully engage in this spiritual journey with your community and see what God says to you. We are proud of you for the steps you are taking as we endeavour to see 100% participation!

Third, there are those who are new in their faith. You've placed your faith in Jesus and have trusted Him to save you and give you a new life. You're growing in your love for Jesus and you're still learning what it means to trust Him fully in every area of your life. If this is you, we are so proud of you and glad to be on this journey together! Part of the purpose of these guidebooks is to help newer believers discover what trusting God completely looks like. It takes faith to give God 100% control in all areas of our lives. This spiritual journey guide will help you grow both in your faith and in generosity in tremendous ways!

Fourth, there are those who are new to The Father's House East Bay campus. We are blessed that God has brought you here and that you are going on this journey with us. God has a purpose for you in this as well. You've come at an exciting time in the life of this church. As you go through these guidebooks, you're going to see the church you are a part of sacrifice for our mission of leading people who are far from God into new life in Jesus. That mission drives us into faith, risk, trust, and extraordinary generosity.

You are a part of a church that has a vision to make room for more people in our community to experience a joy-filled, life-giving relationship with Jesus and his family. And we will never stop until all are reached. That's why we are calling this generosity journey **Unstoppable. God's not done, so we're not done!**

Our intention for you is that you would jump in and be a part of what God is doing in and through God's Church. God has good things in store, and we desire to partner with His heart for our community. This journey is designed to call you to a deeper walk with Him and provide a sense of peace that this is where He wants you to invest your life and to grow in your knowledge and love for Him. And this isn't just about the church prospering in generosity, it's about the reward God has in mind for you as well. Philippians 4:17 says,

“Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.”

Wherever you find yourself starting on this journey, we're so glad to have you be a part as we all move forward together. Unstoppable provides all of us with the opportunity to “grow in the grace of giving.” That's why our primary goal is 100% participation. That is why we have repeatedly seen God's incredible faithfulness throughout the years. We are eager to see His promises fulfilled in this house as we one day come together in our future home that has been prepared for those yet to come!

With Unstoppable Joy  
Pastors Shane & Jamie

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Shane Gray' and the signature on the right is 'Jamie Gray'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

# The Journey Guide Series

Each Sunday you will receive a Journey Guide that we will use to travel the spiritual journey.

Volume 1 – Own The Heart Beat  
**SUNDAY, OCT 6**

Volume 2 – Seek A Willing Heart  
**SUNDAY, OCT 13**

Volume 3 – Embrace A Surrendered Heart  
**SUNDAY, OCT 20**

Volume 4 – Move Into A Prioritized Heart  
**SUNDAY, OCT 27**

Volume 5 – Stretch Into A Sacrificial Heart  
**SUNDAY, NOV 3**

Volume 6 – The All-In Committed Heart  
**SUNDAY, NOV 10**

# How To Use The Journey Guides...

It's simple, follow along as we go! Work through each section before we get to Commitment Sunday on November 10th.

**Sermon Notes** - Bring your Journey Guide to every service for the 6-week Unstoppable series. Make this a priority. Take notes. We are certain God has something He wants to speak to you during this series as you ask Him, "*What do you want to do through me?*" Additionally, there is a space included for you to write down thoughts and questions to explore in your small group.

**Devotional Guide** - In the Devotional Guide, we will journey weekly through 7 days focused on drawing close to and hearing from Jesus. The Unstoppable spiritual journey begins with you, so take some time to invest in your spiritual growth by digging deep into God's Word. We know that time spent with Him is life-giving and, ultimately, we trust that God will speak to you through His word.

**Commitment Section** - This section will help you seek the Lord to see what sacrificial generosity may look like for you, as you seek to make a commitment to the Unstoppable vision of our church. Our prayer through this guide is that every heart would be in a place of full surrender in seeking what God would want each of us to give for building His house.

**FAQs** - You will likely have some questions. We understand that, so we've put together some answers in advance. We have answered several questions that can be found in the Vision FAQ Booklet. Go check them out. If you have more questions, reach out to us at [unstoppable@tfh.org](mailto:unstoppable@tfh.org)

**We hope you find this content  
inspiring and challenging!**





# Vision



# Making Room For More

Have you ever gone to a movie and not been able to find seats together? When someone takes the risk to give God a shot, all it takes is one reason to walk away. At The Father's House East Bay, we are determined to not let a lack of space stand in someone's way. We will do whatever it takes to always have room for the people God brings through our doors.

Somewhere along the way, someone made room for you and me. Someone sacrificed to make sure we would have a place to experience Jesus for who He really is. Now we get the privilege of making room for the thousands who will follow behind us.

Through ***Unstoppable: God's Not Done, So We Are Not Done***, we intend to provide the resources that position us for a new church home that will accommodate more ministry, more impact, and most importantly more people finding new life in Christ. Ideally that would be a place that is accessible, expandable, visible, and has ample room for kids, youth, gathering, parking and auditorium. This next step, call it an unstoppable step, will require 100% participation of our church family in radical generosity to raise \$3.5 million over the next two years. Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God all things are possible.

God is on the move at The Father's House East Bay! What was envisioned in 2018 has become a reality. People by the hundreds are coming to know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and are now making a real difference with their lives. Our challenge is to **MAKE ROOM** for more people in our community to experience a joy-filled, life-giving relationship with Jesus and his family.

# The Challenge Before Us

To achieve the **Unstoppable** campaign goal, we are inviting everyone to join us on a 2-year spiritual journey of sacrifice, risk-taking, and a whole new level of trusting God. Together, we can provide the financial resources needed to accomplish this project. But it will take all of us walking in faith and obedience to God.

Simply put: God-sized visions require God-sized sacrifices. While each of us won't contribute the same amount, we are all being called to equal sacrifice. Jesus really can accomplish more than we could ask or imagine.

At its core, **Unstoppable** is about much more than buildings or finances. It's a spiritual journey about opening our hearts to all that God wants to do in us and through us. What God desires to do through His church is vast, expansive, and filled with purpose – and what's at stake are the lives and eternities of real people. Heaven and hell are a reality, and people's eternities matter!

Are you up for it?

We encourage you to spend the coming weeks asking God what part He would have you play in this season at our church. Get started by praying this prayer, along with our entire church body, every day during the next several weeks:

**“Jesus, what do You  
want to do through me?”**

Let this Journey Guide be your traveling companion on this journey.

Grab a Journey Guide each Sunday to take notes during the message series. Work through the next 7 devotionals. Ponder what God might be calling you to do!

# Involve The Whole Family

Adults are going on this journey in ways that involve them individually, in groups, and on Sundays.

But this season in our church's history involves absolutely everyone—all the kids and students will also be learning about these things at their level on Sundays and in their groups. Our desire is that this would be a journey that parents can also walk through with their kids!

Kids Elementary | Our 1st - 5th grade kids will be each given a Kids Guide. Kids are encouraged to bring their Guides each week for stamps that reinforce what it means to be Unstoppable for Jesus. All kids will also be given a barrel to collect their own money to contribute towards Unstoppable. Weekly we will give out stickers to add to their barrels as encouragement for their courageous generosity.

Kids and Preschool - Kindergarten | Our preschool and kindergarten classes will all be given sticker books to use as their journey guides. Kids are encouraged to bring their sticker books each week and will be given new stickers to add to their book that reinforce what it means to be Unstoppable for Jesus. All kids will also be given a barrel to collect their own money to contribute towards Unstoppable. Weekly we will give out stickers to add to their barrels as encouragement for their Unstoppable generosity.

Parents | All of this is an opportunity to help teach our children that they too can be a part of this Unstoppable journey! We encourage you to have discussions at home, helping them seek the Lord to ask him what He wants to do through them. Together as a class, we will be submitting names of those in our lives who are far from God. Help your kids think of those in their lives who need to know Jesus.

This is all to honor our primary goal of 100% participation. Let's agree to be Unstoppable together!

**“Enlarge the place of your tent and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.”**

**Isaiah 54:2-3**



# Sermon Notes







# Sunday: Day 1 Devotion

## Coming To Him

### Scripture for the day: Psalm 63:1-4

*"O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole-body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; How I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer."*

### Reflect: Worship is vital to my destiny.

Our days are consumed with busy; we are wired up. Our phones are on and life hits us as soon as we open our eyes. But have we lost our way here? What about the real meaning of life? Does my soul hunger for more? Am I thirsty for Jesus? Is worshiping Him high on my to do list? David had come to realize worship was the main thing...not an afterthought in his life and his greatness was born out of that. You and I too were made to worship and if we are to fulfill our highest and best purpose in this life, we need to figure this out - worship isn't an option, it is a must. Do you ever stop and just speak out to the Lord, "How I praise you! There is no one like you." If I am going to develop a heart after God, I must learn that worship and praise are vital to my life. So, start your day not with your phone in hand, but with your heart set before Him. Worship Him, praise Him and watch how He brings life to your day. Jesus said in Luke 19:37-40 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"

**Prayer:** Father, teach me to worship you, to speak out my praise for you. So many things crowd my day and often I am not worshipful. I want to learn the lessons you taught David; I want to be after your heart, and I know that begins with worship. Holy Spirit, draw me into praise and adoration of my Father. Amen

# Monday: Day 2 Devotion

## Coming To Him

### Scripture for the day: Psalm 8:4-6

*"What are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority."*

### Reflect: God has given you amazing possibility.

God desires intimate relationships with people yet, sadly, most of us don't stop or take the time to build a relationship with Him. He has an incredible view of you and me. A view from above, when we are in Christ, He sees us as we are to be - as we were created to be - not as we live each day.

He has crowned us with majesty and glory. Wow that is a crazy statement! Yet, when you look at the things humans can accomplish, we shouldn't be surprised. He has set us apart from all creation and put His image in us. He has given us authority and possibility to touch and change destiny in this life and in the next.

Are you using your God-given glory for His good? Have you chosen to make a difference in eternity? These decisions all impact how I live and what I value. Do I value people more than things? Do I sacrifice to touch others?

### Do I live daily like I believe I am the crown of all creation?

Jesus has made it clear we are His, if we know Him and we belong to Him. He has destiny set before us. It is His desire to draw us into deep relationship with Him and then use us to touch others. He has put His glory on you for a reason larger than you. Turn to Him and surrender daily to Him, let Him bind your heart to His so you can fulfill your destiny.

John 17:22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."

**Prayer:** Jesus I am stunned to think of your glory in my life. Thank you for desiring deep relationship with me. Draw me to yourself and teach me to live your heart, with your values, not my own. Teach me to come to you daily and set my heart before you so I can be certain I fulfill all that you have for me. Amen

# Tuesday: Day 3 Devotion

## Coming To Him

### Scripture for the day: Genesis 21:1-3

*"The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. And Abraham named their son Isaac."*

### Reflect: God keeps his word with us.

Abraham and Sarah had waited 30 years! That seems totally unreasonable, doesn't it? God, why 30 years? I can't answer that, but I am sure it was the right time because God is never wrong, and the scriptures tell us it was the appointed time. Not too soon and not too late. Notice how the emphasis in these verses tell us, "The Lord did as He promised". This is so important for us to grasp. Jesus keeps His word. The key is not to give up your faith; wait and keep waiting. Stay before Him, stay in His presence daily. Romans 4:18-22 tells us how important this is, Romans 4:18-22 In hope against hope he (Abraham) believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "So shall your descendants be." Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore, it was also credited to him as righteousness.

When God has you waiting in faith, this is so important. Wait in faith. How do you know if you're waiting in faith? Look at Abraham; he waited in faith, yet he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God. Can you give glory to God while you are waiting? God hasn't forgotten you; He knows your address and He is on the way. He appoints the time, and His time is right. Though it carries, wait for it.

Habakkuk 2:3 This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

**Prayer:** Jesus I am so impatient sometimes, please forgive me. Teach me to wait on you and not to just wait, but to wait in faith, giving glory to you. Holy Spirit, I need you to work this out in me; it often seems impossible and on my own I know it is. But you can do it, thank you! Amen

# Wednesday: Day 4 Devotion

## Coming To Him

### Scripture for the day: Genesis 41:1

*"Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream..."*

### Reflect: God may have you waiting; trust His timing.

Joseph spent 10 years waiting for God to rescue him. I am certain he must have been wounded at times by the long delays. He asked a man to help in Genesis 40, but that man forgot him and left him for 2 more years. It seems there was no justice here. But God was in it all.

Waiting is hard. But the pain of waiting is usually part of the growing process for all of us. It is difficult to comprehend sometimes but it is always meant for good. Could Pharaoh have had this dream two years earlier? Yes, he could, but God set Himself to work in Joseph at very deep levels so Joseph would be a man He could use greatly. You can never know what God is up to inside of you, healing, restoring and redeeming your life and destiny. Remain still and keep believing He will show up. He hasn't forgotten you or your need.

A.W. Tozer said, "It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply." So much of life in Christ is spent waiting, allowing Him to refine you. It often feels like you have been forgotten but as Job reminds us, God never forgets us...

Job 23:10-12 "He knows where I am going. And when he tests me, I will come out as pure as gold. For I have stayed on God's paths, I have followed his ways and not turned aside. I have not departed from his commands but have treasured his words more than daily food."

Remember, you can never know the day or the hour the Holy Spirit might move to rescue your situation. When Joseph came before Pharaoh, he was a different man than he was two years earlier. When Pharaoh asked him if he could interpret his dreams as he had been told, Joseph told him the truth. "It is beyond my power to do this." Genesis 41:16. Joseph had figured out this was all about God, not him, and that it was His Spirit at work in him to do great things. My friend, He is at work in you, both to will and to do according to the riches of His glory. Be still and let Him have His way and He will free you and deliver you at just the right time.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, teach me to wait until you are done. I believe you are at work in me, doing a great thing. Thank you for being so faithful to me. I trust You to do all you have promised, in your time, by Your Holy Spirit. Amen

# Thursday: Day 5 Devotion

## Coming To Him

### Scripture for the day: Numbers 13:28, Numbers 14:3

*"But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak!"*

*"Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?"*

### Reflect: Keep hope even when life is hard.

Sometimes the things before us seem overwhelming. We look at them and we are cast down. "How could God do this to me?" we ask. It appears He has set us up for failure. Joshua was told he would take the land, but he was also told the "cities were fortified", that is, they were ready for battle. That is often the case with our journey; God sets before us a land of promise, but it is also a land of battle. Don't allow this to cast your heart down. He is with you every step of the way. Keep your heart and spirit right.

It is easy to have a poverty mentality when things don't go our way - a small mindedness about our possibilities in Christ, a poor attitude. This attitude of poverty kills His promises and possibilities in us. Even the widow with her mite believed bigger than her circumstances. Life can be rough; we've all experienced it. How we respond to life's bumps will depend on if we believe God is for us or against us.

"The power to believe a promise depends entirely on faith in the Promiser. If you trust in a person, then you will trust in his word...When I know the true, good, and loving nature of the Promiser, then I will have faith in what He promises." – Andrew Murray

Do you live paralyzed in fear or emboldened with faith? Do you have an attitude of abundance or poverty? An attitude of abundance is a choice of our will. Will you choose today to trust Him?

**Prayer:** Thank you, Lord, for always being for me and for supplying all of my needs in Christ! Create in me an attitude of abundance that will cause me to believe bigger than myself.

# Friday: Day 6 Devotion

## Coming To Him

### Scripture for the day: Genesis 39:6-9

*"So, Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing— except what kind of food to eat! Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "My master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God."*

### Reflect: Character supports destiny.

When we draw near to Jesus daily, He guards, corrects and protects our lives. He keeps us on track, so we don't lose our way. When we fail to draw near to Him, we are vulnerable to the temptations around us, the ones that shipwreck our faith and ruin our hearts and character. Without character, there will be no destiny. We are all tempted by the world, the flesh and the enemy. But if we surrender to our passions, we lose our possibility.

Many of us hunger for God's touch in our journey but we refuse His correction. Without correction, we all lose our way. With correction, we grow in character. And character supports our destiny, our life journey. Character positions us for the Holy Spirit to touch us and move in us and through us with power.

Without strong character we lose our foundation and our way. When we lie, cheat, steal and surrender to the flesh we lose destiny. It is human to pursue power, money and things, but it is supernatural to pursue Him and His Spirit working in us, giving us a heart for others and a humility of mind and heart that otherwise eludes us.

**Prayer:** Jesus, each time I am tempted to stray, stop me and convict me. Correct me, please. I desire to live Holy unto you. I know my character counts and the decisions I make each day impact my destiny. Draw me to you and teach me that your Holy Spirit gives the power and ability I need to walk upright. Amen

# Saturday: Day 7 Devotion

## Coming To Him

### Scripture for the day: Genesis 39:20-21

*“So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king’s prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.”*

### Reflect: Worship is vital to my destiny

There are 2 important lessons in these verses. **The First Lesson:** Joseph had done the right thing here and received a wrong outcome. Has that ever happened to you? You obeyed the Lord and then wham! you got fired or someone lied about you. How did you handle it? Our response is crucial to our destiny. A soft, trusting heart positions you for God’s favor on your life. A resentful, angry and bitter heart removes possibility for all of us. God wants you in a place where He can favor you.

C.S. Lewis in his book *The Problem of Pain*, writes; “God whispers in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain.”

**Second Lesson:** Earning our way is part of life for many of us. Working hard and pushing through come naturally for those who are successful. But there are times when neither you nor I can make a way for ourselves. Joseph was a very sharp guy, a very successful guy. He was thrown to the bottom of circumstances over and over and he always rose to the top. Why? Not because he made his own way, because he depended on the Lord to make a way for him. That didn’t mean he didn’t engage and work hard, he did. He was thoughtful and resourceful. He was obviously a talented guy who had many gifts, but he was also a man who put his trust in the Lord. Not in himself.

Both lessons end up being about favor, the favor of God on His people. Jesus can give us favor we never deserve if we walk in Him and in His ways. Joseph got that; he was in for the long haul, are you?

**Prayer:** Jesus when things don’t go my way, remind me to stay in, not to give up or allow bitterness to permeate me. I want your will and your way, and I need your favor in my world. Teach me to remain strong if I am wronged, not to give up or give in to wrong attitudes. Thank you that as I trust you and walk with you I will be surprised by your favor in my circumstances. Amen





**“God’s sacrificial act of love  
towards us in Jesus  
compels us to be  
committed to the glory of  
GOD in all of life. ”**



# Commitment Guide

**AFTER PRAYING, WE'RE ASKING YOU TO CREATIVELY BUILD YOUR UNSTOPPABLE COMMITMENT. THESE SECTIONS OF THE JOURNEY GUIDES WILL BE A GREAT HELP.**

Can you picture what it will be like to see God open the door for a new campus, realizing that He has enabled you to give more than you ever dreamed possible over the next two years? Can you envision your heart expanding as you become more open-handed and generous, ultimately helping thousands of people discover a relationship with Jesus?

Since the beginning of The Father's House East Bay, our church has been marked by generous people—those willing to sacrifice their resources so that others can experience the love of God, just as they have. We know that God hasn't given everyone the ability to give the same dollar amount, but He does call us to sacrificial generosity. Even if you've never contributed to God's work before, now is a great time to test the waters. Everyone can participate in some way! Often, some form of sacrifice is required to achieve your goals. For us to expand and continue making an impact, it will take sacrifice. We will need to shift our priorities, spending, and giving. If we want to reach those around us, we must create opportunities for them to be reached—we need to increase our ministry space. We collectively choose to make these sacrifices so that the lost can encounter the life-changing love of Jesus.

**Where to Start?**

The best place to begin is by talking with God about what's on your heart and mind, specifically regarding this giving commitment. Be honest and open about it.

Even when sorting out financial questions, remember that this is a spiritual journey. It's not about guilt or obligation.

**REMEMBER, THE GOAL ISN'T TO FIND A MATHEMATICAL FORMULA; IT'S ABOUT GIVING JESUS ACCESS TO YOUR HEART AND LETTING HIM GUIDE YOU IN YOUR FINANCIAL DECISIONS. AVOID MAKING QUICK DECISIONS.**

In the next few pages, you'll discover resources to help you and your family determine what your faith step should be.

**Mark Your Calendars:**



**November 10**

This is our Commitment Sunday where we'll be turning in our Unstoppable commitments together as a church. The real journey will begin from there as we faithfully bring our gifts over the next two years.

## God's Guide For Giving

The Bible has much to say about giving and the promises attached to it. Giving is both a responsibility and a privilege. With that in mind, here are four biblical principles on giving from 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.

### **1. Every believer in every church should give.**

Giving is a biblical discipline. The apostle Paul instructed the Corinthian believers, "Follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia" (NLT). In other words, Paul was saying, "They did it in Galatia; you need to do it in Corinth. They did it in Macedonia, and we need to do it here." This expectation is not just for the Corinthians; it applies to every believer.

### **2. We learn that giving is to be done consistently and regularly.**

"On every Lord's Day," Paul said in verse two, "put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned" (NLT). The idea is to consistently set aside a percentage of your income for the work of God. This is what Scripture instructs us to do. By doing this, you can invest in His kingdom. For some, this may mean creating margin in your spending and saving to facilitate giving.

### **3. Giving is a personal act.**

Notice that Paul says, "each of you should put aside some amount of money" (1 Corinthians 16:2, NLT). His point is that every one of us should set aside an amount to give. Even children should be taught this principle. Giving to God's work is a personal responsibility for every believer.

#### **4. We should prepare ourselves to invest in the work of God.**

The apostle Paul instructed the believers, “Put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering” (1 Corinthians 16:2, NLT). Paul is encouraging us to prayerfully consider how much to give and to do it in advance. It should never be a last-minute or flippant practice. He emphasizes that our gifts may not be equal, but our sacrifice should be. Our giving should be in proportion to what we earn. Giving is an opportunity to be obedient to God. Take it seriously, but also do it cheerfully.

## **This Week**

### **Deliberate—Talk with God**

First, we encourage you to go to God and seek His will for your life. It's important to pursue and follow the direction He has for you. Remember, He has a purpose for your life and will show you the doors to walk through. This requires the continued discipline of asking and listening to Him.

### **Define—What Will Sacrifice Look Like for You?**

What changes can you make in your life to better enable you to invest in what you believe in? How can you give in ways that will make a difference in your own life? These decisions are often personal and specific to your lifestyle, budget, and the areas where you know God is asking you to make changes and sacrifices.

### **Determine—What Is Our Starting Point?**

Each of us can meaningfully invest in proportion to the resources God has given us. Your two-year commitment should reflect the definition of sacrifice and big faith as God reveals it to you. We want to clarify what commitment is and what it is not. A commitment is a heartfelt decision to support what God is doing through The Father's House East Bay, and it's something you make between you and God. A commitment is not a contract or legal agreement.

### **Decide—What Might a Goal & Plan Look Like?**

Prayerfully develop a two-year plan for giving that exceeds your regular contributions. Remember, we are not just buying a building; we are investing in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to this and future generations.

### **Donate—Are My Stored Resources in Play?**

Another way to contribute to Unstoppable is by giving existing assets. Donating an asset to the church and allowing it to be sold can eliminate potential capital gains taxes and increase the after-tax proceeds. Consider donating stocks, cryptocurrency, real estate, or collectibles.

**“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28:19-20**



# FAQs



# A Word About FAQs

At The Father's House East Bay, we strive to be transparent, engaged, and available to our church body so that we can all be on the same page and accomplish God's purposes in unity and joy. FAQs help us achieve that goal and serve as an effective way to communicate information to everyone at The Father's House East Bay—information that one-on-one conversations or discussions between services may not cover. Your vision booklet included an initial round of FAQs, and this section adds to that. You can submit additional questions to: [unstoppable@tfh.org](mailto:unstoppable@tfh.org)

## WHAT IS UNSTOPPABLE?

In short, Unstoppable is a two-year generosity campaign that enables us to fulfill the vision God has given us at The Father's House East Bay. Through generosity, we believe our church family can raise \$3.5 million over the next two years.

## WHY UNSTOPPABLE?

“Unstoppable” is our response to God's call to expand our church home. We have grown to the point where optimal service times are full, and the lobby can't accommodate connection. Parking is a significant challenge. Simply put, you don't have to be at The Father's House East Bay long to realize that we are very limited in space for ministry. We won't let our facilities impede our mission of reaching people who are far from God.

## WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE UNSTOPPABLE CAMPAIGN?

Our goal for “Unstoppable” is for 100% of our congregation to pray and participate in sacrificial generosity for the vision God has set before us. Finding our church home will enable us to reach more people in need of the life-changing love of Jesus. Our building expansion goals have been explained in the Unstoppable Vision FAQ Booklet, which is available at the Unstoppable Kiosk in our lobby or on our website.

## WHAT SHOULD I ANTICIPATE?

Remember, we have an adversary who will do everything possible to convince you that Unstoppable isn't for you. He knows that if he can shut off the flow of generosity, we won't be able to move forward in our mission

and calling. So, make a commitment to embark on this spiritual journey with your church family. This may also mean that you need to overcome any doubts—such as believing this isn't for you, that your gifts won't matter, or that your sacrifice won't be rewarded by God. Don't let yourself hold you back!

### **WHAT IS THE EXPECTATION OF UNSTOPPABLE?**

Our prayerful expectation is for everyone to take the next step on the spiritual and generosity journey God has set before us. Yes, this will require God to awaken our hearts to the magnitude of how many people are lost in our world. We each need to allow God to leverage our lives to build His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. These two years are about growing in our walk with Jesus, both personally and collectively as a church. If we all take a step forward in our spiritual journey, we will become a church of people with a heart for what God has planned for The Father's House in the East Bay.

### **WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN GIVING?**

If you haven't participated in giving much, or at all, that's okay—this is a great time to take the plunge and start creating and expanding your generosity story. Paul instructs us in 1 Corinthians 8:7 to grow in the grace of giving. This isn't just a suggestion; God knows that there is significant blessing tied to where we place our treasure. We are challenged to grow continuously in our giving throughout our lives, and the promise is that His grace will enable us to do just that.

There is no greater adventure on earth than living a life of generosity and abundance. This opportunity is available to all of God's people, yet so few dare to embrace it. We encourage you to use the Unstoppable Campaign as a test to see how faithful God is in return. Place your trust in God's good plan, and your heart will follow. Your faith will expand, your confidence in God will grow, and your declaration that "God is first" will deepen.

The Apostle Paul encourages followers of Christ to grow spiritually in every way, as he shares in Ephesians 3:20-21: "He will do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask, think, or imagine." This blessing

can encompass a full range of gifts. While it may include financial returns, many testify to blessings that are far greater, including breakthroughs in relationships, health, jobs, attitudes, habits, and healings. This is the generosity story you are creating for yourself and your family. In Philippians 4:17, Paul expressed his motivation for generosity: “I am not trying to get something from you, but I want you to receive the blessings that come from giving.” That’s our motivation—to see God at work in each of our lives, witnessing His supernatural blessing, favor, and protection over our families as we place our trust in Him.



## Still Have Questions?

We would love to hear from you.

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