



 Unstoppable  East Bay

Journey Guide Vol. 3: Embrace A Surrendered Heart

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

Isaiah 54:2-3



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FOR THE ONE!

An ancient Hebrew prayer, called the Shema, is said to be the most prayed prayer in all of history. It is found in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6:4-5.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.”

What does it mean that the Lord our God, the Lord, is ONE? Who are we that God would choose ordinary people like us to glorify Him through this church? But that is our calling and our privilege. He is the ONE in whom we “live and breathe and have our being.” As we continue on our journey, the sacrifice we are calling our church to make is for the ONE.

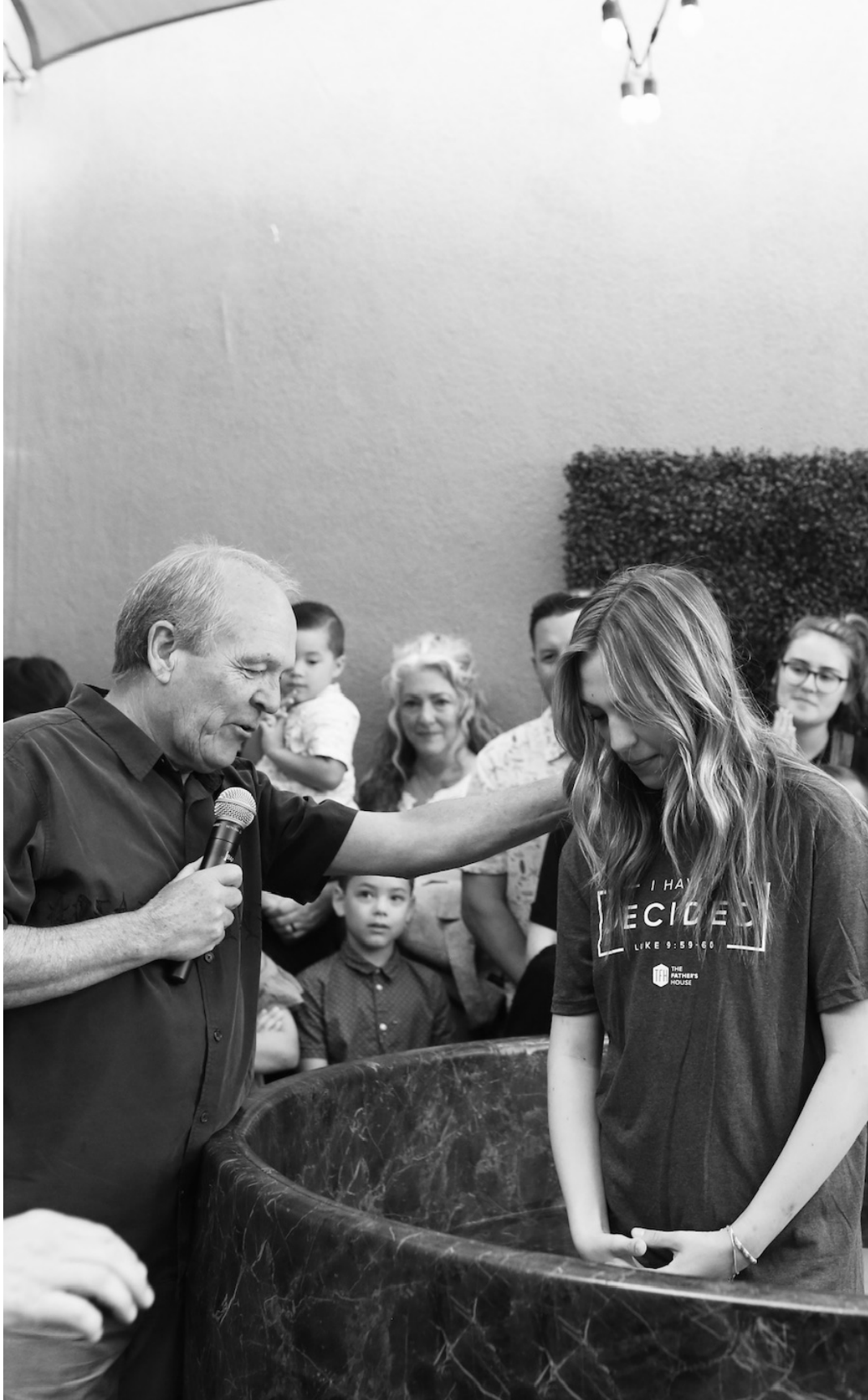
I urge you to consider what it truly means to fully realize that the Lord our God, the Lord, is ONE. Is He the ONE thing that drives every other aspect of your life? This will require you to sacrifice time, comfort, resources, certainty, and other aspects of “life as usual” in order to invest in eternal things that never fade.

Unstoppable is our two-year discipleship journey, set before each and every one of us. We pray that every person who calls The Father’s House home will make a commitment that will have a kingdom impact for generations to come.

There is only ONE name under heaven by which we are saved. I don’t know about you, but I want to give my entire life to serve that name. Join us in acknowledging that the Lord our God, the Lord, is ONE.

Pastor’s Shane and Jamie

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





Our Challenge

OUR CURRENT CHALLENGE

The Father's House East Bay is a blessed church. In every location where we've put down stakes, we've thrived, grown, and impacted countless lives. Each location eventually filled up because our heart beats for people far from God. We couldn't, and won't, be satisfied with anything less. God isn't done, so we're not done. And now, once again, we find ourselves in the same position.

As a church, we've done an amazing job of overcoming many of the challenges that come with growth, but that season will soon close. If we don't act now, we will likely start turning people away. Why? Because of issues like parking, full services at the optimal times people want to visit, building limitations, and more. That was the season we were in—but now is the time to focus on new opportunities.

We have grown beyond the COVID-era numbers, and all indicators show that we will continue to be a life-giving church in the East Bay for a long time. We are believing that our next location will be expansive—or at least expandable—so that we can stay well ahead of the growth curve. We are looking for a space that is visible, accessible, and feels right for us and our community.

Our current space is limited. We simply don't have the room or the atmosphere for kids and youth that people expect, especially for a church as large as we are. We want to create an environment where kids beg their parents to bring them, and cry when they have to leave. We want the same for our youth—a place they can truly call their own. With a larger space, we'll be able to accommodate growth and add new ministries to meet these needs.



Yes, it can be tough to invite someone to church. We're already feeling the effects of overcrowding, making it difficult to easily reach out to neighbors, friends, and coworkers and "save them a seat." Waiting too long to provide the space, the seats, and the ministry will mean potentially turning people away—something we're simply not okay with. We are called to be Unstoppable. We will overcome any limitations and barriers.

Our 'WHY' is that important.

The Church is a big deal to God,
It's a big deal to us, too!



We will invest our lives to build it.

The Journey Guide Series

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

Extra volumes of the Journey Guide are available at the Unstoppable Kiosk.

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



UNSTOPPABLE
is our two-year
g e n e r o s i t y
campaign to lead
100% of the TFH
East Bay family to
a place of 100%
trust in God to
raise \$3.5 million
to provide a new
church home.

ANOTHER JOURNEY GUIDE – WHY?

Our objective is for everyone who is part of The Father's House East Bay to spend time pursuing God, opening their hearts and minds to Him, and lingering in His presence as He guides us regarding His will for our Unstoppable Campaign. We only succeed when each of us does our part. These weekly Journey Guides will help you grow spiritually in response to Unstoppable, not just make a financial decision. It's true: you must do something spiritual before you make a financial commitment. Don't rush or circumvent the process. If you're a bit behind, catch up. Extra copies are available online and at our Kiosk in the lobby.

Sermon Notes – Has God spoken to you during our Unstoppable journey? We believe God has something He wants to say to you during this series as you ask Him, "What do You want to do through me?" Please share what God is saying to you—we would love to read it. Send your thoughts to unstoppable@tfh.org.

Devotional Guide – If you've been following along with us, you might have noticed that we haven't been discussing money in our devotional guide. That's intentional. We want to press into Jesus during this season, clear the clutter from our minds, and remove the idols from our hearts. It's from this place of surrender that we position ourselves to hear God's voice and obey what He asks us to do for Unstoppable. So, keep pressing in.

Commitment Section – These sections are designed to help you reflect, plan, and consider what God wants you to do. Your sacrificial commitment to Unstoppable shouldn't be a hasty decision or a brief conversation with your spouse. Such decisions often reflect what's easy, what we can afford, or what we think our spouse will agree to quickly. Instead, put in the work and allow God to lead you in what He wants to do through you. The Macedonians modeled three key steps in their generosity campaign:

1. They first gave themselves to God.
2. Then, they gave to one another.
3. Their gifts were directed by God.

In response, Paul said they gave according to their ability and even beyond their ability. Ultimately, they stretched into a faith commitment that required God to help them fulfill it—a place of faith and trust.

FAQs – Yep, more questions. Go check them out. If you have more questions, reach out to us at Unstoppable@tfh.org.

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



Sermon Notes & Devotionals

SUNDAY, DAY 15 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 1:3

"Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you"

REFLECT: YOU MUST SURRENDER AND ENGAGE

It is tough to live by faith. It is hard to believe in what you cannot see. But that is what a faith walk is about: Surrendering to a living God who asks you to rely on Him. That was really what Joshua 1:3 was about: get up and believe, walk the land and engage. I know you cannot see anything happening when you walk, but your participation is crucial for the final outcome to be victorious.

"I have given it to you" is a staggering thought, to BELIEVE BEFORE YOU SEE. Can you see the promise fulfilled? Oswald Sanders has said, "Eyes that look are common. Eyes that see, are rare."

Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*

This type of faith is life giving. It builds hope and holds off discouragement. It engages with God even when it cannot see the outcome. It wins the battles in life because it believes: if God is for us, who can stand against us?

Fear imprisons, faith liberates; Fear paralyzes, faith empowers; Fear disheartens, faith encourages; Fear sickens, faith heals; Fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable—and, most of all, fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, while faith rejoices in its God.

PRAYER: Lord, teach me to see with eyes in my heart that look beyond the natural. To believe with a faith that will not only liberate me, but others as well. Give me a faith that helps others to be healed and set free as you work through me. Amen

MONDAY, DAY 16 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: NUMBERS 13:30-31

But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!" But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"

REFLECT: WHEN PEOPLE BELIEVE GOD, HE CAN DO GREAT THINGS

Caleb was a remarkable man. Joshua 14 tells us as much as we know about Caleb. At age forty, he went into the Promised Land as one of the spies. Only he and Joshua remained faithful to what the Lord had spoken to them. We hear very little about him but all we hear is good.

We are told, "Caleb completely followed the Lord". Wow, what a description.

He was a great warrior for 45 years after Moses died, and he was faithful and fearless as well. Did you know that Moses promised him land as an inheritance because he followed the Lord faithfully? Did you know what land he was promised? The land filled with giants! What kind of inheritance is that? Caleb's response came from his heart, which always remained true, Joshua 14:12 tells us,

"So give me the hill country that the Lord promised me. You will remember that as scouts we found the descendants of Anak living there in great, walled towns. But if the Lord is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the Lord said."

Caleb had an attitude of abundance. He believed beyond what he could see.

"If we have the faith that believes to see, it will keep us from growing discouraged. We shall "laugh at impossibilities," we shall watch with delight to see how God is going to open up a path through the Red Sea, when there is no human way out of our difficulty. It is just in such places of severe testing that our faith grows and strengthens." – M. Cowman.

For Joshua and Caleb, their faith grew in response to the impossibility of the situation. For others, fear robbed them of any faith they might have had. Where do you live each day? In faith, or in fear? God desires to take away your fear and replace it with faith!

PRAYER: Lord, help me to trust You as I face the impossible. I love You. You offer me the same protection Caleb had; a constant reminder of Your presence, teaching me that You will always be there to protect and lead me. Thank you Father. Amen.

TUESDAY, DAY 17 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 15:25-26

"So we decided, having come to complete agreement, to send you official representatives, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

REFLECT: SURRENDER TO JESUS INCLUDES LEARNING TO TAKE RISKS

"Faith is the simplest exercise of the spiritual life, and it is also the highest."

– Andrew Murray

Many of us live our lives close to the vest, so to speak. We are always leery of a risk, but faith is just that - a risk - and, when you learn to surrender to Jesus, you figure out that He will ask you to take risks. The men in these verses were men who "risked their lives for Jesus' name". That is part of living by faith: taking risks for Jesus. He will ask you to take risks on people. People with bad reputations that need you to help them get whole. Barnabas did just that for a zealous ex-Pharisee named Saul. He took him under his wing and disciplined him. He poured his life into him when he had nothing to gain and everything to lose. Jesus did that when He forgave a demonized lady named Mary Magdalene and allowed her to become one of His followers.

It is the same story with Abraham who risked his life to rescue his nephew Lot from the kings who had conquered their land and all this after Lot had taken advantage of his uncle's favor and taken the best of his land. In fact, Abraham, who is called the Father of Faith, made risk-taking a habit. Abraham is an example of a real risk-taker. For Abraham, risk meant trusting in God even when he didn't understand.

Hebrews 11:8 It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

It has been said of Abraham, *"Where he went, he knew not; it was enough to know he went with God. He leaned not so much upon the promises as upon the Promiser. He looked, not on the difficulties of his situation, but on his King."* —F.B. Meyer

Taking risks was part of walking with God for Abraham, for Paul, for Jesus and it is for us as well.

PRAYER: Father I am not by nature a risk-taker. I often pull back from risk-taking. Teach me, Holy Spirit, how and when to take the risks you want me to take. I desire to grow in you and I understand that growing in faith requires taking some risks. Help me to trust you to meet me in the risk. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DAY 18 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 3:8, 13

“Give this command to the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant: “When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river and stop there. The priests will carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall.”

REFLECT: WAITING ON THE LORD IS PART OF SURRENDER

We are impatient people, aren't we? If we can't have it now we will go somewhere we can. We are always told we shouldn't have to wait. Waiting is bad; too many things to do and people to see. But in the Kingdom of God, waiting is part of growing in Jesus. He will ask you to wait. He always does.

It is interesting to note in these verses that the Lord asked them to put their whole foot in the raging spring river. Then, to stand and wait for a miracle. They had to literally step out in faith. How long did they stand still in the Jordan? Well, it was damned up 17-19 miles north. They obeyed but didn't realize their miracle immediately.

Often as we walk by faith, Jesus asks us to obey and then to wait and see Him move. Having to wait is sometimes more difficult than trusting Him for the miracle. Waiting is certainly not in our nature, but it is His call for us.

Over and over scripture declares it, Psalm 37:9 *“But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land.”* Waiting is our means to a deep relationship with Jesus.

Psalms 25:4-5 *“Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.”*

Waiting makes a very important statement: there is nowhere else to go! Who else am I going to turn to if I don't wait for you? You alone have what I need. Waiting literally enthrones God in our journey. So, the next time you are frustrated about having to wait, remember that Jesus is building His Kingdom in you. Be patient.

PRAYER: Father, I hate waiting; I often grow very frustrated with you when you make me wait. Teach me to learn the value of pressing into you and enjoying the journey instead of growing impatient and frustrated. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for teaching me to have Jesus' heart. Amen.

THURSDAY, DAY 19 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 1:3

"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you."

REFLECT: TAKING HOLD OF ALL HE HAS FOR YOU

The book of Joshua teaches us principles for possessing God's promises and our potential. God's promises are there for us to possess. Joshua tells us how we can take the promises of God and live in them. It is the story of a people, Israel, who moved out of slavery, but struggled to move into fullness.

Many of us are stuck in the same battle. We know it is one thing to be a freed slave, but quite another to be a person of promise. To not only be free, but to have conquered other land, to have helped and healed other people. It is one thing as a young Christian to have God feed you daily His life and manna. It is quite another to sow and reap daily in life – both are miraculous, but in one you go get (Manna) handed to you as a young believer, the other you partner with God to receive. As we grow in Jesus,

He expects more and more from us. He wants us to press into places we would have feared going before. He wants us to believe for others' lives and destinies.

We have great possibilities to possess as a church at this time. Possibilities of renewed building space to reach and touch others, help children and families, heal the wounded, teach the Word and give the life-changing message of the gospel. But this all takes commitment and, over our history as a church, we have always demonstrated that we were willing to jump in and believe God for others. Well, we are here again. We must also grow up in our own relationship to the Lord, possessing all He has for us. We must be unwilling to live with less than all He intends for us.

PRAYER: Father, create in me a passionate desire to have all You desire for my life. Help me to not be satisfied with anything less. Father, I desire to be more than a slave set free. Make me a person of promise. One who will be a light in darkness and a giver of hope to the hopeless. Amen.

FRIDAY, DAY 20 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: JOSHUA 1:14-15

"All your fighting men, fully armed, must cross over ahead of your brothers. You are to help your brothers until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them."

REFLECT: LIFE IS A BATTLE, FIGHT IT TOGETHER WITH HIM

God's sovereignty doesn't preclude human responsibility. Promise and blessing OFTEN don't just tumble into our hands. After Joshua crossed over the Jordan, the battle had only begun. The next 20 years of his life would be spent fighting God's battles, and he was 80 years old!! But even in his old age he would ask for more. The whole first half of the Book of Joshua is about war, the battles. But then the second half is about peace, the possibility to flourish.

The first eleven chapters of Joshua are about BATTLES that had to be fought. Joshua's life was one battle after another, yet he never gave up. Some of you can identify with that. The battles can get very wearing and discouragement can quickly become a greater enemy than the one we had been fighting. It is vital that we do not forget that when we partner with God, no enemy we face will be able to stand. Remember that, after the battle, comes the time to flourish in Him.

Joshua 1:5 *"No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life...I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you."*

The future always holds blessings and battles. Remember, often the fruit of life is picked from the enemy's tree!

PRAYER: Lord, please strengthen me with Your Holy Spirit. Renew me as I press on for You. Remind me that You are the One who fights, and I am the one who trusts and prays. Amen.

SATURDAY, DAY 21 DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 6:9

"There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

REFLECT: GOD IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

"When we do what we can, God will do what we can't." Those who have experienced the blessing of a miracle have learned partnership with God. The lad with two fish and five loaves gave all he had. As little as it was, it was sufficient to be the basis of a miracle. This is always how God works through humans. Certainly, He could do it without us, but He has chosen to do it with us. Aren't you glad? Wow, what an amazing God who would love and use people like us!

In any miracle there are two parts: God's part and your part. You are called to participate in miracles by acknowledging you have a need that only God can meet. The disciples saw the feeding of thousands as a responsibility that they were unable to meet. They had to turn to Jesus because the task was beyond them. When you see that something is beyond your ability and admit your need, you are positioned for a miracle.

God regularly puts us in places where our need overreaches our means. This is no accident; this is His way of causing us to trust in Him and believe for Him to do what we cannot, through us. That is the amazing part - He doesn't go around us; He uses us as much as we will allow ourselves to be used.

Remember, with God all things are possible, but you must be willing to participate with Him in trust. Miracles happen when you give all that you have, no matter how small.

PRAYER: Lord, make me a willing partner of yours. You have shown yourself so faithful to me over and over again. Now, Lord, help me look to You when I have need and allow my heart trust that You will meet it. Amen.



Why A Commitment Card?



WHY A COMMITMENT CARD?

Generosity campaigns rely on the church family making gifts that go beyond their current level of giving to meet the ministry budget needs of the church. The most effective way to increase giving is through a spiritual approach, where we focus our hearts on things above. From this spiritual foundation, our financial priorities naturally take shape. That's why filling out a commitment card is so important. Take a look at our Unstoppable Commitment Card. There are three key things to know about this card.

MONTHLY GIFT / QUICK REFERENCE	MONTHLY	ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR
	\$41,667	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
	\$20,834	\$250,000	\$500,000
	\$10,417	\$125,000	\$250,000
	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$100,000
	\$3,125	\$37,500	\$75,000
	\$2,084	\$25,000	\$50,000
	\$1,250	\$15,000	\$30,000
	\$625	\$7,500	\$15,000
	\$417	\$5,000	\$10,000
	\$313	\$3,750	\$7,500
	\$250	\$3,000	\$6,000
	\$188	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$125	\$1,500	\$3,000	
\$63	\$750	\$1,500	
\$21	\$250	\$500 OR LESS	

* MONTHLY AMOUNT ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST \$

Thank You For Joining Us On This Journey

That will accelerate our impact and discipleship of thousands in the East Bay

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ MOBILE HOME

MY 2 YEAR FAITH STEP AND COMMITMENT.

CASH	\$	<input type="text"/>	=	MY TOTAL COMMITMENT
VALUE OF ASSETS OTHER THAN CASH	\$	<input type="text"/>		\$

ALL PLEDGES WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
THIS IS A STATEMENT OF INTENT THAT MAY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED AT ANY TIME.

First, this is a spiritual decision and a spiritual process. We completely understand the cynicism that exists in our world today, and you might be thinking, “This is really about money, and that’s what we’re discussing.” Yes, finances are involved, but fundamentally, this is much more than a financial decision—it’s a deeply spiritual process.

For the past few weeks, as we’ve been discussing Unstoppable, we’ve been saying that our hope is for every person, in every household and family in our church, to engage in a prayerful, spiritually catalytic encounter with God as it pertains to our money and possessions.

This resonates with many of you because you’ve been through similar experiences before. These encounters have shaped and formed you. You’ve grown from the grace of giving that Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 8:7. We never come out of this kind of encounter the same way we went in. God works on us, and our zeal for the house of God grows. This phrase, “zeal for your house will consume me,” is from the Old Testament and is quoted in reference to Jesus in the New Testament. Your commitment on a card is meant to demonstrate that you have zeal for the house of the Lord. It’s more than just a financial decision—it’s a spiritual transaction and declaration.

We can get consumed with many things, but through this spiritual journey, expect God to work on your heart. Through prayer and sacrifice, He will purify your zeal and the things you get consumed by. He wants to clear away distractions, helping us to focus on our love for the Lord and His church, so that we can say, “This is where happiness is. This is where our purpose lies. This is where our lives should be invested.”

Right now, we don’t know exactly how this will unfold for you, but we want to encourage you to go through this prayerful, spiritually catalytic encounter with God. God will work in your life.

Second, it will take all of us. It simply will. The reason for that is twofold: First, our vision isn’t just to fund a new building. Our vision is to build the kind of community that God is calling us to be. This is an all-hands-on-deck spiritual effort. It’s a community we’re all building together. It will take all of us to reach our goals and make the investments we believe God is calling us to make, both for the future and the present of our church. A number on a card represents your commitment to being “all in.”

Third, if you hear a voice in your head or your heart this week telling you that your

gift or commitment will be insignificant in this campaign, we encourage you not to listen to that voice—or, if need be, tell it to “shut up.” You may be tempted to think, “In a \$3.5 million campaign, that’s a huge number. I’m not a heavy hitter. I’m not a large giver. I’m not wealthy, so my commitment must be insignificant.”

We want to assure you that’s not true, for two reasons. First, even at a financial level, it’s not true. Every light bulb will shine because of someone’s gift. Every doorknob will be turned by a child. Every parking stall will be the beginning of a brand-new life in Christ. Every chair will impact someone. So, at a basic level, every gift matters because every gift has an impact.

But more importantly, there’s no way this process and commitment can be insignificant in YOUR relationship with God. It will be significant to you and to the faith you are growing in, both in your relationship with God and with this church.

This isn’t about trying to earn God’s favor—like buying His love with your gift. That’s not what we’re saying at all, and we hope you don’t think that way. But your commitment reflects the faith, love, trust, and growth that God wants to cultivate in you (Phil 4:17). No gift, no process, is insignificant to the Lord.

On **Sunday, November 10**, we will have Commitment Sunday, a pivotal moment in the life of our church. We invite you to be a part of it and encourage you to do the hard work. The easy part is filling out the card; the hard part is the spiritual work—the prayer, the discernment. We encourage you to take your time and don’t rush it.

On Commitment Sunday, at some point during the service, we will have a commitment time with receptacles up front. This will be a moment where we come forward and place our cards in the receptacle. Don’t be intimidated by this. This isn’t a legal document or a contract—it’s a spiritual document, a spiritual transaction. The number on your card reflects your heart. It declares that you have a surrendered heart, a willing heart—perhaps even a scared heart—but also a fully devoted heart. We pray that this will be a spiritually significant moment in your life and in the life of our church family.





FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here is a new set of questions we have prepared for you. If you missed them, check out Volume 1 and Volume 2. We offer these FAQs to help broaden your understanding of our campaign, its processes, and the spiritual journey. It's true that the spiritual aspect must come before the financial one. Let these FAQs guide you as you embark on this spiritual journey.

WHAT ARE “STORED RESOURCES”?

Stored resources are the funds or assets you have beyond your income. You may want to explore unique ways to give toward this campaign. For example, you might have savings, stocks, bonds, or other investments that you decide to donate to the church. Perhaps you own a boat, a vacation home, or a collection that you could part with. You may even consider whether God is calling you to simplify your lifestyle to free up more resources for giving.

WHAT IF I AM CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL STRESS OR HARDSHIP?

If you are struggling with unemployment or carrying a heavy load of debt, a great resource for you is Financial Peace University, a course that helps you develop a plan for taking control of your finances. If this course sounds like it would benefit you, please reach out to us. We'd love to connect you with a group going through the materials.

As you work to overcome financial barriers to giving, remember that giving isn't about what God wants from you—it's about what God wants for you.

Unstoppable is fundamentally about a heart change, one that can only be accomplished by fully surrendering our lives to God. This looks different for each of us, but ultimately, we hope 100% of us will be part of Unstoppable, so that we can support, love, encourage, and pray for one another through this spiritually stretching season at The Father's House East Bay.

ISN'T GIVING TO OTHER CHARITIES THE SAME AS GIVING TO THE CHURCH?

As followers of Jesus, God calls us to give first to His church for the work of the body of Christ. At The Father's House East Bay, we know firsthand that the church changes lives—we regularly hear stories of transformation. Giving to specific causes can help people in need, and that's wonderful. However, the gospel of Jesus transforms for all eternity, and that transformation is experienced practically in this life as well.

When you give to the church, you are investing in people who will be transformed and will, in turn, change the world. We believe the local church is one of the most compelling missions to support, and we would love for you to make The Father's House East Bay your home and join in on Unstoppable. If you're ready, now is the perfect time to commit and make this a priority. We need you on the team!

IF WE ARE COMMITTING TO UNSTOPPABLE, HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR NORMAL GIVING AND OFFERINGS?

We want everyone at The Father's House East Bay to see their giving as an integral part of their discipleship journey, and to be challenged by God to take the next step. The majority of these Journey Guides focus on digging into key biblical principles that guide us in this area as we follow Jesus. Our top priority is 100% participation in the process. Even if someone wrote us a check today for the \$3.5 million goal, we would still do this campaign.

Whether we're just starting our giving journey or are already committed givers, we all have a next step to take and room to grow. Unstoppable is about giving above and beyond your regular giving, so don't replace your regular contributions with your commitment to Unstoppable.

CAN YOU DEFINE SACRIFICE?

A simple definition of sacrifice is: Giving up something I want, something I need, and something that represents security. Your commitment will likely come from a combination of excess income, reducing spending, liquidating assets, generating more income through time and talent, or sacrificing something meaningful. In essence, sacrifice is deciding what you can give up, do without, postpone, or alter in order to contribute to Unstoppable over the next two years.

WHAT DOES "NOT EQUAL GIFTS, BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE" MEAN?

This phrase acknowledges that we all have different financial capacities, so a "fair share" approach wouldn't work—some could give far more, and others far less. Everyone's story and situation are different. It's not the amount that constitutes sacrifice; rather, it's the attitude of giving generously and sacrificially, in proportion to what God has blessed us with.

The goal is for everyone to give sacrificially. Whether the gift is small or large, each person can say, "This gift is sacrificial for me." In this way, all gifts are received with great joy and are celebrated.

IS IT OK TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GIVE AN AMOUNT THAT I DON'T HAVE RIGHT NOW?

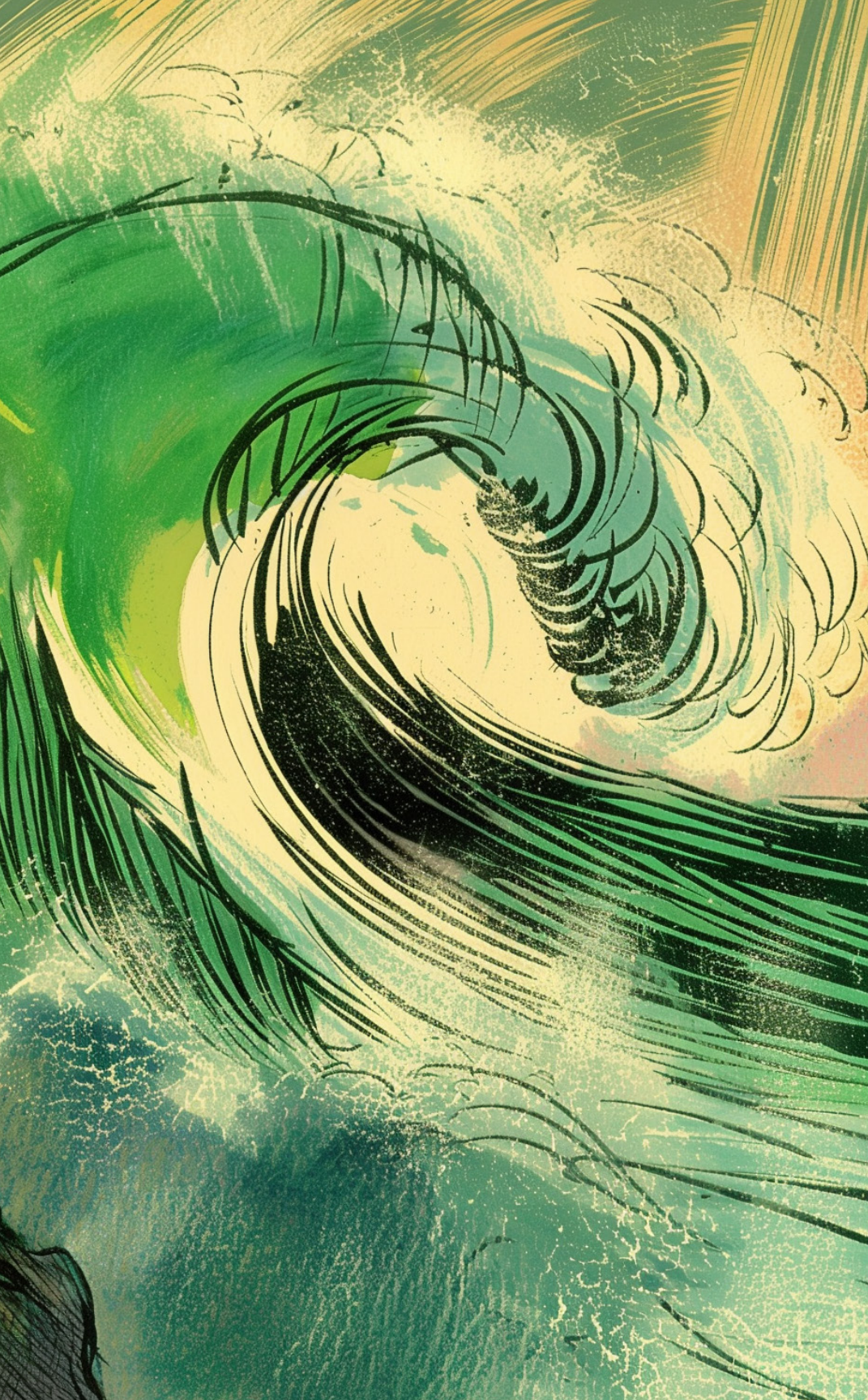
Yes! That's called faith, and it pleases God (Hebrews 11:6). In fact, the Macedonian Christians—who were living in poverty—insisted on giving to the struggling Christians in Jerusalem. Paul said they gave “what they were able, and even beyond their ability,” meaning they committed future resources by faith.

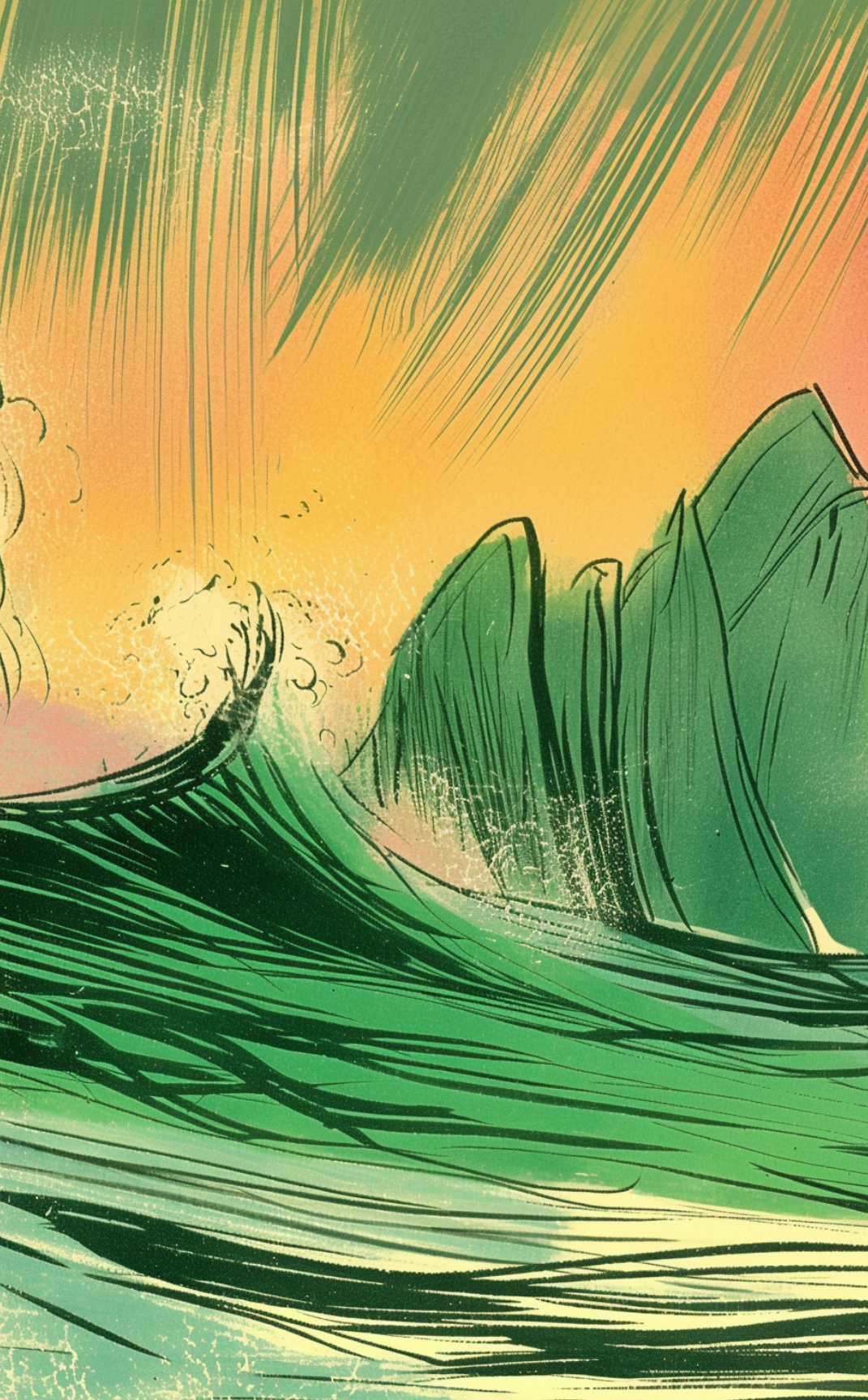


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