

GREATER THINGS

WEEK 3 // DON'T BE AFRAID

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We lack faith that God will resupply.

The **generous** will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be **refreshed**. *Proverbs 11:25*

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants **generously** will get a **generous** crop. *2 Corinthians 9:6*

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” *Luke 6:38*

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the **best part** of everything you produce. Then he will **fill** your barns with grain, and your vats will **overflow** with good wine. *Proverbs 3:9-10*

When you are generous to others, God will be generous to you.

Then the Lord said to Elijah, “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have **instructed** a widow there to feed you.” *1 Kings 17:8-9*

So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, “Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?” As she was going to get it, he called to her, “Bring me a bite of bread, too.” *1 Kings 17:10-11*

But she said, “I swear by the Lord your God that I don’t have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die.” But Elijah said to her, “Don’t be **afraid!** Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me **first**. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will **always** be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!” *1 Kings 17:12-14*

You will always have what you need because I am the God of resupply.

So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. There was always **enough** flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the Lord had **promised** through Elijah. *1 Kings 17:15-16*

Put God to the test.

“Bring all the **tithes** into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a **blessing** so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! **Try it!** Put me to the **test!**” *Malachi 3:10*

“Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. *Malachi 3:11*

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful** giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*

To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit eclife.org/groups to access this week’s group discussion questions.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org's EVENTS page

Outreach Opportunity

Would you like to sponsor a family for Christmas? Shop for Christmas gifts for a family in need and help them provide their children with an amazing Christmas experience. Contact Emmanuel’s Outreach Director Kerry Carmichael for more details at kcarmichael@eclife.org.

Be The Change

An annual campaign led by Emmanuel’s Student Ministries, Be the Change is a small group led fundraising opportunity to raise money for families in need over the holidays. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase 600 boxes of food to share with families who rely on school-provided meals during Christmas break. Follow along on Emmanuel’s social media accounts for opportunities to get involved, or make a financial donation at eclife.org/bethechange.

VERB

Designed to help 7th-12th grade students connect with God and with one another, each month’s VERB focuses on a different theme that will help students grow in their relationship with Jesus. Students will experience a friendly, welcoming environment that is both fun and encouraging.

When: Sunday, November 17, 6:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus E-Café & Auditorium

The 1824

Join us for an environment created specifically for young adults: 18* to 24 years old. Each month, we gather for worship, teaching, and a chance to chat with others facing similar unique life experiences.

When: Thursday, November 21, 7:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse

*18-year-old attendees must be graduated seniors.