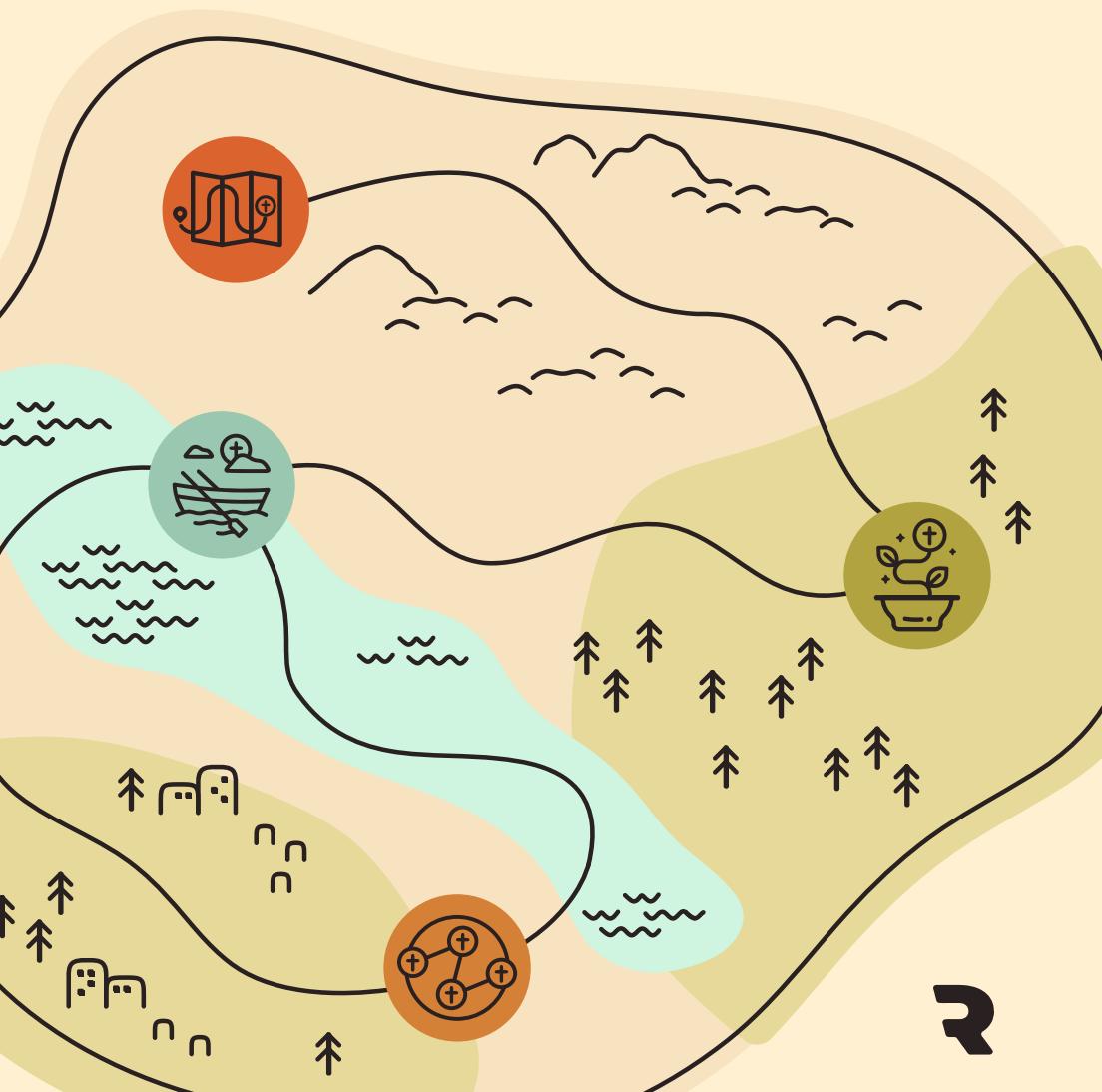




DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY





DEVELOP

“SO THEN, JUST AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS AS LORD, CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN HIM, ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM, STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH.”

— COLOSSIANS 2:6-7



GROWING IN FAITH, FRIENDSHIPS, & PURPOSE.

The Develop stage begins after a person has made the decision to follow Jesus. You've come to believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior—and now you want to grow in your relationship with Him. It's a time of foundational growth: learning what it means to walk with Jesus daily, practicing spiritual habits, finding your people, and living with new purpose.

What's happening in this stage is a reorientation of your life around Jesus. You're letting go of old ways of thinking and living, and beginning to build a life rooted in Christ. There's hunger to learn, and also challenges—questions, doubts, and the tension of unlearning the ways of your old self. This is where you begin to grasp who you are in Christ and how to live in response to what He's done for you.

Faith is about developing a lifelong relationship with Jesus. **A long obedience in the same direction.** In this stage, you begin to build that relationship with Jesus. You're learning to trust Him, hear His voice, and follow His lead.

Like any foundation, this season is critical. It sets the trajectory for the life God is building in you. Don't rush it. Be faithful with the small things. Jesus is forming something lasting in you—something beautiful and strong.



YOUR DEVELOP JOURNEY



SPEND TIME WITH JESUS DAILY

Develop the practice of daily devotions with Jesus.



FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Build lasting relationships by walking with others in community.



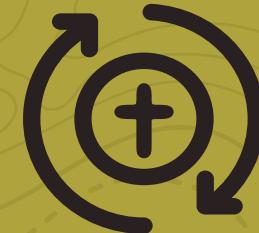
JOIN THE TEAM BY SERVING

Discover your gifts and make an impact by serving others.



BEGIN TO GIVE BACK TO GOD

Take a step of faith by giving generously to God's work.



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PIVOTAL STEP #1

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Following Jesus takes us beyond merely believing in Him—to building a relationship with Him. And like any relationship, it grows through intentional, consistent time together. One of the most important steps you can take as a developing disciple is to establish the daily rhythm of meeting with Jesus through **Scripture** and **prayer**.

This daily time is often called a “Daily Devotional”. It’s a space to slow down, open your heart, and connect with the One who loves you most. You bring your questions, your gratitude, your struggles, and your hopes. He brings truth, peace, direction, and grace.

WHY DAILY DEVOTIONS MATTER

We become like the people we spend time with—and the more we spend time with Jesus, the more we’re shaped by Him. Daily time in God’s Word helps us know His voice and see life through His perspective. Prayer invites us into deeper connection with God. This is how our trust grows, our minds are renewed, and our hearts are aligned with His.

Daily devotions aren’t just a spiritual checklist. They’re for you. For your growth. For your peace. For your discipleship. This time with God is how your roots grow deep and your faith becomes resilient. It’s how you begin to recognize His presence in your ordinary, everyday life—and how you learn to respond with wisdom, courage, and grace.

Some days it will feel easy and refreshing. Other days it might feel like a fight just to slow down and open your Bible. But don’t give up. The struggle is normal. God doesn’t ask you to feel something every time—He invites you to keep showing up. Because He’s already there.

“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. For apart from me you can do nothing.” —John 15:4-5

This is a step of obedience. A rhythm of surrender. And when you commit to it—even in small ways—you’ll be surprised at how God multiplies it in your life. He’ll bring clarity to your confusion. Strength to your weariness. Conviction to your compromise. Joy to your routine. And over time, you’ll look back and realize: He’s been forming something beautiful in you all along.

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Eugene Peterson

HOW TO DO DAILY DEVOTIONS



Your time daily doesn't need to be profound—but your best fruit will come from **consistency**. Start by setting aside a consistent time each day, even just 10–15 minutes. Read a passage of Scripture. Reflect on what it reveals about who God is and what it means for your life. Then respond in prayer. Some days it might feel powerful. Other days it might feel routine. But over time, it will shape you.

Daily devotions are all about presence. God's. Yours. Together. That's where transformation begins.

SIX TIPS FOR STARTING A DAILY DEVOTION ROUTINE



01. SET A SPECIFIC TIME—AND STICK TO IT

If you don't plan for it, it won't happen. Life is loud and distracting, and there's always something else fighting for your attention. That's why choosing a time to meet with Jesus—whether it's in the morning, on your lunch break, or before bed—is so important.

Starting with just ten minutes each morning can feel small—but small steps often spark something bigger. A simple habit of spending time with God can grow into genuine hunger for His presence. Over time, it's no longer just a routine—it becomes a rhythm. And those rhythms begin to shape a lifestyle.

02. FIND A FOCUSED SPACE

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray—and we should too. Whether it's a corner of your bedroom, a quiet office, or a bench in a park, find a spot where you can tune out the noise and tune in to God. Stillness helps your soul breathe.

A quiet place gives you room to be honest with God—to ask questions, confess struggles, and invite Him into your real life. It doesn't have to be fancy. It just needs to be free from distractions. That might mean silencing your phone or setting it aside altogether—creating space where God has your full attention.

03. BRING YOUR BIBLE, A PEN, AND A JOURNAL

Coming prepared helps you stay engaged. Bring your Bible so you can read God's Word. Have a journal handy so you can write down what He's showing you—whether it's a verse that stands out, a truth that challenges you, or a prayer that's forming in your heart.

It's been said that writing things down increases your retention by over 40%. But more than that, **journaling helps you notice what God is doing in you**. It's like planting spiritual seeds you'll be able to look back on later.

04. READ A PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE

Start small. You don't need to read a whole book of the Bible to get something meaningful out of it. Pick a passage—a psalm, a few stories from a gospel, a chapter in one of Paul's letters. Read slowly. Pay attention. Ask, "What does this reveal about God? What might He be saying to me?"

If you aren't sure what to read, we have some reading plans you can follow at rise.cc/bible-reading-plans

05. TAKE NOTES & REFLECT

Don't rush past what God is showing you. Write down what stands out. Note any questions you have. Jot down a phrase that hits your heart. **We've provided some guided daily devotion pages that can help you develop this rhythm of reflection.** Over time, these reflections become a record of your walk with God. You'll be surprised how often He speaks if you're just paying attention.

06. SPEND TIME IN PRAYER

Talk to God like you would a friend—because He is one. Praise Him. Thank Him. Confess where you're struggling. Ask Him to speak, lead, and strengthen you. You can write your prayers, speak them out, or simply think them. God hears you.

Prayer grounds your heart in God's presence. It aligns your will with His. And it fills your soul with peace, perspective, and power for the day ahead.

THE GOAL ISN'T JUST YOU GETTING INTO THE BIBLE.

THE GOAL IS THE BIBLE GETTING INTO YOU.

USE THE "CREATE YOUR RHYTHM" PLAN AND THE DAILY DEVOTION TEMPLATES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO HELP GET YOU STARTED.

YOU CAN EVEN TEAR THEM OUT IF YOU FIND THAT HELPFUL!



Create Your Rhythm

A GRACE-FILLED PLAN FOR BUILDING A DAILY HABIT OF SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS.

Keep this somewhere visible—on your fridge, mirror, or inside your Bible—as a reminder that Jesus is inviting you into a relationship. So keep showing up.

MY START DATE

I will begin my rhythm on

PRIMARY RHYTHM

I will spend time with Jesus **before / during / after** this daily activity:

(Examples: during my morning coffee, after I drop the kids off)

(If I miss my usual time, my alternate devotional time will be)

TIME COMMITMENT

How much time each day?

10min

15min

20min

30min

TRACK YOUR FIRST TWO WEEKS:

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"ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF, UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, NEITHER CAN YOU, UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME." —JOHN 15:4



STUDY RESOURCES

ENDURING WORD COMMENTARY

The Enduring Word is a free commentary that takes you verse-by-verse through the Bible and provides insights, explanations, and helpful quotes from theologians and teachers in every passage of scripture.

→ ENDURINGWORD.COM



NIV STUDY BIBLE

A good study Bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study Bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find a Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

THE BIBLE PROJECT

The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop Bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

→ BIBLEPROJECT.COM/APP



DWELL & STREETLIGHTS

The two very best audio Bible apps in existence are **Dwell** and **Streetlights**. **Dwell** has many different translations along with various voices all packed into a beautifully designed app. **Streetlights** is the NLT translation read by spoken word artists with music tracks added—it's absolutely brilliantly executed. **Find both in your phone app store.**

Daily Devotion

PASSAGE



NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

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KEY VERSE

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(Large white box for key verse)

GOD'S WORD TO ME → MY RESPONSE

What is God saying to me here, and how will I live it out today?

(Large white box for God's Word to Me, with a black arrow pointing to a large white box for My Response)

PRAYERS, GRATITUDE & PRAISE

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LET THE WORD BREAK OVER YOUR HEART AND MIND AGAIN AND AGAIN AS THE YEARS GO BY, AND IMPERCEPTIBLY THERE WILL COME GREAT CHANGES IN YOUR ATTITUDE AND OUTLOOK AND CONDUCT. YOU WILL PROBABLY BE THE LAST TO RECOGNIZE THESE. OFTEN YOU WILL FEEL VERY, VERY SMALL, BECAUSE INCREASINGLY THE GOD OF THE BIBLE WILL BECOME TO YOU WONDERFULLY GREAT.

SO GO ON READING IT UNTIL YOU CAN READ NO LONGER, AND THEN YOU WILL NOT NEED THE BIBLE ANY MORE, BECAUSE WHEN YOUR EYES CLOSE FOR THE LAST TIME IN DEATH, AND NEVER AGAIN READ THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE, YOU WILL OPEN THEM TO THE WORD OF GOD IN THE FLESH—THAT SAME JESUS OF THE BIBLE WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN FOR SO LONG—STANDING BEFORE YOU TO TAKE YOU FOREVER TO HIS ETERNAL HOME."

Geoffrey Thomas



FIND YOUR PEOPLE



CITY GROUPS
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PIVOTAL STEP #2

JOIN A GROUP

DISCIPLESHIP DOESN'T HAPPEN IN ISOLATION—IT HAPPENS IN RELATIONSHIP.

When Jesus called His disciples, He gathered them as a community. They didn't walk alone. They shared meals, asked questions, and grew as friends. They prayed together, served together, struggled together, and ultimately helped turn the world upside down—together.

The early church followed His example. It wasn't built on events or stages, but on circles—groups of believers meeting in homes, breaking bread, studying the Scriptures, and caring for one another as spiritual family. These gatherings were foundational for gospel growth and life transformation.

That same invitation exists today. We believe every follower of Jesus needs a place to be known, to grow, and to walk with others. **That's why groups are more than a program at Rise—they are a primary pathway of discipleship.** Groups are where strangers become family, Scripture becomes lived-out, and the love of Christ becomes visible. In a group, you'll find support in struggles, encouragement in your walk, and a place to practice the way of Jesus with real people in real life.

At Rise, we have a handful of ways for you to take this step and find your people. Choose one of the following spaces to begin building real relationships with other believers.



CITY GROUPS

City Groups are small groups that gather throughout our city to grow deeper in connection with each other and in following Jesus. We eat together, share our stories, and grow together.

Just like Jesus gathered with His disciples around the table and shared life in community, we want to do the same. These groups are where strangers become friends, where faith takes root, and where we learn to live out the way of Jesus together.

**YOU CAN FIND A CITY GROUP & REGISTER AT RISE.CC/GROUPS
OR IF IT'S EASIER, JUST TEAR OUT THE CITY GROUP REGISTRATION
CARD ON THE NEXT PAGE AND BRING IT TO THE NEW HERE TEAM
ON A SUNDAY.**

No matter your age, stage, or location—there's a group for you. With gatherings happening on different nights and in neighborhoods throughout the city, you'll find something that fits your season of life. We've made space for you—so come find your people, and let's walk this journey of faith together.

Watch this video to get a feel for city groups at [rise.cc/groups](http://RISE.CC/GROUPS)



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NAME

EMAIL OR PHONE

GROUP(S) YOU'RE INTERESTED IN:

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RISE MEN



RISE WOMEN

GET INVOLVED WITH RISE MEN EVENTS & GROUPS

You weren't made to do life alone. We believe God is calling men to rise up—not just as individuals, but as brothers, leaders, fathers, husbands, and friends. We're building a community of men who pursue Jesus with courage, fight for each other, and live with integrity and purpose.

In Rise Men you'll find opportunities to connect, be challenged, and become the man God has called you to be. **We offer events to connect with others like barbeques and axe throwing and small groups that lead to deeper relationships and growth.** Pick an event to start with, and begin your journey of finding your people.

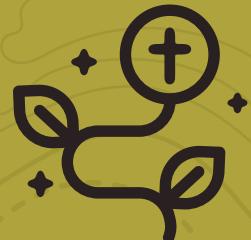
[LEARN MORE AT RISE.CC/MEN](http://RISE.CC/MEN)

GET INVOLVED WITH RISE WOMEN EVENTS & GROUPS

You were made for meaningful connection. We believe God is raising up women to walk in bold faith, build deep community, and live with Spirit-filled purpose—no matter your season of life. Rise Women is a space to belong, to be encouraged, and to grow in your identity as a daughter of God.

From social gatherings like mixers and movie nights to small groups and Bible studies that help you go deeper in your walk with Jesus, there are plenty of ways to get connected. Pick an event to start with—and begin building the kind of friendships that shape your faith and your life.

[LEARN MORE AT RISE.CC/WOMEN](http://RISE.CC/WOMEN)



DEVELOP YOUR PURPOSE

JOIN THE TEAM
& BEGIN TO GIVE

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YOU WERE CREATED ON PURPOSE— FOR A PURPOSE.

God is doing good in the world. He's building His Kingdom. He's renewing what's broken, rescuing what's lost, and restoring what's been torn apart by sin. And here's the stunning truth: He wants to do it with you, not just for you.

Your precise placement is not a random accident—it's a purpose-filled assignment. You are in this city, in this church, and in this moment of history to bring about Kingdom good in the lives of others.

At this stage in your discipleship journey, you begin to recognize that your time, your talents, and your treasure are not yours to cling to—they're gifts to be used for God's glory and the good of others.

God has work for you to do. Good work. Lasting work. Kingdom work.

**HE'S ENTRUSTED YOU WITH SOMETHING VALUABLE,
AND NOW HE INVITES YOU TO TAKE TWO CLEAR NEXT STEPS:**

PIVOTAL STEP #3

JOIN THE TEAM

STEP INTO YOUR PURPOSE

One of the most important ways you grow in your faith is by stepping into the purpose God has placed on your life—and a powerful way to do that is by serving alongside others in the church. That's why a key step in the Develop phase is this: Join the Team.

As you develop your faith, serving is where your growth starts to move from the inside out. You go from being a spectator to a participant. From watching others serve to joining the move of God yourself. Stepping fully into the family of God and saying, "This is my church. This is my mission too."

WHEN YOU JOIN THE TEAM, YOU BEGIN TO:

Experience the joy of serving others

See how God made and gifted you for His Kingdom.

Build friendships with people as you serve side-by-side

Grow in your faith as you step into your God-given purpose

The Church isn't built on the gifts of a few, but on the participation of the many. Taking this step—right here, right now—is one of the most practical ways to grow in your faith and begin walking in your God-given purpose.

READY TO JOIN THE TEAM?

Start by scanning the QR code to explore the different ways you can get involved. When you find a team (or two) that interests you, fill out the Join the Team card—either the tear-out in this booklet or the digital version online. We'll follow up to help you take your next step.



**"IN CHRIST WE, THOUGH MANY,
FORM ONE BODY" ROMANS 12:5**



SEE ALL THE TEAMS.
LEARN MORE. JOIN.
RISE.CC/JOIN-THE-TEAM

I WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM

NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

SELECT ALL TEAMS THAT INTEREST YOU

RISE KIDS
KIDS CLASSROOMS

SAFETY TEAM
KEEP US SAFE

WORSHIP TEAM
VOCALS & INSTRUMENTS

SUNDAY SUPPORT
CHAIRS & SIGNS

USHERING TEAM
HELP SEAT GUESTS

PRAYER TEAM
PRAY WITH PEOPLE

BOOKSTORE
RESOURCES & SWAG

733
SERVE 20-SOMETHINGS

NEW HERE
CONNECT NEW GUESTS

KIDS CHECK-IN
HELP NEW FAMILIES

HOSPITALITY TEAM
COFFEE & COMMUNION

PRODUCTION TEAM
LIGHTS, SOUND, VIDEO

SUNDAY ENVIRONMENT
PREPARING SPACES

HOST TEAM
GREET AT THE DOORS

PARKING TEAM
HELP GUESTS PARK

PHOTO TEAM
CAPTURE SUNDAYS

OUTREACH
REACH OUR CITY

RISE YOUTH
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

**FILL THIS OUT. TEAR IT OUT.
BRING IT TO THE NEW HERE TEAM ON A SUNDAY.**

KEY QUESTIONS

We know you may have a few questions before taking your next step. Here are some answers to commonly asked questions.

1. DO I NEED EXPERIENCE TO SERVE?

For most teams, no experience is needed! We provide training and support for every role so you can serve with confidence.

2. HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO SERVE?

Most teams serve on a rotation, typically once or twice a month, but you can choose a schedule that works for you.

3. WHAT IF I TRY A TEAM AND REALIZE IT'S NOT THE RIGHT FIT?

No problem! We want you to serve where you thrive, so we'll help you find a team that fits your gifts and passions.

4. CAN MY KIDS SERVE WITH ME?

Yes! Some teams, like Hospitality, Ushering, and Sunday Environment, allow families to serve together. Rise Kids also has opportunities for older students to help.

5. ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUTSIDE OF SUNDAYS?

Absolutely! Many teams, like Outreach, Prayer, Digital Media, Youth, Alpha, and Care, serve throughout the week in different ways.

6. WHAT IF I HAVE A BUSY SCHEDULE?

We have flexible serving options to fit any schedule. Whether you serve weekly, monthly, or occasionally, every contribution matters!

PIVOTAL STEP #4

BEGIN TO GIVE

PRACTICE TRUST AND GENEROSITY

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Giving is about more than money—it's about **trust, worship, and aligning your heart with God's priorities**.

In this stage **we're inviting you to begin a spiritual practice modeled by Jesus**. To take your first step into generosity by intentionally giving to God through your local church.

When you give, you're practicing trust. You're saying, "God, I believe You'll provide for my needs—even as I open my hands to meet the needs of others." That kind of trust builds over time, and giving becomes a way to actively lean into God's faithful provision.

HERE'S A SIMPLE WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT:

START WITH SOMETHING—a consistent gift that reflects your desire to put God first.

GIVE PRAYERFULLY—ask God to grow your trust as you give.

GIVE JOYFULLY—knowing your generosity is forming you and fueling His Kingdom.

Giving may feel uncomfortable at first—but over time, it becomes a spiritual rhythm that stretches your faith and roots your hope in something greater. As you begin giving, you'll discover that generosity isn't a duty—it's a joy. And it's a key part of living your purpose.



"WITH SOME CHRISTIANS, THE LAST PART OF THEIR NATURE THAT IS SANCTIFIED IS THEIR POCKETS. TRUE DISCIPLESHIP WILL REFORM OUR TREASURE, AND TEACH US HOW TO USE OUR SUBSTANCE TO THE GLORY OF GOD. IF WE GIVE AS WE OUGHT, IT WILL NOT BE FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH, NOR FOR THE SAKE OF THE MINISTER, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF GOD —TO SHOW OUR LOVE TO HIM. THIS IS THE ONLY MOTIVE WHICH WILL SANCTIFY THE GIFT."

Charles Spurgeon



DEVELOPING A GENEROUS HEART.

Giving to God for the first time is a bold step of faith—a declaration of trust, worship, and participation in His Kingdom work. These best practices will help you begin with confidence and joy.

GIVE FIRST, NOT LAST

Start by making giving a priority, not an afterthought. Instead of seeing what's left over at the end of the month, choose to honor God with the first portion of your income. This puts Him at the center of your finances and reminds you that everything you have is from Him.

HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH, WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL YOUR CROPS. — PROVERBS 3:9

PRAYERFULLY DECIDE WHAT TO GIVE

Generosity begins in the heart before it ever reaches the wallet. Giving isn't about reaching a certain number—it's about responding to God's grace with gratitude and trust. Take time to pray and ask God what He's inviting you to give. For some, that might mean taking a first step; for others, it could mean stretching in faith. What matters most is that your giving reflects worship, not pressure. Cheerfully land on a percentage or set amount to start with.

EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPELCTION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.” — 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



SETUP RECURRING GIVING

Giving isn't meant to be random—it's meant to be a rhythm. Setting up recurring giving helps you practice generosity with consistency and intentionality, just like other spiritual disciplines. It's a way to put your faith into a regular habit, ensuring your giving flows from commitment, not convenience. After you've prayerfully decided how much, follow through on this commitment with a regular rhythm: weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. This kind of steady obedience builds trust over time and keeps generosity at the center of your walk with God.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH WEEK, YOU SHOULD EACH PUT ASIDE A PORTION OF THE MONEY YOU HAVE EARNED. — 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2

WATCH FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS

As you give, watch how God provides, blesses, and stretches your faith. Pay attention to His faithfulness in your life: unexpected provision, deeper contentment, and joy in being part of His mission. Your giving becomes a discipleship tool, shaping your heart to rely more on Him.

“TEST ME IN THIS,” SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY, “AND SEE IF I WILL NOT THROW OPEN THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN AND POUR OUT SO MUCH BLESSING THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO STORE IT.” — MALACHI 3:10

When you begin giving, you're stepping into a lifelong journey of faith and generosity. As you give, He will grow your faith, multiply your impact, and remind you that you can never out-give Him.

A Story of Generosity



Last fall I sat in service and listened to a sermon on giving. I was a newly single mother, struggling to pay my bills and feed my kids. I knew that even though I had nothing and wanted to hold onto the nothing that I had, I needed to be more faithful in giving back to God.

That Sunday afternoon I had \$300 in my bank account. I tithed \$150 from my previous paycheck, which clearly meant I was down to scary level. Three kids. Bills. Gasoline. Food. School. Life. Long time until payday.

And yet, God filled in the gaps, not just filled them in, He did Exceedingly, Abundantly more than I could have ever asked or imagined. Just like He promises.

That next week, someone from the church showed up at my work and handed me an envelope of cash. They felt prompted by God to show me with this tangible act that "God sees me." I paid my bills. I got my groceries. I knew that Jesus saw me. I knew that Jesus would see me through.

Once again He showed me that He is so very faithful, that He is the greatest provider and will always have us.

What an absolute gift it was to share all of this with the kids after school. That they get to see firsthand just how faith works. We deposited the money in the bank together and I asked them what was the first thing we were going to do with it. My youngest immediately said, "give back to God!". And here we are, nine-year-olds learning real faith lessons of a Great God.

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Nine months later I can tell you that I have seen His faithfulness to provide so deeply the more that I continue to be faithful with giving. Simple ways like finding gift cards in my purse that I thought were spent already. Getting a massive, unexpected discount on something I didn't know about. Scholarships for my child's sports. A refund check from a job I worked 10 years ago. I could go on.

The best part is that my children have seen this. They have seen how He provided when I didn't know how to take care of something.

I am so thankful for this church. You welcomed us last year when we needed a new church home, and we have not looked back since. Thank you for preaching Jesus, His truth, His truth, and His providence. It has provided a place for my heart to continue to heal and I look forward to finding our place to give back to others through Rise as well.

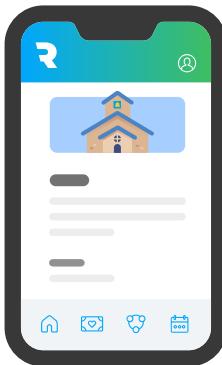
WAYS TO GIVE AT RISE

GIVE ONLINE

The easiest and simplest way is to **set up a giving profile online**. We use a donation portal called **Church Center Online**. This allows you to create a giving profile, setup your giving, and even track donations.

GIVE ONLINE AT RISE.CC/GIVE

Or by downloading the **Church Center App**



GIVE IN-PERSON AT A GATHERING

Sundays are a time where we can give in person as an act of worship. We are intentional about not passing a plate, in order to allow people to give joyfully, not under compulsion. You can give via check, cash, or card at our giving station.

MAIL IN YOUR GIFT

You can setup recurring giving through Bill Pay at your bank so that a check comes directly in the mail each month—or mail a check to:

Rise City Church
1220 NE Kelly Ave
Gresham, OR 97030

Create a Giving Plan

Creating a giving plan helps you turn good intentions into intentional generosity—aligning your heart, habits, and resources with God's Kingdom.

HOW MUCH I WILL GIVE:

Will you give a percentage of your income or a set amount? Start with something meaningful and sustainable.

HOW OFTEN I WILL GIVE:

Will you give weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly? Pick a rhythm that works with your income and helps you stay consistent. *i.e. Monthly on the 10th*

WHAT IS MY WHY?

Clarify your heart behind the habit—because generosity becomes joyful when you remember why you're doing it.

WHAT WILL BE MY CHALLENGES?

Be honest: What might hold you back? Naming the challenges helps you bring them to God in prayer and prepare to push through them with faith.

WHAT DO I HOPE TO SEE GOD DO IN MY LIFE AS I TAKE THIS STEP?

Do you long for deeper trust? Financial peace? Stronger faith? A more generous heart? Let your giving be a prayer in action—believing that as you give, God is forming something new in you.



WHERE DOES YOUR GIVING GO?

At Rise, we're committed to making the most of every dollar entrusted to us—fueling the mission to Rise Up and Saturate our City with the Gospel. Every part of our budget is intentionally aligned with that calling.

OUTWARD REACH

We give away a portion of our budget through Kingdom Builders—supporting church planting, local outreach, global missions, and strategic partnerships. This is how we live beyond our walls and extend the hope of Jesus to our city and the world.

Learn more at rise.cc/kingdom-builders



MINISTRY IMPACT

We invest directly into ministries that make disciples—like Rise Kids, Rise Youth, City Groups, and our Sunday gatherings. These environments help people encounter Jesus, grow in their faith, and take next steps in community.



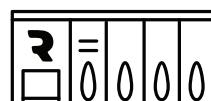
STAFFING + PERSONNEL

We believe the church is built through people, not just programs. That's why we invest in a high-capacity staff team who equip volunteers, disciple leaders, and help carry the vision forward with excellence and care.



OPERATIONS + FACILITY

We invest in the spaces and systems that make ministry possible—from our building and equipment to the behind-the-scenes operations that create a welcoming, functional, and effective home for the mission.



CLOSING THOUGHTS

The Develop phase is a season of growth, practice, and new rhythms. You've said "yes" to Jesus, and now you're learning what it means to follow Him in daily life. This is where habits are formed, gifts are discovered, and your roots begin to go deeper. Every time you pray, every step you take to serve, every act of generosity you choose—these are shaping you into a disciple who is becoming more like Christ.

As Paul urged the Colossians,

"LET YOUR ROOTS GROW DOWN INTO HIM, AND LET YOUR LIVES BE BUILT ON HIM. THEN YOUR FAITH WILL GROW STRONG IN THE TRUTH YOU WERE TAUGHT, AND YOU WILL OVERFLOW WITH THANKFULNESS."
(COLOSSIANS 2:7)

So lean into this season.

Spend time with Jesus every day.

Find your people and grow in community.

Use your gifts to serve others.

Begin to give and trust God with your resources.

And trust that as you put your faith into action, God is deepening your character and equipping you for the good works He prepared for you long ago.



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