

Commitment Guide



Sowing in Grace

INSIDE-OUT, OUTSIDE-IN, FUTURE-NOW

"...neither the one who plants nor
the one who waters is anything,
but only God,
who makes things grow."

1 CORINTHIANS 3:7

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS A COMMITMENT?

A Vision Campaign commitment is an intention to give, preceded by much prayer and careful consideration. It is a step of faith, trusting that the Lord will enable you to give over and above your regular tithes and offerings.

WHAT IF MY CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE AFTER I HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT?

A commitment card expresses your faith-filled intent. It is not a contract. If your financial circumstances change significantly simply contact GRC Business Manager Nancy Rotella (nancy@graceredeemer.com) to tell her about changing the intended amount or timing of your giving.

IS MY COMMITMENT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes, only our financial staff have knowledge of commitments and giving records.

WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, THAT I GIVE TO THE VISION CAMPAIGN OR CONTINUE WITH MY ANNUAL GIVING?

Both are important. We need your annual giving to maintain the ongoing ministries and operations of GRC. Vision Campaign funds will be used to pursue long-term, strategic ministry opportunities driven by our Sowing in Grace vision.

WHEN SHOULD CAMPAIGN GIFTS BEGIN?

We are asking for a three-year commitment. The start and ongoing fulfillment of commitments is left to the donor's discretion. You may choose to fulfill your commitment in one donation or any number of donations throughout the the three-year period.

A Suggested Path

LOOK AT JESUS!

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

At the heart of the Gospel is self-giving for the benefit of others. Jesus set aside his kingly rights (Philippians 2:6-7) and became a servant for the sake of sinners like us. Meditate on these truths and return praise to the One who promises you the riches of eternal life!

REMEMBER THAT GIVING IS A GRACE!

"We want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches...They urgently pleaded with us for the grace of sharing in this service to the Lord's people...They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us." 2 Corinthians 8:1, 4-5

Paul describes the generous giving of the Macedonian churches. They wanted more grace-opportunities to give to others! Our Vision Campaign is not primarily a financial exercise. It is rooted in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

CONSIDER THE JOY OF SACRIFICE!

"For the joy set before him he endured the cross." Hebrews 12:2

"In the midst of a very severe trial, [the Macedonians'] overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." 2 Corinthians 8:2

The greatest sacrifice, involving the greatest pain, by the God-Man himself, was fueled by joy! The same was true of the Macedonians, despite their trials. A lack of joy may reveal idols of the heart that hold you tightly in their grip. Ironically, the discipline of giving is an effective path to freedom from the enslaving power of money and possessions!

GIVE WITH INTENTION, TO THE LORD!

"Since you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

Excellence in anything involves discipline, hard work, and self-sacrifice. You set a goal, you put together a schedule, and you plan accordingly. It's no different with sacrificial giving. The "grace of giving" requires intentional, prayer-supported, careful thought. Have you followed the sermon series, engaged in the sermon-based discussions, attended a Vision event, and set aside time to prayerfully consider your giving?

Am I making the "right" decision?

Ask yourself:

**HAVE I BROUGHT THIS DECISION
BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER?**

(Luke 6:12-13)

**HAVE I LEANED UPON TRUSTED MEMBERS
OF MY FAMILY AND MY SPIRITUAL
COMMUNITY FOR WISDOM?**

(Proverbs 15:22)

**AM I WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES
THAT REFLECT THE ALL-SURPASSING
WORTH OF CHRIST JESUS?**

(Philippians 3:7-8)

**HAVE I THOUGHTFULLY CONSIDERED A
PLAN FOR INVESTING GOD'S RESOURCES
FOR THE SAKE OF HIS KINGDOM?**

(Matthew 25:14-30)

**DO I TRUST THE LORD TO INCREASE
MY JOY AS I SACRIFICIALLY GIVE?**

(2 Corinthians 9:7)



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