OPEN HANDS: Grace changes the way we hold what we have.

<u>WEEK 1:</u> Grace Changes Your Grip
Core Truth: God's grace in Jesus changes our hearts and leads us to surrender ourselves and what we have to Him.
Trustworthy Statement: Generosity starts with surrender, not surplus.

DAY 1 — Titus 2:11–14 (CSB)
Question: How does God's saving grace change what I desire and the way I use what I have?

DAY 2 — Philippians 2:5–11 (CSB)
Question: How does Jesus' willingness to humble Himself challenge my desire to hold tightly to my comfort and advantages?

DAY 3 — Psalm 24:1–6 (CSB)
Question: How would remembering that everything belongs to the Lord change the way I hold what I call mine?

DAY 4 — Matthew 6:19–24 (CSB)
Question: What do my financial priorities reveal about what I treasure and whom I serve?

DAY 5 — Hebrews 13:5–6 (CSB)
Question: How can trusting God's presence and help loosen the grip that money or fear has on my heart?

Take time to practice SOAP:

Scripture: What stands out?

Observation: What is God revealing?

Application: What needs to change?

Prayer: Talk to God about it.

WEEK 2: Good Intentions Don't Help Anyone
Core Truth: Genuine generosity moves from a willing heart to faithful action with what God has entrusted to us.
Trustworthy Statement: A generous intention needs a faithful next step.

DAY 1 — Deuteronomy 15:7–11 (CSB)
Question: What attitudes did God tell Israel to reject when helping the poor, and where do I recognize those attitudes in myself?

DAY 2 — Proverbs 3:27–28 (CSB)
Question: What good am I putting off that I already have the ability to do for someone?

DAY 3 — Luke 3:7–14 (CSB)
Question: How does John's call to share and deal honestly with others challenge the way I handle my possessions and money?

DAY 4 — Ephesians 4:25–32 (CSB)
Question: How does working so that I have something to share change the way I think about earning and using money?

DAY 5 — Galatians 6:6–10 (CSB)
Question: What opportunity to do good is before me, and what step can I take even if I feel weary?

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WEEK 3: Decide Before You're Asked
Core Truth: Biblical generosity involves thoughtful preparation and a willing heart that seeks to honor God.
Trustworthy Statement: I can prepare to give freely and willingly.

DAY 1 — 1 Corinthians 16:1–4 (CSB)
Question: How could regularly setting something aside, according to what I receive, help me be ready to give?

DAY 2 — Matthew 6:1–4 (CSB)
Question: How can I prepare to give with a desire to please my Father rather than gain recognition from others?

DAY 3 — Exodus 35:20–29 (CSB)
Question: What do the Israelites' willing offerings teach me about the heart with which I prepare to give?

DAY 4 — 1 Chronicles 29:1–9 (CSB)
Question: How do the preparation and willingness shown here challenge the way I approach giving to God's work?

DAY 5 — Deuteronomy 24:19–22 (CSB)
Question: How could Israel's instruction to leave part of the harvest for vulnerable neighbors shape the way I plan to make room for others' needs?

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Application: What needs to change?

Prayer: Talk to God about it.

WEEK 4: More Than Enough
Core Truth: God supplies what His people need to do good, and their generosity meets needs and brings Him praise.
Trustworthy Statement: God's provision equips me to share and gives others reasons to thank Him.

DAY 1 — Philippians 4:10–20 (CSB)
Question: How do Paul's contentment in both need and abundance and his gratitude for the Philippians' gift shape my understanding of God's provision?

DAY 2 — Psalm 112:1–9 (CSB)
Question: How does the connection between trusting the Lord and caring generously for others challenge the way I respond to uncertainty?

DAY 3 — Acts 4:32–37 (CSB)
Question: How did these believers use what they owned to meet real needs, and what might that look like in my faith family?

DAY 4 — 1 Timothy 6:17–19 (CSB)
Question: What would change about my use of money if my hope rested in God and I made generosity a priority?

DAY 5 — Hebrews 13:15–16 (CSB)
Question: How can I worship God this week through both words of praise and practical sharing?

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Application: What needs to change?

Prayer: Talk to God about it.