



Series: Strapped
Breaking free from a spirit of delusion
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Discussion Questions

1. When you've walked through a season of being strapped financially, does it seem counter-intuitive or intuitive to be giving generously? Why is that? Can you tell a story of giving generously at such a time?
2. Read vs. 5. The giving of the poor Macedonians "exceeded Paul's expectations." What were the first two action steps they took that drove their extravagantly generous offerings?
3. In vs. 7, the Corinthians were graciously flattered by Paul, for that which was only partially true. What did he encourage them about? What did he challenge them to do in giving like the Macedonians?
4. How do severe trials and extreme poverty normally affect us? What realizations drive us to excel at extravagant generosity? See vs. 2.
5. When we're strapped what we are "able" to give can be small. Do you faithfully give that, whatever its size to the Lord? What would it look like for you to give "beyond your ability" to the Lord? When was the last time you plead to give generously to the poor and needy?

Closing Questions:

- A. What did the Holy Spirit TELL YOU during the teaching Sunday?
- B. What did the Spirit tell you to DO about it?
- C. How can we HELP YOU by our prayers and support?