

# DRINKING DEEP

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*Remember: Spiritual disciplines are not a checklist for earning favor with God. They are a way to practice connecting with Him and experiencing His love for you.*

*God loves to give.*

Romans 8:32: "He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things." When we give freely and generously, we are acting like our Heavenly Father. Giving aligns our heart with His and keeps us from being ruled by our consumeristic culture. Jesus spoke to this dynamic between our heart and giving when he said,

*"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"*  
(Matt. 6:21).



EXPERIENCING LIFE WITH GOD

## **The Practice of the Week:**

***Read Matthew 6:19-34 several times this week***

After reading the passage, pray over your finances. Pick one thing in your financial life that is causing you stress or worry and ask God to help you trust Him with it.

As you pray over your finances, ask God to give you a heart of generosity. If you are not regularly giving, consider where He wants you to start.

Ask God, "Where can I be generous this week?"

***Be observant in the world around you for ways to bless someone. Some ideas might be:***

- Taking cookies to a neighbor
- Inviting someone for dinner
- Offering to watch the kids of a married couple so they can have a date night
- Making a homeless care package

***For Reflection with a small group or a friend:***

Were you able to practice the exercise this week? If so, describe what you did and how you felt about it.

What did you learn about God or yourself through this exercise?

How is this series helping you to drink more deeply of Jesus?

**How did you experience God in this activity?  
Share it with us!**

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