



Grateful Generosity

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Our God is incredibly Generous

John 4:47–50

⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. ⁴⁸ “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.” ⁴⁹ The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰ “Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.” The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

John 5:5–9

⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

The tale of two responses to God’s generosity:

- Unbelief
- Belief

John 5:24

²⁴ “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

God's **Generosity** _____ changes how we
view God's **Authority** _____.

John 5:25–27

²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Who is the most generous person you know? How has that benefitted you?
- 2) How does knowing someone is generous change the way you treat them?
- 3) What has been one of your most generous acts towards someone?
- 4) How does viewing God with great generosity change the authority you give him in your life? Think about the creator of all things being generous to you.
- 5) How have you responded to God's generosity in your life?
- 6) What changes can you make in your life to recognize how generous God is?
- 7) How can we pray for you this week?

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