

**SERMON SERIES:** Tremors: Overcoming an Economic Earthquake

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## Sermon Title:

“Transformation.”

## Introduction

Last week we began a new series called Tremors, where we will be discussing together what a healthy and biblical view of our finances should be. Our goal is to let our finances lead us closer to Jesus. Last week our message was building our foundation on God so that we can steward our resources well. This week we are shifting our focus to what it looks like to anticipate God will do good in us and through us.

- Has there been specific a time in your life when you were anxiously anticipating something in your life? Why do you remember that time?

## Seek the Word

Read Matthew 25:14-28.

- What do we learn about each of the servants in this story? What do we learn about the master?
- How does this story explain the priorities of different people?
- Why might Jesus have chosen this story to help explain his point?
- How does this story help us understand God’s heart better?

## Go Deeper

Stories of financial struggles and blessings are found throughout the Bible. Using your Bible, and potentially some other tools like a concordance or Bible dictionary, find some other stories about finances. Can you find examples of people who trusted God? How were they able to do so?

## Talk About It

- What are some ways God has entrusted you, like the master did his servants in our story?
- Why is it difficult to trust God with our finances? How can we remove those barriers?
- How might our lives look different if we began to trust God with our finances more?
- Why do you think God asks us to trust Him with this area of our lives?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Money can add meaning to your life but it is not the meaning of your life.

*Challenge:* Trusting God does not mean you will always be well-off financially, but it does mean that God is providing, caring, and loving you in both the hills and the valleys. This week, create a list of different ways you have seen God provide for you throughout your life. Say a prayer of thanks after reflecting on your list.