

Serve Others

First Fruits

The Pathway

Do Life Together

We are the community of weakness

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Worship Together Regularly

We worship when we bless Jesus to do the work
of His ministry.

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Enjoy God's Presence

God uses trials and testing to “know” us better.

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Live Differently

Love increases with compound interest.

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Live & Give Generously

Financial freedom is not financial independence
but financial contentment.

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Share Your Story

Your story is God's story. God is forgotten when
we fail to share it.

What flows in
must flow out.

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1 Corinthians 15: 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Yahweh is the God
of firstfruits.

Exodus 23: 19 “Bring the best of the **firstfruits** of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 18: 4 You are to give them the **firstfruits** of your grain, new wine and olive oil...

Numbers 28: 26 “On the day of firstfruits...

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Genesis 4: 3 In the course of time Cain brought **some** of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4 And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the **firstborn** of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering...

Don't expect God to bless
when you offer second best.

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because they enable the
acceptance of all our offerings.

Romans 11: 16 If the part of the dough
offered as firstfruits is holy, **then the whole
batch is holy...**

On account of Christ's first fruit,
you are accepted unto God.

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because they bear the fruit of God
where that fruit has never been
borne.

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disciples, if you love one another.”

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Luke 10: 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.

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but it stands in awe of God on
account of your first fruits.

Luke 10: Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The **next day** he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and **when I return**, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

In serving others, we return to God
the first fruits of His love in us.

The first fruits of service

bring hope where there is none.

forgiveness

joy

love

victory

life

Be ye not fruitful as a Christian.

Be ye firstfruitful!

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God wants our first fruits

because they demonstrate how
God makes the impossible
possible.

The fruit of the Spirit bears
witness to God
because they flourish in hostile
environments.

Galatians 5: 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

The power of first fruits:
the power to bear the fruits of
God where those fruits have never
been borne.

Serving others:

Bring forth hope, joy, forgiveness,
victory, and love where there is
none.

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