

FAITH, FINANCES, *and a* FRESH START

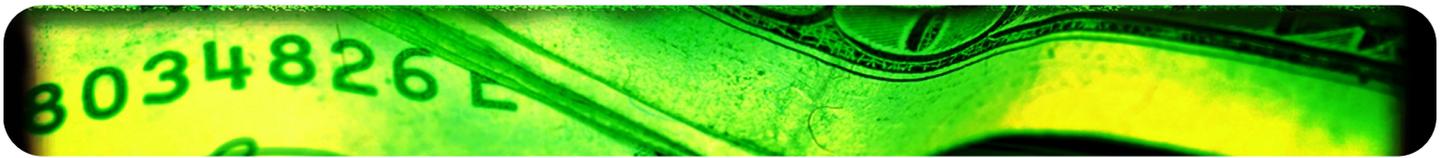
Session 3

What steps could the Allman Family take to decrease their spending and increase their giving?

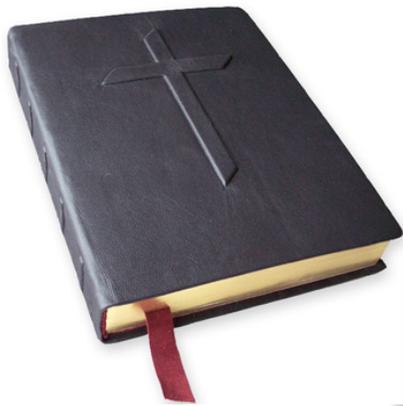
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How are the families in your Life Group similar or different than the Allman Family?

1. In spite of our _____ our people are characterized by a lack of _____ and _____. *James 4:1-3*
2. Jesus offers us true _____. *John 14:27*
3. The peace that Jesus offers us is _____ in any _____.
Philippians 4:11b - 13
4. Matthew 6:19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on _____, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in _____, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.21 For where your _____ is, there your _____ will be also.



Put Matthew 6:19-34 into your own words...How can we escape from worry?



*The message of the Bible is clear.
The world and everything in it belongs to God.
He entrusts a portion to us to manage as stewards of His resources.
He expects us to manage these resources (including our time, talents and treasures) wisely. This includes giving back to him through our tithes, offerings and sacrificial giving to provide for His people and insure that the gospel message is delivered throughout the world.*

How will we respond?

- I am currently tithing 1/10th of my income. I am going to review my family budget to see if God has blessed my faithfulness to a point that I can give above and beyond my tithe to grow God's kingdom.
- I am not tithing but I will use the tools that I have learned to begin my walk in obedience in this area.
- My know that my expenses exceed my income. I need to create a family budget that will bring my spending in line with my income and works towards a tithe.
 - I will tithe now and renegotiate the payments with my lenders until I can pay off my debts.
 - I will work a debt snowball *and* a giving snowball to pay off the lowest debt and apply 1/2 to my next debt and 1/2 to my giving.

Thank you God for providing for my family and letting me be a part of your work here on earth.