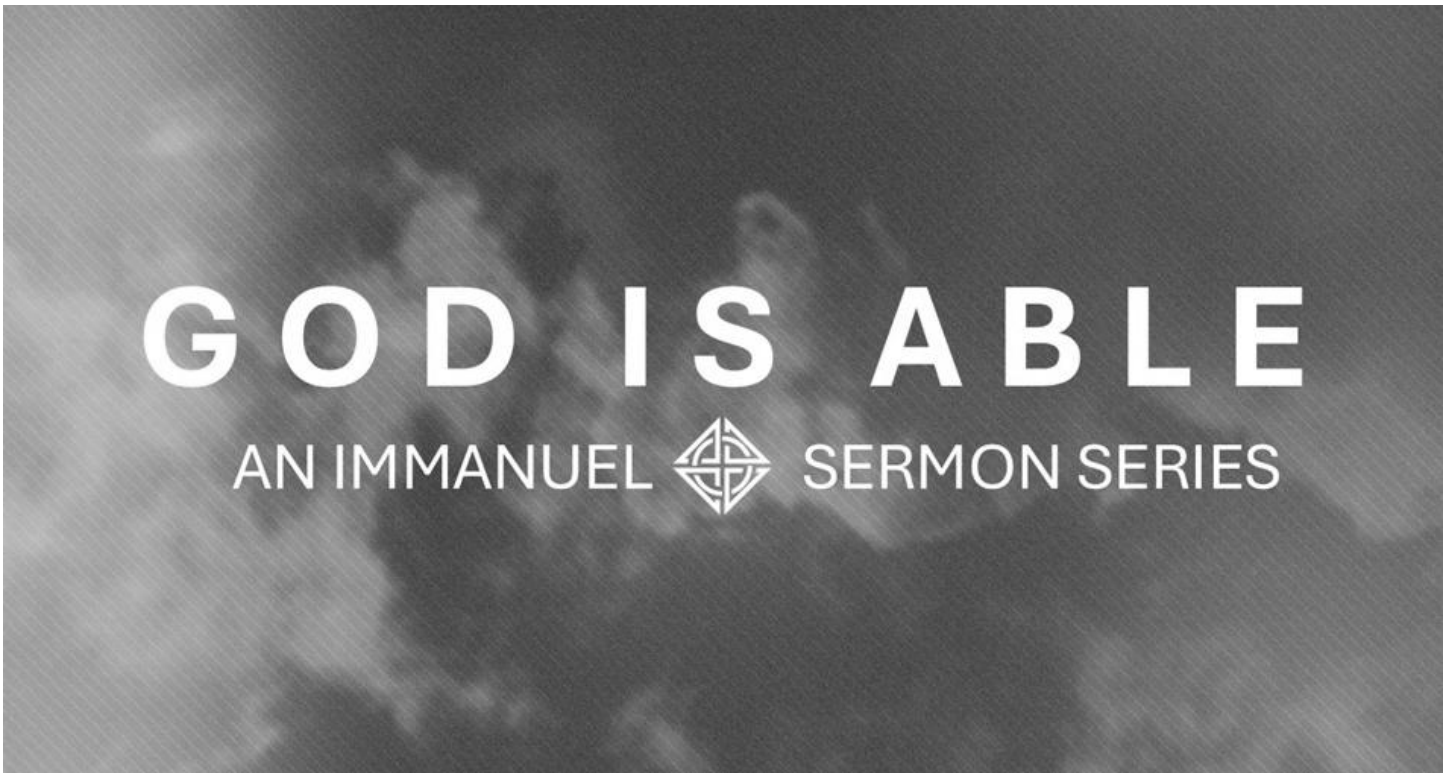


GOD IS ABLE

Week Three: 2 Corinthians 9:8

[6] *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* [7] *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* [8] *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.* [9] *As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."* (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

The Big Idea: God is able to make all _____ abound to his people so that his people may abound in every _____.

Introduction

- Paul had an _____ relationship with the church at Corinth.
- Paul wrote 2 Corinthians for three reasons:
    - To express _____ to the loyal majority in Corinth (2 Corinthians 1-7).
    - To encourage the church to _____ to an offering (2 Corinthians 8-9).
    - To rebuke a minority who questioned Paul's _____ (2 Corinthians 10-13).

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

- God's grace not only results in _____ – it also results in _____ _____ (2 Corinthians 9:8).
    - Salvation includes the miracle of _____ (Ezekiel 36:26 … 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 … Ephesians 2:4-5)
    - Salvation includes the miracle of _____ (Ezekiel 36:27 … 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 … Ephesians 2:8-10).
- God's grace results in the good work of _____ (2 Corinthians 8-9).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 8:2).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 8:3).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 8:5).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 8:9).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 8:13-14).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 8:16-24).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 9:1-5).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 9:7).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 9:10).
    - Christian giving is _____ (2 Corinthians 9:11-12).

Application

- "_____ yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!" (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- Is it my aim to _____ in every good work?
- Is it my aim to _____ in the grace of giving?