


*Attempting the Impossible . . . AGAIN.*

 **OWN** it.

35 DAYS  
OF OWNING IT:  
A PRAYER GUIDE

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTORS

One of the things that becomes clear the longer we follow Jesus is this: the work of God cannot be accomplished apart from the power of God.

As Jesus was about to entrust the Church to a handful of people He had trained, He said, “Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me” (John 15:4). This is a constant theme throughout the Bible. We can’t do anything apart from the power of God.

Luckily, in the same passage, Jesus encouraged the disciples with these words: “But if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to My Father” (John 15:7).

As we remain in Him and follow Him, He will be faithful to answer our prayers. That’s why we can have confidence as we “Attempt the Impossible . . . AGAIN.”

As our church family moves into another critical time of building up for greater service, we need to be clear on God’s call and connected to His power. We know that it is God’s will for us to reach more people and lead more people to a life-changing connection with Jesus. Now is the time for us to connect with Him through prayer for clarity about our role in reaching those new people.

May God bless us as we “pray the price” to bear much fruit and show ourselves to be followers of Jesus!

**DAN, MARK, NOEL, PAUL, & STEVE**

## THE PURPOSE OF THIS PRAYER GUIDE

The purpose of the prayer guide is to prepare us for the **OWN IT**. Capital Gifts Campaign. Each daily section is divided into four parts: **READ, REFLECT, PRAY, AND APPLY**. Each part will strengthen your relationship with God and help you understand His will for you in the Campaign.

### (1) READ:

Read the entire selected Bible passage.

### (2) REFLECT:

Take some time to “chew on” the key verse. Read the thought that explains each day’s chosen Bible passage. Ask yourself how the passage applies to your life. It may help to read the passage in the morning and think about it throughout the day.

### (3) PRAY:

Communicate with God every day. Ask Him to reveal to you how He wants you to participate in the Campaign.

### (4) APPLY:

As you work through each day’s section, write down in the space provided any thoughts or ideas that apply to your growth as a follower of Jesus and to your involvement in the **OWN IT**. Campaign.











STEPHEN OWNED IT & GOD DID THE IMPOSSIBLE

ACTS 6-7

This weekend at Riverview, we are looking at the life of the early church through the eyes of the first person to die in Jesus' name. Read his story and write down anything that inspires or challenges you. Then pray that God would help you **OWN IT.** and that He would do the impossible.

DAYS SIX & SEVEN : SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2006



















**READ:**

ACTS 11:19 – 21

“The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.” – Acts 11:21

**REFLECT:**

In times of great challenge the Church has always seen growth – spiritually and numerically. The key to that success is the fact that God’s hand must be involved.

We must rely on His strength, wisdom, and provision. It takes courage to say, “We’re going to do something so big, if God’s not in it, it’s bound to fail!” It is then that we truly see the hand of God at work.

**PRAY:**

God, You are sufficient to supply more than all we need. I praise You and thank You for all your blessings. May we as a church be completely reliant upon You as we expand this ministry. And as we rise to that challenge, may we see Your hand at work like never before, in our lives and the lives of others.

**APPLY:**











## READ:

2 CORINTHIANS 9

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 8

## REFLECT:

God takes pleasure in those who cheerfully give when the opportunity arises. Although everything belongs to God and He needs nothing, He desires to see the joyful attitude of your heart toward giving. God has met our deepest needs by giving Christ, His Son. Because of God’s generosity, shouldn’t we give generously to Him?

## PRAY:

Heavenly Father, impress upon my heart, through Your Spirit, what my part needs to be in giving. You gave Your only Son for me. What can I give to You? I desire to give generously because I want to be pleasing to You. Even though I can’t see how You will use my gifts, I know they will reap eternal rewards. God, thank You for allowing me to make the greatest investment of my life.

## APPLY:

DAY TWENTY-FIVE : THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2006







**READ:**

PSALM 63

“I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.”

– Psalm 63:2

**REFLECT:**

God created us to enjoy a relationship with Him. David instructs us to seek God . . . to thirst and hunger for Him. At Riverview Church, we truly experience God every weekend in worship. When you need God the most, He will cause you to recall those rich experiences of worship.

**PRAY:**

God, You are my God. I seek You. I long to spend quiet time with You. I have seen Your power and Your glory in worship. May my life be a center of worship for You. And may the worship services of Riverview continue to lift up Jesus and show Your power and glory.

**APPLY:**

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DAY THIRTY : TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006







## FIRST FRUITS WEEKEND:

### OWN IT.

#### ATTEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE . . . AGAIN.

This weekend at Riverview, we are collecting our First Fruits offering for the **OWN IT.** Campaign. Make sure you join us as we celebrate all the impossible things God has done and look forward to all the impossible things He is going to do!

## OUR FAMILY CONFERENCE

### PURPOSE:

To pray, study and communicate with one another to discover God's will concerning your commitment to **OWN IT**.

### PREPARATION:

Participate in the daily prayer guide so God has the opportunity to prepare every family member.

Set a time for your family meeting. The meeting will probably take 30 minutes to an hour, depending on the age of your children.

Instruct each family member to begin thinking of sacrifices that God wants that person, and the entire family, to make in order to make a great investment in God's work.

### DATE:

An evening between November 5 and November 10, with your written commitment to be turned in during the weekend services on November 11 & 12, Commitment Weekend.

### LEADER:

Preferably the head of household, with ALL family members present.

### SUGGESTED STEPS:

1. The leader prays, inviting God's presence and leadership into the meeting asking God to give a spirit of love, unity, and unselfishness.
2. Read and discuss as a family the Bible passages listed here. Write God's principles for giving in the space provided.

PROVERBS 3:9-10

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PROVERBS 11:24-25

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-12

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LUKE 6:38

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3. Ask family members to talk about sacrifices they and the family could make in order to give to God through the **OWN IT**. Campaign now and over the next three years. List family ideas below. Be sure to include each child so every family member has the opportunity to experience the joy of giving sacrificially to God.

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4. Let each family member pray prayers:

- Thanking God and praising God.
- Asking God's direction and help in making a family decision according to His will.

5. Compare God's principles for giving (*written under the Bible verses you have read*) with the ideas your family has come up with. Add any other suggestions that anyone offers.

6. Decide as a family what will be given.

7. Close with a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for your family as you step out in faith, and to give you joy in giving, thanking Him for what He has done and for what He will do.

**“THERE IS NO WAY THAT CHRISTIANS, IN A  
PRIVATE CAPACITY, CAN DO SO MUCH TO  
PROMOTE THE WORK OF GOD AND ADVANCE  
THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST AS BY PRAYER.”**

**- JONATHAN EDWARDS**

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