

Love Without Boundaries

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NARRATION

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Have you ever wondered why you are a church member? Some people belong to the church because they love their pastor's sermons. Others love the social interactions, the music, and the potlucks. Still, others belong to the church because they believe that this is the right thing to do.

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There is nothing wrong with any of those reasons, but shouldn't we have less self-centered reasons for being together as the worldwide body of Christ? Jesus' reason for coming to this world was not self-centered: "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28, NIV). Jesus also said that God sent Him "to save the world through Him" (John 3:17, NIV).

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Following in Jesus' footsteps, the church and its members should never lose sight of one of the main reasons why they are together—to save the world! This means embracing a universal mission. It requires us to pray, plan, and act together, as a world body, to save people not only locally, but also regionally, and globally. By planning and working together, as the global body of Christ, we become stronger, and we can go farther and faster.

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But where do the resources that we need to accomplish our worldwide mission come from? Among other things, the plan of tithe and offerings—and the way those funds are distributed worldwide, in an equitable way—provides us with an opportunity to join Jesus in His global mission unselfishly.

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The story is told of a pastor who refrained from educating his members about the danger of self-serving generosity and the importance of supporting the missionary endeavors of the global church family. His large and well-off congregation was known for its generosity. But instead of focusing on Jesus' worldwide commission, they were keen to invest in the regular upgrading of their church facilities. Unfortunately, sometimes, this meant that they would stop returning a faithful tithe and participating in regular missionary offerings to invest almost exclusively in their local church.

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After some years, the conference transferred this pastor to a different and less affluent locality, and he quickly understood the consequences of the narrow vision of mission he once had.

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How large is our vision of God's mission? We are saved because God emptied heaven and sent Jesus to our world. Following Jesus' footsteps, the church at some point mobilized resources to send a missionary to your home country or region. With Jesus as our model, would you also like to be an instrument of love to every nation, tribe, language, and people? Each time we worship God with our tithe and Promise (regular and systematic offerings), we have another opportunity to give globally, joining Jesus in saving the world!

May we put our desires last and God first.

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