

Joy: Multiply What You Have

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The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23 NLT

we speak of the "Pursuit of Happiness" - but happiness is not something you chase, it is something you uncover.

we identify as consumers, but God created us to create.

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. **James 1:2-4 NLT**

you have more than you think you do; God will expand it!

Matthew 15:29-38 - everything written about Jesus is not there to give us history. It is written to give us **perspective**.

The disciples were so focused on the problem that they did not see the possibilities.

Where Jesus is moved with compassion, they question - Where are we going to get enough bread?

We pray for more while God wants to multiply what is in our hands.

Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place." **Luke 9:12 NLT**

They want to **push the problem away** and **do what they can**.

But Jesus said, "You feed them." **Luke 9:13 NLT**

One of the most terrifying things in the world is to give God everything you have

it would never have multiplied if they did not give what they had away

When we are generous, when we serve, when we love, when we forgive, when we are gracious... we accomplish so much more.

What do you have in your hands that God can multiply?

READ TOGETHER IN 2022 Read with our NTC Family It is not too late to start! Go to our website or Facebook to join our 2022 Reading Plan for 2022.

2022 VISION OFFERING **What part will you play?** So far over \$100k has been pledged toward our goal of raising \$200,000 for our building renovations, repaving our parking lot, and contributing to Mannahouse Global's church planting fund. Pledge cards are in the backs of the seats.

WELCOME ROOM MEET AND GREET **Stop by for refreshments!** Have any questions for us or just want to learn how to connect beyond our Sunday Service? Stop by the welcome room after the service for a meet & greet where we have a selection of goodies and refreshments.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** 7th-12th graders gather weekly for an evening just for them.

ONLINE PRAYER **Wednesday at 7pm** Join us on Facebook Live or YouTube to pray together as we start a new year and expand our NTC Family.

MOPS & MOMSNEXT **Thursday at 10am or 6pm** Moms of every stage are invited to gather together every other Thursday to be encouraged and support one another in their journeys as moms

MEN'S PRAYER **Saturday at 8am** Men gather every week to pray together and support one another. All are invited!

UNITY SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S **Next Sunday at 6pm** Area churches will be gathering together as part of the global week of Christian unity.

coming up....

BRIDGE **January 27th at 6pm** 5th-7th graders gather every other Thursday night for fun and games and a message just for them.

UNITY SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S **January 23rd at 6pm** Massena area churches will be gathering together as part of the global week of Christian unity.

GROUPS FAIR **February 6th & 13th** We connect and grow together in smaller groups. These include House Churches, Focus Groups & Classes. Our groups and some of their members will be in the lobby after the service on these two Sundays to talk and welcome you to consider joining!

LENTEN MISSION WEEK **March 29th-31st** We will be gathering together with other Christians in Massena and Malone as we seek to live out Jesus' prayer in John 17. Joe Tosini and some other special guests will be joining us again. More information coming soon!

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