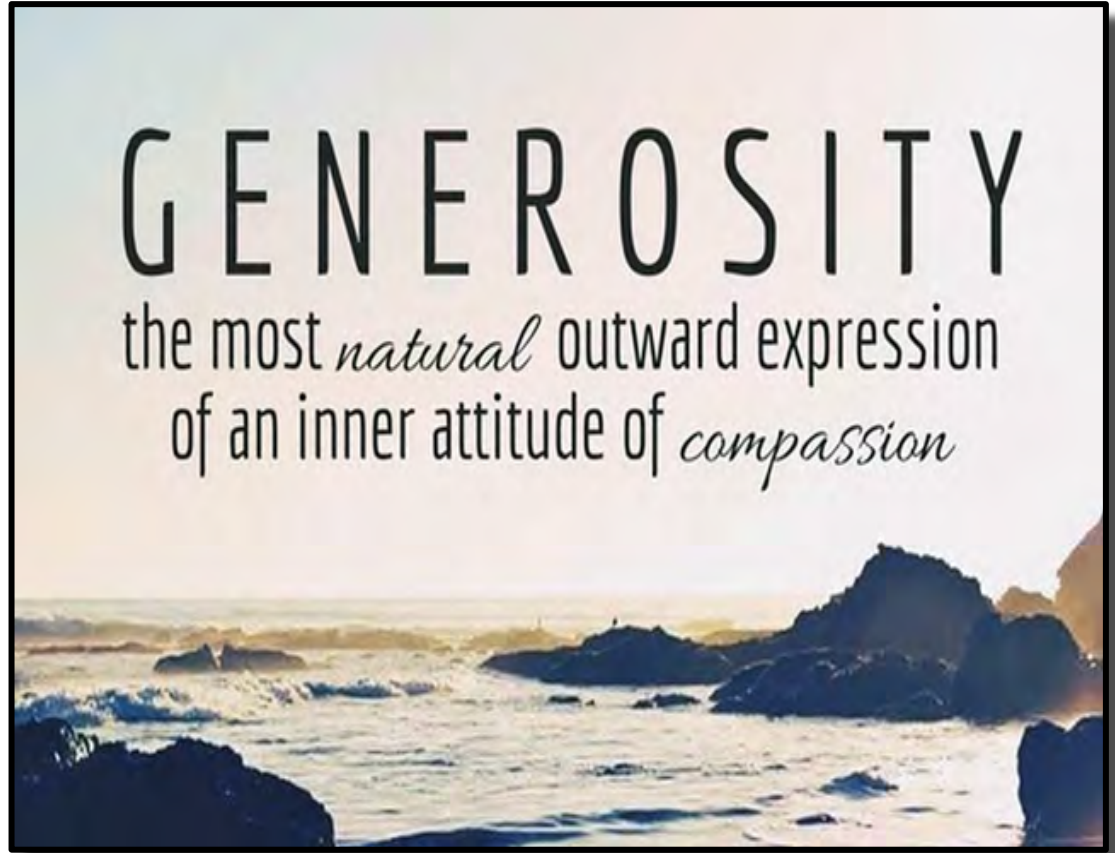


Sunday Celebration

Gathering	"Where I Belong"
*Worship Songs	"Lifesong"
	"Majesty"
Joys & Prayers	
Offering & Tithe	
Offering Song	"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
Scripture	Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)
Message	Radical Generosity Jack D. Cohen
*Response/Prayer Time	"Waiting Here for You"
*Closing	



We hope that the worship service today has helped you know & grow closer to the Lord. If you are visiting or have further questions & comments please fill out the Response Card so we can connect with you.



"I embrace the term 'evangelical,' if by that we mean a belief that we together can actually work for change in the world, caring for the environment, extending to the poor generosity and kindness, a hopeful outlook. That's a beautiful sort of thing."

— Rob Bell

RADICAL



GENEROSITY

Haven Community Church
September 4, 2016



- Radical generosity is an _____ not an _____

"If you're really eager to give it isn't important how much you are able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don't have"
– 2 Corinthians 8:12 (TLB)

THE STORY

- A Divine _____

"If there is a poor man do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be openhanded & freely lend him whatever he needs."
– Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NIV)

- God responds to the needs of the poor with _____
- God responds to those who neglect the poor with _____

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table."
– Luke 16:19-21 (NIV)

- An eternal _____

²² The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side."
– Luke 16:22-23 (NIV)

- If we become self-absorbed & neglect the poor...
 - Earth will be our HEAVEN & Eternity will be our HELL.

- A consequential _____

- Continue & NEGLECT the poor **OR** Repent & CARE for the poor

²⁵ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' ²⁶ But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember.'
– Luke 16:25-26 (NIV)

GENEROUS RESULTS

- It _____ my love for Jesus

"Just as you excel in everything else -- [you guys are good at a lot of stuff, you excel] in faith, in speech, in knowledge... even in your love for us -- See that you also excel in the grace of giving."
– 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

- It _____ Jesus

"You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich."
– 2 Corinthians 8:8-9 (MSG)

- It _____ my faith

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."
– 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

- It cause a generous _____

"...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but it also provides an outpouring of gratitude to God."
– 2 Cor. 9:11b-12 (NIV)

- It _____ God & _____ to the world

"You will glorify God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and because of your generosity."
– 2 Corinthians 9:13 (GW)