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IMAGINE

East Bay



Imagine
changing
lives
forever.

PREPARE TO EMBARK ON A JOURNEY
THAT WILL FOREVER CHANGE LIVES
IN THE EAST BAY.

WE WERE BIRTHED
BY GREAT FAITH &
A REALLY BIG DREAM.

FUELED BY A RECKLESS LOVE & DESIRE TO SEE PEOPLE FAR FROM GOD FIND LIFE IN CHRIST.

WE ARE THE FATHER'S HOUSE

In the beginning it was eight people. Eight people in a living room, praying. Believing. Burdened with a feeling that Vacaville needed a powerful move of God. Eight people who desired more than anything to see people far from God find life in Christ. It was then that Pastor Dave began truly crying out to the Lord the same message that Moses declared so many years ago,

“IF YOUR PRESENCE DOES NOT GO WITH US, DO NOT SEND US UP FROM HERE.” EXODUS 33:15

God answered. God moved. Before too long, it was clear that God was moving in more than just Vacaville, and the cry for Napa and the North Bay region began and was launched. Yet again, God amazed us with His goodness and power. The time came for something exciting in the East Bay, and we launched in faith, which leads us here, and now we stand on the brink of an exciting time. Because there's something special about the presence of God, isn't there? Think of it...

There's something amazing that happens when you walk into the place where you're supposed to be. It's like a special moment in time. It's like a divine calm and heavenly peace – like that moment in Esther's life when she was called, “for such a time as this.” That time can be experienced in several ways:

Maybe it's a special destination where your family likes to vacation, where the lobby of that hotel is always so warm and inviting, and the feeling you get when your kids are all gathered around you.

Maybe it's your campground spot, where the smell of the campfire is all over your sweatshirt, and someone is already getting the s'mores ready, and Grandpa's familiar and comforting stories begin to weave in and out of the sparks.

Maybe it's Mom and Dad's house, and the first place you go is the cupboard where she stocked your kids' favorite snacks that you never let them have at home, and the sound of her laughter makes your heart sing.

Or when it's at our church. Our church...it's really special, isn't it? When your cheeks hurt from smiling, your kids tease you for always getting tears in your eyes during that ONE song, and your heart is pounding because the message is again just for you.

When you're greeted with genuine care, you find a spot that's perfect for the family, and when that Spirit-filled worship team begins to play, and you're just...overcome with the love and presence of God. In that moment everything changes – people far from (and near to) God experience hope and healing, truth and freedom, love and forgiveness. It's just like Pastor Dave prayed so many years ago for His presence, that's really what we still seek today. Every day.

OUR BIG FAITH AND BIG DREAM STARTED WITH THE PRESENCE OF GOD. WE WILL FOREVER LOVE, HONOR AND MAKE A PLACE FOR HIM.

We will continually be in pursuit of Him, because this is who we are. His presence is why chains are often broken as soon as you walk through our auditorium doors. That's why it just feels right, and you can't find the words to explain why. Imagine that presence, the presence of Jesus transforming the East Bay.

Life is short.
Eternity is real.
People matter most.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

WE EXIST SO THAT PEOPLE FAR FROM GOD
WILL FIND LIFE IN CHRIST.

Church is not a building, it's a community.

We will find our significance through relationships.

We will always bring our best, honoring God and inspiring people.

We will enjoy the journey; laugh hard, loud and often.

We will lead the way with irrational generosity.

We will live for the bigger picture; taking action locally and globally.

We will be life-long learners.

We will invest our lives to build the local church.

We love our cities and will take responsibility for them.

We will make a place for people to experience Him.

God is big so we dream big.

WE ARE A PEOPLE ENCOUNTERING THE REALITY OF GOD.

IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
ALONE THERE ARE
OVER 1.1 MILLION PEOPLE
WITH LESS THAN 9% ATTENDING
A LIFE-GIVING CHURCH.

THAT MEANS OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE YET TO EXPERIENCE THE LIFE-CHANGING LOVE, HOPE AND HEALING FOUND IN JESUS.

The church is a
big deal to God,
it's a big deal to
us, too.

WE WILL INVEST OUR LIVES TO BUILD IT.

OUR VISION FOR THE EAST BAY

God's heart is, and has always been, beating for people. From the beginning of time, God had the church in mind – people “called out” and “set apart” for His purpose. A group of passionate and Spirit-filled people to change the atmosphere of the world around them, and bringing hope and a future to others by being a part of God's family.

*In East Bay, that is our heartbeat too. Now, as we have journeyed through countless setup and teardown services, and as we have been faithful to push ourselves on a weekly basis to create an atmosphere of God's presence, God is providing an opportunity for us to have something exciting: a **home**.*

WE ARE A PEOPLE
OF GREAT FAITH.
OUR GOD IS ABLE.

IMAGINE CHANGING LIVES FOREVER.

We will overcome limitations & barriers.

OUR 'WHY' IS THAT IMPORTANT.

OUR CURRENT LIMITATIONS

Let's be honest. We have some limitations. As a church, we have done an amazing job of overlooking these for the "season that we were in," but now is the time to take a look at some areas of opportunity.

- We don't have a permanent home. In addition to setting up and tearing down after EVERY service, we sometimes have to change locations. Obviously, this is not the best solution to establish a place that feels right for our community.*
- Our people work overtime to make sure that our church runs successfully every weekend, and they are doing an amazing job. But all of the time and energy we would be saving by having everything already in place would allow these amazing people to more fully do what God wants them to do in the house!*
- Our space is limited. As we grow, it becomes harder to find "temporary" locations that can house all the new families coming in. With a home of our own, we will be able to add services and ministries to meet those needs, so we can make room for more souls!*
- It can be tough to invite someone to church! We already are experiencing that feeling of crowdedness that makes it difficult to easily reach out to neighbors, friends, and coworkers and "save them a seat!" Waiting too late to provide the place, the space, the seat, and the ministry will cause us to potentially turn people away, something we are simply not okay with. We are pursuing God not just for ourselves, but also for every person who lives in the East Bay.*

We have big dreams.

WITH GREAT EXPECTANCY, WE WAIT WELL.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR

A location that is visible, accessible, expandable, and affordable.

A building of at least 20,000 sq.ft.

*Rooms for Kids, Pre-Teen, Students, Champions Club,
Grow Track, counseling, and church offices.*

Parking for 200 cars with room to expand.

*A place for the community to gather for events so we can continue to
fulfill the mission of the church being an integral part of the region.*

OUR CAMPUS NUMBERS

Currently at the East Bay campus, we have over 700 people that call the East Bay campus their church home. This year so far, 25 people were baptized, we gained 159 new members, and over 150 people signed up to serve on the Dream Team. We had 75 first time visitors and almost 48 new families attended. Best yet, multiple people every week finding new life in Christ by responding to the salvation invitation at the end of each service.

Good, isn't it? We are believing God for GREAT. Multiply everything according to God's vision and IMAGINE what happens at our campus! 3,000 in attendance, 100 baptized, 300 new members, 320 new Dream Team members, 300 first time visitors, and 200 new families! And IMAGINE this: 250 new souls that move from death to life, from darkness to light, and from hell to heaven!

Imagine it happening right here in East Bay!

BE CHALLENGED,
LEAVE YOUR
COMFORT ZONE.

“IT WAS CHARACTER THAT GOT US OUT OF BED, COMMITMENT THAT MOVED US INTO ACTION,
AND DISCIPLINE THAT ENABLED US TO FOLLOW THROUGH.”

- ZIG ZIGLAR

Equal in sacrifice.

LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY.

HOW CAN I RESPOND?

Great question. IMAGINE EAST BAY is our 2-year, \$2 million generosity campaign to provide our permanent HOME. Imagine how big of an impact we would have if 100% of us rallied together and committed to the Imagine campaign. Imagine how many lives would be changed forever! We believe that God is going to stir you, empower you and challenge you to step out of your comfort zone! We can't wait to go on this journey alongside you!

1. PRAY

We believe that 100% participation in prayer is vital to our success. As we ask, seek, and pray corporately and individually, God will speak to us, showing us what our part will be. We promise. He will make it clear what specific prayers should be lifted up. He will show you in your quiet times, through worship, devotions, prayer activities, and group discussions how to respond to our Imagine Campaign Prayer, "Dear Lord, what do you want to do through me?" Ask, and He will be faithful to guide you into sacrificial generosity to meet our need of \$2 million in 2-years. We call it "2 in 2."

2. PARTICIPATE

We want 100% of our people participating in sacrificial generosity. Maybe you've never given before. This is a perfect time to start, and to see the faithfulness that God promises (even challenges us to do) in His word. Is it a whole new way to trust God? Yes. Is it a sacrifice and challenge? Of course. But we guarantee that it is also the way we can affect an entire region for Christ. And no, we all can't give the same amount, but we all can certainly give sacrificially

3. MAKE A COMMITMENT

We are believing for 100% of our people to make a commitment to IMAGINE EAST BAY on Sunday, November 11th. We all want to take these faith commitments very seriously, as they are truly tied to individuals whose names we will be placing in the very foundations of our new home. Names of souls that we are believing for. Names of loved ones who keep us up at night in prayer sometimes. Names of those who just need a great church like ours.

"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you." - Thomas Jefferson

“Now to him who is able
to do immeasurably more
than all we ask or imagine according
to his power that is at work within
us, to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations,
for ever and ever! Amen.”

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

THANK YOU FOR SAYING “YES” TO THIS AMAZING JOURNEY.

We believe that the legacy you leave will be worth the risk, and the benefits you will receive will be eternal. As Pastor Dave always says, “Life is short. Eternity is real. And people matter most.”

“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together, to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Luke 6:38



PASTORS SHANE & JAMIE GUY

WE ARE BOLD.

WE ARE DARING.

WE ARE GENEROUS.

IMAGINE CHANGING LIVES IN THE EAST BAY.

Questions?

WE HOPE THESE ANSWERS ARE HELPFUL.

WHY IMAGINE?

"Imagine" is our response to the call of God to provide a permanent church home. Simply said, we are responding to God's leading. For weeks, months, and years The Father's House pastors have been praying, seeking God, asking Him to move upon our church. It became clear to us that God wanted us to move forward in this vision for the East Bay. In fact, we challenged our church in a giving campaign called "Moving Forward." In the past few months it became clear to the pastors of TFH that God was pressing us to continue the journey of providing a permanent church home in the East Bay. This stirred our imagination. And we began to imagine, with God, the possibilities of what a permanent home would do the enable us to more effectively reach people for Jesus. Thus, "Imagine" was born, and is our vision from God to intensify the effort that we started with Moving Forward.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE IMAGINE EAST BAY CAMPAIGN?

Our goal for "Imagine" is that 100% of our congregation will pray and participate in sacrificial generosity for our vision of providing a new church home that will become a hub campus and enable us to reach people without location, size, and space restrictions. We are providing a Journey Guide, sermons, group materials, and devotions so that together we can go on the spiritual journey of discovering what God wants each of us to do. Remember as well, we have an adversary that will do everything possible to try and convince you that Imagine isn't for you. He knows that if he can shut off the flow of generosity, we won't be able to move forward in our mission and calling. So, make a commitment that you WILL go on the spiritual journey with your church family.

WHAT ABOUT OUR LAST GIVING SEASON — "MOVING FORWARD?" WHAT DID WE DO WITH THAT MONEY?

Moving Forward was a success, and got us started on the journey of finding a larger church home for us. We thank God for the sacrificial giving to Moving Forward, and it has positioned us for an even greater success with Imagine. Together, the funds collected from Moving Forward coupled with the Imagine East Bay funds will move us forward into our future.

I'M ALREADY STILL GIVING TO "MOVING FORWARD" TO FINISH MY FIRST COMMITMENT. WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO ABOUT IMAGINE?

If you have already given (or are still giving) to Moving Forward, thank you for being part of the journey! We honestly could not have gotten as far as we have without you! We are asking everyone in our church to participate in the Imagine spiritual journey, including those who have given in past campaigns. It's one unified church with everyone asking God what He wants to do through us now for Imagine. On Sunday, November 11, we will be able to fill out a new Imagine Commitment Card that represents what God wants each of us to do financially for the next two years. Moving Forward will conclude on December 2, 2018 with our celebration announcement of the total in commitments, and the giving of our first gifts to Imagine. All that we ask of you is that you will be willing to listen to the Holy Spirit and respond.

WHY DO WE NEED A BUILDING NOW? I CAN ALWAYS FIND A SEAT AND DON'T MIND THE HOTEL.

One simple reason: there are 1 million people in our area who are far from God, and we need the ministry space, location, seats, parking, and programming that will enable them to discover Christ and experience hope and healing. We are already beyond the comfort zone of 80% capacity in two services. The ability to continuously add services as was done at the Vacaville campus isn't an option for us. So we must be on the front end of expanding capacity during the optimal times new people are willing to come to a service. God wants to accelerate our ability to reach people for the harvest is ripe.

Continuous "set up/tear down" as a church is not a long-term solution, just like the traveling tabernacle in the wilderness was not the ultimate will of God for His people! It's time for us to move to a "promised land" of our own, and build a HOME for people to come to. The same location every week. A place to put PERMANENT roots down and create a welcoming atmosphere where people want to come and stay! Yes, the hotel, senior center, and school were all very nice and had their strengths, but we need a foundation! This will allow our Dream Team and leaders to move their focus from having to "build" the building every week, and free them up for ministry to our people!

IS THIS MOVING EAST BAY TOWARD A “MEGA-CHURCH” FEELING?”

Our church is about reaching people far from God and helping them find new life in Christ. As long as God entrusts us with more hungry and hurting people, our church will always plan for growth. Yes, our goal is to have 3,000 people in the East Bay come to The Father’s House and find life in Christ! But embracing the misconception that large churches are someone “bad,” or that a movement of God has gotten “big enough,” is a significant roadblock to Jesus’ great commission. It abandons potential. It puts limits on the movement of the Spirit. It gives opportunity for the enemy to squelch what God wants to do through His people. We will never believe that God has “moved enough” for us. People will always find a home in the presence of God, and no matter how many thousands gather on the weekend, we will continue to grow deeper and healthier through TFH groups, discipleship, and relationships.

HOW MUCH IS THIS ALL GOING TO COST? WITH BOTH MOVING FORWARD AND IMAGINE TOGETHER?

There has been much time spent on the affordability factor related to our guiding principle for a new location and building. As it has been said, we are believing for a location that is visible, expandable, flexible, accessible, and affordable. Thus our working number based upon our research and our financial capacity as a campus is around \$2 million. This may include

some creative phasing, sweat equity, and responsible financing. You can rest assured that The Father’s House leadership will always ensure we don’t commit to anything that would put us into financial jeopardy.

WHY DO WE NEED TO SPEND SO MUCH MONEY ON A BUILDING? CAN’T WE PROVIDE SOMETHING THAT WORKS AND DO SOMETHING ELSE WITH THE MONEY?

Our goal is to facilitate the mandate Jesus gave the Church by moving into a home that accurately represents the greatness, provision, and excellence of the God we serve. The new location will be a great tool to reveal God to our community and region. While we will never overspend on unnecessary things, we will choose excellence - while seeking the most efficient way to use the resources. We are, after all, ensuring that WE are following God’s direction to be good and faithful stewards of what He has given. Ultimately, remember: it’s never about the dollar amounts, but the faith and obedience of God’s people.

We love our city and our world. Thus the unanimous and unwavering commitment of our leadership team is to continuously give to missions, community outreach, and to the poor. This has been one of our top values at The Father’s House and this will never change. Because Imagine is a sacrificial and faith-based commitment beyond our current giving, we do not anticipate or plan on wavering from our

current budgets and giving goals for others. Remember the multiplication principle Jesus taught. The people who multiplied their talents the most were given even more percentage wise so that the harvest could be accelerated. When we were a church of 480, we were faithful and generous in our compassionate outreach. As the church has doubled that number, so has our capacity to give, and our missions has increased proportionally. The progression is obvious. As we grew, so did our own outreach-giving. As we grow even more, we have incredible faith that our giving will continue to increase and accomplish more than we have ever done before! It’s true, the more we reach people with the gospel, the more resources we will have to minister hope and healing.

WILL WE START MORE CAMPUSES?

We will! Remember, just as Vacaville has become somewhat of a “hub” campus in the Vacaville area, increasing their area of influence, becoming a beacon in the community, and growing substantially since their move, so will we. After all, since the move to the new Vacaville campus, we were able to plant TWO new autonomous locations (The Father’s House SF and The Father’s House OC), PLUS we launched the Roseville campus - reaching the movement of God into the Sacramento area!

Our size in Vacaville is enabling us to spread the fame of Jesus on a much larger scale. For example, recently, the Vacaville campus was also able to host the community for the funeral of the CHP officer who died in the line of duty. Around

3,000+ people attending the funeral, including over 1,000 uniformed officers, several congressmen and women, and other elected officials. We were overwhelmed by the gratitude of city and state officials who were “shocked and moved” that a church would serve them with such love, grace, and hospitality.

That is “what’s next” for East Bay! We also are believing that we will quickly become a “hub” church for the 90+ cities that make up our region, with 3,000+ in attendance, and having the faith to send our OWN campuses into neighboring areas - more effectively bringing people who are far from God to find life in Christ! Remember, everything we do is to spread the fame of Jesus - quicker, faster, wider, deeper, higher.

SO WHAT SPECIFICALLY DO YOU NEED ME TO DO?

Glad you asked! We are leaning heavily on the Holy Spirit to guide our entire church body through the days ahead. We want you to: 1) Pray, “God what do You want to do through me and my family?” 2) Position yourself to be available and willing to do what God asks you to commit in sacrificial generosity over the next two years. 3) Fill out a Commitment Card when it’s time on November 11 - in obedience to what God tells you to do! While you may have to wrestle with the challenge to trust God, to rearrange your priorities for a season, maybe even commit like the Macedonians did “as they were able and even beyond their ability” by faith. You should feel no pressure, stress, manipulation, coercion, or worry throughout this journey. God will be faithful to you.

IS MY COMMITMENT A ONE-TIME GIFT OR MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS? HOW DOES THAT WORK?

After you have taken the preparation steps of faith and prayer, and arrive at a dollar amount that God wants you to invest over the next two years, the commitment can be fulfilled however and whenever works best for you. Monthly payments, one-time gifts, and multiple installments are all fine. Historically people have needed the timeframe of two years to fulfill the faith commitment God asked them to make. Really the journey is in the two years of fulfillment as God prospers you to be able to fulfill the faith commitment. Keep a journal of God's faithfulness and share in your group and with the church leaders how God has been enabling you to succeed in Imagine.

WHAT IF I CANNOT FULFILL MY COMMITMENT?

We are working with some amazing people who have helped churches all over the nation do what we are doing, and the statistics show that 90% of all the people who make a commitment are able to, and actually do, pay them in full. This is not a binding contract, so no shame or pressure will come from the office or leaders. Remember: God is the ONE who provides seed to the sower, and your commitment and vow is between you and Him.

HOW ARE OTHER CAMPUSES GOING TO BE INVOLVED?

The Father's House is "One Church, Many Locations." The campuses and church

plants The Father's House has started from the Vacaville campus. All those locations exist because of the generosity of Vacaville. As each campus came on board, they (including Napa and East Bay) became generous in seeing other campuses and church plants expanded and launched. We truly have been functioning as "One Church, Many Locations," meeting the needs each other has had. Yet, to ensure we are healthy, we are following the biblical example of the apostle Paul who wanted each New Testament location to fully support its own local mandate and mission, to expand and grow, and then to serve other locations. Fully interdependent, fully functioning, fully replicating. So now, this is OUR time to take full ownership over our region, our location, and our mission. This is OUR chance to pray and believe that God will move through US! Isn't it exciting that the East Bay campus of The Father's House is going to fully support and fund (through God's provision) an entirely new and bigger home!? And just as we are following this biblical model, so is our Napa campus. They are having their own Imagine campaign, and our other locations will be believing, praying, and cheering us on.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T RAISE ENOUGH MONEY?

First, we believe in the power of God's provision and plan, so we are going to push doubt and disbelief away from our church! But whatever resources are raised during our campaign will be used for moving toward the vision that God has for us. Rest assured, our leaders and pastors are

working diligently to use wisdom on how to best utilize the funds that will come in.

DO I NEED TO GIVE IN ORDER TO BE A MEMBER?

No. However, those who are members have stated that they are behind the vision of The Father's House. It would be unacceptable to think that the members would refrain from taking part in the project. We understand a situation may prevent someone from giving on day one, but we are confident that God will make a way for everyone (members and attenders) to participate, no matter what financial situation each may be in. We are asking everyone who calls The Father's House East Bay 'home' to go on the spiritual journey and build our HOUSE, God's HOUSE, for EVERYONE God brings us.

WHAT IF MY FINANCES CHANGE SUDDENLY? CAN I CHANGE MY FAITH COMMITMENT?

Absolutely. We're not looking to put people into bondage. We do, however, believe that "God is able to make all grace abound to you," and we believe this will be the most prosperous season of your life in every way! But life happens, and we understand that you may need to adjust. Have faith and excitement as you expect great things to come your way.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN GIVING?

We all have been there, where we came to Jesus and had to be challenged to grow into being a generous Christian. The apostle Paul exhorted Pastor Timothy to

"encourage" his people to be generous and not be delinquent in doing that. So that those who have not participated in giving much, or at all, take the plunge; start creating and expanding your generosity story. We encourage you to use the Imagine campaign as your "test" to see how faithful God is in return. Place your treasure into The Father's House, and your heart will follow, your faith will expand, your trust in God will grow, and your DECLARATION that God is FIRST will deepen. Imagine is based upon Ephesians 3:20-21 where God says "he will do exceedingly abundantly above and beyond all that we can ask, think or imagine." That blessing can be a full range of blessings, yes it can be a financial return to you, but for many, they testify to blessings that are far greater than just a financial return, including breakthroughs in relationship, health, vocations, attitudes, habits, hang-ups, healings, etc. That's the generosity story that you are creating for you and your family. Paul, in Philippians 4:17, gave his motivation for why he exhorted generosity so much to the New Testament churches, "I am not trying to get something from you, but I want you to receive the blessings that come from giving." That's our motivation as well, to see YOU blessed, even as we BUILD the Kingdom together in the East Bay.

DO WE HAVE POTENTIAL BUILDINGS IN MIND?

We do. For some time TFH leadership has been doing due diligence on buildings that fit our criteria of being located within our ministry area and have the capacity to be

visible, accessible, expandable, multi-purpose, and affordable. TFH has an astute group of people to ensure we do this in a smart way. The challenge that churches in particular face is that potential sellers want to know how quickly the church can raise funds and strike a deal. What that means practically is that the TFH campuses need to be financially positioned with funds in hand and/or committed through our Imagine campaign to be able to be taken seriously in the real estate market. To secure a building first, while ideal for us, isn't practical for the seller because they won't wait for months and years for the transaction to happen. Imagine will position us to act when the right building is located.

ARE WE LOOKING TO PURCHASE OR LEASE?

We are pursuing a long-term solution for our campus; a location and facility that can serve as a hub in response to God's call to us to establish a hub campus of 3,000 that will serve as a launching place for other campuses within our region. Some form of long term leasing that ends with purchase may be necessary.

DO WE ALREADY HAVE DEBT WE NEED TO PAY OFF?

Our campus is debt-free through the faithful support of our people across all campuses who have been giving to TFH through general giving and past capital campaigns.

IF WE RAISE ENOUGH, CAN WE BUY WITH CASH OR DO WE PLAN ON GOING INTO DEBT?

Our goal is to raise enough for improvements, however it will not be near enough to purchase a building; if we do purchase, we will be financing. We are making Imagine a priority within the life of our campus because we believe we are responding to the leading of the Spirit to be more intentional in pursuing a hub campus. If we lease or buy a building, the campaign funds will pay for the improvements. Our goal has always been to have a responsibly low loan-to-value on any of our mortgage debt.

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR BUILDINGS?

We are looking for buildings in our immediate area in the East Bay area. Our criteria is in our current ministry area and a place that is visible, accessible, expandable, and affordable.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER WAYS TO HELP WITH THE SPECIFICS OF THIS CAMPAIGN IF I'M NOT ABLE TO GIVE FINANCIALLY?

Actually, we believe God wants 100% of our people praying and participating in a sacrificial commitment to Imagine. Past experience in previous campaigns proves that God always enables his people to find a way to participate financially. This is the genius of a multi-year campaign. People readily say God led them into a commitment that they didn't quite know

how they would give it and over time, the provision of God made it possible. This isn't intended to pressure you, but to encourage you to pray, trust that God will lead you, and then by faith respond. This is what the Macedonians did in 2 Corinthians 8:3-5, when challenged to give in a giving initiative. In summary, Paul said, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able (in the present), and even beyond their ability (what they believed for in the future) urgently pleading with us for the privilege, and they exceeded our expectations, giving themselves to the Lord first, and then to us, in keeping with God's will." Imagine is our spiritual journey of first, giving ourselves to the Lord; second, giving ourselves to our local church need; third, discovering God's will; and fourth, by faith making a commitment.

WILL YOU ENSURE DONORS TO THE CAMPAIGN HAVE ANONYMITY?

We will follow the well-established financial practices TFH has been committed to for years. And the people who will process Imagine commitments and giving will be the same people who currently manage our giving and finances at TFH.

WILL YOUR MESSAGES BE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WHO MISS SUNDAY SERVICE?

Absolutely! The Imagine campaign is so important to our future, that we really do want to honor our goal of 100% participation to Imagine. We want everyone to have the joy in knowing they

did their part in establishing the HOME where thousands of people in our Bay Area come to Jesus and find hope and healing. To that end, it may feel at times we are over communicating regarding Imagine. But rest assured that if that happens for you, that is because of the high value we hold to everyone in our church having access to information, and are being encouraged to participate in the Imagine spiritual journey.

IS THIS ON TOP OF WHAT I NORMALLY GIVE? OR DO I SHUFFLE GIVING FROM ONE POT TO ANOTHER?

We are following the biblical practices used in the recorded giving campaigns of the Bible. We are asking for Imagine commitments to be "above and beyond current giving," to be "determined by prayer and planning, to be "sacrificial," and given by "faith" over the fulfillment timeframe. The 'How?' section of the Journey Guide is designed to be a great tool to help you arrive at your faith commitment. Briefly, people find it helpful to think through their commitment by using the five D's of sacrificial commitment: 1) What can I do away with? 2) What can I delay? 3) What can I do more of? 4) What can I donate? 5) What can I deny myself? You can readily see why this is a spiritual journey over multiple weeks. It takes time to be lead of the Spirit, increase faith and courage, and discover God's will.

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CHANGING LIVES FOREVER

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