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FOR OUR CHURCHES

- For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the pulpit and the pews.

FOR OUR CITIES

- For God to raise up a gospel witness in our cities, in schools, universities, and the workplace.

FOR OUR COUNTRIES

- For God to raise up Daniels, Esthers and Josephs in government offices around the world that will be a voice from heaven to the nation.

FOR THE WORLD

- For God to save one billion souls.

Lending to the Lord

by Pastor Brad Guice, *TSC North Jersey Pastor*

I have always loved doing outreaches to the poor and homeless on the streets and in shelters. They are always rewarding. The poor can't afford to pay you back; it is done out of a willingness to serve the Lord and a true heart of compassion. How about you, do you have a heart for the poor?

Have you ever walked by a homeless person on the street that was in deep despair, and you were moved with compassion and a real desire to help them? Maybe, at the time, you did not know how to help them or thought you were incapable of filling their needs. Maybe you were in a big hurry, so you walked right by them, only to feel very convicted later that you didn't stop to help. These things have happened to me many times.

Then there have been other times, moved by compassion, I have stopped, asked them how I could help, prayed with them and shared with them the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have even led many of

them to accept Christ right on the streets. I have even been able to guide a few out of their circumstances and off the streets into shelters and Christian facilities.

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The Bible defines this latter action as "lending to the Lord." "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He (meaning God) will pay back what he has given" (Prov. 19:17 [NKJV]).

What an amazing scripture and there is even a promise attached to it! Who could ever think that we would be able to lend anything to our Lord? What a privilege it is to give God something that pleases Him so much! This



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is what this scripture is saying. God is so grateful for any of our actions to the poor that He promises to pay us back for our compassion.

It is amazing the number of verses in the Bible that mention the poor. It speaks boldly of God's heart to help, protect, and provide for them. In Deuteronomy 15:11 it says, "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'" In other words, God is asking us outright to be kind to the poor. It should not be our attitude as believers that it is not our problem. God chooses to identify with the poor in their distress and when we open our hands to be generous and kind to them, He promises to reward us—and there are more promises of the Lord's blessings if we do.

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We see this through the Bible. "Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers him." (Psalm 41:1 [NKJV]). "If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday" (Isaiah 58:10 [NKJV]).

When we're "kind" to those who are poor, we're actually giving kindness to our Lord. Jesus echoes this throughout Matthew. "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me'" (Matthew 25:37-40 [NKJV]).

If we're lending to the Lord, He is figuratively speaking, putting Himself in debt to us. He is telling us that being kind to the poor should be a desire of our hearts that He will reward. He is sharing how much He loves those who are suffering and going through hardships in this world and how He would like us to help them. These are opportunities for us to show people God's love, share the gospel and to lead them to salvation.

But the true evidence that God is in our hearts is that we do not do these actions to receive anything from God but that we are motivated with compassion because He resides in our hearts and 'His desires, have become our desires!'

When we become believers, we are called to be servants of Christ. True servanthood to others is the giving of ourselves without expectations or hope of gaining anything in return for our efforts. When we love and go

out of our way to help those that are poor, we truly show God's Love to those around us. This is putting the Word of God and our faith into action. Helping the poor, the needy, the homeless and the least of these of this world is the heart of God, and when we do this, we are lending to the Lord. As His hands and feet to a hurting world, it truly pleases Him. How about you, will you lend to the Lord?

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The Apostle Paul when responding to the request of the Apostles in Jerusalem after hearing about his conversion said in "All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along" (Galatians 2:10 [NKJV]). ■





When Healing Looks Like Love

TSC at Safe Harbor

This August, a small medical missions team from Times Square Church traveled to Safe Harbor Ohio, a residential home dedicated to bringing healing and restoration to teenage survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation. Safe Harbor is a place where young women are slowly reclaiming their sense of safety, dignity, and hope. Our introduction to this ministry came through the outreach organization “Eight Days of Hope.” As we prayed and sought the Lord, we began asking what a medical mission could look like in this unique setting—especially since providing clinical care across state lines often comes with logistical and legal challenges.

God answered in a surprising way.

Rather than offering direct medical care, He opened a door for us to serve creatively through practical workshops and relational ministry. Over the course of three days, our team built trust and created safe, life-giving moments with the girls at Safe Harbor.

We started with financial literacy workshops. For many of these teens, even basic concepts—like debit and credit cards, budgeting, or credit scores—were brand new. The lessons were simple but empowering. Watching the girls begin to grasp these basics was like seeing seeds of independence and self-confidence being planted.

We also hosted jewelry-making sessions. Laughter filled the room as the girls designed their own creations—hands-on, lighthearted, and healing in its own way—a reminder that creativity can be a pathway to restoration. One of our congregants, a licensed esthetician, blessed the girls with a special skin-care day. Facials and simple treatments reminded them they are worthy of care and dignity. Alongside these moments, we played games, shared meals, and simply enjoyed one another’s company.

Some days, the girls were open and joyful—eager to participate. Other days, the weight of their past experiences felt heavier, and

they withdrew. We learned to honor those rhythms, recognizing that healing is not a straight path. In the quiet moments as much as the active ones, God’s presence was there.



We also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of the Safe Harbor staff. Their work is not easy, and the burdens they carry are immense. Part of our mission was to love and encourage them too—reminding them they are not alone in this calling.

This was not a “typical” medical mission, but it was exactly the mission God had in mind. Though Safe Harbor has been open only a year, it is already a place of miracles. The girls who walk through its doors are met with safety, love, and the hope of a new future.

As a church family, we are grateful to have been part of this story in even a small way. Our prayer is that these seeds—planted through teaching, creativity, and simple acts of care—will grow into a harvest of healing and lasting freedom in the lives of these young women.

A Heart of Thankfulness

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

—1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, we are reminded that gratitude is not just a holiday tradition, but a way of life for the believer. Scripture calls us to give thanks in all circumstances—not only when life feels easy but even in moments of challenge. A thankful heart recognizes that God is always at work, weaving His goodness into every season of our lives.

Thanksgiving gives us a special opportunity to pause, reflect, and remember. What has God done for you this year? Has He provided in unexpected ways? Has He carried you through a storm? Has He surrounded you with people who encourage and love you? Each of these is a gift from the Father above, worthy of gratitude and praise.

True thankfulness shifts our perspective. Instead of focusing on what we lack, we begin to see how blessed we truly are. A grateful

heart opens the door to joy, peace, and renewed faith. As we enter this holiday season, let's not only gather around tables filled with food, but also gather our families and friends around a spirit of thankfulness.

We also know that for many, this season can be a time of pain or loneliness. That's why showing love, kindness, and gratitude is so important—it can break down walls and barriers, and bring healing to hearts in need. Even the smallest act of thankfulness or kindness can shine the light of Christ into someone's life.

Let's remember, we are on the road to winning a billion souls. One billion truly starts with one—one act of love, one word of encouragement, one heart turned to God.

From all of us at Times Square Church: Happy Thanksgiving! May the peace of Christ fill your hearts with joy, gratitude, and compassion this season.



HAPPY
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TIMES SQUARE CHURCH

TSC North Jersey Campus

The Times Square Church North Jersey Campus opened its doors June 5th, 2011 in an outdoor mall in Roxbury New Jersey. TSC North Jersey was birthed when the Lord led Senior Pastor Carter Conlon to start a satellite campus in New Jersey and called on Brad and Lisa Guice, who had a burden for that community, to be the pastors for the campus.

On opening day there were 64 people in attendance. Within two years the campus had grown out of its original space and moved into a permanent church building. In December 2013 North Jersey opened its doors at their current location which seats 300 people at 450 Howard Boulevard in Mt. Arlington, New Jersey.

The Sunday 10AM service is streamed live from Times Square Church. The North Jersey campus has some unique events and special services, such as 'Worship in The Woods' a monthly service held outdoors spring through fall under the stars on their own Wilderness Stage. There are also Fellowship Sundays once a month, which is a potluck meal after Sunday service in the church patio for congregation members to fellowship with one another.

Visitors often say the New Jersey campus is a very close-knit community of believers. The North Jersey campus has thriving kids and youth ministries, as well as outreaches to the Bowery



Missions/Tribeca Emergency Shelter, the homeless in Paterson, New Jersey, and the Hoving Home.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Sun. 10:00 AM – Church Service (*streamed*)
- Sun. 7:00 PM – Strictly Young People Bible Study
- Wed. 7:00 PM – Worldwide Prayer Meeting (*streamed*)
- Wed. 8:30 PM – Congregational Prayer (*in-person*)
- Fri. 6:30 PM – 'Ignite' Youth Group (*4th Friday*)
- Fri. 7:00 PM – Women's Fellowship (*1st Friday*)
- Sat. 9:00 AM – Men's Fellowship (*2nd Saturday*)



Times Square Church North Jersey Worship in the Woods Service, Mt. Arlington, NJ



When God Uses Pain

A message from Pastor Carter Conlon

Dear Friend,

I want to talk to you about something we all know but seldom welcome. Pain. None of us naturally want to experience it. We pray to avoid it, look for ways around it, and often wonder why God would allow it at all. But I want you to hear this today—sometimes, God chooses to use pain because He loves us too much to leave us the way we are.

There are things in our hearts that simply cannot stay if we are to walk fully with Christ—pride, fear, bitterness, or unbelief. These are weights that hold us back. And so, in His mercy, God allows trials to remove what doesn't belong and replace it with something better.

I've seen it in my own life. Moments of struggle that felt unbearable at the time, later proved to be the very place where God was shaping me. He used what I thought would destroy me, to actually strengthen me. That's the power of His love—it refines us, like gold in the fire, until His image shines brighter in our lives.

So if you are walking through a painful season right now, I want to encourage you. Don't waste your pain by running from it or resenting it. Instead, bring it to the Lord. Let Him teach you. Ask Him, "Lord, what are You doing in me through this?" You may find that He is removing fear and replacing it with courage, taking away despair and giving you hope, or breaking pride and filling your heart with humility.

Remember, God never wastes anything you put in His hands—not even your suffering. What the enemy means for evil, God turns into good. And at the center of it all is the Cross, where Jesus took the greatest pain of all so that you could walk in the greatest freedom of all.

Friend, God is with you. Trust Him. He knows what He's doing, and He is faithful to finish the work He has started in you.

With hope in Christ,

Pastor Carter Conlon
Times Square Church, General Overseer

TIMES SQUARE CHURCH

Times Square Church was founded in 1987 by Pastor David Wilkerson, author of "The Cross and the Switchblade." It is an interdenominational church located in the heart of New York City.

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