

## COMING INTO YOUR BEST LIFE

Today, let's establish an understanding of what the Bible means by this word: "\_\_\_\_\_"

*Genesis 1:21-22*

Being blessed means \_\_\_\_\_ from God something He has, that we would not have apart from Him generously \_\_\_\_\_ it to us.

*Genesis 1:26-28; John 1:1-2; John 1:14*

**At Creation God gave us 2 remarkable blessings:**

- 1.
- 2.

*Genesis 3:8*

With blessing comes a connection of \_\_\_\_\_ and peace with God.

When God blesses us we also gain a sense of His nearness and \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

Blessing comes to those who look to God for what they \_\_\_\_\_ *James 4:6*

The Hebrew word translated "bless" is pronounced "barak", which means: "\_\_\_\_\_"

**At the core of receiving blessing two things are required:**

- 1.
- 2.

**The cursed life comes when...**

*Genesis 12:1; Ephesians 2:1-5; Genesis 12:2-3*

**Blessing is \_\_\_\_\_!**

Continued blessing is contingent upon our ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ and obedience of God. *Genesis 22:1-2*

God tests those He blesses, teaching them to trust Him, and in doing so, He \_\_\_\_\_ our trust in His goodness.

Giving his son back to God means Abraham is required to shift his faith from \_\_\_\_\_

God has given him, back to \_\_\_\_\_ who gives and blesses.

*Genesis 22:5; Jeremiah 2:13*

God is calling Abraham, as He will call all of us, to \_\_\_\_\_ Him with the blessings we cherish most... keeping our worship focused on God, not on what He \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 22:12*

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LIVE

**Modern Worship | Live Teaching**  
Sat 5:30P; Sun 9:15A, 11:00A  
Located in the Worship Center



**Edgy Environment | HD Video**  
Sunday 9:15A, 11:00A  
Located in the Student Center



**Acoustically Driven | HD Video**  
Sunday 9:15A, 11:00A  
Located in the River Room

## CONNECTION CARD

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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or go to 2RC.tv/Connect & complete online

**What venue did you attend?**

☐ Live

☐ Amped

☐ Blend

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a vote for Jason Collins to rejoin the Elder Board during services on January 21/22.

### ALL CHURCH

**Taste of Two Rivers:** Are you new to Two Rivers Church? If so, we'd like to invite you to a free lunch to meet our staff and elders on **January 15 in the River Room at 12:30P**.

**Wade In:** Our new member class will teach you why we do what we do and help you to determine if Two Rivers Church is the church for you. The next Wade In class starts January 22 at 11:00A in The Shed. Space is limited! Sign up at **2RC.tv/WadeIn** or **Get Connected**.

**Listen Up:** A conference designed to help you grow in your ability to hear God, for those who have no experience or years hearing the Father's voice. Come on January 28/29 during services, with additional workshops on Sunday afternoon! Learn more at **2RC.tv/ListenUp**.

### ADULTS

**Group Sign-Ups:** We believe that true growth & community happens in smaller settings called groups. Sign-ups for the winter session are January 7-15. Groups begin on January 15. Look for tents in the lobby to sign-up, or go to **2RC.tv/GroupSignUps**.

**Marriage Innovators:** A 7-week course designed to equip premarital and married couples to strengthen relationships through engaging activities and table discussions. Sunday evenings starting January 22 from 5:30-7:30P at the Shed. \$35/couple. Sign up at **Get Connected** or **2RC.tv/MarriageInnovators**.

**Alpha:** A series of 10 sessions that look at different questions around faith. Alpha is the perfect place to invite those who are open to exploring the Christian faith. The course begins Wednesday, January 18, 6:30P in The Shed. Sign up at **2RC.tv/Alpha** or at **Get Connected**.

### IMPACT

**Run For Their Lives:** The fourth annual Run For Their Lives race to raise awareness for human trafficking is coming up on January 28. There will be a 5K race and 1 mile "Walk In Her Shoes." Volunteers are also needed! Register & sign up to volunteer at **2RC.tv/R4TL**.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

☐ I PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST TODAY!

## MID-WEEK TIMES

**MSM (6-8 Grade)**  
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P  
[River Splash](#) | [2RC.tv/MSM](#)

**FUEL (9-12 Grade)**  
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P  
[Student Center](#) | [2RC.tv/FUEL](#)

**The Well (Prayer & Worship)**  
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P  
[River Room](#) | [2RC.tv/WELL](#)

**1829 (18-29 years old)**  
1st/3rd Thursdays 7:00-8:30P  
[The Shed](#) | [2RC.tv/1829](#)

## NEXT STEPS

Find out more at [2RC.tv/NextSteps](#)

### EXPLORE

- ▶ Find a venue that fits you
- ▶ Complete a connection card
- ▶ Attend a Taste of Two Rivers

### CONNECT

- ▶ Join The City
- ▶ Register for Wade In
- ▶ Share your story

### ENGAGE

- ▶ Join a Group
- ▶ Find a place to serve
- ▶ Partner with us

## LIVE IT OUT

Find this week's full study guide at [2RC.tv/StudyGuide](#)

### Putting The Bible Into Practice:

Do you really believe that God longs to be gracious to you & longs to bless you? Make a list of how God has blessed you. How have those blessings impacted your connection and trust in God? Has God ever tested your faith in an area of blessing? What were the results?

Have you ever put God's blessing (person, resource, ability, possession) before your love & allegiance to Him? Describe. Explain how you practically put Matthew 6:33 into practice?

Read Romans 4:7-8; Ephesians 1:3, 6; James 1:12, 25 & 5:11; 1 Peter 3:14 & 4:14; Rev. 22:7, 14. What do you learn about being blessed? What do you see in God's covenant to bless Abraham in Genesis 12:1-4. In what ways are God's blessings to you flowing into others?

### Challenge:

Reflect on your journey of growing your trust in God. Read, reflect on & apply Psalm 1.

