

# Beyond Faithfulness to Freedom

## This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship... Doing this will teach you always to fear the Lord your God”**

**Deuteronomy 14:23**

### 2017 Motto:

**It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)**

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

### Current Sermon Title:

**Beyond Faithfulness to Freedom**

Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

## Extended Verse Study:

1: Read Deuteronomy 14

2: Read Malachi 3

3: Read Matthew 6, 7 & 23

4: Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9, John 8 & 14

5: Read John 3:30

6: Read Romans 14:17

### FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Read Deuteronomy 14:23. According to this scripture what will we learn by faithfully bringing our tithe to our place of worship?
2. Pastor Steve said, “The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.” How can you bring the first ten percent of your income to your place of worship help you to keep in place proper reverence for God?
3. The people of God bringing their tithes to the church is God’s economic plan for His church to represent Him as they minister others in the world according to His Will. Name some of the things a church can do to share the goodness of God when its members tithe?
4. Is it okay to replace bringing your tithe to the church with an inspirational offering such as giving funds to mission work or benevolence funds? Why or why not? Read Malachi 3:8-10.
5. Pastor Steve said, “Biblically, tithing was to lead, and social concern follow. Because the tithe was to resource social concern.” Does that mean if one tithe, they should not give offerings elsewhere? Read Matthew 23:23.
6. Faithfully bringing the tithe is being obedient to God’s command. Giving generously above the tithe is opening oneself to trust God to use your financial gifts He provided to be a blessing to others for His name sake. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

### FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

#### *Financial Faithfulness to Financial Freedom*

- *Deuteronomy 14 and Malachi 3- being obedient to God's command to bring the tithe*
- *Matthew 23 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:6- being free to give as God leads you to be generous beyond tithing*
- *If you are not at the step of tithing, strive to tithe – start somewhere work to 10% as God calls you to do so*
- *If you are tithing or committed to strive to tithe, talk to God about how you can commit to the Freedom Seed Campaign so we as the body of Christ can use economic freedom to financially do the work of God*
- *Tithing and giving beyond is done as one recognize the love God has for him or her*