



Fortune Favors the Brave | Doug Wekenman | 12.12.21  
Weekly Study

## START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**What is your favorite childhood Christmas movie?**

## SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Doug closed out our series of *Kingdom Builders*. He encouraged us to make our vision about Kingdom Fortune by setting our sights to live bravely and give with eternity in mind. By doing this it opens us to the freedom to take hold of the life that is truly life today! Doug said it well “Kingdom Fortune is the righteousness for salvation, the fullness of purpose, the peace of God’s promised provision and the joy of playing with house money.” This is what having a Kingdom Fortune vision looks like.

Before we jump in, check in with each other by asking one of these questions:

**Where did you see God in this week?**

**What is one way you were able to share in the work God is doing around you?**

## GROW

## Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

**Why do you think it does not make sense for our culture to put hope into God? To be willing to do good deeds to all people? To be generous and willing to share?**

**What do you think Paul means when he charged us to “take hold of the life that is truly life”? What is “truly life?” And what does that look like for you in daily living?**

As followers of Christ, we are called into a life of crazy generosity and illogical sacrifice. If we look at the way of Jesus, he was generous in everything he did. He was slow and intentional. We see that generosity is the very heart of God to the extreme sacrifice that he gave his only son so that we may know him (see John 3:16). Doug said it best “Today you get to see an uncommon church full of real people with real bills and burdens do something that seems kinda crazy if God’s not in the picture! But if Jesus really is the Son of God. And if heaven and hell are real. And if the church we’re building really is God’s plan for reaching the world. And if we really are sons and daughters of the God of the universe, with unlimited access to His infinite Kingdom, then crazy generosity and illogical sacrifice might actually make sense.”

Every human created is searching something much greater than themselves and Doug coined this the “Kingdom Fortune.” We know that this fortune is ultimately Jesus. The righteousness for our salvation, the fullness of purpose, the peace of promised provision and the joy of playing with house money. And because of the sacrifice of Jesus, we are able to receive it and this is what Paul is talking about in 1 Timothy, “Life that is truly life.”

**How has this Kingdom Builder series transformed your hearts perspective on who God is, who you are to him and for his Kingdom and how you view the world around you? Chat with your group.**

## MOVE

As we continue to ask God to make our vision about Kingdom Fortune, this week Doug showed us what it means to be Kingdom brave. Understanding the calling, as sons and daughters, heirs to God’s Kingdom, we will understand the very heart of God. When we begin to understand him, our lives begin to drastically change. We will become more like him. We

will see the way he sees, hear the things he hears, give the way he gives. Can you imagine the world with followers of Christ who fully understand the heart of God?! If this doesn't bring thrill to your soul, then what will?!

**Doug brought a five-point sermon, *Fortune Favors the B-R-A-V-E*. As a group, take a few minutes, talk through each of the five.**

### **Bold Believers**

“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

Rich Wilkerson Jr says, “faith doesn't maintain; faith multiplies!” How does this quote go hand in hand with this parable? Which guy do you find yourself relating to in this parable? Explain.

Jesus said the gates of hell won't prevail against the Kingdom of God. The question is, do you boldly believe that? Kingdom fortune favors the bold believers. Where do you need to be bold today?

### **Royal Partners**

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over [Creation]...” Genesis 1:26

In Hebrew this is royalty language. Doug reminded us that we are first “to be then to do.” We are most importantly, God's royal masterpiece and then we are called to partner with God in building His Kingdom! We are first royal children and then God's Kingdom builders.

**How does this shift your perspective of what you have been called into?**

### **Active Waiters**

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:6

Doug explains that “planting is sexy, harvesting is trendy, but the watering, working, and waiting ain't for the faint of heart!” Our culture is a “I want it now” culture. But we are part of

the Kingdom of God, and he is a slow and intentional God. What are you actively waiting for in your life? What are you watering?

### Vessel Makers

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:6

**This week, Doug used the cycle of creation with an analogy of a rainforest and desert.** Water evaporates and rises and gathers into clouds. And when those clouds get heavy enough, something has to break, and when it does, rain falls from heaven. What rises will rain. Rainforests storm every single day while deserts rarely do due to the fact that the ground doesn't release it. And when nothing rises, nothing rains.

Doug asked a question that "when it comes to blessings, is your life a rainforest or a desert?" Explain.

God is an infinite God who has no shortage of resources and blessings. He knows exactly what we need. How are you trusting God with this in your life?

### Eternal Investors

Paul finishes his charge to Timothy in 2 Timothy by saying this "In this way they (those who live for the Kingdom Fortune) will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

At the end of the day, do the things you are investing your life into matter in eternity? So, then it begs the question, where are you investing your treasures and for what kingdom?

Investing into God's Kingdom is not only for here and now but for generations to come. There will be a day when you will look back and celebrate those Eternal Investments. Our blessings do not stop with us.

How have you been a recipient of someone's Eternal Investment? How are you continuing this for generations to come?

### This Week's Challenge

Invite God to show you places where you are not being Kingdom Fortune Brave and ask him to give you courage to step in faith and follow in obedience to whatever God has ahead.

This week, may we walk in our calling as crazy generous people because God is the ultimate generous God.

### P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

### T O G O

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.  
Ephesians 3:20*