



“Personally, I’m excited about our Growing Together in Grace campaign’s opportunity to further renew and refresh our campus, both inside and out, in a way that is truly welcoming and inviting for guests in our community as well as for our current and future members. I’m inspired by the opportunity to have our spaces highlight the beauty of creation, usher in God’s presence, and provide an environment for joyful worship and fellowship. I am grateful for the opportunity to share the blessings God has provided for us with our neighbors, and to help provide a place where everyone can experience the peace and healing power of Christ’s love for us.”

—Eric Mellum - Campaign Co-Chair

“I believe, Growing Together in Grace, will be the next exciting chapter in Grace’s history. It has been wonderful to see the changes and improvements from the past Capital Campaigns and now it’s our turn to “grow” our ministry. It reminds me of the old Chinese proverb: ‘The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now.’”

—Julia Simon - Campaign Co-Chair



STEP 5: DECIDE TO GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

Little has ever been accomplished without **sacrifice**. This is true in our homes, our work, our church, our country. **Sacrifice** is a necessary component of successful living.

And so it is with the Christian life and faith. Our salvation cost God the cross. Dietrich Bonhoeffer rightly said there is no cheap grace.

Much of church giving is only token giving, averaging about two percent of income. No wonder there is so little joy or satisfaction in it; it requires no sacrifice! We have given only what we could easily afford, what we would not really miss.

Experience has shown that for giving to be meaningful and joyful, it has to be sacrificial! Each will have to determine what amount or percentage is sacrificial for his or her circumstances. But experience again suggests that for most people sacrificial giving begins at five percent of income with proportions under five percent falling into the token giving category.

Studies have shown that church interest is often low because investment is low. There is no sacrifice. It doesn't really cost anything. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (Luke 12:34)

Where is your treasure? That is where you will find your heart.

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