

## **All For Jesus (Faith Promise Sunday!)**

Text: Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

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### **Introduction**

**2 Pet. 3:9**  
**Matt. 28:18-20**  
**Jer. 29:13**  
**Mark 12:30**

We give our all for Jesus because...

### **I. Jesus Gave His For Us**

**John 3:16**  
**Rom. 8:32**  
**Eph. 5:1-2**

### **II. Our Missionaries Are Giving Their For the Lost**

**Phil. 3:8 (NIV)**  
**Acts 20:22-24 (NIV)**

### **III. We Give We Can So That Can Hear the Gospel**

**Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)**  
**Acts 10:4**  
**Heb. 11:4**

- The widow's offering was sacrificial...and required faith
- The missionary offering Paul received from his supporters was...
  - A fragrant offering
  - An acceptable sacrifice
  - Pleasing to God

**Phil. 4:18 (NIV)**  
**Eph. 5:2 (NIV)**

See Pastor Ben to get your copy of *Pray for the World* by Operation World

Your financial faith promise card has been provided so that you can share with us what kind of financial commitment you can make to worldwide missions over the next twelve months. Our mission's calendar runs from November of one year through October of the next year. Hopefully, you have fulfilled your faith promise from last year and will prayerfully consider increasing your faith promise for the year ahead. The faith promise cards will be received at the end of the service today or you can place yours in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary as you leave today. If you are still watching online, you can make a faith promise online by going to our website or church app and clicking on "Make a Faith Promise" which will take you to a simple form where you can fill out a digital Faith Promise Card. This link will become available on Sunday. And of course, you can always mail your card to the church or deposit it in the after-hours drop box to the right of the front office door.

Based on the collective faith promises of our congregation, the church board will then make a commitment to prospective new missionaries as well as giving a cost-of-living raise to our present missionary staff if at all possible. You may want to wait until after the message this Sunday to fill out your card, as I am sure the Holy Spirit will be speaking to each of our hearts. You will then be asked to fill in the amount of your financial commitment and to designate whether it will be given weekly, monthly, etc. **Please be sure to tabulate the yearly total.** And thank you for signing your card as we hesitate to make projections of income based on unsigned cards.

The latest information we have indicates that one new believer is added to the church of Jesus Christ every 62 seconds through our missionary efforts! That means that one soul was saved and added to the overseas church for approximately every \$300 given to missions last year. While God has already put a price tag on an eternal soul (the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ), this statistic does give us an idea of the kind of impact we can have for eternity as well. Please notice the difference your monthly commitment could make in the year ahead:

\$ 25/month =	\$ 300/year =	1 soul saved	\$ 175/month =	\$ 2,100/year =	7 souls saved
\$ 50/month =	\$ 600/year =	2 souls saved	\$ 200/month =	\$ 2,400/year =	8 souls saved
\$ 75/month =	\$ 900/year =	3 souls saved	\$ 300/month =	\$ 3,600/year =	12 souls saved
\$ 100/month =	\$ 1,200/year =	4 souls saved	\$ 400/month =	\$ 4,800/year =	16 souls saved
\$ 125/month =	\$ 1,500/year =	5 souls saved	\$ 500/month =	\$ 6,000/year =	20 souls saved
\$ 150/month =	\$ 1,800/year =	6 souls saved	\$ 1,000/month =	\$ 12,000/year =	40 souls saved

Loved ones, as we examine our personal priorities as the people of God, we must ask ourselves what priority we will give to reaching the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. How many souls will Calvary Christian Church be responsible for in the year ahead? I would encourage each of us to examine our own personal budgets, looking at how much we spend on sports and personal entertainment, cable-TV, food for our pets, etc. and then determine whether we should invest an equal amount (if not more) on touching lost souls with the love of Christ. While God has enabled some to give larger amounts, it has been the faithfulness of each one doing their very best that has allowed us to make such a difference for eternity. Regardless of the amount of your faith promise this Sunday, thank you in advance for helping us to see 100% participation this year!

While CCC is just one church among many, God has in fact "blessed us to make us a blessing" and has given us a significant role and responsibility for reaching the lost. While there are reports of some churches doing less for missions this year, let it never be said of Calvary that we did anything but continue to "excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7). To God be the glory for all that will be accomplished this Sunday as we allow God's love to fill our hearts with a commitment to give our ALL FOR JESUS – so that ALL can hear!