THE GOODNESS OF GOD

AND HIS EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ARE **PURSUING ME** EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE!

Psalm 23 ⁶ <u>Certainly</u> Your <u>GOODNESS</u> and <u>grace</u> will <u>PURSUE ME</u> <u>every day of my life!</u> vc/CIB

Acts 20 ²⁴ What matters **MOST** to me is to finish... letting **everyone**... know **all about** this **INCREDIBLY EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY** of God. MSG

THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS, PROCLAIMING THE GOODNESS OF GOD AND HIS GENEROUS, EXTRAVAGANT, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE! GOD'S GOODNESS IS THE SUM OF THE INFINITE WAYS THAT GOD ACTS UPON HIS LOVE FOR US, SHOWING US MERCY, PATIENCE, GRACE, KINDNESS, EXTRAVANT GENEROSITY AND EVERY GOOD THING FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION!

Ps 100 ⁵ The Lord is <u>ALWAYS GOOD</u>! He's <u>so loving</u> it will <u>AMAZE YOU</u> — <u>so kind</u> it will <u>ASTOUND</u> <u>YOU</u>! He is <u>famous for his faithfulness</u> for he <u>keeps his promises</u> from <u>generation to generation</u>! ISU/TIPE

James 1 ¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Every <u>GOOD</u>, <u>GENEROUS</u> and <u>PERFECT GIFT</u> is from the <u>FATHER</u> with whom there is <u>no</u> <u>variation</u> or the <u>slightest hint of change</u>... <u>SHOWING US OFF</u> as the <u>CROWN OF ALL HIS CREATION!</u>

Ephesians 2 ⁴⁻⁸ With such <u>great</u>, <u>intense</u>, <u>wonderful love</u> <u>EVEN</u> when we were dead in our sins, God made us alive... which <u>you did not deserve</u>... <u>SO THAT</u> we will be the <u>VISIBLE DISPLAY</u> of the <u>immeasurable</u>, <u>limitless</u>, <u>surpassing riches</u> of <u>HIS GOODNESS</u> and <u>FAVOR</u> <u>showered upon us</u> <u>IN</u> <u>JESUS CHRIST</u>... <u>THROUGH FAITH!</u>

Deuteronomy 28 ² <u>All these blessings</u> will be <u>YOURS</u> — they will <u>CHASE AFTER YOU</u>...! ³ You will be <u>blessed in the city</u> and <u>blessed in the country</u>. ⁴ <u>God's blessing</u> will be on <u>YOUR CHILDREN</u>! ⁵ ... You will <u>ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY</u>...! ⁶ You will be <u>blessed when you go out of your home</u> and <u>blessed when you return</u>. ⁷ When your enemies attack, <u>God will defeat them FOR YOU!</u> They will come against you from <u>one direction</u>, but <u>scatter</u> and <u>flee chaotically</u> in <u>seven directions</u>! ⁸ God will <u>BLESS YOUR WORKPLACES</u> and <u>everything you do!</u> You will be <u>blessed throughout the land</u> He <u>is giving you</u>... ¹⁰ <u>All the people on earth</u> will <u>SEE</u>... so they will be <u>IN AWE OF YOU!</u> ¹¹ God will <u>LAVISH</u> you with <u>more than enough</u> of <u>EVERY GOOD THING</u>...! ¹² ... <u>Everything you do will be blessed!</u> Your <u>produce</u> will be <u>so abundant</u> that you will <u>lend</u> to many nations, but you will <u>not</u> have to <u>borrow</u>. ¹³ He will make you the <u>HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL!</u> You will <u>ALWAYS BE ON TOP</u>...! _{VC/MSG}

2 Corinthians 8 9 You have experienced the <u>EXTRAVAGANT GRACE</u> of our Lord Jesus, that although he was <u>infinitely rich</u>, he impoverished himself <u>for our sake</u>, <u>so that</u> <u>by his poverty</u>, we become <u>RICH BEYOND MEASURE!</u> TPT

2 Corinthians 9 ⁸ God is <u>READY</u> to <u>overwhelm you in astonishing ways</u> with <u>more blessings than</u> <u>you could ever imagine</u>! ... ⁹ Remember what is written about the one who <u>TRUSTS</u> in the Lord...

10 This <u>MOST GENEROUS</u> God... is <u>MORE THAN EXTRAVAGANT</u> with you! He will <u>provide</u> and <u>multiply</u> the resources <u>YOU INVEST</u> and produce an <u>abundant harvest</u>! ¹¹ You <u>WILL BE MADE RICH</u> in <u>everything</u>, <u>wealthy in every way</u>, so that <u>YOUR GENEROSITY</u> will <u>spill over in every direction</u>, <u>INSPIRING PRAISE TO GOD!</u> _{VC/MSG}

HOW DO I EXPERIENCE THE GOODNESS OF GOD?

#1 ASK BIG! Isaiah 7 Now hear what the Lord says: If you do not STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH, you will not be able to stand at all!"... 10-11 God spoke again to Ahaz. This time God said, "Go ahead—ask for a sign from your God. Ask anything! BE EXTRAVAGANT! ASK FOR SOMETHING BIG, so miraculous that you will know ONLY GOD DID IT!" 12 Ahaz answered, "I WILL NOT ASK. I would never make demands like that on God!" TPT/MSG

#2 BELIEVE THAT YOU PERSONALLY WILL EXPERIENCE THE GOODNESS OF GOD!

Psalm 27 ¹³ What would have become of me had I not BELIEVED WITH ALL MY HEART that I would SEE THE LORD'S GOODNESS in the land of the living! ¹⁴ Here's what I've learned through it all: DO NOT GIVE UP! DO NOT BE IMPATIENT! Be brave and courageous, and never lose hope! EXPECT! God will never disappoint you! AMPC/TPT

Psalm 34 8 Taste and SEE that THE LORD IS GOOD! How BLESSED is the person who TRUSTS in him!

Acts 10 ³⁸ God <u>anointed</u> Jesus... with the <u>Holy Spirit</u> and <u>power</u>, who went about <u>DOING GOOD</u> and <u>healing ALL</u> who were <u>oppressed by the devil</u>...! NKJ

God is <u>no respecter of persons</u>, but some people have <u>more capacity</u> to <u>receive His goodness</u> because they <u>believe His Word more</u>, <u>act on it more</u>, and <u>expect it more</u>! They are <u>receivers</u>. But, we can <u>all increase</u> our <u>capacity to receive</u>. We can <u>grow</u> from <u>faith to faith</u>. <u>Hearing the Word</u>, <u>believing the Word</u>, speaking the Word, acting on the Word — receiving more and more of GOD'S GOODNESS!

#3 NEVER QUIT - IF IT'S NOT GOOD YET, GOD'S NOT DONE YET!

Gal 6 9 At just the right time we will reap a GREAT HARVEST OF BLESSING IF we DON'T GIVE UP! NLT/VC

Have you <u>ever</u> seen a <u>quitter win</u>? No one has! <u>Every victory</u> in the Bible had a <u>time</u> between the <u>promise</u> and the <u>victory</u>. Some were <u>long periods of time</u> with <u>circumstances</u> that <u>contradicted the</u> <u>promise all along the way</u>. The key in <u>every victory</u>? <u>NEVER EVER QUIT</u>! <u>Joseph</u> was given a <u>dream from God</u> about <u>reigning and ruling</u>. He had <u>faith in that dream</u> because he <u>spoke it to his family</u>. He probably thought he would <u>ascend to power and greatness right away</u>. But instead, <u>one detour</u> and <u>setback after another</u>! **1**st His <u>family turned on him</u> and <u>threw him into a pit</u>, <u>leaving him for dead</u>. **2**nd He was <u>sold into slavery</u>. **3**rd He was <u>framed</u>, <u>betrayed</u>, <u>wrongfully accused</u> and <u>fired</u>. **4**th He was <u>sent to prison</u>. **5**th He was <u>forgotten</u> by those who had the power to help him get out of prison.

Every circumstance pointed to the opposite of the dream God gave Joseph. So many times, Joseph could have given up on his faith. But he NEVER QUIT! He let patience have its perfect work. Giving up will never bring a reward. Victory is won with patience, perseverance and unshakable faith. Hebrews 6:12 tells us to "imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Patience will drive your faith to the finish line. So, if the devil is digging you a pit — of sickness, poverty, strife, or depression — FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH! Do NOT give up! Patience does not surrender to circumstances! Patience guards you from your own feelings and from watching the clock. It holds the door of faith open for as long as it takes. It praises God like it's already done. Faith with patience always works! It brings healing, abundance, breakthroughs and miracles!

Romans 8 ²⁸ We <u>know</u> with <u>great confidence</u> and are <u>convinced</u> that God <u>causes ALL THINGS</u> to work together for **GOOD** for **those who love Him** and are <u>called according to His purpose</u>.