

**WEEK #8 (August 28<sup>th</sup>) • As We Transform...**  
**We Give Ourselves First To The Lord & Then To Others**  
**2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15**

1. As you read 2 Corinthians 8-9, what is going on to warrant these instructions from Paul?
2. How can an “abundance of joy” and “a wealth of generosity” possibly emerge from “a severe test of affliction” and “extreme poverty” (8:1-2)?
3. What is the significance of the saints of Macedonia giving themselves “first to the Lord and then by the will of God” to others (8:5)?
4. In what way were these actions described in 8:1-7 an “act of grace” (8:7)?
5. Why does Paul remind the Corinthians of what he does in 8:9?
6. In your own words, summarize Paul’s instructions in 8:10-15.
7. How would you explain “the point” of Paul in 9:6 to someone who had never heard it?
8. Why does God want each one to give, “not reluctantly or under compulsion,” but “as he has decided in his heart” (9:7)?
9. What powerful promise is Paul conveying in 9:8-11?
10. Why does Paul conclude this section of his letter with the words of 9:15?