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A Message From the Pastor

Since 1882 Tate Springs has been running a Great Commission race to "*help people discover their part in God's story*." It has been amazing to hear and see what God has done! Lives have been changed, ministries have thrived, churches have been planted, and generations of new believers have grown up in our midst.

None of this would have been possible without the faithfulness of God's people at Tate Springs. We have always been an *enduring* people. If there is a legacy of Tate Springs, it's that God has made Himself known through nearly a century and a half of kingdom service.

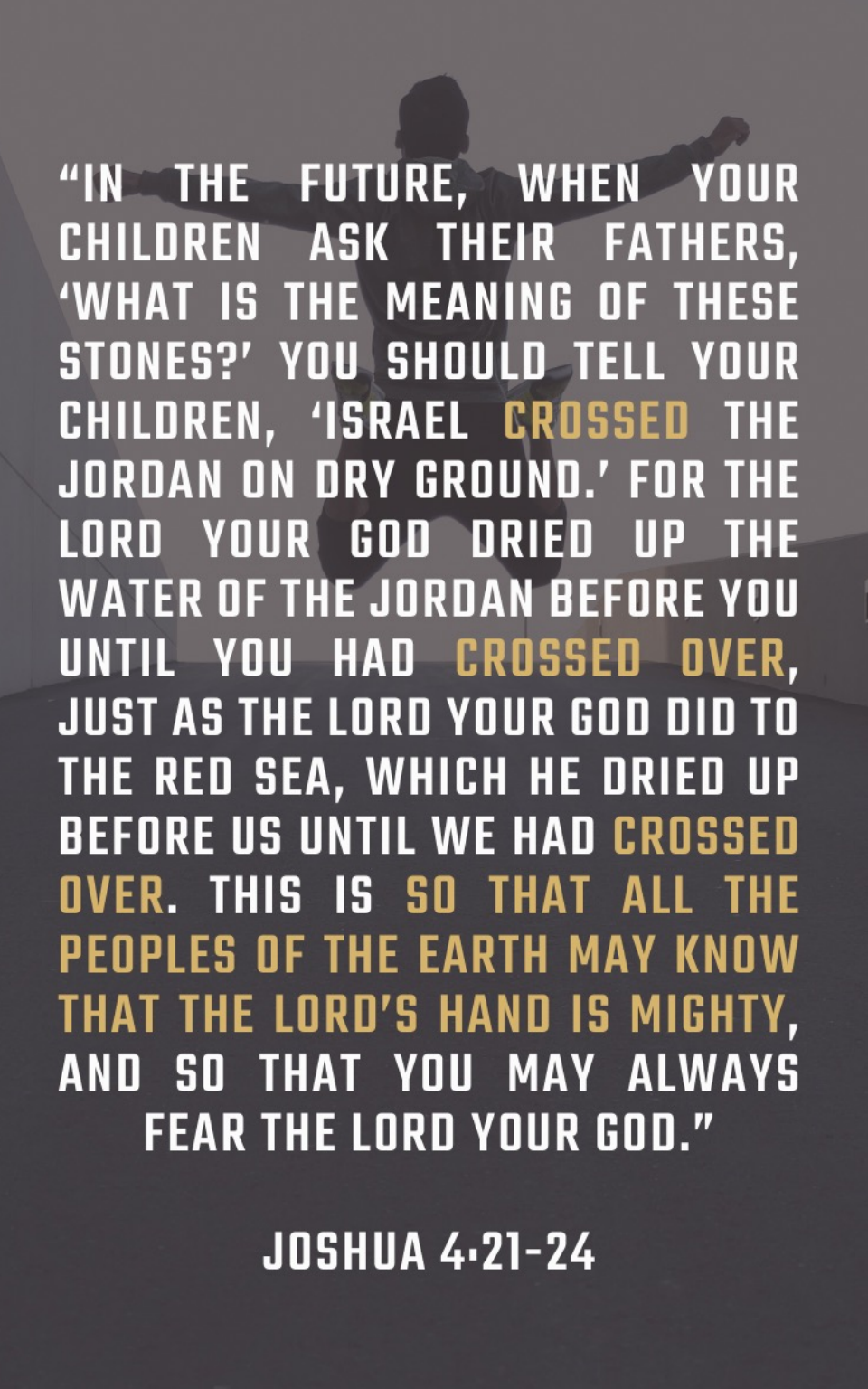
We believe God is now calling us to continue the race by placing in front of us a new challenge. It's a vision our church has had since 1985, and it's going to take ALL of us, 100% engagement, to fulfill. We are calling the next leg of our race, **Project Crossover**.

Over the next 24 months, we are asking everyone who calls Tate Springs home to have a life-altering encounter with God that inspires a whole new level of surrender, faith, and generosity. Can you imagine how the Gospel could be made known to our neighbors in southwest Arlington, as well as the world, with the resources God has already provided if each one of us made extraordinary

decisions to take extraordinary steps to partner with our extraordinary God?

For nearly forty years God has been helping us crossover into a land He long ago prepared for us, and we believe that this is the time to complete that calling. We want Tate Springs to be a collection of memorial stones that display that our Lord is mighty.

Jared Wellman
Lead Pastor



"IN THE FUTURE, WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ASK THEIR FATHERS, 'WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THESE STONES?' YOU SHOULD TELL YOUR CHILDREN, 'ISRAEL CROSSED THE JORDAN ON DRY GROUND.' FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD DRIED UP THE WATER OF THE JORDAN BEFORE YOU UNTIL YOU HAD CROSSED OVER, JUST AS THE LORD YOUR GOD DID TO THE RED SEA, WHICH HE DRIED UP BEFORE US UNTIL WE HAD CROSSED OVER. THIS IS SO THAT ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH MAY KNOW THAT THE LORD'S HAND IS MIGHTY, AND SO THAT YOU MAY ALWAYS FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD."

JOSHUA 4·21-24

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Tate Springs Church has equipped us in myriad ways to fulfill our ministry. Our story has intersected with many saints who have been a great blessing to us, and the family-friendly atmosphere at Tate Springs has inspired our children to learn, grow and respond to God's call as well as cultivate healthy relationships with their peers. We are challenged by the sound biblical teachings to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus in response to His redemptive love.

-Vincent & Victory Enyioke

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A SNAPSHOT OF OUR
CHURCH HISTORY

The people of Tate Springs have been running the race to fulfill God's mission for our church for over 135 years. In the process, the church has experienced some spiritually significant moments that have shaped who we are and set the stage for who we will become.

1925-1962
The church completes several new constructions, including two sanctuaries and education buildings, which now serve as our A and C Wings

1964
The church purchases 4.3 acres north of Pleasant Ridge

1967
Evelyn Williams asks permission to use the nursery and Beginner Departments to start a three-day kindergarten, which becomes Tate Springs Christian School

1882
Tate Springs begins meeting in Joplin Schoolhouse

1895
The church moves to the southeast corner of Little Road & Pleasant Ridge and constructs first building (land donated by Walter Williams and DG Tate)

1981
The church plants South Oaks Baptist Church (now a Fielder Road campus) to meet the needs of our growing community

1982
The church completes the current sanctuary

1984
The church plants Rush Creek Baptist Church to meet the needs of our growing community

1983
The church plants Cornerstone Baptist Church to meet the needs of our growing community

1992
The church plants Walnut Ridge Baptist Church to meet the needs of our growing community

2009
The church completes its second new construction on the north property (Education-B)

2018
The church purchases 1.3 more acres of property north of Pleasant Ridge

1985
The church purchases 4.5 more acres north of Pleasant Ridge and makes decision to begin moving operations to new property

1986
The church makes two more purchases totaling 4 acres north of Pleasant Ridge

1988
The church completes its first new construction on the north property (Education-A)

2025?
The church crosses over Pleasant Ridge and holds its first worship service on the north property after a 40-year journey of trusting God for big things

OUR VISION TO CROSSOVER

Project Crossover is a Generosity Initiative of Tate Springs which includes the goal of raising $4.3 million in the years 2020 and 2021. The goal of the project is to kickstart the next chapter of Tate Springs's story.

The name "crossover" is inspired by the biblical account of the Israelites crossing over the Jordan River and into the Promised Land. Tate Springs has its own "Jordan River" named Pleasant Ridge, a busy 4-lane road in southwest Arlington that divides us from fully inheriting our "Promised Land." The road divides our campus's buildings and complicates our ability to do ministry safely and effectively.

Since 1985, we've believed God has been calling us to "crossover" Pleasant Ridge. Like the Israelites who were tasked with crossing over the Jordan in order to show that "the Lord is mighty," our vision is that crossing over will show our community and the world that our God is mighty (Josh 4:23-24).

PRIMARY GOAL

100% ENGAGEMENT

We challenge everyone who calls Tate Springs home to take our relationship with Jesus to the next level of surrender, faith, and generosity.

SECONDARY GOAL

$4.3 MILLION

We've asked the Lord to show us what kind of impact He wants us to make over the next two years for His kingdom. We are trusting Him to move through His people to invest $4.3 million over two years to accomplish the vision He has given us.

Over the next two years,

every gift given to Tate Springs will go to
Project Crossover
as we partner with God to:

CROSSOVER into *Financial Flexibility*

$800k

CROSSOVER into *Global Impact*

$3M

CROSSOVER into *Maximized Resources*

$500k
(+anything over & above)

CROSSOVER INTO *FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY*

$800K INVESTMENT OVER TWO YEARS

We want to retire our current debt so that 100% of our financial gifts can be used for the present and future purposes of our ministry. Our current strategy for managing debt is to include a select percentage in our annual budget, which at our present rate could take a decade to retire. This siphons our budget for the foreseeable future. Raising an extra $800,000 over the course of the next two years will pay off our debt by 2021, providing financial flexibility for our next chapter of ministry.

Upon retiring our debt, we will set aside financial resources for our next building phase, with the goal of inhabiting a new building in 2025, giving us three more years to strategize, save, and prepare, so that we can enter the building with financial wisdom.

CROSSOVER INTO *GLOBAL IMPACT*

$3M INVESTMENT OVER TWO YEARS

As we look to the future, we want to continue serving Jesus in the present. Our current budget is an investment in our ongoing ministries here at Tate Springs, plus investments locally including the Metroplex Women's Pregnancy Center, Life Shelter, and Mission Arlington.

Global Impact also includes funds to support our new Acts 1:8 strategy which extends Tate Springs's reach further in our state, our nation, and the world. We have secured three mission points which include Brownsville, TX, where thousands of people are in need of tangible necessities like clothing, but most importantly the gospel, a church plant in Boston, MA, a ministry location which has been described as "cultivating concrete," and Brazil, where we have an ongoing relationship with a sister church in the area.

Finally, we will continue to support the Cooperative Program which funds six seminaries, North American missionaries, International missionaries, and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, which gives us a voice in Washington, D.C.

CROSSOVER INTO *MAXIMIZED RESOURCES*

$500K INVESTMENT OVER TWO YEARS

We want to unify the main buildings of our campus under one roof by creating a new worship center and renovating Education Buildings A and B together into one single complex. A unified complex will provide several benefits, including better safety and logistical effectiveness for programs and Small Groups.

Moreover, we want to develop a plan for our overall campus that lends itself to being part of the fabric of southwest Arlington. We will develop the land and buildings into a center of activity for the entire community to enjoy, complete with venues and activities that compel people to visit our property seven days a week. We want to meet the needs of our fellowship and our community, as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ. This includes our commitment to Christian Education and concepts like a community coffee shop, park, and rentable children's play area.

We believe we have a piece of land that can become the primary center of activity for the southwest Arlington community.

CONCEPTS

In order to visualize what maximizing our resources could look like on our north property, here are some early ***concepts*** that unify our main buildings into a single complex. This includes an 800-seat worship center, a courtyard with an outside spring that serves as a baptistry (a tribute to Tate "Springs"), and adult education and office space.

These renderings also include concepts that expand our property's use beyond Wednesdays and Sundays, turning our resources into a center for community life so that we can serve our city and reach its people for Christ. This includes a wedding chapel (west side by the creek), coffee shop (south rotunda), rentable inside children's play area (north rotunda), and even a children's hospital (east side of property). Some of these are fund-generating and self-sustaining concepts to help fund the project.

We believe Tate Springs is uniquely set up to become a hub for community life, serving people seven days a week. And we further believe that using our resources to serve others can help show that our God is mighty!

"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

Leviticus 19:33-34

MAINTENANCE SHED
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
CHILDREN'S AREA
OFFICE SPACE
COURTYARD WITH BAPTISTRY
ADULT EDUCATION
WORSHIP CENTER
COFFEE SHOP
WEDDING CHAPEL

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Tate Springs has been a foundational part of our lives; from children’s ministry in the 70’s and the youth group in the 80’s, to marriage and then children. At each different turn, our church has been vital in blessing us and encouraging us to join in ministering to others and making the Lord known.

-Mark & Rachel Simmons

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THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Encountering God's Call (2019)

Like Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3) and Joshua before the Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5), Tate Springs reaffirms our 1985 decision to move to our north property. This is accomplished through Project Crossover, a generosity initiative to help us pay off debt and save for the future over the next two years (2020-2021).

Executing God's Call (2020-2021)

Like Moses parting the Red Sea (Exodus 14) and Joshua crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 3), the people of Tate Springs generously and sacrificially give during this two-year period to prepare us to cross over Pleasant Ridge.

Experiencing God's Call (2025)

Like Moses on Sinai (Exodus 19) and Joshua on Ebal (Joshua 8), we want to crossover and worship our mighty God! We'll spend the years after Project Crossover praying, fasting, saving, designing, strategizing, and then moving into our 'promised land,' completing a 40-year journey for the glory of God.

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We have been attending Tate Springs since we were newborns. From our first Sunday school class with Mr. Fred and Mrs. Debbie to now, we both have countless fond memories. More importantly we each have had so many pivotal moments of spiritual growth happen within these walls. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to raise our son here, and know that Tate Springs will nurture and shape his walk with Jesus in the same positive ways it impacted our own.

-Austin & Rhett Holland

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WHAT'S NEXT?

PRAY PERSISTENTLY

Pray that God will work in the hearts of His people at Tate Springs and that we will listen with the intent to obey.

COMMIT FULLY

Help reach our goal of 100% engagement by putting your "yes" on the altar and encouraging others to do the same.

CELEBRATE LOUDLY

God is going to do amazing things in your life during this season. Share his handiwork enthusiastically with those around you.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

Live and give in a way that stretches you to take your faith to a whole new level of generosity.

MY GIVING JOURNEY

Below are various types of givers. Discover which one best describes you by reading the explanation and accompanying Bible verse to help you know how you can generously support God's work at Tate Springs during Project Crossover.

An Initial Giver (2 Corinthians 8:7-15)

This type of giver is someone who decides to give for the first time as a response to God. This person is choosing to give and trust God with their gift.

- *I am this kind of giver and commit to giving for the first time!*

A Consistent Giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

This type of giver is someone who decides to give something on a consistent basis. This often requires planning, and sometimes might be a reason to set up a recurring gift online, or to become disciplined with giving through regular checks.

- *I am this kind of giver and commit to setting up a reoccurring gift!*

An Intentional Giver (Luke 14:28-35)

This person is beginning to think about their giving in relation to their other financial priorities. For example, they begin asking questions like, "Why am I giving more to my cell phone bill than I'm giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage each month?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects their priorities in relation to other things they spend money on.

- *I am this kind of giver and commit to adjusting my financial priorities to put God first!*

A Surrendered Giver (Colossians 1:15-20)

This type of giver begins to ask the question, "Am I giving in a way that changes me? Am I giving in a way that causes my lifestyle to be different to reflect the transformation Jesus is making in me?" A Surrendered Giver's commitment to generosity governs the rest of their lifestyle. A Surrendered Giver has a giving commitment that is "larger than their current situation" so that they have to adjust the rest of their expenditures to meet that commitment.

- *I am this kind of giver and will commit to giving generously and sacrificially to show people that God is mighty!*

A Lifetime Giver (1 Timothy 6:6-19)

A Lifetime Giver is no longer asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to give?" A Lifetime Giver is asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to keep?" Much like a Surrendered Giver makes a commitment that will govern their monthly and annual decisions, a Lifetime Giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger decisions like homes, cars, investments, and the like.

- *I am this kind of giver and commit to leaving a legacy with my financial resources to see God do mighty things!*

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We joined Tate Springs over forty years ago, and it’s hard to put into words just how much our church means to us.

Tate Springs has blessed us in many ways over the years. Our girls were married here. Jill and both our son in-laws, Don & Mike, and all four grandchildren, Don Thomas, Amy, Travis, and Sam were baptized here. Tate Springs has ministered to our family in so many ways it would be hard to count them all.

Louise and I give thanks to God for a church that has cared for our family through happy and sad times alike.

-Tom & Louise Talley

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ROLLING OUR GIVING INTO *ONE FUND*

You may have been a part of church campaigns in the past that asked you to give a second gift "above and beyond" your usual gifts to make special initiatives like new buildings and new ministries possible.

Normally, you gave that gift to the "Building Fund" and you also continued to give offerings to the "General Fund." Project Crossover is *different*.

We believe that it's all ONE MISSION that we're on—to help people discover their part in God's story. So, as a church, we've decided for the next season, it's going to be one fund to which we give generously at Tate Springs. No more "special campaigns." It is all ONE fund.

The Project Crossover initiative, ONE fund, will last for two years. In those two years, every gift that is given to Tate Springs will go to the three key components of Project Crossover: Financial Flexibility, Global Impact, and Maximized Resources. These areas are explained in detail in the prior pages of this book.

We've included a sample commitment card so you can begin to pray about your engagement in God's vision for our church through the Project

Crossover initiative. Please spend some time with the Lord and follow His leading as you wrestle with how He desires to grow your generosity. We will provide you with a new hard copy on Commitment Sunday, November 10.

CALCULATE HERE

$ _____ WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE **IN A YEAR** (GENERAL FUND & SPECIAL OFFERINGS)

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$ _____ MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR **PROJECT CROSSOVER**

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$ _____ X **2 YEARS** = $ _____

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GIFTS FROM MY/OUR STORED RESOURCES $ _____

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MY/OUR TWO-YEAR CROSSOVER COMMITMENT

DECEMBER 2019 – DECEMBER 2021

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TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool. Allow it to inspire and challenge you towards greater generosity as we embark on the **CROSSOVER** initiative together.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT OF	MONTHLY GIFT OF	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	$500,000	$250,000	$20,833	$500,000
1	$250,000	$125,000	$10,417	$250,000
3	$100,000	$50,000	$4,167	$300,000
3	$75,000	$37,500	$3,125	$225,000
5	$50,000	$25,000	$2,083	$250,000
10	$25,000	$12,500	$1,042	$250,000
25	$15,000	$7,500	$625	$375,000
40	$10,000	$5,000	$417	$400,000
100	$7,500	$3,750	$313	$750,000
100	$5,000	$2,500	$208	$500,000
Many	$2,500	$1,250	$104	$500,000
TOTAL GIFT GOAL				**$4,300,000**

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Tate Springs is the church that taught me who Jesus is, and how I can have a relationship with Him. It's the church where I was saved. As I've grown up in this church, God has used the people of this body to disciple me: they taught me how to worship God properly, pray to Him obediently, and listen to His voice diligently.

-Nick Engstrom

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Sermon *and* Small Group Guides

SERMON GUIDE | WEEK 1

Sunday, October 6

Crossing Over Means Being Prepared
Deuteronomy 8:1-3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 1

God's *Enormous* Call
Sunday, October 6

The Bible is filled with stories of God calling His people to enormous things. For example, Noah was called to preserve the human race (Gen 6:5-22). Abraham was called to father a nation (Gen 12:1-9). And Mary and Joseph were called to parent God's Son (Luke 1:26-38).

The thing about God's calling is that it can be scary. Noah had to survive a natural disaster. Abraham had to leave everything he knew. And Mary had to carry a baby that she didn't conceive.

But accepting God's call, however scary it might be, is always worth it. This is evidenced in Hebrews 11, which is often referred to as the "Hall of Faith." The chapter relates stories of those who, by faith, accepted God's call and were found "confident and unashamed" (1 John 2:28). One story is about Enoch, who pleased God so much that God raptured him away before death! Enoch is then described as part of a "large cloud of witnesses" who also accepted God's call and received God's favor in Heaven.

Here's an important truth: You are called by God to something big. Enormous, even! Just like Noah. Just like Abraham. And just like Mary and Joseph.

This is not vain. By the sheer fact of your faith in Jesus, you've been called to personally carry on His good news to a lost and dying world (Matt 28:16-20). You're on a mission from God. A big one!

You aren't called to preserve the human race from a flood, but you are called to save people from Hell. You aren't called to father a new nation, but you are called to expand the family of God. You aren't called to carry the Son of God in your womb, but you are called to serve as a temple to the Holy Spirit.

You have an enormous calling. And the question is, what are you going to do about it?

Read 2 Peter 1:3-11 and answer the questions below.

1. What are the "these" Peter is referring to that has "given us very great and precious promises" and can help us "escape the corruption that is in the world"? How do you see the "these" impacting God's calling on your life? (see 1:4)

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2. What qualities does Peter encourage in us that can keep us from being “useless and unfruitful” and how can you embody them as you pursue your calling? (see 1:8)

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3. What is the benefit to “confirming your calling”? (see 1:10)

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4. What new sacrifices (time, financial, etc.) can you make to support God's call through you at Tate Springs?

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Pray: Ask the Lord to open your eyes to see how you can clearly see God's calling on you and what part you can play through Tate Springs.

SERMON GUIDE | WEEK 2

Sunday, October 13

Crossing Over Means Conquering Challenges
Exodus 14:12-29

SMALL GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 2

Encountering God's Call to Crossover
Sunday, October 13

Moses's calling is one of the most memorable events in the Bible. Moses was called to rescue a ragtag tribe of slaves from a national power, lead them through the wilderness and into a new land. The task before him was impossible. How would Moses free a group of slaves from one of the strongest powers on earth?

The *only* way Moses could accomplish such a task is if God was with him. That is, if God had really called Moses to this task, then what seemed impossible would have become possible (Luke 18:27).

In order to show Moses that He was with him, God *encountered* Moses in a miraculous way. Could it be that God wants an encounter with you? With Tate Springs? Could Project Crossover be God's latest encounter with Tate Springs?

Read Exodus 3:1-20 and answer the questions below.

1. How does the author of Exodus describe the burning bush? What do you think the description means? (see 3:2)

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2. What name does God give Moses to encourage him through his fears? What do you think this name means? Does it still apply today? (see 3:12-15)

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3. What is God's promise to Moses for Israel? (see 3:16-17)

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4. How is God encountering your heart as it concerns Project Crossover? To what new level of generosity might He be calling you? What seems impossible as it concerns your generosity that God can make possible?

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Pray: Ask the Lord to give you a "burning bush" moment, where you feel that you've encountered the great "I Am." Ask God what impossible thing He can make possible through you as it concerns your level of generosity for God's Kingdom with Project Crossover.

SERMON GUIDE | WEEK 3

Sunday, October 20

Crossing Over Means Trusting God During Tests
Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-26; 17:1-7;
Numbers 20:1-13

SMALL GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 3

Executing God's Call to Crossover
Sunday, October 20

Moses did what God told him to do. He had accepted God's call! But now he finds himself trapped. Behind him is a powerful Egyptian army, pursuing him with war horses, chariots, and an army. In front of them is a large body of water. And there they are, with nothing but sure failure.

The Israelites had accepted God's call, but now it looks like they're going to lose their lives. But God promises that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purposes" (Rom 8:28). This means that because God called Moses and the Israelites to leave Egypt, He has no plans to abandon them.

God had a plan, and he wanted Moses to *execute* it!

Read Exodus 14:1-31 and answer the questions below.

1. Why do you think God "hardened" Pharaoh's heart and had the Egyptians pursue Moses and the Israelites? What kind of things do you see standing in your way of trusting God? (see 14:4)

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2. Read Exodus 14:10-14. When you hit snags while following God's plan, do you find yourself more like the Israelites who complained and wanted to go back to Egypt or like Moses who stepped up? How can you be more like Moses?

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3. Read Exodus 14:19-22. List at least two things God did to save the Israelites from the Egyptians. How does this encourage you to help execute God's call for Tate Springs?

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4. One reason God provides for His people is so that they can in turn provide blessings back to God and others. How might God's providence in your life lead you to a new level of generosity through Tate Springs?

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Pray: Ask God to help you execute your part of His plan for Tate Springs through Project Crossover. Begin asking God what kind of sacrifices He's calling you to make to help execute His plan with Project Crossover.

SERMON GUIDE | WEEK 4

Sunday, October 27

Crossing Over Means Going Together
Exodus 17:8-13

SMALL GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 4

Experiencing God's Call to Crossover
Sunday, October 27

The Bible is full of mountain-top experiences. God spared Abraham's son from death on a *mountain* (Gen 22). Some of the disciples saw the glorified Christ on a *mountain* (Mark 8). And of course, Moses received the Law of God on a *mountain* (Ex 19:1-6).

For the past few weeks we have read about how God *encountered* Moses in a burning bush and how Moses *executed* God's plan to cross the Red Sea. Today we're going to see how Moses *experienced* God on a mountain. This is the beautiful result of accepting God's call.

Read Exodus 19:1-6 and answer the questions below.

1. Where was Moses when God spoke to him? How do you think Moses felt at this moment? How would you feel upon meeting with God on a mountain after such a journey? (see 19:3)

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2. To what group did God want to give a message through Moses? Why would God care to remind this group about what He's done for them? (see 19:3 and 6) Read Revelation 1:6. Do you think we have a similar calling today? Could Project Crossover be a way for Tate Springs to exhibit this calling? What kind of generosity can you express to the Lord through Tate Springs to support this calling?

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3. What was the message God wanted the Israelites to hear? How does this apply to you as it concerns your generosity? How does it apply to Project Crossover? (see 19:5-6)

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Pray: Ask the Lord to help Tate Springs get to the "mountain" so that we can experience Him in a fresh way. Further ask God to help you think about your part for how Tate Springs can use its land as a resource center for our community, reaching our neighbors and the world for Christ.

SERMON GUIDE | WEEK 5

Sunday, November 3

Crossing Over Means Following God's Leadership
Exodus 13:20-22; 14:19-20; 16:9-10, 42; 19:16 40:34-37

SMALL GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 5

Inhabiting God's Call to Crossover
Sunday, November 3

Paul once told the Corinthians, "For God is not a God of disorder" (1 Cor 14:33). Some translations say that God is not the "author" of confusion. One way of looking at this is to say that God is the author of order. This means God's Word is orderly.

This is evidenced in how God's Word fits together like a puzzle.

In the past several weeks we have been reading through how God *encountered* Moses with His call, how Moses *executed* God's plan, and then how he *experienced* God in worship. However, as great as Moses was, he was never able to inhabit the Promised Land (Deut 34:4-5). Instead, it was Joshua who would lead God's people across the finish line (Joshua 1:1-9).

There is an incredible orderliness to Joshua's calling which echoes Moses's calling.

Read Joshua 3:1-17; 5:13-15; 8:30-35 and answer the questions below.

1. In what ways is Joshua 5:13-15 similar to Exodus 3:1-4?

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2. In what ways is Joshua 3:1-17 similar to Exodus 14:1-31?

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3. In what ways is Joshua 8:30-35 similar to Exodus 19:1-6?

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By now you get the picture. Joshua's calling was very similar to Moses's calling. He had an *encounter* with God on holy ground. He then *executed* God's plan to miraculously cross over a roadblock. Finally, he *experienced* God on a mountain.

In a similar vein, we believe God is calling the people of Tate Springs to a three-fold strategy that ends with inhabiting the land He long ago prepared for us. Could Project Crossover be our "burning bush" and "angel of the Lord" moment? Is Pleasant Ridge our "Red Sea" and "Jordan River"? Could a new worship center be our "Mount Sinai" and "Mount Ebal"? Could 2025 be the end of our 40-year wilderness journey?

Pray: Ask God to share with you what part you can play in helping Tate Springs encounter, execute, and experience God's call to crossover.

SERMON GUIDE | WEEK 6

Sunday, November 10

Crossing Over Means Moving Into Position
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Joshua 1:1-6

SMALL GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 6

The *Imminence* of God's Call to Crossover
Sunday, November 10

Read Joshua 4:23-24, which is the Project Crossover theme verse.

The Israelites wandered around in the wilderness for forty years before they were able to enter the Promised Land. Ironically, Tate Springs has experienced just about the same amount of time as it concerns our north property!

Is this the time for us to prepare to crossover into the land which God has given us?

Pray: Consider the five-year strategy below and prayerfully ask the Lord how you can play a part in helping Tate Springs crossover into our Promised Land, so our community can see that the Lord is mighty! Ask God for specificity for what kind of generosity He's calling you to for Project Crossover.

Encounter God's Presence

Like Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-17) and Joshua before the Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5:13-15), Tate Springs affirms Project Crossover as God's unique calling upon our fellowship by committing to raise our

generosity significantly over the next two years (2020-2021).

Execute God's Plan

Like Moses parting the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-31) and Joshua crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 3:1-17), the people of Tate Springs generously give over and above their general offerings during this two-year period to prepare us for crossing over Pleasant Ridge.

Experience God in Worship

Like Moses on Sinai (Exodus 19:1-6) and Joshua on Ebal (Joshua 8:30-35), we will pray, fast, strategize, design, build, and move into our 'promised land' in 2025, completing a 40-year journey for the glory of God.

EXERCISE AND REFLECTION

To do at home prior to Commitment Weekend
on *Sunday*, *November 10*

List out your recurring financial commitments—those that go beyond a one-time payment, but do have a time duration to them. Examples would be a home mortgage, a lease agreement, a car loan, a cell phone contract, your child's tuition for school, your own tuition for school, etc.

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Now write out the commitment you are planning to make for the Project Crossover initiative. Where does it fall in the priority of these other commitments? Do you need to change or modify one or more of these other commitments in order to be able to fulfill your Project Crossover commitment? What if you wanted to raise your Project Crossover commitment? What would that require? Is there a financial commitment you currently have that appears to be prioritized

above your ability to make a truly surrendered giving commitment to Project Crossover?

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If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you value?

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Would that statement be true about you? Or is there something that needs to be modified?

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If you keep this commitment over the next two years, what type of spiritual growth can you see happening in you?

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How will you leverage this change to influence others in your circle of influence to live their lives more closely with Jesus?

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Pray over your commitment as you prepare to surrender your card on Commitment Weekend (November 10). Prayer is the most important part of this process. Prayer connects us to God and helps us hear his leading in our lives. Now let's do this Tate Springs! Let's prepare to crossover so that our community and the world can see the Lord is mighty in us!

PROJECT CROSSOVER FAQ

Q: If we are committing to Project Crossover, how does this change my giving to special offerings and the general fund?

A: During this two-year period, every contribution to God through Tate Springs is a contribution to our Project Crossover initiative. This means that everything from our general ministry budget, community outreach, and local and global missions offerings will be fueled through the Project Crossover initiative.

Therefore, every contribution for the next two years will help prepare us to crossover into financial flexibility, global impact, and maximized resources as the people of Tate Springs run toward the vision God has given us.

Q: What are you asking me to do?

A: First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says.

Engage in a Small Group during this season, if you haven't already. Spend time in personal reflection with God in this Project Crossover book. Talk with your spouse, family, and others about what this

commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life.

We are asking that you make a sacrificial commitment to gospel-centered generosity—whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow His leading.

Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. It is an awesome God that we serve, and He is going to move in huge ways as we anticipate the impact from our collective Project Crossover commitments—something only God can do. Plan to be here for every week of the Project Crossover series beginning October 6 and pray about returning your commitment card on Sunday, November 10.

Our prayer is that you genuinely take a fresh look at your generosity and that Project Crossover marks a defining moment in your life and the life of our church.

Q: Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give towards Project Crossover?

A: Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards Project Crossover. You might have some stocks, property, or even some stored resources that God has blessed you with and might be calling you to give out of during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we

would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Pastor Jared at Jared@TateSprings.com to make a gift of this type.

Q: How long is my commitment?

A: We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin on Sunday, December 1, 2019 and it will culminate in December 2021.

Q: What if I am severely in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?

A: If you are someone currently seeking to make payments to pay off debt right now, we commend you for making progress on that. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to assist you in this journey by helping you get signed up for our next Financial Peace University (FPU) class.

Keep in mind that giving isn't about what God wants *from* you but rather what He wants *for* you. Ask God to help you look for creative ways to participate in the Project Crossover initiative. Please contact us if you need any assistance with this or if you would like to speak with someone about FPU, and we would be happy to help.

Q: What if I have never given to Tate Springs before?

A: Project Crossover was crafted specifically with you in mind. Project Crossover is a "one fund" generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving—thus creating two steps for people who aren't yet giving. Project Crossover is a call to sacrificial, gospel-centered generosity for absolutely everyone at Tate Springs.

If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with a committed sacrifice. We really hope you will.

Q: What if I am new around here?

A: Project Crossover is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving as followers of Jesus. We believe *that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards*, and we would really love for you to make Tate Springs your home and join us in Project Crossover. If you are ready for it, this is the perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church. We need you on the team!

Q: Is Project Crossover just about money?

A: Project Crossover is a generosity initiative that will enable us to fulfill the vision God has given us to make a greater impact for Him and push back the darkness. Of course, generosity includes

money, but it's much more than that. We are asking for everyone who calls Tate Springs home to cooperate with the Spirit in a way that challenges you to take all aspects of your generosity (time, talent, and treasure) to a new level. Project Crossover is not just about money, but discipleship always includes how we manage what God has entrusted to us. Another translation of Matthew 6:21 says, "The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be." Money is the litmus test to indicate where our hearts are. We pray each of our hearts have kingdom impact at the forefront.

Q: How does this affect the school?

A: Christian Education will continue to be an integral part of our core vision. Therefore, the major question concerning our school has to do with its future location.

There are essentially three options for how Project Crossover will impact our Christian School's operations.

Option One: The school's operations, along with the church, are completely moved to the north property, meaning the church and school will continue to share space.

Option Two: The school's operations are completely moved to the south property, meaning the church and the school will no longer share

space as the church will have moved to the north property.

Option Three: We retain the normal operations of sharing space, but the Tate Tots program is expanded into the extra unused space in the south property building.

In order to achieve the best decision, a study group will be formed to pray and research which option is most conducive for the future ministry of Tate Springs and bring a recommendation to the church's leadership.

Q: What about the potential of purchasing the adjacent land in between our 4001 Little Road property and the "Mission House" property, as well as the plans for the Mission House property in general?

A: In the past Tate Springs was informed that we needed more land in order to complete a new worship space on our north property. This was the primary motivation behind purchasing the Mission House property. We are currently researching if this is still required for the updated concepts, as we have been told it's not necessary as we're looking at a smaller worship center than what was considered in the past. The city's determination will largely influence the future of the Mission House property, as well as our intent to purchase the remaining adjacent property.

Q: What's going to happen to the south property?

A: We view this property as a historical blessing and a wonderful asset for ministry. The leadership will be in prayer about the best use of how it can benefit the overall vision for Tate Springs. No decision has been made, and any decision requires a church vote.

Q: The conceptual plans include various projects, such as a chapel, coffee shop, and children's inside play area. How will we fund all of these projects by 2025?

A: The Project Crossover generosity initiative is designed to *prepare* us to get us across the street, namely by paying off our current debt and saving money for the next chapter. If we hit our goal, then we will have half of a million dollars saved up for what will be a multi-million-dollar project.

Once the Project Crossover generosity initiative is completed, the leadership will assess our current financial situation to discover the best method of progression. This might include phases, with the worship center and renovations to unify buildings A and B as the primary goals. Moreover, some of the concepts, such as the chapel and coffee shop, are designed to serve as fund-generating entities that can help support the overall project while at the same time serving the

mission of Tate Springs. Moreover, at this stage these are merely concepts for consideration.

Can you imagine the testimony Tate Springs will have when we tell people about our 40-year journey towards a promised land? And can you imagine the impact it will make when we tell them that *we want to share this land and its blessings with them?*

Imagine the people who could hear about Christ's love for the first time! The marriages that can be healed! The kids who can grow up in a safe, God-honoring environment! The hungry bellies that can be fed! And, primarily and most importantly, the souls that can be eternally saved!

Imagine all the people who will *discover their part in God's story*.

Will you accept God's invitation to Tate Springs to show the world that He is mighty in us?

If you have questions about anything in this book, please feel free to contact Pastor Jared at Jared@TateSprings.com

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