

Begged For the Privilege

This Is What We Do - Part 2

November 13, 2022

*“Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in His kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. ²They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. ³For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. ⁴They **begged** us again and again for the **privilege** of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. ⁵They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do. ⁶So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving. ⁷Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I **want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving**. ⁸I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. ⁹You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (NLT)*

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- **+14% In-person Attendance**
- **119 First Steps Graduates**
- **841 First-time Guests**
- **910 Adults in Small Groups**
- **27 Decisions Made for Christ**
- **91 Baptisms**

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