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Message Series: Your Mission Possible Today's Message: GREED – "I Owe Me"

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Matthew 6:25 "If you try to hang on to your life, <u>you will lose it</u>. But if you give up your life for <u>My sake</u>, you will find it."

1. GREED: "I Owe Me!"

GREED: Not a financial issue: A Heart Issue

Ecclesiastes 5:10 "Whoever loves wealth is never satisfied."

We Believe A Lie: "My stuff is my life"

• Fear Fuels Greed: ENDLESS WHAT IF'S

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

The Matter of LUST: Uncontrolled desire or appetite, a craving: a lust to impress

• <u>Lust</u>: Not a problem you solve—an appetite you manage.

Galatians 5:22, 23 "The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit... love, joy, peace, ... self-control."

2. Your Mission Possible: Confronting Greed

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Say Out Loud: "Lord, what do you want me to do with my extra?"

Luke 12:18, 19 Luke 12:20 "What does love require of me?"

Essence of Greed: Thinking of Myself First

3. The Power of Generosity

Luke 6:38 "Give and it will be given to you."

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 1 Corinthians 13:6, 7

TRUTH: The context in Luke 6:38: not just material resources but giving love, blessing, forgiving

We Assume: When more does come: it's all for me (Next Upgrade)

• Greed is not a feeling: it's a refusal to act.

• <u>Anger</u>: conquered with <u>forgiveness</u> ~ <u>Greed</u>: Conquered with <u>generosity</u>

<u>1 Chronicles 29:11</u> <u>John 13:34</u>