SERMON NOTES:

**Why Does God Give Me Things?**

*Genesis 31:36-42*

**God does not give us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (31:36-39).**

**God does not give us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (31:40-41) .**

**God gives us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ purpose: to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (31:42).**

PROPRESENTER:

**Why Does God Give Me Things?**

*Genesis 31:36-42*

**God does not give us wealth because of our goodness (31:36-39).**

**God does not give us wealth because of our brilliance or hard work (31:40-41) .**

**God gives us temporary, physical resources for an eternal, spiritual purpose: to magnify His name among all people (31:42).**

{Slide at conclusion:}

God is magnified when we…

* …acknowledge that He is the source of all things.
* …demonstrate joy in Him by forsaking our things.
* …care for others with our things.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Why does God give us things? What are some common wrong answers?

Why is it anti-gospel to believe that wealth is a sign of God’s blessing on us because we are moral? How does this manifest itself in our lives?

Why is it anti-gospel to believe that wealth is a reward for our brilliance or hard work? How does arrogance hurt us spiritually when it comes to our possessions?

In what ways is God magnified as He gives us physical things? In what ways are you faithfully using your things to magnify God?