Matthew 7:7-8

Sitting in the temple, Jesus watches as people come to give their offerings to God. Some, out of their wealth throw in large sums of money, hitting the metal and making all sorts of noise. In their midst is a widow with her last two coins. Her small offering is barely noticeable to the masses. But to Jesus, her offering was far grander than that of those who gave out of their wealth. Hers was an offering of faith and trust in God. Today, we will unpack this story, and look at the implications it holds for our lives.

**Fields of Gold ~** Today we start our stewardship sermon series based off the book *Fields of Gold*. If you did not get a copy of this book last week, please pick one up off the coffee counter in the hub. Please read chapters 3 & 4 in preparation for next Sunday.

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Sermon Notes

Trusting God Through the What Ifs

Mark 12:41-44

(Page 1017 in the Pew Bible)

* Am I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the *what ifs* to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my actions?
  + When the *what ifs* decide my actions, I am allowing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take hold
  + When I let fear and anxiety take hold, I miss out on opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Am I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my giving to teach me to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and trust God?
* My giving should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me to a place in my faith journey where I have to trust God to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + As yourself … Do I have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my faith journey?