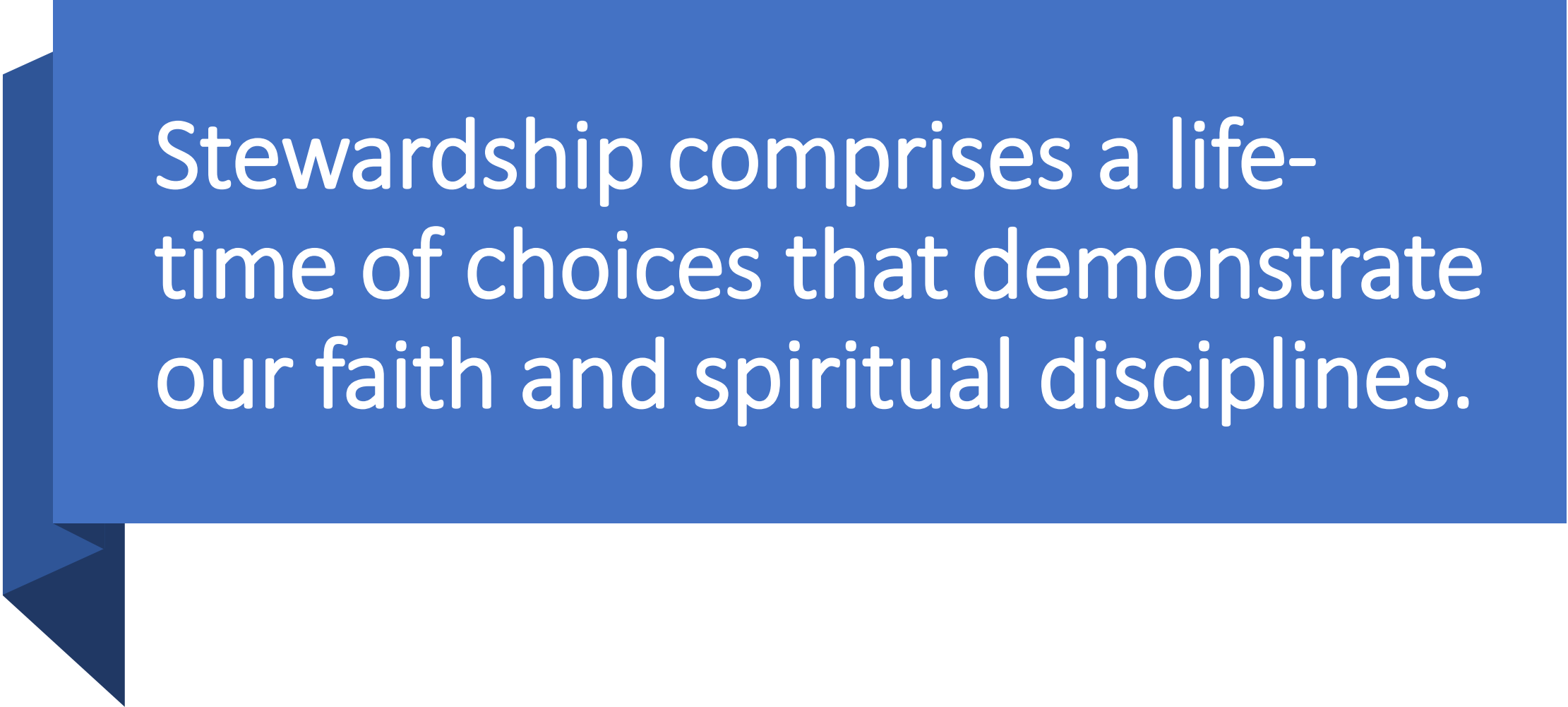


Faith and Financial Well-Being: Shifts in the Spirituality of Stewardship

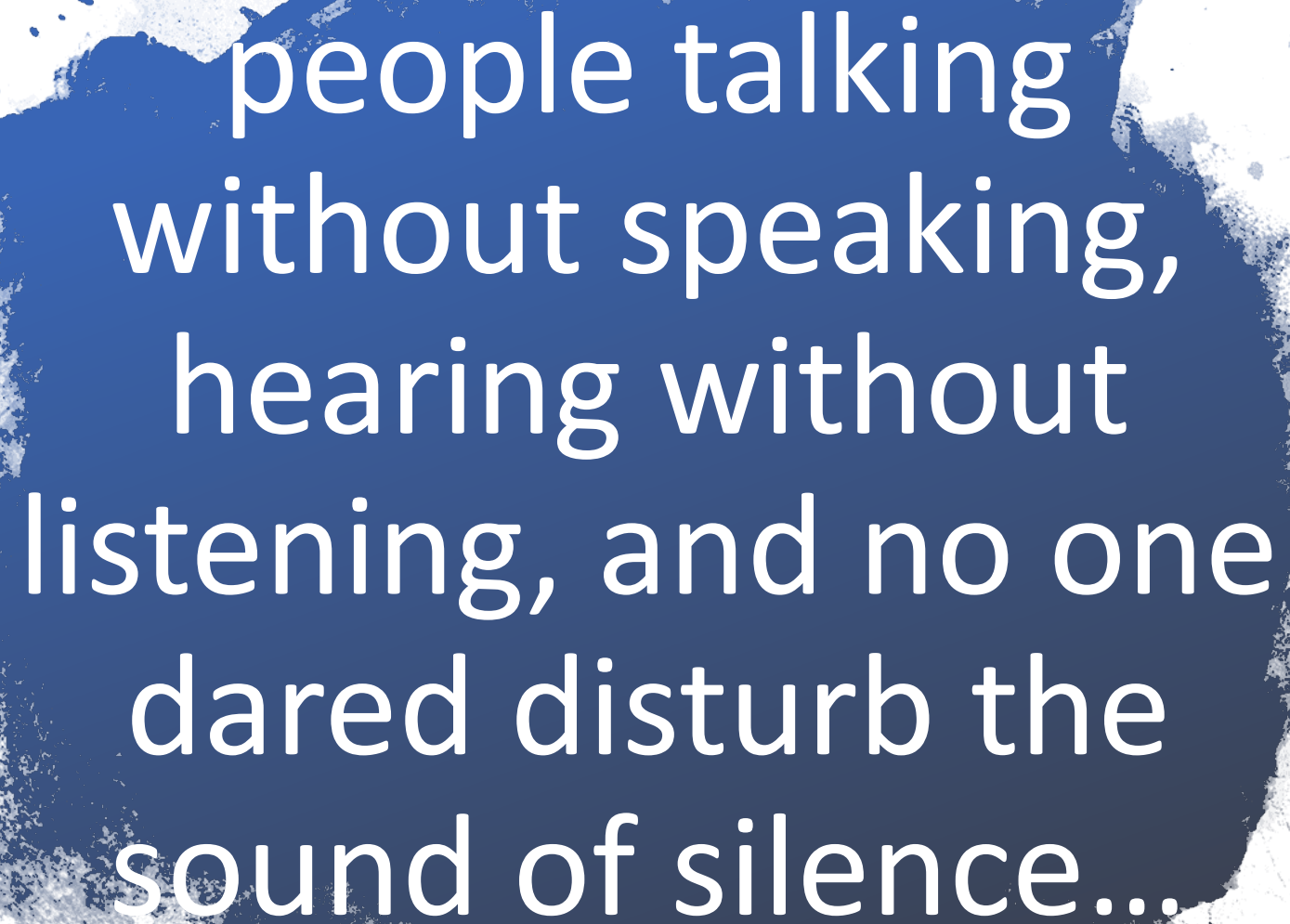
Bonnie Ives Marden
Stewardship Kaleidoscope - 2020

How does our faith inform our personal financial beliefs, values, assumptions and choices?

Conversation about our Relationship with Money



Stewardship comprises a lifetime of choices that demonstrate our faith and spiritual disciplines.



people talking
without speaking,
hearing without
listening, and no one
dared disturb the
sound of silence...

“Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and soul and mind.
Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Our Great Commandment

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Malachi 3:10 New International Version

Financial Well-Being

Comfort
Health
Happiness

Spiritual Discipline



Only 41% of a 1000 adults surveyed have \$1000 for an emergency in savings

<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/01/21/41>

Only 61% of a sample of American households could cover a \$400 emergency with savings.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/id=63253846>

Afraid
Anxious
Silent
Scarcity

Fearless
Generous
Miracle Sighter
Sufficiency

Journal

1. First Word _____

2. Thought or Feeling

How does talking about money, or not talking about money, show up in our faith journey, in our relationships and impact our peace of mind?

Record Insights in Reflections Journal

\$1000 at
2% for 2
years

\$1020

\$1000 at
2% for 2
years

\$1040

\$1000 at
2% for 2
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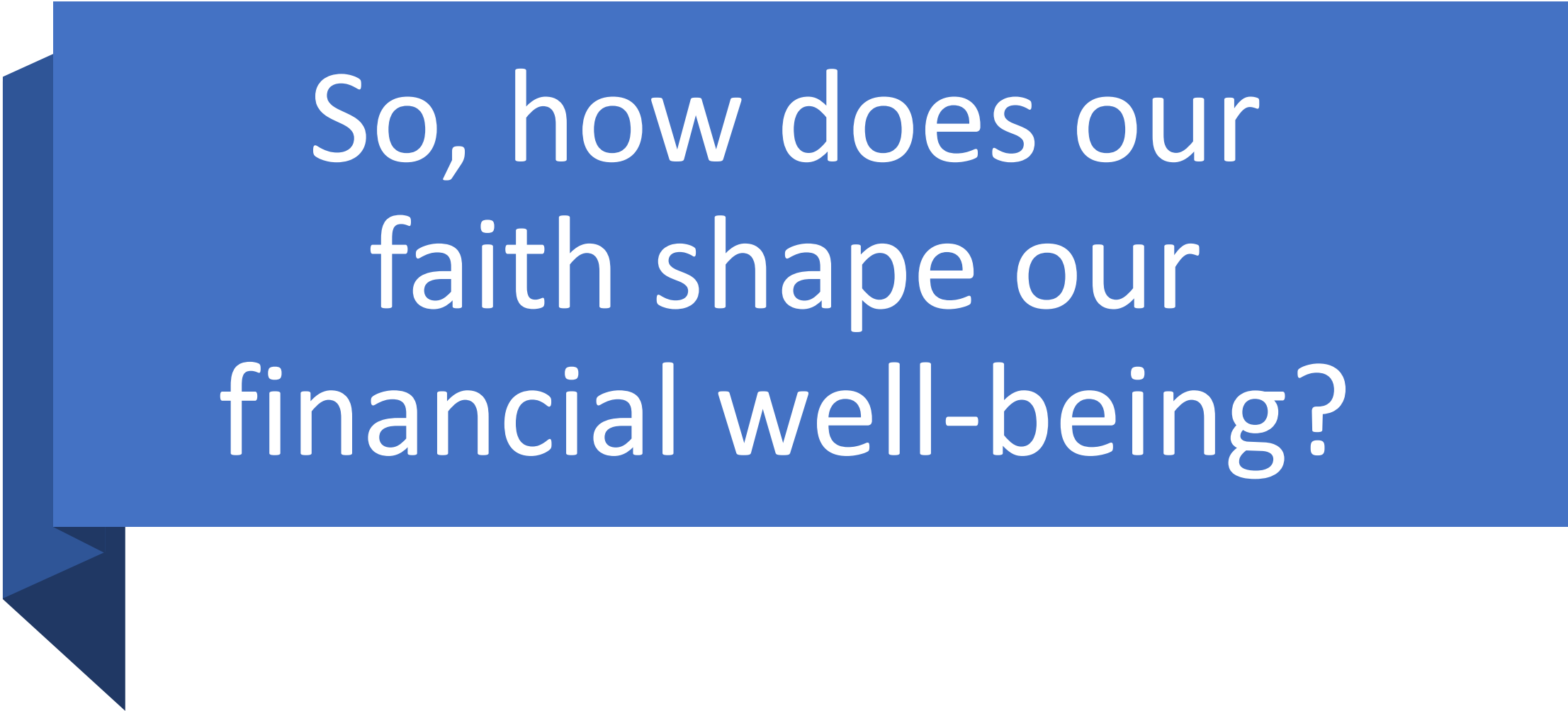
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Francis of Assisi

the last
shall be
first, and
the first last

Matthew 20:16

it is in
giving that
we receive



So, how does our
faith shape our
financial well-being?

History & Longing

Courage and Joy

Factors Influencing our
Relationship with Money

Power & Possibilities

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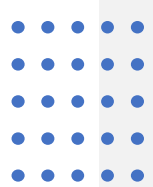

Courage & Joy

Courage and Joy

Factors Influencing our
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HISTORY & LONGING



We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry]

1. Describe your early memories of money.
Was money abundant, sufficient, or scarce?
2. What feelings does money trigger?
3. How do those feelings show up in your faith and your financial generosity?

History Reflections

Money History

What was your first job?

What values did that job
teach you?

Myths

I will never have a good relationship with money.
I will never feel safe.
I can't trust anyone.



My Financial Well-Being Vision



POWER & POSSIBILITIES

Financial Well-Being

A blue speech bubble graphic with a white text message. The bubble has a dark blue shadow on the left side, giving it a 3D effect. The text is centered and reads: "Money only has the power we give it!"


Money only has the
power we give it!

Proverbs
6:27

Can a man carry
fire next to his
chest and his
clothes not be
burned?

1. List powers you know you have.
Gifts - Talents - Skills
2. List powers God has given you that you haven't always used.

Power Reflections



For it is in
giving that
we receive

A collage of symbols representing wealth and abundance. In the top left, there are several gold coins. In the center, a globe is visible with a map overlay. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a subtle pattern. The text "WEALTH AND ABUNDANCE" is prominently displayed in the center.

WEALTH AND ABUNDANCE

WE ARE THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Romans
13:8

Let
no debt remain
outstanding
except the
continuing debt
to love one
another

\$20,000 credit card debt
7% with \$200 monthly payment
11.5 years to pay \$7,795 interest
Total cost of \$27,795

Dangers of Debt

Freedom

Responsibility

Responsibility

Freedom

My Freedom

- work I enjoy
- drive my car
- text my kids

My Responsibility

- fulfill my commitments
- renew my license
- pay my bills

Financial Records Location



53% - No

Distributive Justice

The economic, political, and social frameworks that each society has— laws, institutions, policies, etc.—result in different distributions of benefits and burdens across members of the society.

Redistributive Justice



Courage & Joy



STORIES

A vibrant, multi-colored starfield with blue, orange, and yellow stars and nebulae. The background is a deep blue space filled with numerous small, bright stars of various colors, including blue, orange, and yellow. Several larger, more prominent stars are visible, some with soft, glowing halos. The overall effect is a rich, colorful cosmic scene.

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