



New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes Februaury 22, 2026

Associate Pastor Scott Sweetland | Celebrating God's Favor, 2000

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Luke 6:20-21: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

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Matthew 25:35-40 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see YOU hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give YOU something to drink? When did we see YOU a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see YOU sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for ME.'"

Serving the _____ equals serving _____ !

James 2:15-17: "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

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Generosity brings _____ and _____ !

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