

And We Know That
GOD IS ABLE
 TO BLESS YOU
 ABUNDANTLY
 so that in *All Things*
 AT ALL TIMES
HAVING ALL
 THAT YOU NEED
 YOU WILL ABOUND
 In Every Good Work
 2 Corinthians 9:8 twoten

Hillside Highlights

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Trials of Prosperity

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"...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." [Philippians 4:11-13](#)

A friend of mine who lives in another part of the country (let's call him Joe) works as a recruiter. He specializes in finding jobs for lawyers, consultants, and accountants. When Joe places someone in a job, the hiring firm pays him a percentage based on the annual salary. A few years ago, when housing prices began taking a nose dive and the job market dried up, my friend nearly lost everything. Every week, Joe and I would talk on the phone and pray together. We asked God to provide for our families and help us not get consumed with worry. God faithfully met our needs and the answers to [prayer](#) for Joe's finances came in small quantities, until just recently when the floodgates opened.

Last year, Joe made a couple of moderate placements while he tapped away at something he called his "needle in a haystack." A law firm in Asia was seeking a senior partner whose starting annual salary would be around \$3 million. The bonus for Joe would be the biggest in his career if he could land it. Well, Joe's candidate eventually got the job. When Joe called me to share the news, we rejoiced and praised God together.

Then, because this less-than-joyful bit of news was fresh on my mind at the time, I shared with Joe (anonymously) about an acquaintance who was no longer living for God. He had inherited a good amount of money around the same time Joe's income had dried up to a trickle. The inheritance money fueled secret vices that eventually led him to the point of abandoning his wife and six young children for another woman. My wife and I stayed in this family's home just a few years ago. We still can't believe it. Joe and I still pray on the phone and ask God to bless his business and keep him close to God as he tastes financial success. In light of the tragic break up of this other family, we've become more aware what a blessing it is to just have daily bread. The temptation to forget God in times of abundance is strong. When God allows trials of prosperity in our lives, we need to depend on Him even more.

Intersecting Faith and Life:

Though it might sound cliché, Satan will destroy us if he can. As Luther's hymn says: 'His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate.' No matter our circumstances, God wants us to trust Him, not piles of money.



This Sunday!

New Series launches...As a church with a premiere family ministry in the region, Hillside is committed to strengthening families! This Sunday we begin a 4 part series called Future Family. When the ideal is hard to attain, it's tempting to just lower the bar and redefine the ideal. Aiming for God's ideal is still worth it. Join us this Sunday for the first message by Pastor Dave and hear what habits wise families ideally strive towards.



Upcoming Opportunities to Connect - Grow - Serve

- ▶ **"Managing Our Finances God's Way"** The 9:15 class with Terry MacPherson will be doing session 5 and the & 6pm class with Joel Welch will be wrapping up with Part 2.
- ▶ **"The Indestructible Marriage"** one final Monday for week 4, the topic is "Real Sexual Intimacy & Fulfillment".
- ▶ **"Discover Your Design"** is a terrific next step after the "Finding Your Serve" Class. Come sit in a relaxed atmosphere and take a closer look at how God designed your unique gifts, abilities, personality and life experiences. DYD will be running on 3 consecutive Sunday nights (June 1, 8 & 15), beginning at 6:00pm. This course will help you find the right ministry that will excite you, fuel you, and get you in your "sweet spot" as you serve the Lord with the whole of who you are designed to be. You can sign-up online at www.hillsidemoncton.org under 'classes' in the "Grow" Tab.
- ▶ There will be a baptism on Father's Day, June 15th. If you're considering taking this next step or in learning more about becoming an "All In" church member, you're invited to the next **"All In" membership class** on Sun, June 8th, 6-9pm. Pastor Jerry will be hosting this class. Interested? It's not just for Dads, anyone can come, just sign up Sunday on your Connection Card.



Our own Penny Mollins says after 2 years at the Global Leadership Summit "...what the GLS has done for me. It has taught me that **EVERYONE** is a leader in something. Maybe it isn't a nation, a corporation, or even a mid-week kid's program, but you ALWAYS have someone watching you, following you, looking to you to see how you are going to react to something or how you are going to make someone else feel in a situation. **It is our responsibility to make sure that we can become the best leaders we can be and imitate and follow the ultimate leader, Jesus.**"

As a GLS host you are able to provide this world-class event at a rate that only those who call Hillside their home church can receive. [Click here Global Leadership Summit to register online before June 22 for \\$79](#) Or register in the Upper Lobby this Sunday



Thurs. — LIFT (Ladies Bible Study) 9:15am
 — Ignition HD Skating 7pm
 — Hillside KIDS work night ☺ an opportunity to help prepare for this year's Weird Animals VBS! As well some cleaning and sorting in Waumba Land & the Kids Ministry area. It's going to be a fun night with lots to do! Everyone's welcome!



Fri. — Ignition (Middle School) 7pm
Sun. — Band of Brothers Father's Day Choir Rehearsal 12:45. Guys have you signed up yet? Not too late just come to the rehearsal and be ready to "sing real loud"!